



Francis Jordan Catholic School

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news letter

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to the 2022 school year and a special welcome is extended to all new families, staff and students to our school community. I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday, enjoying our beautiful summer weather (and heat wave!) and spending time with family and friends.

At the outset of the 2022 school year, it is important that we reflect upon and are grateful for the ease of restrictions we enjoyed last year in Perth. This year we face Omicron with much of the same restrictions plus a few extra. We will continue to work together and support one another within our school community, whenever possible.

Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) continues to work closely with the Department of Education and health authorities to monitor COVID. **Please see the letter from CEWA Executive Director Debra Sayce (link below) and read carefully as it outlines important information including school environments, vaccination requirements and proof, volunteering, school attendance etc for our schools.**

Letter from CEWA Executive Director: 2022.01.27 Parents and caregivers safe return to school Executive Director CEWA

To enable a smooth and safe transition into the new school year there have been a number of things we have put into place where Francis Jordan students, parents and members of staff can gather safely.

As part of the Phase 5 School Operations Guidelines, the **1.5 social distancing rule continues to apply** to parents and visitors in schools and I ask that parents remember this when on the school grounds.

COMING EVENTS

TERM 1 WEEK 2

Monday 7 February

Parent Information Evening

Pre-Primary 5pm; Yr3 - 6pm

Tuesday 8 February

Parent Information Evening

Yr2 5pm; Yr1 6pm

Wednesday 9 February

Yr4 -5pm; Yr6-6pm

Parent Information Evening

Thursday 10 February

Parent Information Evening

Yr 5 at 5pm.

Friday 11 February

Running Club 8.10 - 8.20am

TERM 1 WEEK 3

Monday 14 - Valentines Dy

Tuesday 15 Pastoral Care

Teacher Interviews 2.50-5pm

Wednesday 16 - Staff Meeting

School Board 6pm

P&F - 7.15pm

Thurs 17 Feb - Parent Rep Review Meeting 8.40am - DOME

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Friday 18 Feb - Running Club



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Before school you are welcome to pop into the classrooms (with masks on) for a brief period e.g. 5 minutes and then move outside on to the verandas to enable other parents to enter the classroom.

I am sure that some children are coming back with mixed emotions, some keen and eager to start the year and see their friends again and other children may naturally be a little nervous after having spent time away from school. Please be reassured that the staff are organised and ready to welcome your children back to school and will help your children settle back into the school routine.

Staff will be welcoming students and parents back and you will have an opportunity to introduce yourself to the teacher in the first week or two. Parents are most welcome to make a time to meet on an individual basis regarding their child at any time during Term 1 however we would like to provide advanced notice that all **classroom teachers will be holding parent-teacher meetings later in the term for all students**. Details on bookings will come later in the term.

At this point in time assemblies, masses and liturgies will continue and parents and family members are most welcome to join us with seating socially distanced. However please note that scheduled events may be modified or cancelled based upon health advice at the time.

All adults including **parents, visitors and staff must wear a mask when indoors. If social distancing is not possible outdoors, then the mask ruling requires you to wear a mask** e.g. if there is crowding around outside of classrooms during drop off/pick up times. Staff are not required to wear masks when teaching, issuing instructions etc to the students.

If parents, carers or visitors are entering any school buildings (apart from dropping off in mornings/picking up in the afternoon), then they must sign in at the front office (as has always been the procedure) and must now sign in using the **SafeWA app or ServiceWA app** in the front office as well. The scanning info is also up around the school on classroom doors.

Please read the proof of **vaccination requirements** as outlined in the CEWA Executive Director's letter. All Francis Jordan school staff have been double dose vaccinated and will receive a third dose within one month of becoming eligible. Regular visitors and relief staff will also be required to provide documentation that they have been double/triple dose vaccinated.

Parents/carers are not currently required to be vaccinated when:

- dropping off or picking up their child from school
- volunteering at school on an ad hoc basis (which means attendance at no more than one education facility no more than once per week)



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- attending an event such as an assembly or parent teacher interview
- entering the school after hours

Parents/carers are required to provide vaccination evidence or exemption when:

- volunteering at the school/s more than once a week
- working in an unpaid capacity at the school/s more than once a week

If parents are unsure of signing in requirements, proof of vaccination requirements etc, please check information posters on all classroom doors and around the school.

Our school is committed to adhering to the advice of the Chief Health Officer in ensuring the health, safety and wellbeing of all within our community. We continue with our enhanced cleaning and hygiene practices throughout the school. Hand sanitising stations are positioned around the school. Parents, visitors etc. to the school, and/or entering the classrooms, are asked to use the hand sanitisers. Students will be reminded to wash and sanitise their hands at key points during the day.

An external company (endorsed by CEWA) is in the process of undertaking a ventilation audit of all catholic schools. Air purifiers will be installed if required. Ventilation will also be maximised in the classrooms/learning areas by opening windows, doors and using fans and air conditioners. It is important to note that both natural and mechanical ventilation methods may be utilised in our school along with the critical strategies of staff vaccinations, the wearing of masks, enhanced cleaning and ongoing expectations of high levels of hygiene. Each measure is being used to keep our students and staff safe.

Students who are unwell should stay home. Given the current situation, students at school who display any symptoms of illness will be sent to the office and sent home.

Specific symptoms are sore throat, cough or fever. Parents are asked to seek medical advice if their child exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 and are to notify the school if they have undergone testing. We currently have a limited number of RAT tests that we can give to parents when they collect their child if they have not been able to source their own. We ask that once the test has been administered a photo of the result be emailed to the school for our records. Normal processes for advising the school of a child's absence will apply for any parent who keeps their unwell child home.



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Learning contingency plans are in place for remote learning, if required, which may include hardcopy learning packages and/or access to online learning resources. Regular teaching staff are able to be utilised in different areas of the school to temporarily replace teachers and other school staff who are required to isolate due to COVID-19 and the school maintains a pool of relief teachers to be deployed if required.

If there are any updates from CEWA regarding COVID and further procedures and protocols, I will update parents via SeeSaw as soon as possible. Please continue to read our school newsletters each fortnight.

We are committed to ensuring Francis Jordan is a COVID-19 safe space and I thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our students, staff members and school community safe.

Regards

Chris Dunning
Principal

REMINDER

PLEASE NOTE: Absentee/Late notices must be sent to the email address as per previous requests. Please **also respond to** absentee sms's to this email – **absent@fjcs.wa.edu.au** with:

students name, class, date, reason and parent's name.

This email address was set up specifically for this purpose as teachers, are busy teaching and your notification may not get picked up if sent to any other email address.

Thanking you in anticipation of your co-operation also thank you to the Parents who are already using this address to advise of any Late/Absent notices.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE: For any other time away from school, not medical or sickness related, you are required to fill in a **LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST** form. This can be collected from the Front Office.



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Curriculum News

School Reports Survey

This week I sent out a Seesaw message asking for parent feedback regarding our reporting document. Before making changes, it is important for us to know what you find most valuable and informative when reading and understanding your child's report.

Thank you to everyone who has already completed it. Your feedback allows us to make informed decisions.

If you haven't completed the survey, please use this link to answer the 8 quick questions <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Iy-FxTM2KU-zhIHaU-NeI93Gzj5IxI5Iiv-mwNIGERVUQzI3QTIPSEFBU0ZWTTVaSlc4OEwzVDNHTi4u>

Parent Support

At the upcoming Parent Information Nights you will hear all the different ways you can support your child this year in their specific year level. Throughout the year however, I will also provide ways in which you can support your child in their learning, specific to the programs we use at Francis Jordan. The first one I would like to invite our early years (Kindy to Year 1) parents to is a FREE Sounds-Write course. [SOUNDS-WRITE SUPPORT FOR PARENTS | SOUND LITERACY](#)

The course takes parents through:

- ◆ how to help their child take their first steps in reading and spelling;
- ◆ understand how to help their child build, write and read simple cvc (consonant, vowel, consonant) words;
- ◆ understand how to correct their child when they make a mistake in their reading or writing of simple words;
- ◆ have a basic understanding of how phonics works.

Gloria Ward
Assistant Principal Curriculum
STEAM Teacher



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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

We are looking at implementing a series of support sessions for children who are experiencing difficulty with social and emotional issues. These will take place on a Thursday during class time.

The groups will be facilitated by Mrs. Margaret Brown.

The form which the group takes will reflect the needs of the participating students.

If you think your child or children would benefit from being part of a group in 2022 please complete the following questionnaire by Wednesday February.

Issue	Name of child Year level	Reason why this is a concern	What would you like your child to learn from participating.
<u>Coping with Change</u> Grief and Loss because our family has experienced change through divorce, death or re-location.			
<u>Coping with Stress</u> Recognising and learning strategies to manage stress.			
<u>Coping with Peers</u> Getting on with friends, how to take turns, negotiate and resolve conflicts.			
<u>Coping with Responsibility</u> Taking charge of myself, goal setting, organisational strategies.			
<u>Coping with Anger</u> Recognising and managing anger, developing self control.			
<u>Self Awareness</u> Understanding perspective and different points of view.			
Parent Names			
Contact Details			

If you would like further information please email me on

Marg.brown@cewa.edu.au or come to the tech hub area on Thursday before school and speak with me.

Margaret Brown

School Counsellor



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FRANCIS JORDAN NETBALL CLUB (FJNC)

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WINTER NETBALL 2022 for U7's - U12's

Registration Closes 13th of February 2022

FOR MORE INFORMATION KINDLY CONTACT:

BRONWYN - bronsteve@westnet.com.au

ELEANOR - eleanor@beproductions.net.au

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BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS



Please save your bread tags – they will be recycled to fund wheelchairs in South Africa.



Bread Tags for Wheelchairs has been recycling bread tags in South Africa since 2006. They currently collect about 500kg/month, which funds 2-3 wheelchairs. Now we are collecting in Australia too!



What can I do?

It's easy save your bread tags for a while and then drop them off at one of our collection points. Ask your family, friends, school and local café to help.



Visit our website for signage, to find your nearest collection point, or to host a collection point.

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 ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au

 [@aussiebreadtags](https://www.facebook.com/aussiebreadtags)

Local Contact:

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Interviews for enrolments for Year 7 2025 students are being conducted this Semester for sisters of current and past Mercedes students. If you have not enrolled your daughter, please contact our Enrolments Officer, Nicole Kirk, on 9323 1340 or enrol online via the College website at www.mercedes.wa.edu.au as soon as possible.

Mercedes College Open Day | Tuesday 15 March

Located in the heart of Perth’s beautiful heritage precinct, Mercedes College are proud to be opening its gates for prospective families. The tour provides an opportunity for parents to hear from the Senior Leadership Team and enjoy a tour of College grounds and facilities led by some of our Student Representative Leaders.

There are two sessions on offer: 8:30am-10.30am or 11am-1pm. Both sessions conclude with some light refreshments and the opportunity to speak with some of our Teachers. Please register via the College website. Limited places available; www.mercedes.wa.edu.au/open-morning/



FRANCIS JORDAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL OSHCLUB

We are looking forward to welcoming new families and reconnecting with our friends at **Francis Jordan Oshclub**. We are bringing the FUN back in 2022, with your chance to WIN a term for FREE. We’re reimagining FUN with enriching, exciting new programs created by children for children. Exciting clubs, activities and incursions await.

The world outside of school may be changing every day, but we will always be here to provide a consistent, high-quality Outside School Hours Care to your school community.

Simply secure your permanent Before and After School Care bookings for 2022 and you could WIN a term for FREE.

To be in the draw, you need to make your bookings between 9:00am (AEST) 1st February 2022 - 12:00pm (AEST) 7th April 2022.

One of three prizes to be won in Western Australia. Each winner will receive free Before and/or After School care for Term 2, 2022 (up to the value of \$1,000) according to the permanent bookings made before 12:00pm (AEST) 7th April 2022.

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