



Newsletter Week3, Term4 2023

Important Dates

All Saints Day
whole school Mass
9:30am in Church

Wednesday 1 November
2023

SEDA College
Clinics - Sport
Uniforms for all
students

Thursday 2 November 2023

Grandparents Day –
Liturgy and Morning
Tea 9am in MPF

Friday 3 November 2023

RAA Street Smart
Program

Friday 3 November 2023

Family Mass 5pm

Sunday 5 November 2023

Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 7 November 2023

Children's
University
Graduation
Wednesday 8 November
2023

SEDA College
Clinics - Sport
Uniforms for all
students

Thursday 9 November 2023

Remembrance Day
Liturgy

Friday 10 November 2023

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

You will no doubt have noticed the Nature Play area being installed alongside the playground. We are very excited that this space is finally coming to fruition, it offers another area for our children to play happily and safely. We are blessed with abundant play spaces for our children.

We are pleased to let you know that we will go from 11 classes in 2023 to 12 classes in 2024. Instead of three composite Year 5 & 6 classes, we will have 2 x Year 5 classes and 2 x Year 6 classes. We are very excited by this development.

This week we celebrate the feasts of All Saints and All Souls days. These days hold a very special place for us as this is the time that collectively we remember all those who have gone before us, especially our own family members. This is also the week of Hallowe'en. Hallowe'en is intrinsically connected to All Saints and all Souls days. In different languages the word for 'holy' is actually derived from 'Santo'. This brings us to 'San' Damiano, or 'Santa' Maria. In old English the word for 'santo' or 'holy' was 'hallow'. All Saints Day was called All Hallows Day, and Hallowe'en is All Hallows Eve. From North American culture we have come to celebrate Hallowe'en as another festival for children. From Mexican tradition it is the Day of the Dead, a very important religious festival.

On Friday we will celebrate our Grandparents with a liturgy and morning tea. Also on Friday the RAA Street Smart program will also be visiting some of our classes.

Our newest community members, next year's Reception children, began their transition in Week 1 and will be with us every Wednesday through to Week 8. It was heart warming to see them so keen to be here last Wednesday. We have also been visiting their kindergartens to get to know them a little better so we can be best placed to assist them to flourish when they are with us.

Our next family Mass in St Francis Church is this **Sunday 5 November at 5pm**. Please know you are all welcome.

Peace and blessings

Kerri Dent

APRIM News

What will you share with your children about Halloween?

Halloween is becoming a popular celebration in Australia and I would like to share with you some thoughts about the Catholic view on Halloween. On the 1st and 2nd of November Catholics focus on All Saints Day and All Souls Day. We will be having a whole school Mass on All Saints Day to celebrate those people who lived a Christian life. On All Souls Day we pray for those who have died and remember Jesus rose to eternal life.

All Saints is a solemn feast for Catholics. It was originally called 'All Hallows' Day. Hallow means saint and is also used in the Our Father 'hallowed be thy name' meaning Jesus' name is holy.

The Catholic tradition of the word Halloween came from the fact that Catholic feasts begin celebrations the night before with a vigil, fasting and prayer. This became known as 'All Hallows Eve' shortened to Halloween.

Originally in our Catholic tradition all significant feasts began their celebrations with a vigil the night before and people would prepare by acts of prayer and fasting. Later this celebration became known as All Hallows Evening shortened to Halloween!

As a Catholic school we pray for and recognise Saints and those who have died. Explaining to children the connection of Halloween to All Saints and All Souls Day helps them understand the Catholic context of praying for those who have died and recognise our special Saints.

All Saints Day Prayer

Bless the many parted souls
who lived their lives with grace.

Bless the saints in heaven,
gathered in that special place.

May we tell their stories
and remember all the ways
they lived their faith
and spent their days.

There is glory and reward,
even if at first there's strife.
Oh, blessed saints, you help us see
a path that's to eternal life.

May we always hold them dear
and know their life and place.
May we know their inspiration
and aspire to their grace.

Mary Mackillop Cross

Newton Parish was privileged to host the Mary Mackillop Cross for this week. This is part of the Knights of the Southern Cross Centenary Pilgrimage of Thanksgiving. The large 2.7metre cross was constructed by the Penola branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross in 1986. The cross has been travelling around the Archdiocese of Adelaide. The significance of this cross is that it was constructed from the floorboards of the first school established by Mary MacKillop in Penola. Some of our students visited the cross and Fr John explained the history of it and shared knowledge about St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.



Melissa Canil

APRIM

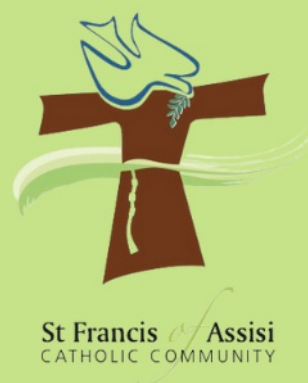
Reminder

Students are required to wear HATS in term 4.

Please name your child's hat so it can be returned to them if it becomes lost.

**Reversible navy hats with the team colours inside are available for purchase from the uniform shop.
\$18 each**

**Plain Navy Bucket Hats or Legionnaire hats with the school logo are available from the school Front Office.
\$7.00 each.**



Basketball for Season 1 2024

BASKETBALL

SEASON1- 2024

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Basketball **Season 1, 2024** is being offered for all students from yrs. 1 – 6 for Terms 1 & 2 of 2024 at the ARC Campbelltown.

Details are listed below:

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| What: | BASKETBALL |
| Season: | Season 1– Terms 1 and 2. Starting the week of Monday 5 th February 2024 |
| When: | Years 1/2–Thursdays, Years 2/3–Tuesdays, Years 4/5–Wednesdays Year 5/6 –Mondays |
| Where: | The ARC Campbelltown. 531 Lower Nth East Rd, Campbelltown. Ph: 8366 9350 |
| Uniform: | School sport shorts and SFOA Basketball top (supplied by the school, to be returned at end of the season**) |
| Costs: | \$60 –registration, usage of uniform and equipment. \$8.00 per week per game approx via the 'Teampay' app only. All Parents must down load the Teampay app for the weekly game fee. |
| Registration: | Registration & Payment via the QKR APP ONLY by Thursday 16th November . NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. |

- Please consider being a coach or manager as teams can **ONLY** be formed and registered if there are enough registered players by the **16th November** AND there is a dedicated **coach or team manager**. Volunteers for Coach or Team Manager must be a **registered** volunteer at the school.
- The school will organise the teams.
- Once a student is registered, the commitment is **every week** for the full season.
- Refunds are not given for change of mind.
- Once the team is registered all players must be registered via the **Sports TG website**
- Weekly payments are via the '**Team Play**' app **ONLY**. Parents must down load the **Teampay app for the weekly game fees**.

If your child would like to play Basketball for Season1 of 2024 please complete the **registration form and payment via the QKR app ONLY** before **Thursday 16th November 2023**

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS will be accepted.

→ When registering on the QKR app please provide your bank details for return of payment if a team for your child does **not** go ahead. ←

Any questions please call me at the school - 8178 9900

Angela Abdilla

** Failure to return the basketball top at the end of the season will incur a \$60 replacement fee

Library News - Term 4

Our annual Book fair will be held in Week 8 **Monday 4th December- Friday 8th December** in the Resouce Centre. The Book Fair opening times are: **Tuesday - Friday 8.30am to 9.00am** and **Monday - Friday 3pm to 3.45pm**.

I would appreciate two parents per day to help me with the running of the Book Fair. If you a registered Volunteer with the schooland can spare half an hour before school 8.30-9.00 or half an hour after school 3pm to 3.30pm, please use the following link to book into to the day and time that best suits you. <https://sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=921>

During the coming weeks the children are welcome to enter the **Bookfair Drawing competition** by drawing their favourite book or book character for the chance to win a \$10 gift Voucher to spend at the Book Fair in week 8. These drawings are to be in by **Monday 27th November** . Six winners will be chosen by our Principal Kerri Dent.

During term 4 all school Library books need to be returned as there will be no school holiday oliday borrowing. Books need to be returned by **20th November** to be in the running to win a gingerbread house for the class. There are 2 gingerbread houses to win to the classes that that return **ALL** their books. One for Reception - Yr2 and one for Yr3- Yr6's. Parents could you please encourage your children to return all their Library books during week 6.

This year we have a new library computer system where you will now recieve an email when your children/child has an overdue book. Thankyou to those parents and children who have returned their overdues promptly. If there is no response from these emailan invoice will be sent home via our Financial Officer to help cover the cost of the lost books.

Any questions please come and see me.

thankyou

Debbie Harrip.

Audiri App



Audiri: School Communication 4+

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Please find attached information regarding the Audiri App. I cannot express strongly enough that you **MUST** have this app. We understand there are so many forms of technology and it does become overwhelming, but we need **ALL FAMILIES** using Audiri.

All permission forms for excursions and school events are sent home via this app. If you do not complete these forms your child cannot attend the excursions or events.

If you are having issues accessing the app or understanding it please contact me or pop in and I can help you with it.

Kind regards,

Dianne Cook

[AUDIRI FAQ](#)

[How to download the Audiri App](#)



St Johns

FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING

Initiative of the
Parents and Friends

*Would you like
to attend a
First Aid
Course??*

*To confirm your booking for the
First Aid course hosted by P&F
please pay through the QKR App
or at the Front Office.*

*All parents, family and friends
are welcome to attend.*

Where

St Francis of Assisi School

When

Friday 10 November
9:00am

Cost


Special Price \$90.00
Normally \$195


Training includes:

- Learn about Emergency Situation
- Basic Life Supports
- Get Started with CPR
- Get Started with First Aid
- Real-life Demonstration

TO PAY: QKR APP! OR AT THE FRONT OFFICE

QKR Tip of the week - Can I copy this weeks orders to next week?



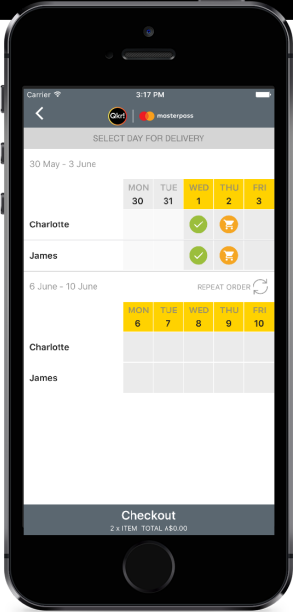
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TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. Can I copy this week's orders to next week?

A. You can save time by copying food orders from the current week to the next week within the calendar view. This is a handy way to save time and quickly re-order your child's favourite lunch orders.

1. Open Qkr! and tap on your canteen menu.
2. Tap 'Repeat Order' for the next week, and tap 'Yes' to confirm you want to copy the orders for the current week to the next week.
3. Once you have copied the current week's orders to your cart for the next week, you can amend the next week's orders by tapping on a date and adding other items, or by tapping 'Checkout' and selecting items to amend or delete. This allows you the flexibility to amend your copied orders for a specific day or for a specific child.



Community Notices





Kildare College Tours

Term 2 2025

Saturday 17 May 11.00am

Saturday 31 May 11.00am

Saturday 14 June 11.00am

Book a College Tour today
kildare.catholic.edu.au





BASKETBALL

HOOPS 4 BEGINNERS

TERM 2



MONDAYS

4.00pm - 5.00pm

MARDEN BASKETBALL CENTRE

START THEIR JOURNEY
HERE AGES 5-12

\$80



ATHELSTONE SCOUT GROUP



Come and Try Scouting

FUN Day

When and Where

Join us on Saturday, February 8th, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM to explore scouting! Parents and guardians are required. No cost or registration needed—just show up.

Saturday 8th February 2025

10:00am to 4:00pm

Athelstone Scout Hall
Maryvale Road

What's On

BBQ Lunch & Soft Drinks

Pop Corn Machine

Activity Passports

Face Painting

STEM Activities

Knot Tying Activities

Bottle Rockets

Tent Pitching and Pack Up

Family Challenge

Fundraising Table

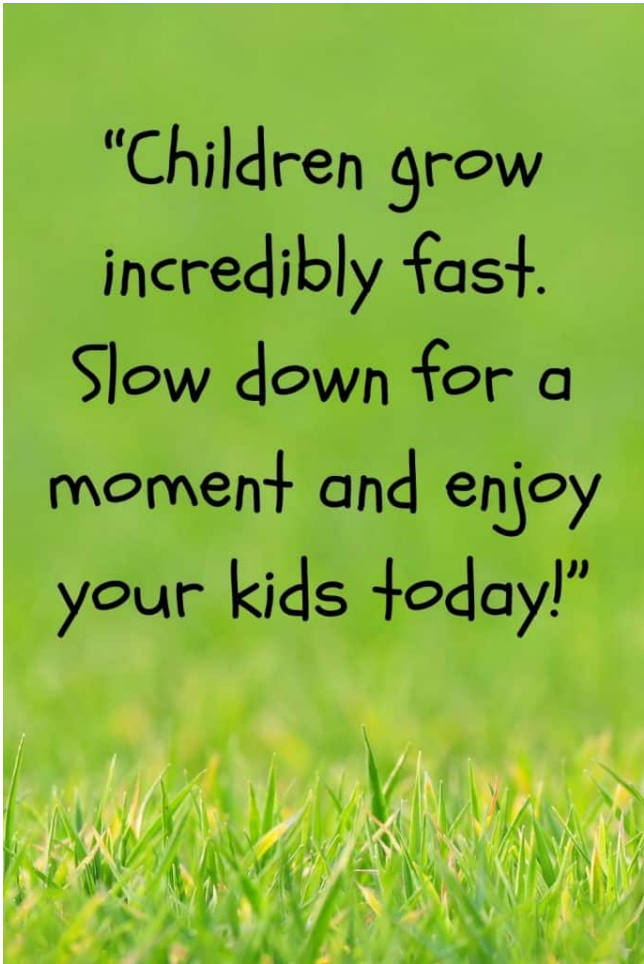
Cake + Biscuits + Dessert Table

Badge Making

Making Catapults

Homemade Lava Lamp

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"Children grow
incredibly fast.
Slow down for a
moment and enjoy
your kids today!"

FUTURE DATES

Blessing of the Cribs - Friday 1st December 2023

Term 4 Concludes - 3pm Thursday 14th December 2023

Pupil Free day - Friday 15th December 2023

Is your child due to start school?

ENROLMENT REMINDER



**SPACES ARE
FILLING FOR
RECEPTION
INTAKE**

**OPEN FOR
2024 & BEYOND**

**TERM 3
MID-YEAR
INTAKE
AVAILABLE
ALSO**



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QKR! App under
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Available for collection
Term 3.**



YMCA OSHC

[CLICK HERE](#) to enrol online!

Available before / after school hours with Vacation Care during school holidays.

Uniform Shop

[Opening Hours & Uniform Prices](#)

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Phone: 8336 2602

Parish Bulletin



Latest Parish bulletin [available here](#)

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