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## Our Vision

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# news letter

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we move forward into the year, it is inevitable that we will have cases of COVID in our school. We are working to strict protocols for students who have been presenting with coughs, runny noses or high temperatures, which are all symptoms of COVID. The safety and wellbeing of all students and staff is our highest priority. As WA is now considered to be in a high caseload setting, we need to remain vigilant and monitor for symptoms. If your child is unwell, they should not attend school and, if anyone in your household displays any of the COVID-19 symptoms, they should seek testing immediately, notify us and isolate until a negative result is received. Please notify us immediately of a positive test result and note any communications with results will maintain identity confidentiality. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to keeping our community safe.

We ask that if you are contacted to come and collect your child, you do it as soon as possible and please follow the directions of staff when you arrive on campus.

A big thank you to Mrs Admans who has organized the coffee van over the last few Fridays. If the owner has enough business, we will continue this on a regular basis. In conjunction with Fr George from the Salvatorian's house, we will look to make a permanent area we can use for the van where there is seating and shade.

We have had a number of students who have arrived late to school during the week past and they have not come to the office to tag in. If they do not do this, an automated SMS is generated that is sent to parents. Please ensure that if you are late visit the office first thing to tag in.

## COMING EVENTS

**Wednesday 23 February**

**Staff Meeting 3pm**

**Confirmation Parent Information evening 7pm - SSP**

**Thursday 24 February**

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**Friday 25 March**

**New Families Morning Tea  
8.30am in Prayer Garden**

**Wednesday 2 March**

**Ash Wednesday Liturgy**

**8.30am**

**Staff Meeting—3pm**

**Thursday 3 March**

**World Wildlife Day**

**Friday 4 March**

**Running Club 8.10-8.20am**

**Schools Clean Up Day**



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On Wednesday we had our first School Advisory Council meeting and I am pleased to announce that Mr Gareth Jacob will continue as chairperson of the group. Mrs Shannon Britten will be our new secretary taking over from Mrs Keris Gordon who has done a wonderful job over the last two years. Mr Ryan Rafferty will continue as treasurer. Our committee members are Mrs Kate Fitzsimons, Mrs Keris Gordon, Mrs Colleen Hughes, Mrs Erin Peacham. The P & F Rep is Mrs Catherine Howarth and our new Parish Council Rep will be Mrs David Grieve. I look forward to working with all of these very committed parents in 2022.

I would like to thank all parents who have sent in their Pre-Kindy, Kindy and Pre-Primary children's updated Medicare Immunisation History details for our records. Could other parents please do likewise? Scan and email in your child/children's updated Immunisation History Details as soon as they have received their last vaccination.

Regards

**Chris Dunning**  
**Principal**

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## 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**

### **Beginning of year assessments**

At the beginning of each school year our class teachers do a range of testing to construct a 'picture' of where each child is at and to determine their areas of strength and weaknesses. It is important to know that each test is simply one test on one day. However, the aim is to track progress over time. Some of the tests administered are PAT Maths, PAT Reading, PAT Spelling and PAT Vocabulary. Our Pre-Primary to Year 6 teachers will also use the DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) assessment to track literacy progress throughout the year.

At our Term One Parent Teacher Interviews you will be informed of your child's progress during Term One. However, if you have any concerns and would like to speak to the class teacher, this can be done at any time throughout the year by simply making an appointment. Providing progress feedback in a timely manner is always our aim. Seesaw is a great way for teachers to keep you informed of what is happening in the classroom alongside the Student Assessment and Progress Files which will be send home once a term in most year levels.

### **How to help your child with their READING**

As mentioned in the last newsletter, I will be providing tips and advice on how best to support your child with aspects of their learning.

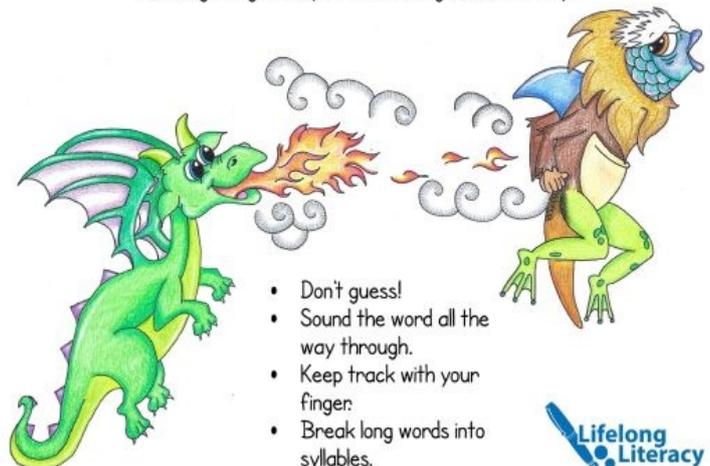
This week, I would like to provide a parent resource from the Five from Five website which outlines how to help your child with their home reading. There are also a range of resources that can be used to develop alphabetic code knowledge, phonological awareness and vocabulary with your children. This information aligns with the way we teach reading at Francis Jordan.

[Parent resources - Five From Five](#)

Kind regards

**Gloria Ward**  
Assistant Principal Curriculum  
STEAM Teacher

Decoding Dragon keeps the Guessing Monster away!



- Don't guess!
- Sound the word all the way through.
- Keep track with your finger.
- Break long words into syllables.





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## **ANAPHYLAXIS AND ALLERGIES**

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction that is potentially life-threatening. The most common causes of anaphylaxis in schools are food and insect allergies. The only way to prevent allergic reactions is to avoid being exposed to the allergen.

Our school is supporting students at risk of anaphylaxis in the following ways:

- ◆ training staff,
- ◆ encouraging students with a food allergy to wash their hands before and after eating,
- ◆ encouraging students to wash their hands after eating something their classmate/friend is allergic to,
- ◆ teaching students not to share food,
- ◆ teaching students the importance of getting help immediately if their friend with an allergy looks sick,
- ◆ educating students about allergies and anaphylaxis, and
- ◆ teaching students that teasing someone with an allergy is not acceptable behaviour.

Food allergy is now common in school aged children. Children can be allergic to any food, and it is not possible to completely remove all foods from our school. We have chosen not to stock nuts and nut products in our canteen as these foods are not staple foods in the diet and we request that parents do not send nuts or nut products to school.

As we educate our school community to help with the management of food allergy and anaphylaxis, the parents of the student with a food allergy will continue to educate their child on self-management at a developmentally appropriate level.

We ask you to support the school's risk minimisation strategies that can be found in our Anaphylaxis and Allergy Management Procedures on our school website, so that we can increase safety and provide an environment that meets the needs of all our students.

Thank you  
Anita Woodall  
Medical Officer



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## FRANCIS JORDAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL PLAYGROUP 0-4 year old's



MONDAYS 8.30-10am

Where: The Pre-Kindy Room at Francis Jordan Catholic Primary School, 25 Peterborough Drive, Currumbine

Cost: \$5 per session (to cover cost of materials and tea and coffee)

Things to Bring: Child's hat, water bottle and snack (please be aware that we are an Allergy Aware school so please no nut products)

Our Playgroup aims to:

- ◇ Offer a stimulating environment for your child to play with others.
- ◇ Allow children to explore, develop and build upon many skills already established.
  - ◇ Provide a chance to meet other families in our community.
  - ◇ Offer support and encouragement to parents.
  - ◇ Help you to develop a wonderful support network.





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## FRANCIS JORDAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRE-KINDY PROGRAM

Pre Kindy is an early child development, play based learning program for children who have turned 3 years of age. The program provides children with meaningful experiences that promote spiritual, social, emotional, language, intellectual, creative, and physical development.

Our Pre-Kindy program places special emphasis on:

- Formation of friendships
- Children's interests
- Creative expression
- Sensory experiences



Experimentation Skills (social, emotional, language, intellectual, creative, and physical)

The 2022 Pre-Kindy classes will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school term. The sessions will run from 8.30am - 2.30pm. During the session children will have morning tea and lunch.

### FEES

\$70.00 - 1 Full Day Session per week: Tues or Thurs

\$100 - 2 Full Day Sessions per week: Tues and Thursday

**Enrol Today for 2022**





# 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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