



# Francis Jordan Catholic School

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# news letter

TERM 3

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are fast approaching the end of the year and it is at this time we have completed our AGMs of the School Advisory Council and P&F. Both parent bodies have done a lot of work over the year so that our school can be the best possible for our students, staff and parents. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has attended a meeting this year, your support and hard work are most appreciated. As we had no one on the School Advisory Council completing their term this year they stay the same

<b>Board Chair</b>	Gareth Jacobs
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ryan Rafferty
<b>Secretary</b>	Shannon Britten
<b>Ex Officio Member</b>	Chris Dunning – Principal
<b>Ex Officio Member</b>	Fr Francis – Parish Priest
<b>Parish Council Nominee</b>	David Grieve
<b>P&amp;F Representative</b>	Catherine Howarth
<b>Board Members</b>	Kate Fitzsimons, Colleen Hughes, Erin Peachman and Keris Gordon

Our new office bearers for the P&F next year are :

<b>President:</b>	Catherine Howarth
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Hayey Camilleri
<b>Vice President:</b>	Jayde Rafferty

Staffing for 2023 has now been finalized and the following are the teaching and support positions for 2023.

**Principal** – Chris Dunning  
**AP Religious Education** – Megan Woodall  
**AP Curriculum** – Gloria Ward  
**Admin Officers** – Geri Nagy & Anna Admans  
**Finance Officer** - Claire Henderson  
**Year 6** – Damian Purcell & Lisa Parker  
**Year 5** – Megan Woodall / Chris Giannasi & Kate Moffatt  
**Year 4** – Jackie Dunne & Rachael Martin  
**Year 3** – Nadene Andrews & Lauren Franchina  
**Year 2** – Megan Frichot & Treasa Young  
**Year 1** – Tash Calautti & Jenna Crosby  
**Pre - Primary** – Carolyn Ince / Ida McQueen  
**Kindy Staff** - Rebecca Baran & Sofia Fordam  
**Pre- Kindy** – Ella Redding  
**Music** – Erica Royle  
**Physical Education** – Chris Giannasi  
**Science** – Deanne Walker  
**STEM** – Peter Elek & Gloria Ward

## COMING EVENTS

**TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER**  
*Indonesian Day Activities*

**WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER**  
*Kindy Christmas Concert*  
1.45pm - Hall

*Staff Meeting 3pm*  
*Sparks Travel Night 6pm*

**FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER**  
*Running Club*

*Prize Giving Assembly*  
8.30am - Hall

**TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER**  
*Thanksgiving Mass - 11am*

**WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER**  
*Year 6 Excursion to*  
*The Maze*

**THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER**  
*Pre-Primary*  
*Christmas Concert*  
8.30am - Hall

**FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER**  
*Graduation Liturgy*  
Years 1 - 6  
8.30am - Hall

**FINAL DAY OF TERM 4**  
**FOR STUDENTS**

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**FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 2023**  
**FOR STUDENTS**

**WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY**



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### **Education Assistants**

Jo Collins  
Gill Bardsley  
Anita Woodall  
Mandy Brooks

### **PP Education Assistants**

Caroline Sullivan & Jannine White

### **Kindy**

Teresa Sutton & Tania Hall

### **Pre-Kindy**

Danita James

### **Health – Peter Elek**

### **Learning Support – Lindy Mc Queen**

### **LOTE – Natalie Belcastro**

### **Library - Ella Redding**

### **Grounds – Maurice and Shaun Seamans**

### **Social Worker – Margret Brown**

### **Staff Leaving us this year – Elizabeth Wilson (Retirement) Clare Johnson (Retirement)**

Ros De Mamial (Retirement) Tammy Pickerill (Contract Completion)

I would like to thank all our wonderful staff for all their hard work this year. We wish the staff leaving us all the best in their future pursuits, I am sure that they will look back at their time here at Francis Jordan with happiness. I would also like to take the opportunity to give a special note of thanks to Mr. Damian Purcell. Damian's Assistant Principal contract was coming to an end this year and he has decided that he wishes to return to the classroom on a full-time basis. Damian has given of himself over and above during the last ten years he has been Assistant Principal at Francis Jordan, and I am sure that everyone who has had the opportunity to connect with Damian in his many and varied tasks in the role will agree he is going to be missed. However, on the other hand the Year 6 children and parents will have Damian full time in the classroom next year which I am sure they will value highly. We welcome to staff Mrs. Megan Woodall who will be taking over the role as Assistant Principal RE. Megan comes to us from Padbury Catholic Primary School where she was the Year 6 teacher. I am sure that the Francis Jordan Community will welcome Megan next year.

A timely reminder that the bush fire season is upon us and that our school fits into the Bush Fire Zone with the corner of our property on the North-eastern boundary being part of the Caledonia Park Bush Fire zone. If there is a bush fire in the park, we will relocate the children to the library area and then organize evacuation if needed at the time. A reminder that if you have an evaporative air conditioner and you live close it is important that you shut it down and close all vents. Also be aware of where the nearest evacuation point is for the area if needed. The code for bush fire alerts has now been changed and is the following.

Category	Fire Danger Index (FDR)	Action
Catastrophic	100+	Schools on Bushfire Zone Register closed on instruction from Deputy Director General Schools, through Regional Executive Director. School to invoke communication plan and cancel bus services.
Extreme	50-99	Monitor DFES website
High	24-49	Normal school operations
Moderate	0-11	Normal school operations



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At the AGM on Thursday night our new fees were set out for 2023. The changes to school fees have come about as a result of changes to the overall funding for Catholic schools in Western Australia. Our school and CEWA are able to utilise a greater level of data to inform how we determine fees in a way that better matches our school and community's unique context.

I hope families will welcome this news as indicative of our school's commitment to meeting the needs of the Currambine community we serve. The reduction in fees has been impacted by changes to the Federal Government's funding model, which is now based on the parent community's Direct Measure of Income (DMI). We are strongly committed to delivering the highest quality education alongside all our other current programmes offered in 2023 and beyond.

The change in fees is a strong sign of Catholic education's continued place as the best value for money education option for young people in Western Australia

STUDENT FEES	KINDY	PP	YR1	YR2	YR3	YR4	YR5	YR6
Tuition	950	1790	1790	1790	1790	1790	1790	1790
Curriculum & Amenities	715	690	690	690	690	690	690	1160
<b>TOTAL STUDENT FEES</b>	<b>1665</b>	<b>2480</b>	<b>2480</b>	<b>2480</b>	<b>2480</b>	<b>2480</b>	<b>2480</b>	<b>2950</b>

FAMILY FEES	KINDY	PP	YR1	YR2	YR3	YR4	YR5	YR6
Building Levy	190	358	358	358	358	358	358	358
P&F Levy	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99
<b>TOTAL FAMILY FEES</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>457</b>						

<b>TOTAL FEES PER STUDENT*</b>	<b>1954</b>	<b>2937</b>	<b>2937</b>	<b>2937</b>	<b>2937</b>	<b>2937</b>	<b>2937</b>	<b>3407</b>
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<b>\$ per week/40 weeks *</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>85</b>
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\*Assuming no sibling discount

BREAKDOWN OF CURRICULUM & AMENITIES	KINDY	PP	YR1	YR2	YR3	YR4	YR5	YR6
Inursion/Excursion Fees	70	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Class Resources & Curriculum	210	305	305	305	305	305	305	305
Book List & Class Supplies	25	120	120	120	120	120	120	120
Sacramental Programme								
Camp								400
Graduation & end of year events								70
IT Subscriptions and Infrastructure	100	165	165	165	165	165	165	165
Speech Screening	195							
OT Screening	115							
<b>Total Curriculum &amp; Amenities</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>1160</b>

	KINDY	PP	YR1	YR2	YR3	YR4	YR5	YR6
<b>2023 % reductions</b>	<b>16.28%</b>	<b>5.68%</b>	<b>4.95%</b>	<b>4.95%</b>	<b>7.41%</b>	<b>6.70%</b>	<b>6.02%</b>	<b>8.54%</b>

### CHANGES TO 2023

NO MORE APPLICATION FEE

EARLY SETTLEMENT DISCOUNT = 5% OFF TUITION FEES IF ALL FEES PAID IN FULL BY END OF FEBRUARY

BOOK LIST ITEMS NOW INCLUDED IN CURRICULUM & AMENITIES - BULK ORDERS = BETTER DEALS

INSURANCE CHARGES REMOVED

IT LEVY NOW A REDUCED "PER STUDENT" FEE INSTEAD OF A FAMILY FEE

Regards

**Chris Dunning**  
Principal



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## **END OF YEAR TESTING**

Throughout the school year we collect a range of data to track our student's academic performance via standardised tests alongside various other school testing. This allow us to triangulate our data and use this information to provide the best individualised learning we can.

Our end of year PAT (Progress Achievement Test) testing has now been completed and will be included in the Semester Two report at the bottom of the general comment. A document on how to interpret the PAT results will be sent out via Seesaw in the last week of term to assist you in understanding the raw scores and stanines.

## **ACCESSING SEMESTER TWO REPORTS**

Just a reminder that if you experience any difficulties logging into your SEQTA Engage account it is important to seek assistance with this before Wednesday 14 December.

Please email [gloria.ward@cewa.edu.au](mailto:gloria.ward@cewa.edu.au) or call the office if you need assistance.

**Gloria Ward**  
**Assistant Principal Curriculum**  
**STEAM Teacher**

## **LOST PROPERTY NOTICE**

Dear Parents

I will be placing the lost property on the basketball court wall the morning of the Prize Giving Assembly on Friday 2 December.

If not collected it will be sent to the uniform shop to be resold or donated to the Salvation Army.

Thanking you in advance and Merry Christmas.

**Gill Bardsley**



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## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

In 2022, we will once again be supporting the St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal. As you know, each class has been asked to help by donating food items for hampers.



### FAMILY FOOD HAMPERS

- ♦ packets of pasta \* spaghetti sauce \* packets of rice
  - \* cans of baked beans/spaghetti
  - \* cans of soup \* packets of biscuits/crackers \* packets of chips
  - \* bags of lollies \* 1.25 litre soft drink bottles
  - \* bottles of cordial \* packets of cereal (Weet Bix, oats)
  - \* packets of sugar \* long life milk \* packets of tea \* jars of coffee
  - \* jam/marmalade (not home made) \*
  - tins of vegetables \* tinned fruit \* tins of tuna/ham
  - \* deodorant \* toothpaste \* toothbrushes \* shower wash
  - \* quick meals (fried rice, cheese mac, noodles)



- ♦ **There can be NO perishable items and NO alcohol.**

Please place the food items in the basket placed in your child's classroom by Friday 2 December. This will then enable time for the people putting the hampers together to do so before Christmas day.



Thank you for your continued support. Hopefully, we can help make someone's Christmas a little brighter this year.





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# FJCS needs your help!

We are currently looking for some help to create some wonderful Mud kitchens for our Junior Primary areas!



## Helpers Needed:

- Carpenters
- Handy trades people
- Fencing contacts

## Materials Needed:

- Wooden pallets
- Wooden bench seats
- Metal sinks
- Kitchen utensils for mud kitchens (i.e pots, pans, muffin tins)
- Play sand
- Electrical spools

If you are able to provide materials please contact the school via number below to arrange drop off.

## CONTACT US



**9404 2400**

If you are able to offer your services please contact us via email:

[lauren.franchina@cewa.edu.au](mailto:lauren.franchina@cewa.edu.au)

[treasa.young@cewa.edu.au](mailto:treasa.young@cewa.edu.au)





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### **IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR PARENTS**

#### **SPECIAL NOTICE FOR PARENTS**

PLEASE check the school's calendar on the website for any upcoming events and dates.

**COMING EVENTS** in the Newsletter are only for the fortnight's events. Should there be any changes, you will be notified via See Saw. This Calendar has been uploaded to the webpage for the convenience of Parent's, so that it can accessed at your leisure and only contact the Class Teachers for class/student related issues.

Thanking you for your continued support and understanding in these matters.

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#### **PARENTS/GUARDIANS PLEASE NOTE:**

For **any time away** from school other than illness/medical related, you are required to fill in a **LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST FORM** prior to this time away, even if it is for only a day.

This Form can be collected from the Front Office or emailed to you, for your convenience if you contact the office prior to this leave.

This is very important for accurate school records to be entered correctly as this information is required by the Auditors from the Department of Education.

Thanking you in anticipation of your co-operation in this instance.

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#### **ADMIN NEWS - REMINDERS: Please send all Absentee/Late notifications to:**

**[absent@fjcs.wa.edu.au](mailto:absent@fjcs.wa.edu.au) with students name, class, date, reason and parent's name.**

**PLEASE DO NOT automatically hit reply when you receive the Absentee notification, as it goes to the incorrect email address with no senders name and no student details.**

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

Please be considerate in advising the School of these absences. State days the student is going to be away and why. If it is Covid we understand that it's a 5 day isolation absence period and if there are NO more symptoms, they return to school. These notifications should be made before 9.00am as there are quite a few classes to get through for absences to be resolved.

Thanking you in anticipation of your co-operation and understanding in this instance.

Thank you to the parents currently using this requested address for Absentees/Late notices and advising us before 9.00am.



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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





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## **The Entertainment Book is Back !!!!!**

Thanks to a Year 3 Mum (Mrs Hill) who has kindly rejuvenated this excellent and easy fundraising incentive for our school.

This Online App has lots of awesome reductions on Dining, Takeaway and activities to name a few.

**Each book purchased 20% goes back to the P & F and we will then donate back to the school**



**Please support our school by following the link below**

<https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/859w87>

Thanks P & F Committee



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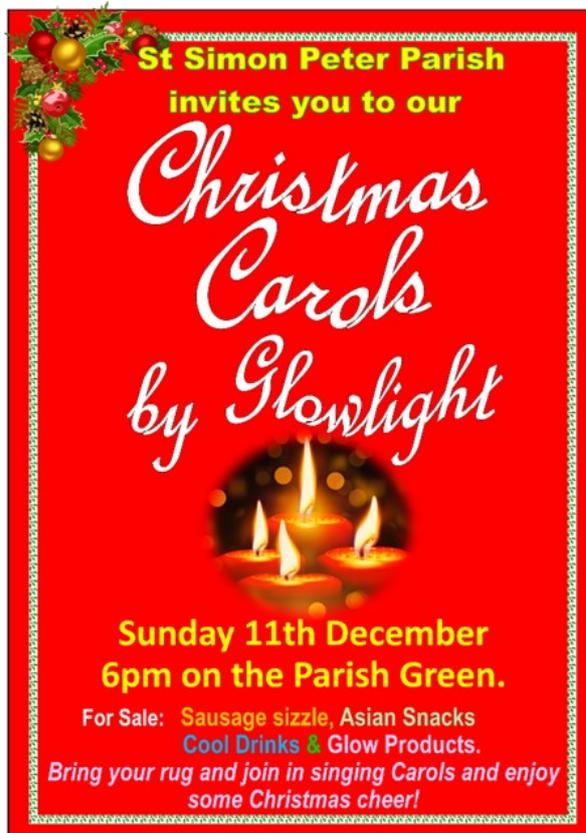
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### St Simon Peter Parish Carols by Glow-light

Come and enjoy a relaxed, festive evening of Christmas Carol singing for the whole family on Sunday 11 December on the Parish Green from 6pm.

Sausage sizzle and Asian snacks with cool drinks and glow products for Sale.

Don't forget to bring a rug or you can sit on chairs provided.



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### PRENDIVILLE CATHOLIC COLLEGE

**Our Prendivillage is turning into a Christmas Village on Sunday 4 December 2022.**

We are interested in hearing from local small business market vendors and individuals who wish to host a stall at the Christmas Village. You will hold a small stall in the late afternoon leading up to a Christmas concert in the evening.

**To register your interest: <https://forms.office.com/r/skpaxvPs5y>**



# 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.

 [aussiebreadtags@gmail.com](mailto:aussiebreadtags@gmail.com)

 [ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au](http://ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au)

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

Local Contact: .....

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