



# Francis Jordan Catholic School

## Our Vision

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# news letter

## COMING EVENTS

Dear Parents and Caregivers

2023 I hope will be a year that we can get back to normality, assemblies, sports days, one on one, fact to face meetings, and all the other usual activities of a 'Normal' school year!

All classes have started well and the children have been very enthusiastic with their return to school. I saw many happy parent faces on Wednesday morning, dropping the children off to their first day. Thank you for having all of their uniforms and other required materials ready to go for day one.

On Tuesday afternoon I was able to attend CEWA's commissioning mass held at St Mary's Cathedral to welcome all new teachers to our system for the start of the year. Bishop Sproxtton spoke of teaching in Catholic education not as a job but a vocation and I know that our staff here at Francis Jordan certainly take that mindset into their everyday work.

This year we are introducing an exciting new program across the whole school. It is called 'The Resilience Project' and it is committed to teaching positive mental health strategies to prevent mental ill-health and build young people's capacity to deal with adversity. We will be implementing their evidence-based Teaching and Learning Program throughout our classrooms, staffroom and school community.

Teachers and students will engage in weekly lessons and activities around the key principles of **Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness (GEM)** and **Emotional Literacy** to build resilience.

### TERM 1

**Monday 6 February**

**Parent Info Evening**

**Pre-Primary 6pm.**

**Tuesday 7 February**

**Parent Info Evening**

**Years 2 and 5 6pm.**

**Wednesday 8 February**

**Kindy Pastoral Care Interviews**

**ALL DAY - NO KINDY CLASSES.**

**Parent Info Evening**

**Years 1, 4 & 6 - 6pm.**

**Thursday 9 February**

**Parent Info Evening**

**Year 3s - 6pm.**

**Friday 10 February**

**Running Club 8.10-8.20am**

**Monday 13 February**

**Pastoral Care Parent/**

**Teacher Interviews 2.50-5pm**

**Thursday 16 February**

**Parent Rep Meeting 8.40am**

**DOME Currambine.**

**Friday 17 February**

**Running Club 8.10-8.20am**



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The program requires each class to spend 30mins spread through a week exploring the topics and practicing activities that will teach and develop skills in the three areas of GEM. A regular parent newsletter about what is happening in the project will be coming out regularly throughout the year.

Next term we will be offering a whole raft of opportunities for you as parents to learn about and get involved with the project. To find out more visit <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/>.

Please check the calendar on our website for regular updates of the terms activities. This will change as new things appear moving forward. Look out for your child's parent teacher meetings being held in week two.

## Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Dunning'.

**Chris Dunning**  
Principal

## PARENT REMINDERS

**ABSENTEE/LATE NOTICES** - Parents please use the Absentee Email Address to advise School Office of Sick/Late students. This email address is - [absent@fjcs.wa.edu.au](mailto:absent@fjcs.wa.edu.au)

This information must come to the Admin not classroom teachers. Also when you receive an Absentee sms, please do not automatically hit reply as it does not get picked up due to the automated system. We are required to record absences as part of the Education Act and is a legal requirement.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST FORM** - Please be advised that if you are taking your child/children out of school during term times, your are required to fill this LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST FORM, even if this is only for 1 day. These forms can be collected from the Front Office or if your call early enough it can be emailed to you for your convenience.

**IT ISSUES** - If you have an issue with your child/children's device, please note the days/hours the IT Technician is at this school. **MONDAYS 8.00– 11.00AM AND WEDNESDAYS 8.00 - 11.00AM**

**Please** bring in your Child/Children's device in to the front office before these days, so that he can pick it up on his way through and have the issue fixed by the time he leaves. Leave your contact details and student's name, class, date etc with the device at the time of drop off. If there is an issue he can call you on the contact number provided.



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## **Opening School Mass**

This morning we gathered for our very first whole school mass for 2023. This year our focus is a very simple one. It is based on the bible reference from Romans 12 which is to 'Love truly'. Our school motto is 'The truth will set us free' and this truth is guided by the two great commandments that Jesus gave us; to love the Lord with all our heart, mind and soul and to love one another.

This year we will think about what it means to love truly. When we love truly we aim to act kindly, to speak sincerely and to treat each other with gentleness and respect. We look for the good in others and we try to be our best self. We aim to be true to the plan God has for each of us. This is our challenge as a community and as individuals for the year.

## **Sacramental dates**

The students from Years 3, 4 and 6 received information yesterday regarding the dates for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation this year. We look forward to working together with our parish of St. Simon Peter throughout the year for these special events.

Thank you to everyone who has made me feel welcome so far this year in my new role and I look forward to meeting more of you as the year progresses.

Kind Regards

**Megan Woodall**

**Assistant Principal RE/ Year 5 Teacher**



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## WELCOME TO 2023

I would like to welcome everyone back to Francis Jordan for 2023. I especially welcome our new families to our wonderful school community.

This year my role continues to be in curriculum development from Pre-Kindy to Year Six as well as working more closely with our junior primary teachers and families. Megan Woodall, our new Assistant Principal, will guide the Religious Education domain of our school as well as provide guidance to our upper primary teachers and families where needed.

For 2023 we have several specific curriculum goals. These can be summarised (without the teacher talk!) as:

### Literacy:

- Further develop our work in the Science of Reading, particularly focusing on the language structures strand of the reading rope by making syntax and sentence level writing and comprehension a priority in teaching and learning.
- Incorporate structured daily reviews into literacy block (semester 2).

### Numeracy:

- Further develop the launch, explore, summarise model of teaching problem solving.
- Implement the practices and structures of a 'Thinking Classroom'.
- Continue to develop number talks in maths lessons to develop mental strategies and fluency.

We will continue to be guided by the work done with Dr Paul Swan and Ben Saulsman from the Catholic Education Office

## PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

I implore all parents to attend these nights. This will be the first opportunity to 'buy into' your child's learning journey for 2023. All sessions will be held in classrooms at 6pm

**Monday: Pre-Primary**

**Tuesday: Kindy, Year 2, Year 5**

**Wednesday: Year 1, Year 4, Year 6**

**Thursday: Year 3**

## BEGINNING OF YEAR TESTING

At the beginning of each academic year, we conduct a series of assessments. The results of these assessments allow teachers to gain more accurate insights into the capabilities and needs of each child. With this understanding, comes the ability to cater for specific needs and interests. The teachers will share the results of some of the testing, however it is important to note that some is used for teaching purposes only and therefore will not be shared with parents at this early stage in the year.

## PASTORAL CARE INTERVIEWS FOR PRE PRIMARY TO YEAR 6

These are being conducted on Monday 13 February from 2.50-5.00pm.

The purpose of these interviews is for parents to share specific academic, emotional, or medical information with teachers. Please note that only a limited number of interview slots are provided because for most families, filling in the student information form is enough.

To make a booking, the 'School Interviews' link will be sent early in week 2. I will send the link via Seesaw, so please keep an eye out for it if you are wishing to make an appointment.

**Gloria Ward**  
**Assistant Principal Curriculum**

# DINNER / BINGO MENU

## MENU A

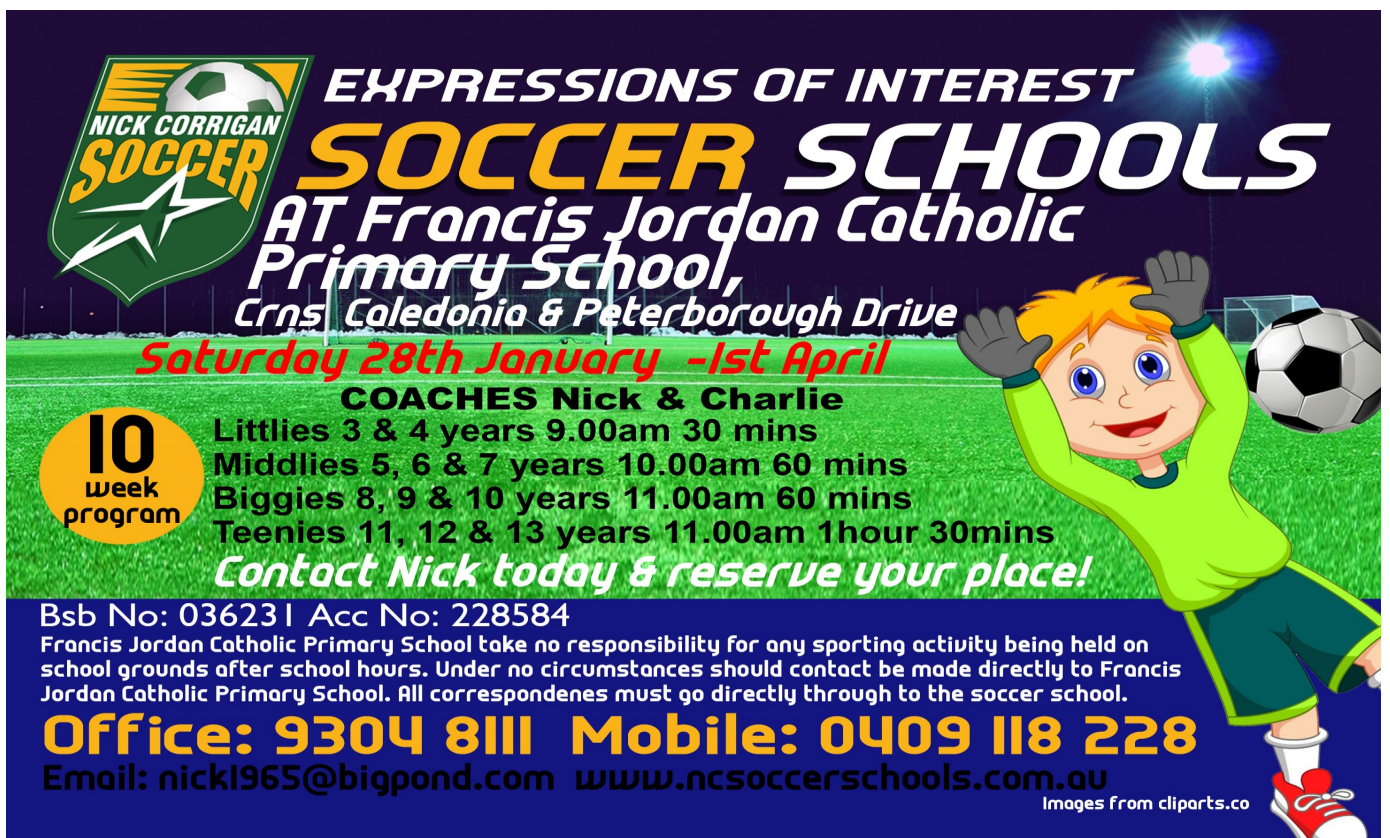
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Sweet and Sour Fish  
Stir Fry Mix Vegetable  
Stir Fry Noodles  
Fragrant Jasmine Rice  
with  
Soft Drinks or bottled Water  
Dessert  
Cut Fruits and Ice Cream

## MENU B

Capitan Curry Chicken  
Sweet and Sour Fish  
Stir Fry Mix Vegetable  
Stir Fry Noodles  
Fragrant Jasmine Rice  
with  
Soft Drinks or bottled Water  
Dessert  
Cut Fruits and Ice Cream

## Dinner and Bingo Parish Fundraiser - Saturday 18 February

Support the Parish with this major fundraiser, enjoy a delicious 2 Course Dinner and have fun playing Bingo for some great prizes and cash! This will be held at the St Simon Peter School Hall. Cost \$40/ person (12yrs and over). Tickets on Sale from the Parish Office, OR after Weekend Masses. Pay Cash or EFTPOS, OR you can make a bank transfer to BSB: 086 006 Acc No 458 537 459 (Just include your Surname, Bingo and Set A or Set B ) to pick up at the door. Make your selection of choice of Mains – Set A for Beef or Set B for Chicken! Creche is available for children (4yrs – 11yrs) \$5 /child. (Bring your own pillow) Doors open 6.30pm / Dinner served at 7.00pm / Eyes down 7.45pm – Bingo starts. Check out the Posters on the school website for more details



**NICK CORRIGAN SOCCER**

# EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SOCCER SCHOOLS

AT Francis Jordan Catholic  
Primary School,  
Crns Caledonia & Peterborough Drive  
*Saturday 28th January - 1st April*

**COACHES Nick & Charlie**

- Littlies 3 & 4 years 9.00am 30 mins
- Middlies 5, 6 & 7 years 10.00am 60 mins
- Biggies 8, 9 & 10 years 11.00am 60 mins
- Teenies 11, 12 & 13 years 11.00am 1hour 30mins

**Contact Nick today & reserve your place!**

Bsb No: 036231 Acc No: 228584  
Francis Jordan Catholic Primary School take no responsibility for any sporting activity being held on school grounds after school hours. Under no circumstances should contact be made directly to Francis Jordan Catholic Primary School. All correspondenes must go directly through to the soccer school.

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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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Local Contact: .....

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