



# St Francis of Assisi school Newsletter 18th June 2025

## Important Dates

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60th Anniversary  
Gala Dinner  
Friday 21 June 2024

SEDA soccer clinic  
Thursday 19 June 2025

Class Liturgy - 1/2P  
Friday 20 June 2025

Assembly led by  
5M - 2.15pm  
Monday 23 June 2025

SAPSASA State  
Soccer Carnival  
Tuesday 24 June 2025

Strings Graduation  
Performance - 6pm  
Wednesday 25 June 2025

SACPSSA Netball  
Carnival  
Thursday 26 June 2025

The Feast of the  
Sacred Heart of  
Jesus Whole school  
Mass - 9.30am  
Friday 27 June 2025

Year 1/2 Zoo  
excursion  
Tuesday 1 July 2025

After School  
Instrumental  
Concert - 3.15pm  
Thursday 3 July 2025

Term 2 concludes -  
3pm  
Friday 4 July 2025

Pupil free day  
Monday 21 July 2025

FIRST DAY OF

## From the Principal

Dear Families,

We head into the middle point of the year and somehow, we are close to the halfway mark of the school year. It's been a great term and it's wonderful to see the learning programs in full swing and the development made by our children across their subjects.

### Retreat Reflection

Two weeks ago, close to 30 of our staff from across our school, teachers, ESO's and admin took part in a retreat to Penola, the birthplace of Mary MacKillop and Catholic Education in Australia. It was a time of reflection, spiritual renewal, and reconnection with the mission that underpins our vocation as educators.

I'll start by saying that in my 15 years in education it was as profound experience as I've been on with staff. The work we do with children relies on all of us together, and a retreat away allows time to chat, to connect, and to understand each other more deeply. This makes the work we do with the children in our school easier to do, having understood each other's stories more deeply.

One of the most amazing things we did was share a beautiful moment in the original stone schoolhouse, where Mary's first school began. The whole centre is staffed by volunteers, and one volunteer took the time to sing acapella, a beautiful song about Mary's journey. After the retreat I asked staff to write a reflection. Many were moved by being physically present in the original schoolhouse, where St Mary began her courageous mission. One reflection described the moment: "It brought tears to my eyes... to think about the very beginning of Catholic Education starting in a small stable is just unbelievable."

This year is a jubilee year in the Church, a time to reflect and ask God for renewal. At the end of Mass we attended in the morning, Sister Loretta read out the prayers that had been left for all of those that had made a pilgrimage to Penola over the past two weeks. People had travelled from around Australia to Penola to ask for St Mary's intercession in their lives. A particularly personal prayer came from someone who had travelled to ask Mary's intercession to support her and her husband to have a child. Another prayer asked for Mary's intercession to support her family following the sudden death of their son. Desperate farmers prayed for rain to support their livelihoods. There was something particularly meaningful in hearing these prayers, in such holy ground in Penola, and hoping that our combined prayer to St Mary would have some impact.

There was also a shared sense of challenge and renewal: A staff member wrote in their reflection "The retreat reminded me to approach each student with care, respect, and purpose." Another staff member reflected, "It challenged me to think about how faith doesn't always have to be expressed in big, dramatic ways... sometimes it's found in quiet consistency, service, and presence."

The retreat was an opportunity for a profound encounter with the spirit of Mary MacKillop, the power of community, and the quiet call to continue her work in our own time.

### Music Program

2025 has seen a dramatic transformation of our music program at St Francis of Assisi School. Instrumental enrolments are up over 300%, with nearly 15% of students now participating in private music tuition, a number we expect to grow closer to 20% by year's end.

As St Augustine said, "To sing is to pray twice." Music gives our students a voice that transcends words, building confidence, discipline, and community.

This afternoon, we were privileged to witness a moving musical moment as our Festival Choir, Junior Choir, and String Ensemble performed together. The piece they chose was first sung at the 25th Anniversary celebrations in 1990, a nod to our rich history and the enduring power of song to connect generations.

### Reports

Reports will be delivered on SEQTA engage during Week 10. Please see the Audiri post or chat to Mrs Page if you require any Tech support in this space.

God Bless,

## APRIM News

### APRIM News Week 8 Term 2 2025

#### The Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass

**Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of July**, we will gather as a whole school for The Most **Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass**. We warmly invite you to join us for Mass at **9:30am in the Church**.

#### Kildare Transition Visit

Students and teachers from Kildare College visited the Year 6 girls who will be starting at the college next year. During their visit, they shared their experiences and spoke about how it's normal to feel both excited and a little nervous when starting high school.



They discussed a range of topics, including different subjects offered at the college, how lockers work, and the rules around mobile phone use. The visit helped the Year 6 girls feel more prepared and gave them a chance to ask questions about their transition to high school.

#### Mini-Vinnies

The Mini-Vinnies and Social Justice Leaders launched out Vinnies Winter appeal. You will see the large blue bins around the school which are for donations of blankets, clothes and toys. Each class also has a tub for donations of non-perishable food. Some examples of

non-perishable items that you can donate are, pasta, noodles, rice, long-life milk, tinned soup, tinned tuna, baked beans, tinned fruit and vegetables, tea and coffee, milo, cereal boxes, jars of jam or spreads, tomato sauce, meal bases, fruit juice, nuts, lollies, packets of biscuits and jelly packets.

The last day of Term 2 in week 10 Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we will be having a fundraiser to raise money for the Winter Appeal with a gold coin donation. Students will be able to wear their sports uniform with a beanie, scarf, and gloves. Thank you for your continued support of St Vincent De Paul.

## **Well- Being**

*Take a moment to check-in with yourself.*

- *What emotions am I feeling right now?*
- *What's been weighing on my mind the most?*
- *What thoughts keep repeating in my head?*

*When life feels heavy and some things seem hard, it's important to remember that being gentle with yourself isn't weakness—it's wisdom. Here's some advice to help you navigate those tough moments with compassion:*

### ***Be Your Own Safe Place***

*Speak to yourself the way you would to a dear friend. If you're feeling overwhelmed, remind yourself: "It's okay to feel this way. I'm doing the best I can."*

### ***Let Go of Perfection***

*You don't have to have it all figured out. Progress isn't always linear, and healing doesn't follow a schedule. Allow yourself to be imperfect and still worthy of love and rest.*

### ***Honour Your Feelings***

*Don't rush to "fix" your emotions. Sit with them. Acknowledge them. Let them pass through like a storm—temporary, but real.*

### ***Rest is Productive***

*Rest isn't a reward—it's a requirement. When things feel too much, give yourself permission to pause. You're not falling behind; you're refuelling.*

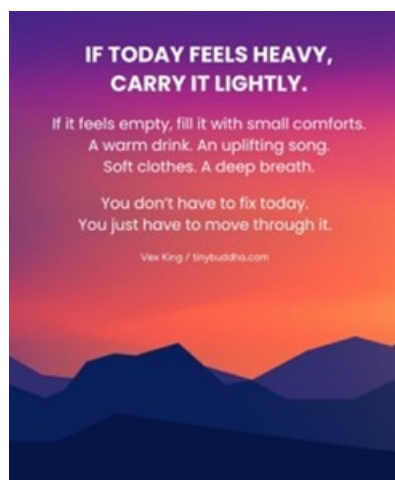
### ***Small Steps Count***

*Even the tiniest step forward is still movement. Celebrate the small wins: getting out of bed, sending that email, taking a deep breath.*

### ***Ask for Help***

*You don't have to carry everything alone. Reaching out is a sign of strength, not weakness. Let others support you the way you would support them.*

**Go gently and kindly on your yourself today.**



God bless you all,

## AusKick at St Francis of Assisi school



Auskick is coming to St Francis of Assisi school again.

29th July 2025 - 16th September 2025. Tuesdays 3.30 - 4.15pm. 8 sessions in total.





**nab AFL Auskick**

**GOOD CLEAN FUN**

**PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK**

**St Francis of Assisi**

**Tuesdays starting 29<sup>th</sup> July | 3:30-4:15pm**

**Cail Harris | [cail.harris@sanfl.com.au](mailto:cail.harris@sanfl.com.au)**



Free with ORSR Voucher





Register Now

Please use the following link for more information and to register your child for Auskick at St Francis of Assisi school.

**Auskick:** <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/ca5c5c>

## Instrumental Programme for 2025

Have you thought about instrumental music lessons for your child?

At St Francis of Assisi, we offer instrumental lessons with expert tutors who come to school and conduct one-on-one lessons with students during the school day. We are currently offering lessons in piano, violin, viola, cello, drums and guitar. Click here to fill in the form [Instrumental Programme expression of interest](#) or feel free to contact me on [therese.smith@sfoa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:therese.smith@sfoa.catholic.edu.au) if you have any questions about our program.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to develop skills in a musical instrument and the benefits of music include improved memory, enhanced coordination, stress reduction, and increased creativity, as well as fostering discipline, confidence, and social skills.



Ella playing with her best piano posture for her teacher Mrs Lee.

## Volunteers RRHAN training

All **Volunteers** wishing to continue as a registered volunteer at the school MUST update their **RRHAN-EC training** and provide the school with the new Certificate. It will have a **new date of 31/12/2027**.

ALL previous RRHAN certificates **expired in 2024** are no longer valid.

Please use this link to update the RRHAN certificate. [Plink](#)

## Little Seeds Playgroup at St Francis of Assisi School





St Francis of Assisi  
School



**little  
seeds**  
PLAYGROUP

**A place to learn, play and grow together!**

Join our educator-led playgroup for children from birth to five years old. A fun and welcoming space where little ones can explore, play, and connect while developing essential skills.

**Sessions run twice a week during school terms:**  
Mondays: 9.00–10.30am | Thursdays: 10.00–11.30am

**\$5.00 per family, per session**  
📍 **St Francis of Assisi School, Newton**

**No bookings needed – just come along!**

🔍 [sfoa.catholic.edu.au/community/playgroup](https://sfoa.catholic.edu.au/community/playgroup)



Supported Playgroups in Catholic Education

## UNIFORM SHOP



**St Francis of Assisi School**  
NEWTON, SA

### Uniform Shop

10 Newton Rd, Campbelltown SA 5074

### Contact details:

**Website:** [shop online](#)

**Phone:** 7095 2535

**Email:** [campbelltown@noone.com.au](mailto:campbelltown@noone.com.au)

### Trading hours:

Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm

Saturday 9.00am - 1.00pm

Sunday and public holidays CLOSED



# Community Notices



## JULY

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

# CAMPS



2 Day Camps & Small Group Clinics

Marden Basketball Centre

SPOTS ARE LIMITED – REGISTER HERE:





## 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

**\$80**

MARDEN BASKETBALL CENTRE

START THEIR JOURNEY HERE AGES 5-12





## All Abilities

### BASKETBALL PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLS & GROUPS

Come and try basketball in a safe and friendly environment with experienced coaches!

Below are some of the amazing benefits from attending these tailor-made training programs. In school programs can be further specialised to students involved.

- Improved playing skills
- Increased confidence on and off the court
- Greater team-building skills
- One on one engagement with others
- Positive involvement for all
- Wheelchair basketball options available

Specifically designed for children with:

- An intellectual or physical disability
- Learning and integration difficulties
- Any type of special needs

PROGRAM	DAY	AGES	LOCATION	TIME	CONTACT
In school	AM/PM	8 - 12	Your School	Subject to availability	Teacher
Magill	PM	8 - 16	Magill Uni Campus	4.45pm - 5.30pm	Naomi
Mawson Lakes	PM	8 - 16	Lido 46	2.00pm - 2.45pm	Naomi

More programs are coming soon.  
To stay up to date, please complete the registration of interest form on the website



## SCHOOL CALENDAR - Term 2, 2025

Term 2 2025 Parent School Calendar of Events

### FUTURE DATES

#### TERM 3 2025

- Pupil Free Day - *Monday 21st July*
- First Day of Term 3 - *Tuesday 22nd July*
- Grandparents Day - *Friday 25th July*
- Bookweek Parade - *Friday 22nd August*
- School Photo Day - *25th August*
- Fathers Day Stall - *5th September*

Is your child due to start school?



SFOA Merchandise



St Francis of Assisi  
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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## The Southern Cross Newsletter



[The Southern Cross](#) | [South Australia's Catholic News](#) - May Issue

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## Uniform Shop

**The uniform is available from:**

NOONE uniform shop

10 Newton Rd, Campbelltown. ([See Google maps](#))

Phone: 08 7095 2535

Email: [campbelltown@noone.com.au](mailto:campbelltown@noone.com.au)

Please use the link to visit the Noone Uniform Shop to shop online or to book an appointment for a uniform fitting. [Shop Online](#)

Opening hours are:

- Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm
- Saturday 9am to 1pm
- Sunday and Public Holidays - closed

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## Parish Bulletin





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