



CALENDAR DATES

FEBRUARY

MARCH

- 1 7pm St Francis AGM
- 8 Adelaide Cup holiday
- 3 Year 1 Class Liturgies
- 17 Reception Class Liturgies
- 24-26 Year 6 camp at Walkers Flat

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

Ash Wednesday and Lent

On Wednesday, we commenced the preparation time before Easter called Lent. Lent is 40 days, and during this time we are called to strengthen our relationship with God. Traditionally Catholics would have reduced their consumption of fine foods and would eat more simply. In recent years, there has been a focus on taking on something rather than giving something up. Some people make a point of reading verses from the Gospels, others join Lenten groups in parishes.

A program of Lenten courses and sessions are outlined in the Parish Bulletin, the *Grapevine*, which has been emailed to you.

On Ash Wednesday, the students were involved in a liturgy marking the beginning of Lent.

Ashes are traditionally distributed on Ash Wednesday but due to COVID this did not occur. The students unpacked the theme of Lent and in particular the word sin.

Shrove Tuesday

We wish to express thanks to a wonderful number of volunteers who helped cook and distribute pancakes for our community on Tuesday. The pancakes were well received and enjoyed by all. Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday and traditionally was the day when households used up their fine foods in readiness for more simple fare during Lent.

Parents and Friends Meeting

Next Monday you are invited to a Parents and Friends Meeting at 7.15 pm. This will be a great opportunity to meet other parents as we work out a program for the year. It is hoped that this year a great many more activities will be able to occur compared to last year. Members of the Parents and Friends are not required to attend a host of meetings but undertake to organise an activity as part of a subcommittee. This model has worked very well in previous years with ongoing communication with the school of their plans.

Parent Information Evenings

We wish to express our thanks to the many parents who attended sessions with the teachers last week and in Week 2. I hope that you found the sessions useful.

Parent Survey

As part of our school report, we are required to survey our parent population in relation to satisfaction with the school. Please complete survey as it closes Sunday. You have received a link to the survey via email.

Rick Favilla
Principal



PROJECT COMPASSION

BE MORE

"Aspire not to have more,
but to be more."

- Saint Oscar Romero

DONATE NOW Caritas AUSTRALIA



"TURN AWAY FROM SIN AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS"

A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

As we make our forty-day journey through Lent, we prepare for Easter.

Our focus during Lent is our relationship with God and others.

Lent is a journey of self-discovery, a time to reflect on the direction our life is taking. Lent is not so much the giving up of things but remembering our God who is always with us and who calls us to focus once again on others, to seek solutions that are community decisions not individual ones.



This year, Caritas Australia's Project Compassion theme is **'Be More'** and transform lives.

It challenges us to venture into a new experience of compassion and is taken from the invitation of St Oscar Romero, to *"Aspire not to have more, but to be more."*

This Lent, join Australians who want to end poverty and injustice in our world, who believe that there are simple actions we can all take to *'be more'* for our world.

Each family has received a Caritas Project Compassion box to accommodate donations.

Please return your donation box to school at the end of the term.

Thank you in anticipation for your generous support of this social justice initiative.

In Weeks 8 and 9 of this term all classes will be involved in **Class Lenten Initiatives** to raise funds for the 2021 Caritas: Project Compassion Appeal.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKES

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for the delicious pancakes. Gold coin donations for pancakes totalled \$565!

Congratulations everyone.

Peace and blessings,

Helen Wilsdon-Smith APRIM/School Chaplain

COMMUNITY NEWS-PLAYGROUP

Playgroup enjoyed celebrating Shrove Tuesday this week. Thankyou for the wonderful help from two of our mums with the cooking of yummy pancakes the children enjoyed eating. This weeks craft theme followed on from the book we read, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.

James Daley



FRANCIS

FROM THE DEPUTY

Dear Families,

We thank all adults for their cooperation in checking-in through the QR codes at each school entrance or the front office. These measures enhance contact tracing and keep our community COVID safe.

SA Health reminds us that Coronavirus is most likely to spread from person to person when we come into close contact with one another. We can all help stop the spread by keeping our distance. This means do not shake hands, or exchange physical greetings, and wherever possible, stay at least 1.5 metres away from others. When picking up your child/ren from school, either inside or outside the gates, are you maintaining this 1.5m distance from others? If not, how can you make a change? Can you organise to meet your child/ren at a designated space away from the classroom/fence? Can you delay your pickup for 10mins? Teachers of our junior students will keep them at the classroom until you arrive.

Please keep yourselves safe.

On Tuesday, the students were able to share in pancakes as a way of celebrating Shrove Tuesday. We thank our wonderful band of 17 volunteers who made short work of preparing and serving the pancakes to the students. Thank you to Charmaine, Emma, Erin, Flora, Helena, Joanne, Manuel, Mariangela, Marta, Mary, Mel, Melissa, Nicole, Rachel, Steph, Vince and Visnja.

We would also like to thank others who volunteered for the day.

Please keep putting your hands up if you are able. We really appreciate your generosity.

We have placed additional photos on our web and Facebook pages.



Many of the staff of St Francis specialise in particular areas of the curriculum. As part of our professional development, Cheryl Milde (Year 2) facilitated a staff session on Mathematics, and the new capabilities of the Mathletics program. Included below is some information that we also thought might be of interest to families. The second part of Cheryl's article will conclude in the next newsletter.

God, Bless, Nives Kresevic

Part 1 Assessment in Mathematics

The Australian Curriculum document provides teachers with content guidelines for each learning area. The Achievement Standards in each learning area, for each year level, guide teacher assessment.

In the learning area of Mathematics, there are 3 strands; Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry, Statistics & Probability. There are also the 4 Proficiencies: Fluency, Understanding, Reasoning and Problem Solving which are considered when determining a student's overall grade.

What are the Proficiencies?

Fluency

Fluency is the easiest of the proficiencies as it involves accuracy, efficiency, facts and procedures. It is the following of taught steps and calculating accurately. Fluency is often achieved through practice, rote learning and memory of familiar 'similar looking' problems.

Understanding

Understanding is the what, how & why of a maths problem. Students build understanding when they connect related ideas, when they represent concepts in different ways, when they identify commonalities and differences between aspects of content, when they describe their thinking mathematically and when they interpret mathematical information. Article continued next week.

Cheryl Milde





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**WOODVILLE SOUTH
PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Hamish Eylander

Each week the SACA feature one of our future cricket stars, with some hard-hitting questions helping us understand what makes these kids love Woolworths Cricket Blast.

NAME	Hamish
SCHOOL	St. Francis Blue
GRADE	2
BAT/BOWL/ALL-ROUNDER	Batter
FAVOURITE ADELAIDE STRIKER	Alex Carey
BEST THING ABOUT MASTER BLASTER	That I can play against different schools and make new friends

Hamish channelled his favourite player Alex Carey with a quick-fire 20 during his team's round 1 clash against Torrensville. Hamish quickly worked out the best place to target was straight down the ground, where he benefited from the 'DOUBLE ZONE' with two of his 4s turning into 8s!

Well done Hamish a brilliant effort indeed.

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JUST A REMINDER

If your child is showing any signs of illness,
Please keep them home for the day.

Including mild symptoms of a runny nose, sore throat, cough,
fever & shortness of breath.

We encourage students to wash their hands often,
As good hygiene is one of the best ways to help
Avoid the spread of germs.

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