



St Francis of Assisi School

Newsletter Term 3 4.09.2024

Important Dates

**1/2V Class Liturgy -
9am**

Friday 6 September 2024

**Sacramental
Workshop #2**

Thursday 12 September
2024

**Community Prayer -
8.55am 1/2TC**

Friday 13 September 2024

**Assembly 2.15pm
led by 1/2LS**

Monday 16 September 2024

**SPORTS DAY until
1.30pm**

Friday 20 September 2024

**Catholic Schools
Music Festival
Evening
Performance**

Wednesday 25 September
2024

Team Colour Day

Thursday 26 September
2024

**Term 3 Concludes
3pm**

Thursday 26 September
2024

**Pupil Free Day -
Staff Retreat Day**

Friday 27 September 2024

Montevergine Festa

Sunday 29 September 2024

Term 4 Begins

From the Principal

Dear Parents

ICT

Yesterday you will have received a letter which details significant enhancements to our ICT offerings here at SFOA, aimed at better preparing our students for the future.

Beginning in 2025, we will transition from the current Bring Your Own Device model to a more robust school-managed program. This shift will ensure that all students from Reception to Year 6 have equitable access to high-quality digital technologies, including school-managed MacBooks for Year 3-6 students and classroom iPads for our younger learners.

The new program will also incorporate a range of digital tools and support services to enrich the learning experience both inside and outside the classroom.

Please read the details of the letter send through Audiri yesterday afternoon.

Camp

Last week our Year 5/6 students travelled up to Belair for our annual camp. Over 70 students and 8 staff attended the camp which was an exceptional experience. I travelled up on Tuesday afternoon and stayed the evening with the campers which I thoroughly enjoyed.

I ran a brief reflection with the students on the Tuesday night and asked them to name someone on camp who they were proud of and why. The reflections were profound and meaningful. Children were proud of other people's leadership – sometimes that was in a group activity, other time it was telling people to be quiet in the middle of the night. Others were proud of people scaling the tree as part of the activities, or even being away from their families for this time. By putting the focus on others, we drive an 'others focussed' culture amongst our students.

The joy comes from making someone else happy from the words that are shared. There are of course times for self-pride – but these moments are best felt when they are validated by a caring other. Sometimes a parent, a teacher, a member of leadership or principal.

Sports Day

Sports Day is our final community event of an extremely busy Term 3 calendar. We've had Grandparents Day, Book Week Parade as well as Father's Day. All of these events have been extremely well attended and the general feedback from families is that they have been meaningful for all involved.

Sports Day will be held on site and will run from 9pm to 1:30pm - a full schedule will be released next week.

On site we will have a coffee van as well as some antipasto Platters available for pre-order on QKR from next week.

All children will receive a complimentary sausage as part of lunch, and there will be some sausages available for purchase for families.

A reminder that Sports Day's at school are largely around participation and the ability of children to exercise teamwork and sportsmanship. Our engagement as parents and staff members should reflect this.

Leave

During Week 9 and 10 of this term Mrs Melissa Canil will be completing a 2-week stint as Acting Deputy Principal of St Thomas School, Goodwood. This is an excellent opportunity for Melissa, and we look forward to welcoming her back in Term 4.

God Bless,
Scott

Sacraments

The new Sacramental Program has begun and students are preparing to make their First Reconciliation at the end of October. We have 21 students from School and Parish enrolled in the program. A reminder that our next workshop is next week on Thursday 12th of September at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Social Justice Updates

Sponsor our Year 5's for Socktober

This year our Year 5's are participating in Socktober for Mission Month. This program – run by Catholic Mission – invites students to connect with young people experiences challenges in the developing world through education and the world game of soccer.

Through Socktober, we can contribute towards this critical mission program and make a positive impact for these children in Mongolia and more in need around the world.

We invite you to donate to our school fundraising page.

<https://www.socktober.org.au/s/504/71797>

One of the most popular elements of Socktober encourages children to create their own recycled 'sockball' – a replica of the type of ball thousands of children around the world play with each day. Our Year 5 students will be making these this term with a guest speaker from Catholic Mission. On the last day of term the Yr 5's have also organised a Team Colours day to raise funds for this. Thank you for your support and for helping our students kick goals for good.

Social Justice Leaders Initiative

Recently our Social Justice Leaders held a bake sale to raise funds for the Church Roof Fundraising Appeal. This idea came from Anwen Hicks who is one of the Altar Servers in the Parish and part of the Year 6 Social Justice Service Group. Anwen proposed to her peers that we should support the Church with the roof appeal and the children decided to bake cookies and cupcakes to sell as a way of raising money. Parents and grandparents supported this initiative by baking with their children and we also baked at school. Fr Anthony visited the children to thank them personally.

The students raised \$211 which went directly into the Parish account for the roof appeal.



Catholic Schools Music Festival



The Catholic Schools Music Festival 'Where Dreams Begin 2024' is taking place at the Adelaide Festival Theatre from the 23rd -26th September.

St Francis of Assisi Students will be performing on THURSDAY 26th September.

Please see the attached flyer for more information and details of how to order tickets.

[Catholic Music Festival performance and ticket information.](#)

Sports Day



[SPORTS DAY INFORMATION](#)

[SPORTS DAY PROGRAMME](#)

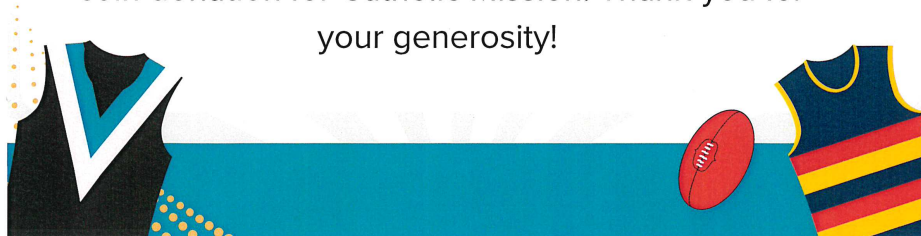
Team Colour Day

TEAM COLOURS DAY



All students are invited to wear their favourite team colours on **September 26th, in Week 10.**

This includes AFL team, Basketball Team, Netball, Soccer and the list goes on. Please bring a gold coin donation for Catholic Mission. Thank-you for your generosity!



Year 6 SAVE the DATE Learning Expo

YEAR 6

LEARNING EXPO

NOVEMBER 15TH
6 - 7 PM



SAVE THE DATE

Campbelltown Writers competition

CAMPBELLTOWN WRITER'S COMPETITION



We want your stories!

Enter your short story into the annual Campbelltown Writer's Competition and go in the running for great prizes! Entries can be fiction or non-fiction and must have a link to the Campbelltown area and reflect the theme '**JOURNEY**'. All genres and styles welcome, with junior, youth and open categories.

Entries close 11pm, Monday 30 September 2024

www.campbelltown.sa.gov.au/literary



Judging by Writers SA



Athelstone Kindergym



Athelstone Kindergym is now conveniently located on the grounds of St Francis of Assisi school.

Kindergym Promotes the development of the whole child socially, emotionally, cognitively and physically through movement - it's a place where children can swing, jump, throw, climb, explore and learn in a safe environment.

It is a not-for Profit organisation specialising in programs for children from 6 months to 5 years of age. Kindergym operates during school terms and each session is managed by a qualified teacher.

Books are essential. Please use the link to Athelstone Kindergym website for more information and how to book.



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



QKR tips - How do I cancel food foods that have already been paid for?



TIP OF THE WEEK

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.

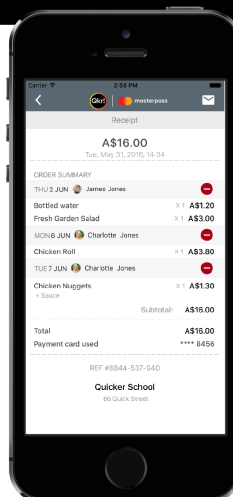
OR

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.



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

St Francis of Assisi School Calender

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

[School Calender Term 3 2024](#)

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

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Program	Days	Age	Location	Time	Notes
In school	AM/PM	8 - 12	Your School	Subject to availability	Bookings
Magill	PM	8 - 16	Magill Uni Campus	4.45pm - 5.30pm	Bookings
Mawson Lakes	PM	8 - 16	LtB 46	2.00pm - 2.45pm	Bookings

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



FUTURE DATES

TERM 3

PUPIL FREE DAY - 27th September - OSHC available

TERM 4

COLOUR RUN - 25th October

SWIMMING WEEK - Monday 18th Nov - Thursday 21st Nov.

PUPIL FREE DAY Friday 14th December - OSHC available

Is your child due to start school?



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St Francis of Assisi School

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*"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!



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Uniform Shop

[Opening Hours & Uniform Prices](#)

By Appointment Only: [BOOK HERE](#)

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Parish Bulletin



Latest Parish bulletin [available here](#)

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PICTURE OF INCLUSION

Coming together at multicultural school

PUP-ULAR STUDENT

Wellbeing dog offers a supportive paw

CARE AND COMPASSION

Bringing joy to older community



 catholic
education
south australia

**MODERN
PRACTICES
ENSURE
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