



## Important Dates

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**SEDA College  
Basketball clinic**  
Wednesday 26 March 2025

**1/2P Class Liturgy**  
9am  
Friday 28 March 2025

**SACPSSA Swimming  
Carnival**  
Wednesday 2 April 2025

**SEDA College  
Basketball clinic**  
Wednesday 2 April 2025

**Sacraments  
Workshops #3**  
Thursday 3 April 2025

**Community Prayer -  
led by 5B**  
Friday 4 April 2025

**Palm Sunday Prayer**  
led by 1/2V 8.55am  
Tuesday 8 April 2025

**The Last Supper -  
led by 3/4C 8.55am**  
Wednesday 9 April 2025

**Stations of the  
Cross - Led by 6V**  
8.55am  
Thursday 10 April 2025

**SPORTS DAY**  
Friday 11 April 2025

**Term 1 Concludes**  
3pm  
Friday 11 April 2025

# From the Principal

Dear Families,

## Camp Reflection

Last week, I was fortunate enough to head to Swan Reach for the Year 5/6 school camp. Outside of Sports Day, it's close to my favourite time on the school calendar.

This year, we travelled to a camp on the river at Illawonga, just outside of Swan Reach. The activities our children took part in were fantastic—kayaking, fishing, paddle boating, and caving, all alongside their friends and teachers.

I was so impressed by the way our children approached these experiences.

Courage comes in many forms, and we saw it displayed in so many ways. For some, it was stepping outside their comfort zone and trying something new. Many had never been near the Murray River before and were initially hesitant even to dip their feet in. I grew up on the river and, like my parents, was always cautious around it. We would ski, kneeboard, and swim, but always with adult supervision and the right safety gear. Teaching our children how to safely enjoy the river—wearing life jackets, avoiding diving, and protecting their feet—will benefit them in the future. They embraced the challenge, and when they hesitated, they were met with unwavering support from their peers and teachers.

For many, the courage they displayed extended beyond just the activities. We know that in 2025, fewer children regularly sleep away from home at sleepovers. Being away from home and out of their routine for the first time is a big step—not just for the children, but for their parents as well. I was so proud of those who felt anxious yet, with the support of their teachers and families, pushed through and embraced the experience.

The ability to persevere through discomfort is one of the most valuable lessons we can teach our children. It's not always easy to watch them struggle, but seeing them develop resilience, independence, and confidence makes it all worthwhile. These moments—both big and small—shape their growth and prepare them for the challenges ahead.

School camp is so much more than just a few days away. It's an opportunity to build lifelong memories, strengthen friendships, and learn lessons that will stay with them for years to come. I feel incredibly grateful to have been part of it.

## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations

Last week on Audiri and on our Social Media platforms we released tickets to our **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala**. This is held on the **21<sup>st</sup> of June** in at the **Wine Centre in Adelaide**. It will be a sensational night we dive back into the past, explore the present and look into the future ahead for SFOA. Entertainment will be provided by Entertainment Adelaide throughout the night and there will be a series of presentations, guest speakers and video presentations throughout the evening.

Tickets are available through the link below: <https://events.humanitix.com/st-francis-of-assisi-60th-anniversary-gala>

Later in the year we will celebrate further with a week of celebrations in Term 4 which will be driven by our Year 6 cohort.

God Bless,

Scott March

## APRIM News

### APRIM News Week 9 Term 1 2025

This morning we had a whole school Mass for the Annunciation of the Lord. Fr Anthony spoke to the children about how happy Mary was when the angel told her she was having a son. He asked the children to spread joy and listen to God just like Mary did.

### Project Compassion

As we journey through this season of Lent, we invite you to make this year's Project Compassion fundraising extra special. Your donation makes a difference. With your support, communities in need can access vital resources, build sustainable futures, and create lasting change. In a year where the world is experiencing record rates of food and water insecurity, conflict and rising poverty, this is our chance to rally our community and make a difference. Creating a better world is a task that needs all of us to play our part. Let's consider how

we can love our neighbours and serve Christ in one another today. Each child has brought home a Project Compassion box, inviting families and friends to support this important cause. Every donation - big or small - helps transform lives. We invite you to give what you can and return the box to school by the end of Term 1 or when it is full. Together, we can make a meaningful impact. Let's work together to build a thriving future for all and unite against poverty this Lent. Thank you for your generosity and for walking this Lenten journey with us in faith and action.

### Harmony Day

Last week classes reflected on Harmony Day which was celebrated on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of March. Australia first observed 'Harmony Day' on 21 March 1999, carrying the message 'Everyone belongs', Harmony Day encourages Australians of all ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds to participate in their community, get to know one other, and understand and trust each other, respecting our cultural and religious differences. Acknowledging each other and our diversity helps us to grow as a community and as individuals, and in appreciating the world in which we live. As Catholics we support this vision.



### Holy Week

This year Holy Week and Easter falls in the school holidays. As a school we will commemorate the events of Holy Week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning of Week 11 at 9am in the MPF with Community Prayer.

**Tuesday – 1/2VS will lead Palm Sunday**

**Wednesday – 3/4C will lead The Last Supper**

**Thursday – 6V will lead Stations of the Cross**

Melissa Canil

APRIM

## 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.



Ruby trying the low notes on the piano in her lesson.



Evie finding the correct finger placement with help from her teacher Mrs Yang.

## Sushi - Special food day

Please order sushi via the QKR app by Wednesday midnight.



## Children's University



If your child would like to become a member of Children's University for 2025 please scan the attached QR code to complete the registration process, and make payment via QKR! by - **Friday, March 28, 2025**.

Our students have the opportunity to be involved in this exciting program, led by the University of Adelaide. Children's University aims to nurture aspirations and develop a love of learning.

Please see the attached letter for more information. [Childrens University information](#)

## 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](#)



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)



**SPiCE**  
Supported Playgroups in Catholic Education

MON 14/4	9AM-5PM
TUE 15/4	9AM-5PM
WED 16/4	9AM-5PM

THUR 17/4	9AM-5PM
FRI 18/4	CLOSED
SAT 19/4	CLOSED

#### WEEK 2

MON 21/4	CLOSED
TUE 22/4	9AM-5PM
WED 23/4	9AM-5PM
THUR 24/4	9AM-5PM
FRI 25/4	CLOSED
SAT 26/4	9AM-1PM

## 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](http://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

**ABA 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:

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

PROGRAM	DAY	AGES	LOCATION	TIME	ENTRY FEE
In school	ANYTIME	8-12	Your School	Subject to availability	None
Magill	PM	8-16	Magill Uni Campus	4.45pm - 5.30pm	None
Mawson Lakes	PM	8-16	Lab 46	2.00pm - 2.45pm	None

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



# SCHOOL CALENDAR - Term 1 2025

Term 1 2025 Parent School Calendar of Events

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## FUTURE DATES

### TERM 1 2025

- **SPORTS DAY - Friday 11th April**
- **Term 1 Concludes - Friday 11th April**

TERM 2 commences 28th April 2025

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Is your child due to start school?



A tight-knit community  
where every child has a sense of  
belonging.

**St Francis of Assisi  
School**

**TAKING ENROLMENTS  
2025 &  
BEYOND**

**RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 EDUCATION**

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

The poster features a young girl in a dark blue school uniform with the school crest on the pocket, pointing her right index finger upwards. The background is a blurred image of other children in the classroom.

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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](#) - February Issue

[Read More](#)

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[Opening Hours & Uniform Prices](#)

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## Parish Bulletin



Latest Parish bulletin [available here](#)

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