

St Francis of Assisi Bugle

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Newsletter No. 5



PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2! Although it has been an unusual start to the school term, it has been wonderful welcoming back children physically onto school grounds, healthy, happy and smiling. I have also enjoyed keeping in touch with our remote learners through both SeeSaw and Teams and seeing the wonderful work being completed by every child, whether here or at home. We trust all our children and families have had a restful break and have focused on their health and wellbeing.

We currently have approximately 60% of our student cohort physically back at school and we look forward to welcoming the remaining children when they return. As stated previously, we are fully supportive of parent decisions when to return their children to school and are focused on delivering high quality Catholic Education that is equitable for all in our community. Our staff have worked extremely hard to provide engaging activities for the children to enable them to continue learning regardless of their physical location. To say I am proud of the staff and the way they have managed this turbulent time would be an understatement. For an example of some of the outstanding work being completed through our remote learning platforms, please click here: <https://www.facebook.com/stfrancisbutler/videos/879205002580857/>

As outlined in communications previously sent home, Catholic Education WA will review our position on remote learning this Monday, 11th May. Any decisions regarding this discussion will be communicated to parents as soon as practicably possible. Our school has put measures in place to try to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our children is the number one priority and includes, but is not limited to the measures below:

- Daily cleaning schedule of high contact surfaces
- Playgrounds in K/PP and outside Year 5 closed
- Hand sanitiser and soap available to all children
- Hand washing and hygiene practices encouraged and explicitly taught



St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School aspires to be a community where each individual is respected as a uniquely gifted creation of God, and where all are encouraged to grow in faith, love, knowledge and service to others in the light of the Gospels.

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SCHOOL TIMES

8:25am: Students commence classes

Recess: 10:40am—11:05am

Lunch: 1:10pm—1:45pm

Home : 2:45pm

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- Water fountains used solely for filling drink bottles only
- Reduced use of shared sports equipment
- Parents and visitors not allowed on site
- Kiss & Ride and McCormack Blvd Drop off and pickup

We will continue to make decisions based on WA Health Department advice and the advice of Catholic Education WA. A reminder to all parents that all information regarding COVID-19 is available via our school website.

Staggered SCHOOL FINISH TIMES to help with Pickup (Commencing on Monday 11 May)

Thank you to all the parents who have supported our Kiss & Drive and McCormack Blvd drop-off and pickup. We have seen increased delays at pickup, therefore we are going to trial staggered finish times. With more children intending on returning to school on Monday, we are staggering our school finish times to alleviate the extensive delays in the drive through:

2:20pm - KINDY + SIBLINGS All children in Kindy and their siblings to be picked up.

2:30pm - PRE PRIMARY + SIBLINGS All children in PP and their siblings to be picked.

2:45pm - ALL OTHER CHILDREN

- If you **DO NOT** have children in Kindy/PP, please **AVOID** arriving at pickup until 2:40pm. This will give us a chance to move through the Kindy/PP children first with their siblings.
- If you do not have a child in those years and you are waiting in the queue, you will be asked to move on until your child is out. These details have been updated on the school website.

FAMILY SURNAME VEHICLE CARDS

To help staff identify which vehicle is for which children and speed up the process, we are introducing a **FAMILY SURNAME** laminated card to be displayed. This will allow staff to get to know all children and hopefully increase the speed in which we get children into your car. These will be handed out over the coming week - please display on your dashboard or on the reverse of your visor (so that when it is pulled down, we can view it).

St Andrew's Parish Live Masses - Facebook

Father Dariusz and Father Marian are making the most of their millennial technology skills with the live streaming of masses via their Facebook page. To enable you to still nourish your faith even though physical churches remain closed, visit www.facebook.com/standrewsclarkson You can also follow the school page here www.facebook.com/stfrancisbutler

Principal Appointment Process

Due to the restrictions with COVID19, the permanent appointment of the Principal for St Francis of Assisi was put on hold last term. With positive news on the horizon the process has once again been undertaken. We are hopeful the appointment will be completed soon and an announcement made to the community.

Uniform - Winter Uniform delays / Changeover

As you would be aware, due to COVID-19 there have been significant delays in shipping and freight across the world. A result of this is a delay in the availability of some items from the uniform shop. This includes the following:

St Francis of Assisi branded tracksuit jackets (unavailable)

St Francis of Assisi branded winter knit jumpers (unavailable)

To support parents with this issue, we have discounted Brighton Catholic Primary School branded jumpers and jackets which can be worn until the beginning of 2022. These can be purchased at a reduced cost:

Brighton Catholic Primary Tracksuit Jacket - \$30 (limited sizes) Normally \$54

Brighton Catholic Primary Winter Knit - \$40 (limited sizes) Normally \$70

These jumpers and jackets can be worn until the beginning of 2022. Due to COVID delays in shipping worldwide, our new St Francis of Assisi jackets and winter jumpers will arrive later this term. If your child does not have a school winter jacket or jumper, please advise the classroom teacher in writing. I will advise parents of winter uniform changeover processes once we have confirmation of a return date to usual school routines for all children.

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School Fees - Fee Support

As communicated last term, parents who have been affected by COVID19 and would like support with school fees, please contact me to discuss. Your child's enrolment at St Francis of Assisi is guaranteed regardless of fees and we will support all our families who's circumstances have been affected. If you need to access fee support please email

finance@stfrancisbutler.wa.edu.au

Mother's Day - 10th May

This Sunday 10th May is Mother's Day and today we supported the P&F with the annual Mother's Day Stall. All the children in PP - Year 6 were able to buy a gift for their mother to the value of \$6. Thank you to Stephenie Kunder, Mrs Goor, Mrs Bowden and Miss Campbell for coordinating the stall and ensuring this could go ahead for our children. Friday 8th May, the Kindy children will be given the opportunity to purchase a gift.

There will be a special gift for all our St Francis of Assisi mother's handed out at the Kiss & Drive on Friday morning so make sure you do the drop-off, not Dad! We wish all the mums, grandmothers and carers a wonderful day on Sunday and hoping you get spoilt with no household duties, cooking, cleaning or mediating sibling disagreements!

As restrictions in WA are eased and the prospect of sport resuming, cafes and pubs being opened, and social gatherings increasing, the horizon looks very promising. However, we encourage our community to remain vigilant, keep practising safe hygiene and closely adhere to social distancing advice. We are certainly all in this together!

Best wishes and stay safe.

Jason Baker

Principal

R.E. NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2. It has certainly been a different start to the term, and I wish everyone well as we navigate this unique situation. Please remember to always be kind – kind to other AND kind to yourself.

EASTER

I hope everyone experienced a holy and wonderful Easter with their families – it was certainly difficult not being able to experience the Easter Triduum with our own parishes. This week is Week 4 of the liturgical season of Easter. The Easter season is the most important of all the liturgical seasons, as we welcome the Risen Lord. The Easter season began on Easter Sunday and continues for a full 50 days, through the Ascension of Our Lord to Pentecost Sunday, - that's a full seven weeks, making the season of Easter the longest in the Catholic Church.

SACRAMENTS and SCHOOL / CLASS MASSES

All Sacraments and Liturgical celebrations including class and school liturgies, are currently cancelled until further notice due to COVID-19 restrictions. All decisions regarding the return of celebrating the Mass in our parishes and schools come from Archbishop Costelloe, and reflect the guidelines from the Australian and Western Australian Governments and respective Health Departments.

MOTHER'S DAY

Wishing all women – Mothers, grandmothers, foster & adoptive mothers, aunts, sisters, friends and teachers, a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday. To those who have lost a mother, those who long to be a mother, adoptive and foster mothers, and those who selflessly love like a mother – we honour your nurturing, kindness and love.

"Lord, grant that I might not so much seek to be loved as to love." **St Francis of Assisi**

Miss Dee Campbell

SCHOOL FEES

Families on Health Care Cards, please send me a copy of your updated card so you can continue to receive the discount for this year.

If you have any queries, please phone or send me an email. My email address is geneve.bastian@cewa.edu.au

Regards, Geneve Bastian, Finance Officer

LIBRARY NEWS

Remember to look at your local Library and the State Library for books. It is free to join both of these Libraries and they have ebooks available for members. Below is a link to the State Library website and the City of Wanneroo Library membership website to join and then you have access to the resources from home.

State Library

<https://catalogue.slwa.wa.gov.au/selfreg~S2>

Wanneroo Libraries

<https://wanneroo.spydus.com/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/JOIN>



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to the following students who have recently celebrated a birthday or who will be celebrating a birthday over the next two weeks:

Adam Turner, Loushia Deng, Caroline Odongo, Olivia Embry, Laurienne Musenge, Eadiee Mariner, Emily Whent, Puonyuom Deng, Lillian Atwon, Emma Ryan, Eleanor Hansen, Victor Sebit, Lucy Tebbit, Kayla Leach, Archie O'Hare, Paige Lynton, Carl Costandy, Chanelle Hartstonge, Bridgette Cooke, Cleveland MacDonald, Layla Thomas, James Le, Kaden Keen, Misa Nguyen, Balen Rudduck, Koby Whitehead.

We wish you all a wonderful day!



Congratulations to the Walker family (Flynn in Kindy) on the recent arrival of a baby brother 'Jude' born on the 14th April.

ST ANDREW'S PARISH, CLARKSON

(Cnr Belleville Gardens & Victorsen Parade)

Tel: 9407 7512

Parish Priest: Father Dariusz Basiaga

Assistant Priest: Father Marion Brzozowski



IRENE McCORMACK CATHOLIC COLLEGE 2021 YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARIES

**Applications are now invited for the following
Year 7 2021 Scholarship and Bursaries**

Academic Scholarship

Register online at <http://scholarships.acer.edu.au/intro/1943>

Academic Scholarship Examination held on Saturday, 13th June

St Andrew's Catholic Parish Bursary

Yanchep/Lancelin Catholic Pastoral Area Bursary

Merriwa Primary School Bursary

St Andrew's Catholic Primary School Bursary

St Francis Catholic Primary School Bursary

Aboriginal Bursaries

*Application forms and further information available from the
College website <http://www.imcc.wa.edu.au/enrolments.html#bursaries-and-scholarships>
or by emailing admin@imcc.wa.edu.au*

Applications closing date extended to Friday, 29th May 2020.



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Prayer Service Justice



A fun OSHC activity to do at home in self-isolation: *Puffy Paint*.

As many of us are self-isolating at home during the pandemic, it can be stressful trying to think of new and fun activities to do with your children. Camp Australia's OSHC programs are full of fun scientific experiments that are engaging and educational. Here's one you can try at home with items that are usually kept in the pantry.

DIY Puffy Paint

You will need:

- 1 TBSP Self-Raising Flour
- 2 Drops of Food Colouring
- 1 TBSP Salt
- Water
- Paper Plates

Instructions:

1. Combine the flour and salt in a small bowl.
2. Add a bit of water and stir until it becomes a smooth, thin paste.
3. Add your food colouring (your choice what colour!) and mix well.
4. Use the paste to decorate a paper plate.
5. Microwave your masterpiece for 30 seconds and watch it puff up!
6. Remember to let it cool down before touching.



Our OSHC service is open and operating for those that need our care, and will provide your children with fun activities, like the one above, and engaging programs that have an increased focus on hygiene and social distancing.

For families who require care, childcare will be provided free of charge until 30th June as per the Federal Government's announcement on the 2nd April. Whilst care is free, we still need to know if you are coming. We ask that you get your bookings in as soon as you can.

It's FREE to Register. (and if you want to use OSHC, you first need to register).

Register at pp.campaustalia.com.au/account/login. Once registered, it's easy to make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

Visit our blog for helpful information and fun activities.

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families. This month we are focusing on all things COVID-19. We talk about how to adjust to the changes you've made in your household, including fun activity ideas to entertain your child at home.

Visit the blog here: <https://campaustalia.com.au/blog>