



Important Dates

Year 1 Inursion
Tuesday 1 March

Shrove Tuesday
Tuesday 1 March

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 2 March

Swimming Trials
Friday 4 March

**SACPSSA Cricket
Carnival**
Wednesday 9 March

Pupil Free Day
Friday 11 March

Adelaide Cup
Monday 14 March

**SAPSASA Swimming
Trials**
Monday 21 March

**SACPSSA Swimming
Carnival**
Wednesday 23 March

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

It has been wonderful to have all children back at school learning together. There is now a real buzz around the schoolyard, and

teachers have been busily setting up the students in their classes for success in their learning.

As you would by now be aware, we are beginning to see some positive covid-19 cases in some class groups. It is vitally important that families remain vigilant in regard to their children and when any symptoms-however mild-emerge, for the directive of the Chief Public Health Officer, Dr Nicola Spurrier and have a PCR test. Where there are multiple children in a family, if one is being tested, it makes sense to have everyone tested. We live in challenging times and we very much understand the disruption to daily life this causes. We continue to follow the health advice and our priority is to keep all children and the staff of St Francis as safe as we can. To all children and families having to isolate at home because of covid, our thoughts and prayers go with you all, and we look forward to your return to school very soon.

I would like to publicly acknowledge our amazing teaching and administration staff, who are working hard to ensure that all children and safe, well and learning successfully. They are working in quite challenging circumstances at present, with a number of them operating on "test to stay" protocols, as well as managing learning continuity for children who are having to isolate because of covid, while teaching face-to-face. It is my absolute privilege to be working with them all!

One unfortunate flow on effect of covid cases at school is that under current directions, students who are deemed classroom close contacts should avoid all extra-curricular activities for 7 days. This has meant the postponement of a number of sporting activities for the next couple of weeks. We sincerely hope things settle down soon!

Usually, at the beginning of each school year, we would host a 'meet the teacher' evening in the first few weeks of the year. With current restrictions in place, we are unable to have these gatherings in person, so we will be hosting these evenings via a Microsoft Teams video conference, next Tuesday evening. There will be 2 sessions:

R-2 classes-5.00pm-5.30pm

3-6 classes-5.30pm-6.00pm.

Families will receive via Seesaw, a link to join these meetings, along with a simple 'how to join' note. I strongly encourage you to join the meetings to hear from your child's class teachers. There will be limited opportunity for interaction during the meetings and so if you have questions, please email them to the class teacher.

Hopefully by now, families will have had the opportunity to view the video series on teaching reading, that have been sent home over the last week. At St Francis, we are committed to learning improvement, and to implementing curriculum practices that are aligned with what the evidence tells us is best practice. Our staff have been undertaking significant professional learning in recent times, and have been working hard to refine and implement our approach to the teaching of Literacy. We look forward to continuing to share our learning with you, and to seeing significant growth in the student's learning!

With covid-19 impacting our ability to host large public gatherings, this year's Annual General Meeting will need to be conducted 'virtually.' Over the coming few weeks, we will be providing to the community, and AGM booklet with all of the relevant reports and strategic plans, including our Master plan for building improvements. Additionally we will be calling for nominations to the School Board for the 2022 school year. Active involvement in the School Board is a fantastic way to support your child's learning and well-being, and it allows a greater insight to the workings of the school community! This year, there are 4 positions available and shortly, you will receive a letter outlining the process for nominating and voting. Please give strong consideration to nominating and contributing to our wonderful school community!

Have a great week everyone,

God Bless,

Phil

FROM THE DEPUTY

Repeated from week 2

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2022 school year. It has been wonderful to see our Reception and Year 1 students make such an independent start to the year and we look forward to welcoming the rest of our students back next week. We pray that the year is rewarding and filled with many friendships, new experiences and enjoyment.

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

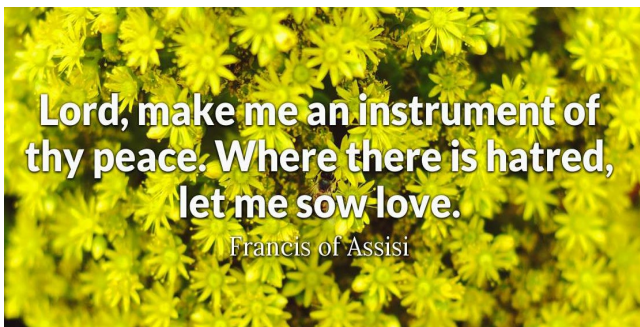
- You must not park your vehicle in an area where a 'No Parking' sign applies, unless: you are dropping off or picking up passengers or goods you do not leave the vehicle unattended - that is, move more than three metres away and you complete the dropping off or picking up as soon as possible - in any 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



*“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace Where there is hatred let me sow love.”
- St. Francis of Assisi*

Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Tuesday 1st March

Tuesday is Shrove/Pancake Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday refers to the shiving 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 2nd March

[Ash Wednesday](#)

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

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)

A Lenten Challenge – Don't buy anything you don't NEED for 40 days. If you can't live without it, you don't need it. Give it up for lent and the money you save can be donated to your favourite charity or spent on something you really do need.

God Bless

Angela

Assistant Principal: Religious Identity and Mission

P.E/SPORT

SACPSSA Cricket Carnival

Congratulations to the 16 students from years 5 and 6 who have been selected into our school cricket teams that will attend the annual SACPSSA Cricket Carnival in week 6. Our school has now been involved in this carnival for the last 2 years since the tournament began. Our students who have attended really enjoy the day's format with modified rules, short boundary's, lots of big hitting and plenty of fun. For our families involved please make sure you complete the SZapp nomination and consent that was sent to you yesterday. Good luck to our teams.

Year 3-6 School Swimming Trials

Due to the recent covid positive cases amongst our school students, our school has decided to postpone the swimming trials that were to be held on Monday 28th February. Unfortunately, those who are now deemed a classroom contact cannot participate in any indoor sporting activities for a 7 day period and therefore wouldn't have been able to attend on Monday. We have been able to secure a new trial day and this will be Friday 4th March. There will be no changes to original format that was planned in terms of drop off times by parents and return to school times for the students. Please note that the original permission forms will still apply to this changed date, unless you advise us otherwise. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding as we navigate through these challenging times. I will leave the nominations open for a few more days now that the new trial date is a week away. Please scroll back through your SZapp feed to find the nomination form if you wish for your child to participate. Good luck to our swimmer as they try to gain selection in both our SACPSSA Team but also the potential to represent at SAPSASA level too.

Year 2-5 School Basketball and Netball Teams ROUND 1 Forfeits

Due to the recent covid positive cases amongst our school students, our school has made the decision to withdraw our teams from next week's games that were to be held at St Clair Recreation Centre. Unfortunately, those who are now deemed a classroom contact cannot participate in any indoor sporting activities for a 7 day period and therefore wouldn't have been able to attend next week. Due to years levels crossing over in these teams, by taking out the classroom contacts our numbers left would be far to low to be able to proceed next week also. We predict to now begin our season in week 6 for these teams affected.

James Daley

Sports Coordinator

LITERACY @ ST FRANCIS

How wonderful to have everyone back at school!

As you would all know by now, our literacy programs and delivery are changing and developing, based on the 'Science of Reading' this year. To give you some more information and to help answer any questions you may have on the topic, we have sent home a series of clips on SZapp by a professional in the field, Linda Clune. Hopefully you have had a chance to watch the first 2 clips already – the final instalment will be sent out tomorrow. If you have not yet watched the clips and have a child in the Early Years, we ask that you make the time to view them before parent-teacher online meetings next week.



Linda talks in depth in Clip 1 about the Simple View of Reading, where **Reading Comprehension** is the end goal. At St Francis we are

passionate about ensuring each student achieves this goal. We now understand that we achieve Reading Comprehension when we explicitly teach Phonological Awareness, Oral Language, Decoding, Vocabulary and Fluency (The Big 6). Over this term I will give more detail about each of the Big 6 here in the newsletter.

Today, I wanted to try to answer some questions you may have about 'readers' and your children reading at home.

Our early readers in Reception and Year 1 will be exclusively working with decodable readers. These are books that only include words that the students can 'decode' (sound-out) according to the letter sounds they have been taught. Early readers need lots of practice with the phonic skills they are learning in class and these books provide that important practice. Decodable books may be sent home for your child to practice decoding some time during this term. They may have 1 or 2 books to practice for a week at a time and should be able to read these books with some ease, having been explicitly taught all the letter sounds within the book.

Older readers who have 'cracked the code', or are independently reading different texts, will be encouraged to choose appropriate books for their ability. They will be reading these texts in class and bringing them home for further practice. Students in higher grades may also bring home decodable books or passages to read if they have not yet 'cracked the code'.

Something that I do want to encourage you ALL to continue to do (even parents of Year 5 and 6 students), is to read to and with your child/ren at home. Research has shown that reading aloud to your child is the single most important thing that you can do to prepare your child for reading and learning. In fact, 2 of the Big 6 are covered when you read to your child at home: developing oral language, building background knowledge and expanding your child's vocabulary. Reading at home also nurtures a love of reading, models what good reading sounds and looks like and it strengthens bonds with your child!



Once again, if you have not watched Linda's clips – please make sure you do before the Parent Teacher evening.

Keep on reading!

Christie-Lee Hansberry

Pupil Free Day



Pupil Free Day

Friday 11th of March

come and join us for a

Mexican Party

where we will make a Piñata, make our own sombreros and an all time favourite snack - tacos.

we are open 7 am - 6 pm

Cost of the day is \$55.

To make a booking please

call: 8356 6404 or

email: [OSHCBOOKINGS](mailto:OSHCBOOKINGS@SFLOCKLEYS.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU)

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Pupil Free Day Routine

7:00–8:30 Breakfast



9:00–10:00 Inside or Outside Activities



10:00–10:30 Brain food

10:30–12:00 Inside/Outside Activities & 30min technology time

12:00–12:15 Group Time

12:15–12:45 Lunch time

2:45–15:30 Inside or Outside Activities



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& 30min technology time

15:45–16:15 Light meal time

16:15–17:30 Inside/Outside Activities

17:30–18:00 Ready to go home time
THANK YOU!



HOOKIN2 HOCKEY

HOCKEY STICKS PROVIDED EACH SESSION! A MOUTHGUARD, HAT & DRINK IS RECOMMENDED!



CLUB: Grange Royals Hockey Club

VENUE: Grange Reserve, Fort Street, Grange, SA, 5022

PROGRAM START DATE: Wednesday, 2 March 2022

TIME: 4:00pm – 5:00pm

NO. OF WEEK: 7 weeks

PRICE: \$35

Read



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