



# St Francis of Assisi School

## Newsletter Term 2 Week 6

### 04.06.2024

#### Important Dates

**PUPIL FREE DAY**  
Friday 7 June 2024

**King's Birthday**  
**Public Holiday**  
Monday 10 June 2024

**SACPSSA**  
**Basketball Carnival**  
Friday 14 June 2024

**Class Liturgy 9am -**  
**3/4Z**  
Friday 14 June 2024

**Volunteer Induction**  
**9.00am bookings**  
**online**  
Tuesday 18 June 2024

**Artist in Residence -**  
**Years 3/4**  
Thursday 20 June 2024

**Community prayer -**  
**8.55am led by 3/4C**  
Friday 21 June 2024

**Assembly led by**  
**1/2TC - 2.15pm**  
Monday 24 June 2024

**Artist in Residence -**  
**Years 3/4**  
Thursday 27 June 2024

**Class Liturgy -**  
**Receptions 9am**  
Friday 28 June 2024

**SACPSSA Netball**  
**Carnival**  
Wednesday 3 July 2024

**Artist in Residence -**  
**Years 3/4**  
Thursday 4 July 2024

**Mini Vinnies Winter**  
**Apeal fundraiser -**  
**Pyjama Day**  
Friday 5 July 2024

**Term 2 Concludes**  
**3pm - Happy**  
**Holidays!!**  
Friday 5 July 2024

**Parents & Friends**  
**QUIZ NIGHT**  
Saturday 6 July 2024

**Family Mass - 8am**

## From the Principal

Dear Families,

It's come to the point of the term where I feel it is important to take some time and write a longer more reflective piece to our community. This will be a bit of a read, but I hope it continues to give our parent body and the wider community that SFOA is led strongly, is a place of welcome, a place of learning, a place of community and most importantly a place for all. I'll start with the nice ongoing work, but please read to the end as I tackle some more complex areas of Australia's education system, and the impact of that here at SFOA

### Culture

Last term I shared some of the cultural norms that we continue to make progress with as a school. A focus on listening, entering spaces quietly, greeting and accepting awards and certificates, how we interact with adults, visitors, and guests. Small things on paper, but large things in reality that are so valued in our community. Much of these norms are now standard. Driven by our staff but lived by our students.

At our Whole School Mass on Friday the reverence shown by our students was exemplary. The students who read in Mass were confident and prepared, the responses from our student body strong, and the singing continues to improve week on week. I reflected with our Year 6 students after Mass that they will never be too old, too cool, or too proud to sing at Mass. A quote that is traditionally attributed to St Augustine is 'To sing is to pray twice'. My wish is our graduates carry this with them when they leave our school at the end of the year.

### Winter is here

I was fortunate enough to be teaching 6H on Friday. While this took me away some form 'Principal' work, it was refreshing to be with our leaders, and I had such a great day. The reason I was in class through is that our community is not immune to the early impact that is being experienced in South Australia with a combination of Flu, various virus' and COVID impacting student and staff attendance and health. We see this in the media with the impact it's clearly having on our health system and hospitals. As a school every precaution is taken however sometimes sickness means sometimes as a staff we are stretched. We continue to ask for your understanding and ensuring that if your children are unwell they remain home.

### Teaching and Learning

The next five weeks internally begins some exciting work in a teaching and learning front. I have referenced in previous newsletters this work so I won't go into detail, but over the next two staff meetings we will receive expert training in an explicit approach to teaching, before having this modelled to us in the classrooms. This asks our staff to be vulnerable, to reflect on their own instructional methods and to continue to improve. This is reflective of work done in most industries. You would expect your medical professionals, your mechanic, your hairdresser to be constantly improving their practice. That's our drive as a school.

### Communication and Conflict Resolution

All this is nice of course. It's what you would expect to read in a newsletter, perhaps with a bit more detail than some. But I thought I might tackle some of the trickier elements of being in leadership. Because what we know about Primary Schools is that they are not always harmonious places of teaching and learning. They are places that ask young people to be in relationship with each other. Children from different contexts, backgrounds and often countries to form friendships and working relationships. To be in the same room with each other for 200 days of the year, 6 hours a day.

The reality is, it's not 'if' there will be students fall out of relationship with each other, it's when. When that happens sometimes there is conflict. Sometimes it's visible as we know sometimes kids will be frustrated and push, or 'niggle' each other. Sometimes they struggle to win or lose. Sometimes it's sharing. Sometimes it's more subtle with exclusion. Sometimes it's the use of words and language. We know elements of this probably happen in our own workplaces at times. Or between our own family members. We know because the majority of those reading this article have children. It's not easy.

As educators we know we must repair these relationships and ensure as best we can that this conflict is resolved. A huge part of this is communicating with you as parents. Under my leadership we will continually share as much as possible as we can in the hope that in

partnership with you, we can help educating our children in how to resolve conflict.

But the absolute hardest part of my job is the parts that I **can't** share.

I can't share aspects of another student's disability with you. I can't share with you that they may have a physiological disorder that impacts how they react to situations. I can't share aspects of their family life that may have led to their actions.

More often than not it's inappropriate for me to share the consequences that a child might face for actions. This is often misconstrued as student's not facing consequences for actions. This couldn't be further from the truth. This makes it tough.

I can't share with you how mortified a parent might feel when we share the actions of their students, and how apologetic they might be about how their child has responded in a certain way.

In some ways I wish I could tell you all these things. It would help to create a sense of understanding.

What I can share with you is no children are bad. No children set out to cause conflict or hurt others. They don't.

There is so much we do as a staff to ensure the wellbeing of our students. From wellbeing programs that we run such as Peaceful Kids and Rock and Water, that help provide our children with the tools required to solve conflict. From an established social and emotional teaching program, that we are receiving further professional development on this Friday.

One simple action we take is subtly communicating through our staff memo's and emails that a student might need to be 'handled with care' after a big weekend or something that's occurred in their home life. A simple, subtle way we can ensure the care for our children and keep personal information private and confidential.

This is in no way a woe is me article. I'm incredibly blessed to do the job I do.

It's an article that I hope will continue to build trust in you as parents in how we handle conflict as a school. That when we communicate with you it's to help ensure we work as a partnership to help the young people we have in our care understand how to exist in relationship in a highly complex world.

I hope you enjoy the mid-term break that is upon us with a Student Free Day and a Public Holiday ahead. God Bless.

Scott March

## APRIM News

Congratulations to our Sacramental Students who celebrated their First Holy Communion and Confirmation last weekend with Fr Anthoni. Fr Anthoni said that he felt privileged to be part of the students' journey into full initiation in the Catholic Church.

We encourage all families to continue this journey by regularly attending Mass. Sacraments are a way to relate to God and are outwards signs of our internal faith. They help nourish and strengthen us throughout our life.

Valentina and I would like to thank all the families for your commitment and participation throughout the past year in our Sacramental Program. It is a blessing to work with families who are committed to nurturing their children's faith. The **new Sacramental Program will begin in Term 3** and further details will be sent out early next term.

On Friday we celebrated the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a Mass to remember the Virgin Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth. The meeting of these two women (Elizabeth and Mary) was a joyful and unique event. Both found themselves pregnant in unusual circumstances – Elizabeth in her old age and Mary by the Holy Spirit. Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth to help her. Fr Anthoni spoke to the children at Mass about how they can be more like Mary, the mother of Jesus, by helping those in need and saying 'yes' to God.

Melissa Canil



# Congratulations

to all the Sacramental students  
who celebrated their First Holy Communion  
and Confirmation recently.







## BASKETBALL

### SEASON 2- 2024

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Basketball **Season 2, 2024** is being offered for all students from yrs. 1 – 6 for Terms 3 & 4 of 2024 at the ARC Campbelltown.

Details are listed below:

<b>What:</b>	BASKETBALL
<b>Season:</b>	<b>Season 2– Terms 3 and 4.</b> Starting the week of Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024
<b>When:</b>	<b>Years 1/2–Thursdays, Years 2/3–Tuesdays, Years 4/5–Wednesdays</b> <b>Year 5/6 –Mondays</b>
<b>Where:</b>	The ARC Campbelltown. 531 Lower Nth East Rd, Campbelltown. Ph: 8366 9350
<b>Uniform:</b>	School sport shorts and SFOA Basketball top (supplied by the school, to be returned at end of the season**)
<b>Costs:</b>	\$60 –registration, usage of uniform and equipment. \$8.00 per week per game approx via the 'Teampay' app only. <b>All Parents must download the Teampay app for the weekly game fee.</b>
<b>Registration:</b>	Registration & Payment via the <b>QKR APP ONLY</b> by <b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b> 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 **12<sup>th</sup> June** 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 download the Teampay app for the weekly game fees.**

If your child would like to play Basketball for Season 2 of 2024 please complete the **registration form and payment via the QKR app ONLY** before **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**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

## Little Seeds Playgroup at St Francis of Assisi School

Come and join us on Monday's during school terms  
Educator-run playgroup sessions  
9am - 10.30am  
\$5 per session



### Playgroup @ SFOA

FROM 9AM ARRIVAL & SIGN IN  
CHILD-LED PLAY & EXPLORATION

\*INCLUDING A RANGE OF SCAFFOLDED ACTIVITIES TARGETED TO HELP  
YOUR CHILD DEVELOP THEIR FINE & GROSS MOTOR SKILLS\*

9:30 COFFEE ORDERS FOR ACCOMPANYING PARENT/CAREGIVER  
(INCLUDED IN PAYMENT)

10AM GROUP PACK UP  
GROUP TIME

\*BRAIN FOOD & STORY TIME\*

\*FAMILY READING\*

\*MUSIC, SINGING & DANCING\*

10:30AM FINAL MESSAGES & SESSION CONCLUSION



## Volunteer Inductions

All registered volunteers at St Francis of Assisi must complete an Induction through the school.

Inductions are valid for 5 years from the date completed. If your Induction is due please book into your preferred date and time using the Schools Online Booking System.

18th June at 9am

<https://sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=921>

QKR tips - How to cancel food orders I have already paid for.



## Q. How do I cancel food orders that have already been paid for?

### A. To cancel a food order from your itemized eReceipt:

1. Open Qkr! and tap Activity.
2. Scroll down to 'Order History' and sign in with your password.
3. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.
4. If your eReceipt contains Food orders for more than one child, you will need to cancel one by one.

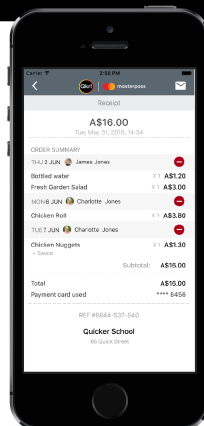
OR

### To cancel a food order from the calendar view:

1. Open Qkr! and select the relevant menu.
2. Tap on the tick icon on the date for which you want to cancel the order.
3. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.

Cancelled items are shown in red on your eReceipt confirming they have been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any credits will be automatically deducted from your next Qkr! food order.

Please contact your school office to cancel any other (non-food) school payments according to school policy.

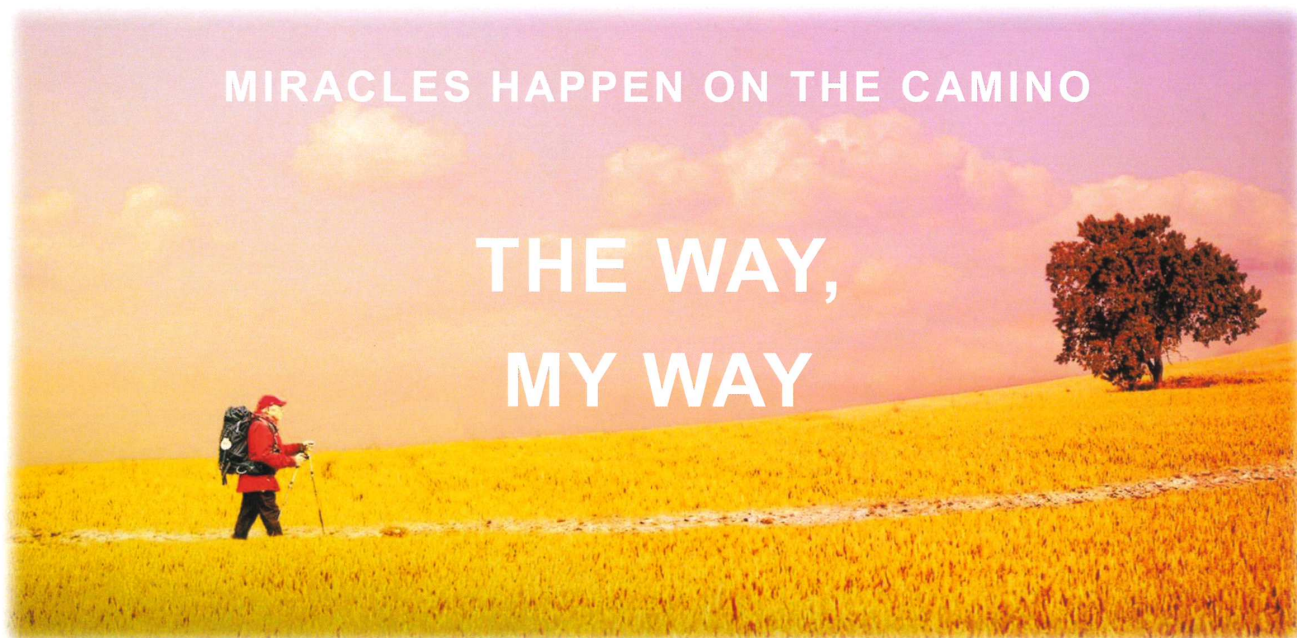




Movie fundraiser for St Vincent De Paul Society.



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY  
PAYNEHAM CONFERENCE  
INVITES YOU TO A MOVIE FUNDRAISER!**



**Date:** Sunday 14 July 2024

**Place:** The Regal Theatre  
275 Kensington Road  
Kensington Park

**Doors Open:** 3.00 pm

**Movie Commences:** 4.00pm

Well known Australian actor Chris Haywood stars as Bill Bennett, an Australian based film director, who sets off on an 800 kilometre walk across Spain to Santiago de Compostela, not sure why he was doing it, and not feeling entirely comfortable. His discomfort increases markedly a few days later when his knee gives out - so the rest of the walk is a "pain management pilgrimage."

**\$25 DONATION ADULT**  
**\$15 DONATION (5 – 12 YEAR OLDS)**

*Includes Movie Ticket, Ice-Cream, Drink & Nibbles*

***On-line Ticket Purchases:***

***<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1214142?embed>***

***Contact details below for cash purchases:***



***Grace-0402 181 694 | John-0433 465 056 | Silvana-0417 872 513***

# Uniform Shop

Please see below for opening days and times for the **Campbelltown Uniform Shop**. Please remember to make a booking when you need a fitting for your child

To shop online: <https://www.belgraviaapparelschools.com/collections/st-francis-of-assisi-school>

To make an **APPOINTMENT** - [Book a fitting](#)

## OPENING HOURS

**Monday:** 8:00am – 12:00pm

**Tuesday:** 1:00pm - 5:30pm

**Wednesday:** 8:00am -12:00pm

**Thursday:** 1:00pm - 5:30pm

**Friday:** CLOSED

**Saturday:** 9:00am - 12:00pm

**Sundays & Public Holidays:** Closed

## Safety in the Carparks

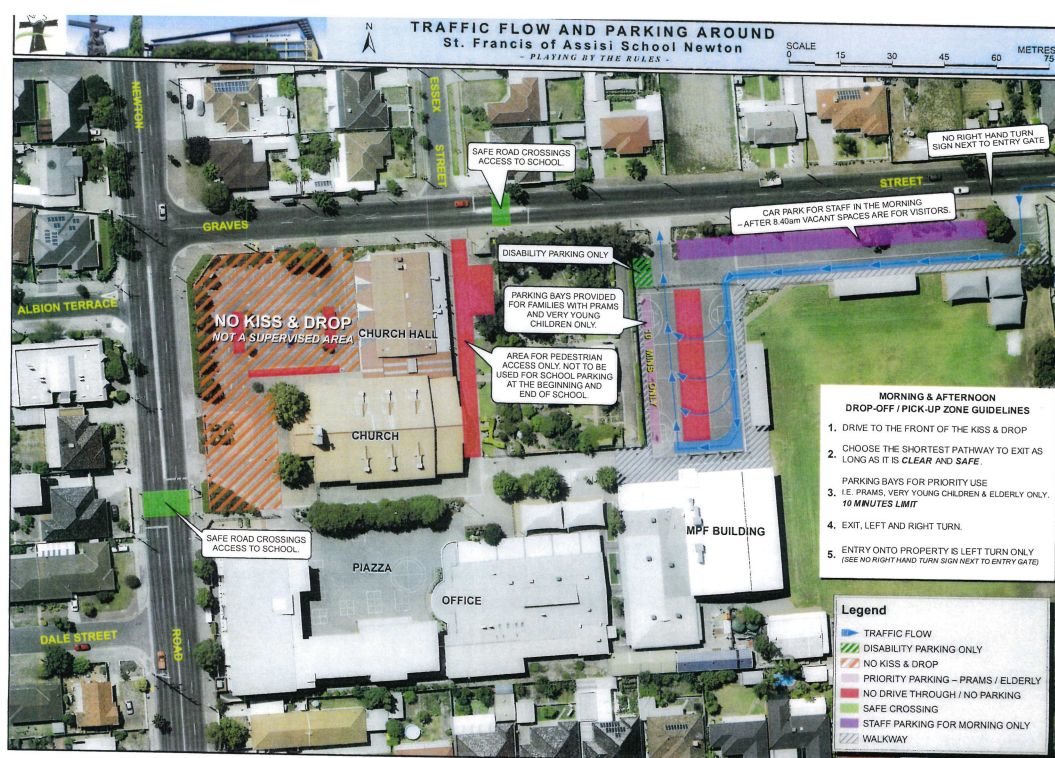
The church car park is **NOT** a drop off zone for children. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times in this area.

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.









# 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**



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



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# **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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Phone: 8336 2602

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Coming together at multicultural school

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Wellbeing dog offers a supportive paw

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Bringing joy to older community



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