



In The Season of Lent...

Fast from judgement; Feast on compassion, Fast from greed; Feast on sharing
Fast from scarcity; Feast on abundance, Fast from Fear; Feast on peace
Fast from lies; Feast on truth, Fast from gossip; Feast on praise
Fast from anxiety; Feast on patience, Fast from evil; Feast on kindness
Fast from apathy; Feast on engagement, Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude
Fast from discouragement; Feast on hope, Fast from hatred; Feast on love.

Commencement and Commissioning Mass

A cast of thousands was involved in the Commencement and Commissioning Mass today, Thursday 18th February. It was a beautiful celebration of the beginning of the year with a focus on commissioning our new school name.

Thank you to all our wonderful staff, especially Mrs Pierce for her many hours of work preparing for this very special Mass.

Thank you to all those who joined us.

Prac Student

We warmly welcome Mrs Sue Stanic, mother of Campbell in Year 2 to St Francis of Assisi Primary School as she completes her student practicum. Sue is studying Certificate 3 in Education Support and will be working in our Foundation, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 classes on Mondays and Thursdays.

Nature Play and Courtyard

Plans for the Courtyard Design and Nature Play area are continuing to evolve. After the last set of feedback to the architects they have sent updated designs and these designs are on display in the Gathering Place, please call in and have look at them and give some feedback on the sticky notes. Write on the note and stick it on the plan. I will gather all feedback and compile for the architects on Friday the 4th of March.

Our New Website is Live – Feedback Please - www.sfwodonga.catholic.edu.au

Our new website is live and we would love to hear what you think. It will continue to develop with new photos and information over the next couple of weeks. If you do a Google search you will still see the Frayne College address but when you open the site it is our new website, this will be sorted out over the next couple of weeks.

Swimming Sports

I hope our years 3 to 6 students and staff have a wonderful day at the swimming sports on Friday. A big thank you to Mrs Hehir our Sports Leader for her organisation of the day.

I apologise in advance for not being able to attend the swimming sports this year, I will be going to Bendigo straight after our Commencement Mass on Thursday for the Sandhurst Leadership Gathering.

Mrs Jennyne Wilkinson
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB 18TH Parent Sustainability Meeting 7.30 - 9.30pm

FEB 19TH Swimming Carnival Yr 3 - 6

FEB 22ND 1:1 laptop information evening 6-7pm

FEB 24TH No Foundation students

FEB 25TH School Photos

FEB 26TH Sorbet Day Fundraiser



St Francis Forum - TOPIC - Maximising our use of Social Media

When: Thursday 25th February, 7 - 8:15pm
Where: Gathering Place

Jennyne Wilkinson extends a warm invitation to all parents, carers and friends to attend the first St Francis Forum. Our forums provide an opportunity to share information and to discuss different topics. These evenings occur once a term. Come along to listen, contribute and to be a part of the school community. It's a great opportunity to catch up with other parents. Tea and coffee will be available. The Forum will commence at 7pm so please arrive a bit earlier to make yourself a cuppa.

Please email your ideas and suggestions to Jennyne Wilkinson - jwilkinson@sfwodonga.catholic.edu.au

Volunteers Needed to help with Sorbet Day - Friday 26th February

We need volunteers to assist with the making of sorbet (using Thermomix). Do you have a Thermomix that you could bring into the Gathering Place kitchen to assist on the day? Fruit Sorbet (made with fruit, ice and sugar) will be sold to students at a small cost. Volunteers are needed to help serve the sorbet and to help clean and pack away. If you are a new family to the school we'd love to chat and get to know you..

To volunteer as a helper please email pfn@sfwodonga.catholic.edu.au



Volunteers Needed to help with morning tea - Special Person's Day - Friday 18th March

We need six or more volunteers spread out over the morning. Early in the morning we need one person to fill and turn the urn on. We need two people to get the cups, tea and coffee ready and assist with arranging the tables around school drop off time. We need volunteers to assist with arranging the morning tea. We would like at least two volunteers to help clean and pack away. If you are a new family to the school and would like to see how things work when helping then please come along as an extra helper. We'd love to chat and get to know you as we show you around and where to find items in the Gathering Place.

To volunteer as a helper please email pfn@sfwodonga.catholic.edu.au and include if you can help with the set up, during or after the morning tea.



St Francis Parents & Friends Network Meeting

When: Thursday 4th March, 7 - 8:15pm

Where: Staff Room

All families are warmly invited to attend the St Francis PFN Meeting.

What is the PFN? And why would I want to be involved?

The St Francis PFN is a place for the school, parents and the wider community to generate, discuss and prioritise ideas and put these ideas into action.

The activities include but are not limited to:

- Fundraising
- Policy development & support
- Marketing
- Community Engagement
- School Projects
- Grant application
- Special events
- Support the Pastoral Role
- Parent network
- Social events
- St Francis Froglets

The PFN meetings occur on the 1st Thursday of every month in school term. Why would you want to be involved? Your ideas, skills and talents are welcome, or your input towards someone else's idea may make it bigger and better! You are a part of a group that makes a difference to the school and of course, many hands make light work!



THE 1/2 AREA ENJOYING THEIR INVESTIGATION UNIT



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