



Week 3 - Term 4

Important Dates

SACPSSA Athletics
Carnival

Friday 3 November 2023

Melbourne Cup

Tuesday 7 November 2023

Remembrance Day

Saturday 11 November 2023

National P.E. Week

Monday 13 November 2023

Instrumental Night

Wednesday 15 November
2023

Scholastic Book Fair
- 3:15pm

Thursday 16 November 2023

Scholastic Book Fair
- 8:30-8:50am and
3:15pm

Friday 17 November 2023

Scholastic Book Fair
- 8:30-8:50am and
3:15pm

Monday 20 November 2023

Scholastic Book Fair
- 8:30-8:50am and
3:15pm

Tuesday 21 November 2023

Scholastic Book Fair
- 8:30-8:50am and
3:15pm

Wednesday 22 November
2023

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

Welcome to term 4! Even though it is week 3, it feels like the end of the school year will be upon us before we know it. There will be numerous whole school and class based celebrations over the coming weeks, including (but not limited to) Transition graduation, Instrumental evening, R-3 swimming lessons, 4-5 Aquatics, year 5 and 6 reflection days, School concert, Thanksgiving Mass and year 6 graduation. As a community, we look forward to these opportunities to come together and celebrate everything that is great about our school community.

I have been back at school for two weeks now, having enjoyed a very inspiring period of renewal leave. I had many rich opportunities to nurture my faith, to learn more about the church, and in particular about St Francis and the charism of the Franciscan brothers. My visit to Assisi was amazing and a very spiritual experience! I am looking forward to sharing my learning with the staff and students in the near future and hopefully school families will also notice and experience some new expressions of our story and faith, into the future. I am very grateful for the support of the staff in allowing me the time and space to have this experience, and particularly thanks Angela DeNadai, Corinne McKenzie and Nives Kresevic for their leadership during this period of time.

Families will hopefully have noticed some considerable progress with our new building in recent times, with brick work and exterior cladding going up, and significant interior 'secondfix' infrastructure such as air conditioning being installed. We are anticipating a significant amount of activity in a relatively short space of time from here, with interior walls, joinery etc beginning to happen. I want to acknowledge that school families have had to deal with less than optimal grounds and facilities this year, and while this hasn't impacted on the quality of the teaching and learning, or unreasonably reduced our play spaces, over time, fatigue sets in and you just want it all to be finished.....or maybe that's me saying what is in my head! In any case, in partnership with our builders, Architect and the CESA team we are doing everything we can to bring the project to completion. I humbly seek your ongoing patience and goodwill as we bring this transformational project to fruition. Next week, we will send out a pictorial update, for families who don't get in to school very often.

Last week, we enjoyed a highly successful annual sports carnival. We were blessed with amazing weather, and had a day full of fun, healthy competition and community participation. I sincerely thank James Goldy, James Daley and Maria Silvestri for their expert planning and delivery of the event, all the staff for their support of the PE team and the students, and Sarah McCabe, Charmaine Feiter-Norris and their team of volunteers for providing excellent catering on the day. Congratulations to the Red team for taking out the championship shield and the Green team for winning the Spirit cup. Many of the students who participated will have another opportunity to shine at Friday's SACPSSA Athletics carnival at Santos Stadium!

During the term break, St Francis conducted a Vacation Care program for the first time. It was a highly successful venture, with very strong average attendance and an excellent program delivered by Alexandra Curtis and the OSHC/Vac care team. I am absolutely delighted with the outcome of the venture, and we are planning ahead now for the Christmas and pre-school period in 2024. Further details are imminent and as soon as bookings open, I strongly encourage families to book in, to avoid missing out on what has proven to be a very popular offering!

A reminder to families who haven't yet returned their 2024 compulsory forms to do so as a matter of importance. The forms and reminders have been sent via szapp, for ease of completion.

**God bless,
Phil**

FROM THE DEPUTY

Dear Families

Thankyou

My thanks to all who welcomed me back at the beginning of this term. My medical procedure last term went really well and I especially thank Angela DeNadai who so ably covered for me during my absence.

Volunteering in the school

My sincere thanks to Sarah McCabe, Charmaine Norris and the parent and parish volunteers who catered so wonderfully at last week's

Sports Day.

In week 7, the Reception- Year 3 students will be attending **swimming lessons**. Regrettably last year, teachers ran into difficulties in finding enough parent volunteers to attend each day.

The Catholic Education Policy for Camps and Excursions dictates the ratio of adults to students that must be in attendance whenever we leave the school grounds. In the recent update of this policy, the ratio has increased. Volunteers accompany our excursions for the safety and care of the students. If we are unable to meet these ratios, excursions will not be able to proceed.

We are so appreciative of the time parents give to supporting school activities both on and off site. As there is a process for becoming a volunteer, many willing volunteers run out of time to either apply, or to update clearances which have expired if the process is left too close to the outing date.

If you are willing to be a volunteer, **please check in with Tracy in the office ASAP** as there are a number of steps to the process which could take up to 4 weeks. Your clearance will then be valid for the next 5 years.

We sincerely thank you for your support.

Nives Kresevic
Deputy Principal

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Term 4 is a beautiful time as we wait for the birth of Jesus, especially with the season of Advent around the corner. The first Sunday in Advent is December 3rd.

Sacramental Enrolment 2024

Enrolment forms for the **Sacramental program 2024** will soon be emailed to all current Year 3 families. If you would like your child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion in 2024, please complete the registration form and return by November 25th.

1 NOVEMBER

Feast of All Saints

This feast began in the East to commemorate all martyrs and was progressively adopted in the West. Celebrated on this day in the eighth century and soon widely observed. Honoured today are all holy men and women in glory with Christ: known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the great commandment of love.

Give us the wisdom and courage to remain meek. . . and
to be mindful of the truth that all we have and all we
accomplish comes through you.

Give us the wisdom and courage to always do what is right. . .
even when what is right is not what is popular or easy.

2 NOVEMBER

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls)

All Soul's Day is a Roman Catholic day of remembrance for friends and loved ones who have passed away.

This day of commemoration began early in the Middle Ages with annual prayers for the dead in monastic communities. Fixed on this day, it spread more widely after the tenth century and now ranks with the principal feast days in the liturgical calendar. Commonly known as All Souls, it expresses Christian faith in the communion of saints and our need to pray for one another in the Church.

Prayer for Remembrance Day, November 11th



Originally called Armistice Day, this day commemorated the end of the hostilities for the Great War (World War I), the signing of the armistice, which occurred on 11 November 1918 - the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

After the end of World War II in 1945, the Australian and British governments changed the name to Remembrance Day as an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all the men and women who fought and died in wars.

God Bless

Angela De Nadai

Assistant Principal: Religious Identity and Mission

P.E/SPORT

Sports Day

Wow, what a wonderful day on the school sporting calendar for St Francis. The day was enjoyed by all of our students, teachers, families and wider community. We thank all of the P&F committee for the amazing job they did to make the day run as smooth as it did with the catering and food stalls, along with all of the volunteering helpers who help prepare food, distribute food and at the bake sale stand.

To our Teachers who were on the ground keeping the classes moving from activity to activity, well done and thank you.

To our amazing ESO team who assisted with the class groups and moved around with some of our students who needed a little extra support on the day, thank you.

To the incredible Sport Day team on the day that coordinated the entire day Mr Goldy, Mrs Silvestri, Mr Schultz and Mr Bowman, congratulations and thank you.

To every single St Francis student who participated to the best of their ability, well done and thank you.

To our Sports Day Captains and Vice Captains, the way you conducted yourselves and led your teams with leadership, guidance was nothing short of incredible.

And finally to our winning teams on the day we say congratulations to.

Red- Overall Championship Shield winners

Green- Overall Spirit Cup winners



School Netball and Basketball

After a couple of week off over the school holiday period all of our school Basketball and Netball teams have recommenced the last half of Season 2. Good luck to all of our school teams as they compete and represent our school with pride.

SACPSSA Athletics Carnival

We would like to wish all 58 of our competing student the very best at tomorrow SACPSSA Athletics Carnival that will be held at SA Athletics Stadium. We look forward to giving our community the update post carnival.

CROWS AFLW Players Visit

Today at the 2nd lunch break we were blessed to have a visit from the Adelaide Crows AFLW team, a small group of their players came to our school to help promote their new initiative in conjunction with the SANFL called "Project Heart". They spent the lunch break have a kick and a catch and a chat with some of our students. What a wonderful experience for our students to meet some of the current superstar of the AFLW league.

R-3 Swimming

This years Swimming Program week will take place in Week 7 on Monday-Thursday at Immanuel College Swimming Pool. Please keep an eye on your SZapp feed as we will be sending out the consent to attend via the app in the coming days. Along with the consent/permission online you must also return the hard copy of the swimming information form that your child brought home this week. Please return this to their class teacher by Friday of week 4 at the absolute latest.

SAPSASA Airport District Cricket

Congratulations to Connor Robertson and Ollie Atyeo who have been selected in the final SAPSASA Airport District Cricket Team that will compete in the Division 1 Carnival during week 5. We wish Connor and Ollie and there team all the very best.

James Daley

Sports Coordinator

PLAYGROUP NEWS

It has been wonderful to see all of the faces of our playgroup children back at our school after the holiday break. Over the past few weeks, we have had a wonderful time reconnecting, meeting new families and participating in lots of fun activities a craft creations. Last week we enjoyed some sensory play with various messy and not so messy activity stations and this week was a very special Mini Sports Day Celebration just like the school children did on Friday of last week.

James Daley

Playgroup Coordinator



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be running in our school library.

During weeks 5 and 6 at the following dates and times:

Thursday November 16th 3:15pm

Friday November 17th 8:30am-8:50 and 3:15pm

Monday November 20th 8:30am-8:50 and 3:15pm

Tuesday November 21st 8:30am-8:50 and 3:15pm

Wednesday November 22nd 8:30am-8:50 and 3:15pm

Parents are most welcome to come with their child.

Cash/EFTPOS available.

Yours in reading

Library Team



- ✓ **Throwing**
- ✓ **Catching**
- ✓ **Hitting**
- ✓ **Running**



QR Code to register

MINI EAGLES

2023/24

Friday nights 5:30-6:30pm (Includes sausage sizzle)

Bar and Kitchen open from 5:30

2023: Oct 27 - Dec 1
2024: Feb 9 - March 1

COST: \$50 (T-shirt and hat included)
SA sports voucher accepted

more info @
wtbc.minieagles@gmail.com



Mini Eagles

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