



# St Francis of Assisi School Newsletter Term 1 Week 10 3.04.2024

## Important Dates

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**Swimming Carnival -**  
SA Aquatic Centre  
Oaklands Park  
Thursday 4 April 2024

**Carnevale Day**  
Friday 5 April 2024

**Family Mass \_5pm**  
Sunday 7 April 2024

**CASUAL DAY -**  
Gold coin donation  
for project  
Compassion  
Friday 12 April 2024

**Term 1 concludes -**  
3pm finish  
Friday 12 April 2024

**TERM 2 BEGINS**  
Monday 29 April 2024

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents,

**Behind the Curtain - Article No.1**

At the Launch night at the beginning of the year I promised as a principal to offer as much transparency as possible. That teaching, learning and the curriculum were no longer 'secret teacher business' – but everyone's business.

My hope is that by discussing the ins and outs of what we are working on as a staff it will allow continued respectful dialogue between teachers, parents and leadership. I can't tell you how important this is - that we work as a team for each child in our school - not in opposition.

The 'Behind the Curtain' article each term will take you inside what's happening behind the walls of the classroom, as our staff work as hard as any staff I've been involved in to create a culture of high expectations for our students.

## **Culture**

If you've been to an assembly or community prayer recently you would have seen a distinct effort by our staff to ensure the children are quiet, reverent and engaged when in the MPF for these events. This involves practising walking in quietly, exiting quietly and positioning students where they are not tempted to talk to each other. This sometimes means separating students from others who they may be tempted to talk to, seating students in close proximity to a teacher or adult or asking some of our Year 6 leaders to sit with our younger students to assist.

It's meant for our younger students instead of one long line, they sit in two small lines to allow us a smaller area for our students to sit inside.

Some of this may sound archaic. Over the top. But it allows our children up the front to shine, to be heard, and to have opportunities to develop their oral language by talking on the microphone without distractions. It allows our students to listen and hear what their peers are saying - to be entertained, inspired and moved. If you were in the room for the Stations of the Cross last week delivered by our Year Six's you were all those things.

This development of a culture of high expectations extends to recently teaching our students explicitly how to thank guest presenters, how to accept certificates or gifts, and for our Year Six students how to greet adults on school tours. This is achieved through modelling and explicit instruction to make it clear what we want to see, and what are the cultural norms and expectations.

All of this helps to develop a key aspect in a child's education – a sense of school pride.

## **Teaching and Learning**

The biggest part of my role as Principal is being the leader of learning at the school. Principals are of course teachers, so understanding contemporary practice in education is key to my role. Ensuring consistency across our site is of vital importance to our students' growth.

We want our learners to make at minimum a year's growth in all aspects of their education – we know that consistency of practice across our site will allow that to occur.

Our teachers meet once a week in a group staff meeting that predominantly is centred around professional development. They also meet fortnightly in their professional learning teams.

Essentially this time is a time where we aim to be better. To teach better. To work more collaboratively.

This term alone we have:

- Met to ensure consistency in developing our Personalised Plans for Learning – Our plans we have for the 1 in 4 of our learners who require adjustments to the curriculum to support a disability.
- Attended professional development around Mathematics Instruction specifically on how we can use a set lesson structure to ensure our students retain what has previously been taught.
- Met to discuss contemporary research in teaching and learning – looking at how children learn best and how we can best teach to allow that to occur.
- Had professional development from KESAB in regard to waste management at our school.

Next term we will:

- Receive whole staff professional development to retrain our staff in PLD – Our phonics and spelling program from Year 1-6, allowing us to have consistency across the school in this space.
- Spend time in our Professional Learning Teams moderating and levelling writing samples.
- Receive professional development in Explicit Direct Instruction – a teaching pedagogy (style) that has shown to be most effective in helping students transfer knowledge from their working memory to their long-term memory.

## **What else is happening?**

I've been stuck in my office more than I ever will in my time here. Next term I'll be able to be inside the classrooms more and engaging in the teaching and learning process.

This term for me has been a lot of meetings, a lot of learnings and a lot of things on the go. Here are just a few of them.

Exciting community partnership to be announced at the beginning of Term 2.

Deliberate increased presence on Facebook/Instagram to help communicate with our own parent community, the wider community in the Eastern Suburbs and also begin to connect with our old scholars.

Year Six Service groups established and working within our school to give 'back' to our community. School leadership is involved in leading these groups once a week.

SFOA Playgroup has been incredibly well attended with most sessions being attended by 15 families per week and up to 25 children.

School Band, Festival Choir and SFOA Singing Groups established as extra curricula offerings for our students.

School Basketball teams ongoing, School Soccer and Netball teams being established. Swim team in action this Thursday.

Many new students have joined our school since January, with school tours being well attended and enrolments strong for 2025 and beyond.

SFOA is growing again.

Scott March

Principal

## APRIM News

**Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! Happy Easter!** I hope that the Easter long weekend offered a chance to be with family and friends as we rejoiced in the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus' rising from the dead is our hope of resurrection. This amazing love of God gives us everything and never abandons us. Out of the darkness, Christ shows his light to the world. His resurrection changes the history of salvation and gives our suffering purpose. We have the freedom to live our lives as God intended and experience real joy and happiness. Even when we are buried in our sorrows, we can hold onto the hope that eternal joy is coming and God shall comfort us in our sufferings.

It was wonderful to see so many families join us over Holy Week as we journeyed through the events that led to Jesus' death and resurrection. **1/2V led Palm Sunday, 3/4Z led The Last Supper and 6V led the Stations of the Cross.**











### **Project Compassion**

Please return Project Compassion boxes before the end of **Term 1**. In Week 11 some students will be holding stalls to raise money for Project Compassion. On Friday of Week 11, the Mini-Vinnies are holding a casual day where everyone is asked to bring a gold coin donation for Project Compassion. Thankyou in anticipation of your support.

Melissa Canil

APRIM

## Family Mass Sunday 7th April



All Families are invited to

## *Family Mass*

on **Sunday 7th April at 5pm**

St Francis of Assisi Church

Please rsvp to Melissa Canil APRIM

[mcanil@sfoa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mcanil@sfoa.catholic.edu.au)

if your child would like to do a reading.



Whole School Mass Monday 8th April





## Safety in the Carparks

The church car park is **NOT** a drop off zone for children. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times in this area.

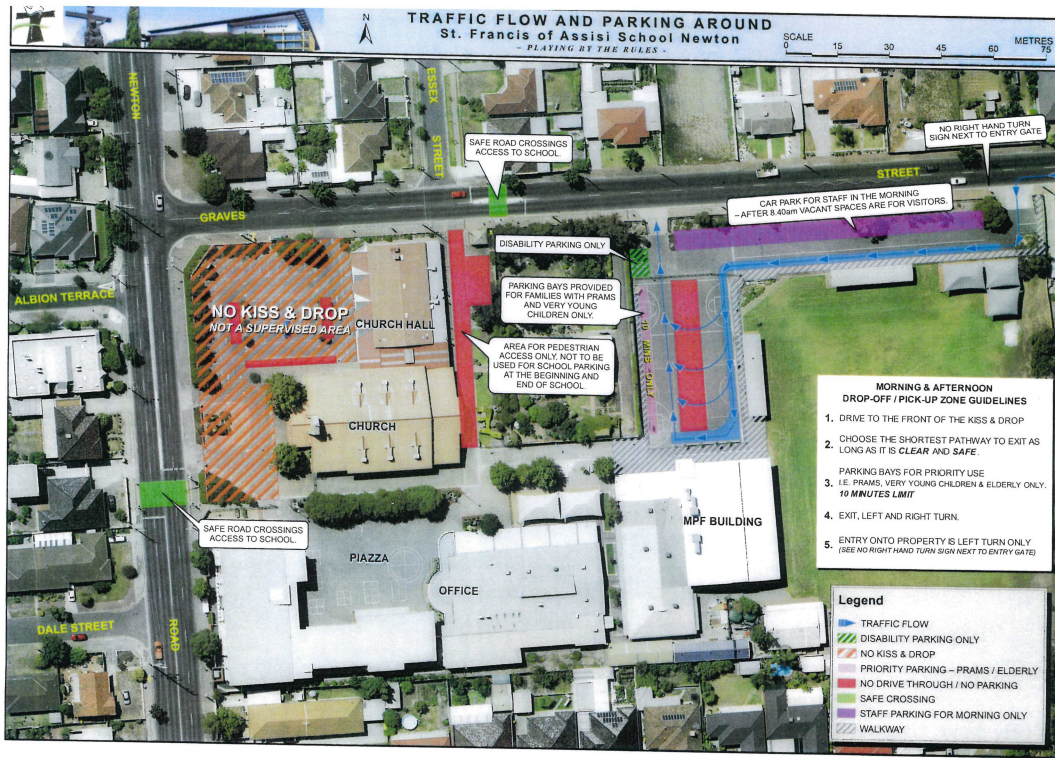
If you are choosing to park in the Church car park it is important to follow the arrows indicating the correct direction. Please park between the authorised park lines and **walk children to and from your car**. Please **DO NOT** just drop them off here.

The only supervised school Kiss & Drop, is the basketball courts (off Graves St) and is available each morning from **8:30am to 8:55am** and from **3:00pm to 3:20pm**. It is always supervised by a staff member during these times.

If you wish to park your car, limited car parking is available in the staff car park. Priority parking is on the basketball courts for up to 10 minutes and there is ample street parking.

Use of car parking outside school boundaries, including the church car park remains your responsibility and you are legally expected to use the same caution that you would in any public car park, e.g. managing hazards including **ACTIVELY** supervising any children in your care.









# ITALIAN CARNEVALE DAY

Friday 5th April

During our Italian lessons this term, the students have been learning about a traditional, exciting celebration called Carnevale. Carnevale is a time for people to wear wonderful costumes and masks to hide their identity!

**SFOA will celebrate our own Italian Carnevale Day on Friday 5th April. Students are encouraged to dress up as anything ITALIAN...**

**Ideas:** The colours of the Italian flag (red, white and green), a traditional Carnevale character, a nonna or nonno, an Italian chef, Pinocchio, a beautiful colourful Carnevale inspired costume, a gondolier, pizza maker, a famous Italian, an Italian "food" (eg a gelati or slice of pizza).

**PARADE:** We will have a parade in the MPF at 9.00am so the students can show off their Italian costumes as well as the stunning masks they made during Italian lessons.

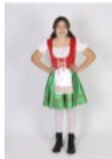
The students will also enjoy an Incursion. Cool 4 Kids perform will perform an "INTO ITALY" show with songs, stories and dances that celebrate Italian traditions. The cost is covered by the Excursion budget.

## SPECIAL PIZZA AND GELATI ORDERS:

Thank you to Lilly Delmedico and the P&F who have organised a special lunch order for pizza (EURO PIZZA) and gelati (GELISTA GELATI). Look out for the separate note about this. Orders can be placed through the QKR app. PLEASE NOTE THE FINAL DATE TO ORDER THESE ITEMS IS **THURSDAY, 28th MARCH.**

Grazie,

Signora Rossi



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## Uniform Shop

Please see below for opening days and times for the Campbelltown Uniform Shop during the April School Holidays.

### School Holiday Opening Hours

**BY APPOINTMENT - [Book a fitting](#)**

#### Week 1

- Monday 15/4 8am -4pm
- Tuesday 16/4 10am -5.30pm
- Wednesday 17/4 8am -4pm
- Thursday 18/04 10am -5.30pm
- Friday 19/4 Closed
- Saturday 20/4 9am -12noon

#### Week 2

- Monday 22/4 8am – 4pm



- Tuesday 23/4 10am - 5.30pm
- Wednesday 24/4 8am -4pm
- Thursday 25/4 Closed Anzac Day
- Friday 26/4 Closed
- Saturday 27/4 9am -12noon

# St Francis of Assisi YMCA April Vacation Care Program

## OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

## Vacation Care | 15 - 26 April

WITH IN	FULL FEE	\$65.00	CCS REDUCED FEE*	\$11.74-32.03
NO BIRTH / NO SERVICES	FULL FEE	\$85.00	CCS REDUCED FEE*	\$13.67-37.28



Please see the attached for all the information including program and booking for the St Francis of Assisi School YMCA Vacation Care program that will be running during the April School Holidays.

YMCA Vacation Care Programme April 2024

# Campbelltown Library School Holiday programmes



Please use the link for some free and paid classes through the Campbelltown Library for the School Holidays.

<https://ticketing.humanitix.com/tours/school-holiday-programs>

The School Holiday Program is jammed packed full of activites for children and families, with many of them (see below) being suitable for CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY VALIDATION.





**Sew a card** -Begin to Sew { 8-12 year olds}

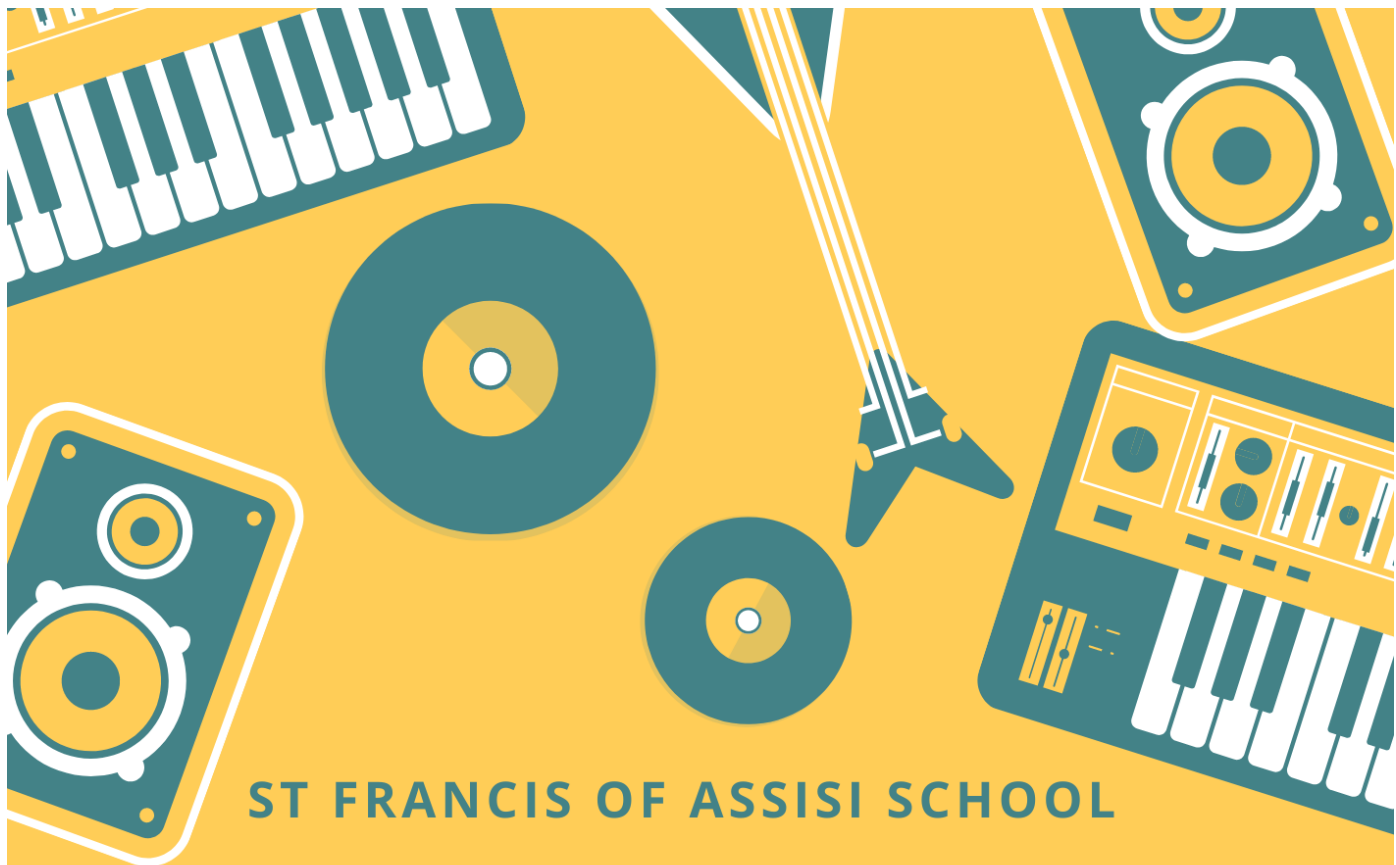
**The Joy of Slime;** {8-12 year olds}

**Soap Donuts Workshops** {12 - 16 year olds}

**Flower canes workshop** {10-13 year olds}

**Dragon Mobiles Sculpture** {9-13 year olds}

**Cold rolls & Rocky Road Cooking class** {7-9 year olds}



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL



# INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAMME

Is your child interested in learning  
a musical instrument?

We have tutors coming to the  
school who teach **Piano, Guitar,  
Drums, Violin, Flute, Clarinet  
and Voice.**

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED  
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND RETURN TO  
THE SCHOOL OFFICE. IT WILL BE PASSED  
ONTO THE MUSIC TUTORS

QKR tips - Can I copy this weeks orders to next week?



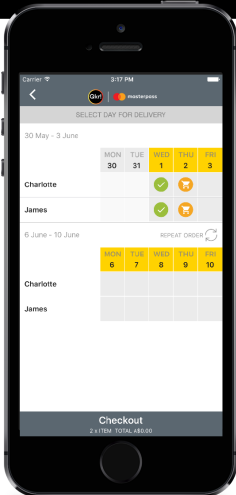
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TIP OF THE WEEK

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.



St Francis of Assisi School Calender

Please find attached the St Francis of Assisi School calender for Term 1 2024

School Calender Term 1 2024

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

FUTURE DATES

TERM 2

PUPIL FREE DAY - Friday 7th June - OSHC available

15 / 20

PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Monday 10th June 2024

**TERM 3**

PUPIL FREE DAY- Monday 22nd July and 27th September - OSHC available

**TERM 4**

PUPIL FREE DAY Friday 14th December - OSHC available

Is your child due to start school?

 **2024 SCHOOL ENROLMENT**

**NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS**

Enrol your child now, we are opening new student admissions for the 2024 school year.  
Reception to Year 6 places available.

 For more information or to book a tour call: **8178 9900**

**ENROL NOW**

Visit Our Website  
[www.sfoa.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sfoa.catholic.edu.au)

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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

# **St Francis of Assisi School**

## **UMBRELLAS**

*"Stay Dry, Rain  
or Shine: Our  
School Umbrellas  
Keep You  
Covered!"*

**Umbrellas are navy with a  
silver lining and white school  
logo.**

***COST***  
***\$30.00***

**Purchase through the  
QKR! App under  
Merchandising.  
Available for collection  
Term 3.**



SFOA Umbrellas are now available on the QKR! app. Get your orders in quick - limited stock available!



[CLICK HERE](#) to enrol online!

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

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[Opening Hours & Uniform Prices](#)

By Appointment Only: [BOOK HERE](#)

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