



Week 3 - Term 4

Important Dates

SACPSSA Athletics
Carnival

Thursday 31 October 2024

Yr 6 Drone
Academy

Friday 1 November 2024

Principals Tour

Monday 4 November 2024

Principals Tour

Wednesday 6 November
2024

Book Fair 13th-19th

Wednesday 13 November
2024

Year 6 Reflection
Day

Thursday 14 November 2024

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

We have reached week 3 of term 4 already! A significant number of things have happened already this term, and with only 6 weeks remaining of the school year, things are about to get quite hectic!

Last Friday's Sports day was once again a huge success. The day progressed seamlessly, and all of the children had a great time. It was

so lovely to see so many families and visitors at our school ,enjoying the spectacle. Congratulations to the Gold team for their win of the Athletics Shield, and the Red team for winning the Spirit Cup. All teams were led admirably by our wonderful year 6 students, who demonstrated leadership and initiative. Sincere thanks to James Goldy and James Daley for their excellent organisation of the event, Sarah McCabe and her team of P&F volunteers for coordinating and providing the food and refreshments, Sarah Ryan for overseeing the WHS requirements of the day, and for recruiting her family to assist in so many ways with the set up and pack up! Thanks, too to our dedicated teaching and school staff for their support of the event.

This week, we have also had Catholic Schools Athletics carnival-at the time of writing the students were gearing up in anticipation of the event and we look forward to hearing about their efforts. School swimming will also soon commence for students in Reception-year 3, and older classes will have Aquatics opportunities as well. Add to that our annual tennis tournament, and it is a busy term in school sports!

Over the past few days, our teachers have been working together with our learning partners, Playberry Laser in a cycle of observation and feedback on the delivery of our evidence informed teaching pedagogy. It takes courage to be open to having someone else watch you teach and I am very grateful to our teaching and ESO staff for the openness to participate, and to strive for improvement. This is of great direct benefit to your children in their learning! While this was happening, I have been attending national meetings of APPA and ACPA. One of our presenters was Dr Jenny Donovan from AERO-the Australian Education Research Organisation-and she was extolling the imperative for schools to be engaged in evidence informed practice and Explicit Direct Instruction. In addition to these observation cycles, staff from one of our neighbouring Catholic schools have been visiting and observing best practice in the teaching of mathematics. At St Francis, we are strongly committed to these practises! Sincere thanks to our learning improvement team of Sarah Battistella, Corinne McKenzie, Cheryl Milde, Angela DeNadai and Nives Kresevic for their hard work and dedication.

Over the next few weeks, students will be working hard to complete term four learning goals, and getting ready for our end of year concert and school picnic, which is scheduled for Friday December 6! Olivia Bozzon is working very hard to prepare each year level's performance and it is a significant piece of work that is ongoing throughout the term. All children are expected to attend this event, so please make sure you have the date in your diaries. Further information will be sent in due course.

Our 2025 Receptions have been visiting regularly on Fridays as part of our long transition to school program. They have begun to get to know our mid-year classes as well, as they will all join together for 2025! This is an excellent program and I would like to thank the whole reception team, and particularly Leonie Fitzgerald for her fantastic coordination of the program over many 'iterations.' The children will 'graduate' at the end of week 7.

Kind regards,

Phil Schultz

Principal.

FROM THE DEPUTY

Volunteering in the school

My sincere thanks to Sarah McCabe, Charmaine Norris and the parent, parish and staff 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 last year's update of this policy, the ratio 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.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Term 4 Update

Term 4 is well underway, with the Christmas pageant scheduled for this Saturday and the season of Advent just around the corner. The first Sunday in Advent is December 1st.

Sacramental Enrolment 2025

Enrolment forms for the **2025** Sacramental program will soon be emailed to all current Year 3 families. If you would like your child to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Communion in 2025, please complete the registration form and return it by the specified date.

Halloween

Halloween is becoming increasingly popular in Australia. However, as a Catholic community, we do not celebrate Halloween due to its promotion of paranormal themes. The term "Halloween" is derived from "hallows evening" or "saints evening," referring to the vigil of All Hallows Day, also known as All Saints' Day, celebrated on November 1st. The word "hallow" is an old English term for "saint," as used in the Lord's Prayer: "hallowed be thy name," meaning "may your name be held holy."

As a Catholic community, All Saints' Day is a special occasion to remember those who have lived inspiring lives and dedicated themselves to following Jesus' commandment to love God and one another.

1st NOVEMBER

Feast of All Saints

This feast originated in the East to commemorate all martyrs and was progressively adopted in the West. Celebrated on this day since the eighth century, it honours all holy men and women in glory with Christ, known or unknown, mighty or lowly, whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and the great commandment of love.

Prayer for All Saints' Day: *"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 popular or easy."*

2nd NOVEMBER

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls)

All Souls' Day is a Roman Catholic day of remembrance for friends and loved ones who have passed away. This commemoration began in the early Middle Ages with annual prayers for the dead in monastic communities. Established on this day, it spread more widely after the tenth century and now ranks among the principal feast days in the liturgical calendar. Commonly known as All Souls' Day, 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

COLOUR RUN



The P&F Committee are excited to announce that fundraising for the 2024 Colour Run is complete and totals have been calculated!

Thanks to our generous community, we have raised a total of \$12,736 to contribute towards continued development of the playground for our students.

Alongside this, we are proud to announce that some students chose to donate their personal 'prizes' earned to various charities and from this, 6 coral plantings and 3 turtles have been protected through the Great Barrier Reef Foundation, 49 trees planted through the Plant-a-Tree Foundation and 156 meals have been donated via OzHarvest.

This was all achieved from 177 students out of the 480 at school creating a portal page so next year, we encourage you all to get on board!

The top 10 fundraisers this year were:

1. Amber Singh 3MD
2. Thomas Golusin RLF
3. James McCabe 5CA
4. Harrison Parbs 1TP
5. Carlo Belperio RSO
6. Archie Mills RLF

7. Harvey Pannowitch RLF
8. Maple Marcheson RRC
9. Aliciya Keshwani 4MS
10. Anton Eckert-Marciano RTC

The top 5 classes were:

1. RLF
2. 3MD
3. 1ND
4. RSO
5. 5CA

We thank you for your support of Colour Run 2024, in both fundraising and supporting on the day. The students all look like they had a fabulous day.

Thanks also to the staff for supporting this initiative of the P&F. Many of them were as colourful as the students by the end of the day!

Looking forward to the 2025 Colour Run

P&F Committee



STUDENTS MASTER LIFE-SAVING SKILLS

Week one of this term, our Year 5/6 students took an important step towards becoming more responsible and capable young citizens through their participation in the First Aid in Schools Program.

Through an exciting partnership between St Francis Lockleys School and St John SA, students engaged in practical, hands-on training sessions led by qualified St John instructors. The program was specifically designed to be both educational and engaging, with students learning crucial emergency response skills through interactive demonstrations and practice sessions.

The students were absolutely captivated during the training! They particularly enjoyed learning practical skills like bandaging and basic wound care, while also gaining confidence in knowing how to respond in emergency situations and perform CPR.

Each participant received a certificate of achievement and educational resources to reinforce their learning at home. The program provides essential life skills that extend well beyond the classroom.

We're proud to see our students embrace this valuable learning opportunity, knowing they now have the basic skills and confidence to assist in a medical emergency if needed.



Mini Eagles



MINI EAGLES

FIELDING CATCHING HITTING RUNNING

GIRLS & BOYS AGE 3-7

FRIDAY NIGHTS 5:30 - 6:30PM

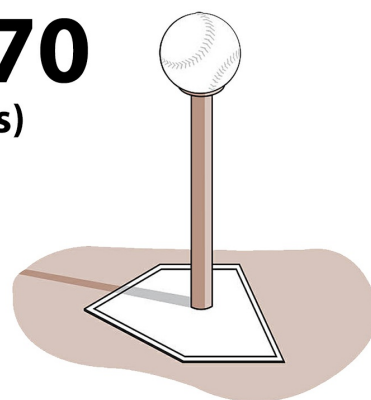
@ LOCKLEYS OVAL

10 sessions - \$70

(inc. shirt & hat for new players)



Scan the QR code
to register



Term 4:

November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & Dec 6

Term 1:

February 14, 21, 28 & Mar 7



Contact the Mini Eagles Coordinator for any questions -
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