



# Week 3 - Term 1

## Important Dates

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Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday 21 February

Carnevale

Tuesday 21 February

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 22 February

Open Day

Monday 27 February

Pupil Free Day

Friday 10 March

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## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

Welcome to 2023! We have had a very positive start to the school year. Teachers and students are settling in well, with new routines and structures etc. One of the wonderful aspects of our school community is the “**Building Connections**” program that the teachers implement. This program assists teachers and students in building positive relationships, creates better understandings about ourselves and others and allows for classroom protocols to be set and established. Leonie Fitzgerald and Marisa Brown do a brilliant job of preparing the program for the staff and I am very grateful for their wisdom and expertise in this area.

As families will have seen, the building program is beginning to show signs of action. Over the next few weeks I expect to see increased

activity in the building zone, as final approvals are gained and the work can commence apace. At the moment, there is some large machinery doing earthworks and other preparations – our children have been excitedly peering through the fence to see what's happening!

I want to acknowledge and sincerely thank all families of R-2 children, for your patience and forbearance this year. While the new village is functioning effectively, it is a change from last year, and while safe and practical, not optimal. We are continually looking at ways to improve this experience and you can expect to see some changes in the near future.

Last Friday, we celebrated Beginning of the Year Mass in the church. It was a beautiful liturgy, organised by Angela DeNadai, and led by Fr Michael. The children were very reverent, and their lights were definitely shining brightly (our theme was let your Light Shine!) Our next liturgical celebration will be Ash Wednesday, on February 22nd. This marks the beginning of the season of Lent. During this time, we will be focussed on Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving and how we can, as a community better understand and support those in our world who aren't as fortunate as us. Prior to Ash Wednesday, we will celebrate Shrove Tuesday in the Italian tradition- Carnevale! Information has already been sent home about what to expect on this day.

Last Wednesday, we hosted Cybersafe families to talk with students and parents about how to keep children safe in a digital world. The year 4, 5 and 6 classes enjoyed a lively presentation during the day, while parents in attendance gained new insights during the evening presentation.

This year, we have welcomed a number of new staff, as well as 68 brand new reception students! In our Administration team, we welcome **Jamie Andrews** as our new Business Manager. Jamie is a former parent of St Francis, and brings a wealth of experience to our school community. In our teaching team, we welcome Maddie Day in year 3, Fiona MacDonald in year 5 and Jo Harslett in year 2. In our ESO team, we welcome Kate Gaughan!

I remind all families that our major form of whole school communications is Szapp. Please keep an eye on the app for regular information about school happenings, as well as forms to complete etc. Our school calendar is on the app, and there are a variety of other features for families. While you should always receive an instant message when we send out information, it is a good idea to continually check the **"Feed"** tab, in case a message is missed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Andrea Brown and her family, who lost their mum last week. In God's care.

**Have a great week everyone!**

**God bless,**

**Phil**

## FROM THE DEPUTY

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2023 school year. It has been wonderful to see our Reception students make such an independent start to the year. We pray that the year is rewarding and filled with many friendships, new experiences and enjoyment for all students.

### **Would you know what to do?**

As part of WHS, the school practises either a lock in or an emergency evacuation each term. At some time in the future, we may practise these while parents are still present on school grounds. Would you know what to do?

Emergency Evacuation – **Continuous** sounding of the bell. We all meet on the oval and a roll call is taken.

Emergency Lock in – **Continuous wailing** bell will sound. Go to the nearest room, regardless of whether this is your child's classroom or not. Once everyone is safely inside, the teacher will then follow our site's lock-in procedures.

Your safety is important to us. If you have any questions regarding either of these procedures, please feel free to speak to me or any of the teachers.

## Parking

The safety of students is of paramount importance to us and while parking is difficult at any school, if we all follow the school procedures, we decrease the chances of accidents occurring. I ask that you to share the following information with all families and friends who may come to drop off or collect your child/ren.

- Kiss and Drop Zone located in Arcoona Ave and at the front of the Church on Henley Beach Road

- The car park is only for staff parking and for students with a disability
  - Please observe the parking signs on Arcoona Ave – Parking Officers frequently patrol this area and will issue fines
  - **Signs around our school**
  - Periodically, traffic inspectors from the city of West Torrens check that local drivers are following traffic rules around our school.
- Breaking these rules may result in a fine.

**Here are some reminders for you.**



## No Stopping

- To 'stop' a vehicle means to stop and remain stationary for even a short period of time. You must not stop or park your vehicle in any area where a 'No Stopping' sign or a continuous yellow edge line applies, even to pick up or set down passengers or goods.



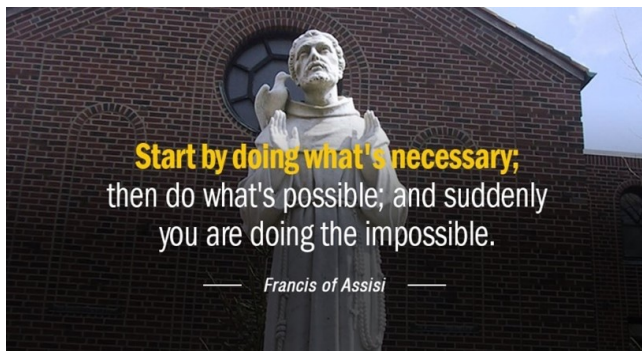
## No Parking

- You must not park your vehicle in an area where a 'No Parking' sign applies, unless: you are dropping off or picking up passengers or goods you do not leave the vehicle unattended - that is, move more than three metres away and you complete the dropping off or picking up as soon as possible - in any case, within two minutes.
- Please note: A 'No Standing' sign has the same meaning as a 'No Stopping' sign.
- Always use the crossing

**God Bless**

**Nives Kresevic**

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY



Welcome to the start of a New School Year!

## Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Tuesday 21st February

This year we are combining Shrove Tuesday with Carnevale. Tuesday is Shrove/Pancake Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday refers to the shriving Bell to bring everyone to church to be shriven, or to confess his or her sins before the season of Lent. Early Christians observed strict rules of fasting and self-denial during Lent, so in the days before, they would eat unrestricted foods, party and have fun.

Dating back to 1000 AD, over the years Shrove Tuesday not only became a day for Confession but a time for Catholics to feast on eggs, sugar and dairy which are traditionally restricted during the Lenten fast.

## Ash Wednesday 22nd February

<https://youtu.be/NFHQZzFJaYA>

**Yet even now says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart.” (Joel 2:12)**

Ash Wednesday Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated as a whole school on Wednesday 22nd on the Oval at 9:15am

Ash Wednesday marks the **beginning** of 40 days of Lent. Ash Wednesday is observed by having the mark of the cross made on our forehead with ashes. The ashes are made from the blessed and burnt Palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. The sign of the cross **symbolises** repentance before God and is also a reminder that God is gracious and forgiving to all who seek to open their hearts to change.

The themes of Lent are fasting, giving to the poor, good works and prayer. This year the Project Compassion theme is “**For Future Generations**”.

*During Lent the Church recalls Jesus' life and ministry. Traditionally, Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and good works. (taken from CROSSWAYS – Religious Education framework)*

**Dates for your diary** – Shrove Tuesday 21st February, Ash Wednesday 22nd February, Feast of St Joseph March 19th Palm Sunday April 2nd, Good Friday April 7th  
Wishing all a peaceful and enjoyable year

### **Class Masses and Liturgy of the Word Term 1**

March 1st **Year 6** Christ the King Church at 9:15am  
March 15th **Year 1** Christ the King Church at 9:15am  
March 21st **Reception RTP & RLF** Christ the King Church at 9:30am  
March 21st **Reception RRC & RDS** Christ the King Church at 10:00am  
March 29th **Year 5** Christ the King Church at 9:15am  
April 2nd Palm Sunday Liturgy time tbc

NB please check with class teachers for confirmation of Mass times

**God Bless**

**Angela De Nadai**

**Assistant Principal: Religious Identity and Mission**



# CARNEVALE

Dear Families,



You are invited to participate in our ...



## **St. Francis** **Carnevale (and Shrove** **Tuesday)** **Celebration**

**Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> of February, 2023 (Week 4)**

To celebrate Carnevale, we will be having a Carnevale parade on the oval at 9:10am. Carnevale is a cultural event celebrated in Italy and other countries around the world on Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day). Shrove Tuesday is a Christian festival to mark the beginning of Lent. Lent is a period of about 40 days and begins with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time to open our "Hearts to God". We are encouraged to increase our acts of kindness and mercy towards one another.

Traditionally, Shrove Tuesday is associated with pancakes being eaten. This was the last chance to eat rich foods before Lent, and an opportunity to use all the luxury foods (such as fat, butter and eggs) which might spoil during Lent.

Each year level will have the opportunity to parade their Italian-themed costume as well as be wearing a mask or fancy glasses or hat that they have been working on during their Italian lessons.

The children are encouraged to dress up in an Italian-themed costume which reflects an aspect of the Italian culture, character or landscape. Some examples are: a famous Italian, Arlecchino (the Carnevale character pictured on this note), a gondolier or simply dress in the Italian colours (green, white and red). Students can be as creative as they like. Following the parade, students will participate in a whole school health hustle to Italian music.

Parents and families, are welcome to join in the fun and come dressed up for the occasion (e.g. wear Italian colours, a mask, a fancy costume etc.)

After the celebrations, the students are also able to enjoy a pancake with their buddies. On Tuesday 21st of February, pancakes will be cooked for the students, with the help of parish and parent volunteers. The condiment supplied on the day will be maple syrup. If your child prefers an alternative, they may bring it from home in a labelled container. Please keep in mind no nut-based products.

To facilitate the purchase of ingredients, we are asking families to make a monetary donation to cover the cost. Donations can be made using the Qkr! App. The App will be open from Friday 3rd February and close on Wednesday 22nd March.

If your child has a food allergy or intolerance, please see your child's class teacher to make arrangements.

We look forward to sharing in this special occasion with you.

Connie Lopresti and Juliette Passerini (**The Languages Team**) & Angela De Nadai (**APRIM**)

Cari nonni,



Siete invitati a partecipare alla Festa di Carnevale alla Scuola di San Francesco, Lockleys, martedì, il 21 di febbraio 2023 alle 9:10 di mattina.

Grazie

## P.E/SPORT

### School Sport

Our nominated school sporting teams will all begin the term 1 season during week 4. We wish all students the best of luck and would like to say a big thank you to our volunteering parents for the support in coaching and assisting.

## School Swimming Trials

On Friday 24th February our school will be conducting our swimming trials for the nominated year 3-6 students. We will use the trials to assist in picking our team that will compete at the SACPSSA Swimming carnival later in the term. If your child is a competent swimmer over 50m in their preferred stroke and you haven't yet completed a nomination form please use SZapp to complete this.

## Excellence in Sport

Ollie Atyeo from year 6 recently gained selection in the Western Suburbs Junior Cricket Association (WSJCA) U/12 representative team which draws players from over 10 different community clubs. This representative team played in a 4 day metro carnival in the second week of January against 4 other metro cricket associations. Ollie was solid and consistent with the bat throughout the carnival and was awarded the wicket keeping award for 2 of the games. Ollie has also been representing Woodville District Cricket Club in the Premier Cricket U/14 competition as an 11 year old. An outstanding effort and we say congratulations and good luck for all future cricket endeavours.



## Year 6 School Camp

Our Year 6 school camp to Shea-Oak Run @ Finniss is fast approaching. All families who have not yet completed the consent and information form are asked to do so ASAP.

**James Daley**

**Sports Coordinator**



## PLAYGROUP



## PLAYGROUP NEWS

It has been wonderful to see our playgroup children and families back at our school over the last couple of weeks. We have a great number of children for both our sessions and will not be able to take in any extra families at this point in time. If you wish to be placed on a waiting list please contact me at the school.

This week the children enjoyed hearing stories about the ocean creatures and made some octopus creatures during craft time.

**James Daley**

**Sports Coordinator**



**Woolworths**  
**CRICKET BLAST**

**WESTERN YOUTH CENTRE  
CRICKET CLUB**  
**FREE 4 WEEK CRICKET BLAST  
PROGRAM**  
**STARTING WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH**  
**4:30PM-5:30PM**

**WYC**  
**CRICKET CLUB**

**SCAN ME**

**SPORTS VOUCHERS**  
sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au

**ADELAIDE Strikers**

Western Youth Centre

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