



# Francis Jordan Catholic School

## Our Vision

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# news letter

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Our Years 6 students have had a wonderful camp experience and they have shown great perseverance with the hot conditions. I was luck enough to spend the day with them on Thursday and to participate in some of the wonderful opportunities. Everyone one was giving 100% to all of the different activities and the word was the food was fantastic. A lot of the planned sessions are designed to have the children working cooperatively, stretching their comfort zones and taking risks. They have done climbing activities, flying fox, paddling, building a catapult, participating in circus skills, orienteering, archery, and ten pin bowling.

A huge thank you to Mr. Purcell, Mrs Clarke, Mr Giannasi, Mr Elek and Mrs Frichot for giving of their time to be with the children over the three days. I am sure that they will come back with wonderful memories that will live on in their lives.

Our Years 3 and 5 will begin NAPLAN testing on the 15 of March. This is a lot earlier than usual as in previous years it is completed in term 2. The reason for the change is to get the results back to school a lot earlier than usual so that we get more time to analyse and use them. NAPLAN is only a small window into the children's development and should only be used as an indicator of where they are at in the subjects tested. The usual program is one test per day done in the morning over the first four days of the testing period. It usually starts with the writing test, followed by reading, spelling and grammar, and then Maths. All of the tests except the Year 3 writing test are completed on the students iPad. The Year 3 cohort compete the writing test using pen and paper. If any students are absent on any of the days of testing, they are able to sit the test when they return to school.

## COMING EVENTS

### TERM 1

**Monday 6 March**

**Labour Day Holiday**

**Wednesday 8 March**

**Staff Meeting 3pm**

**Saturday 11 March**

**Confirmation Enquiry Mass 6pm**

**Sunday 12 March**

**Confirmation Enquiry Mass 8am,  
10am or 5pm**

**Wednesday 15 March**

**Staff Meeting 3pm**

**Friday 17 March**

**Running Club 8.10-8.20am**



**ST PATRICK'S DAY**

**Saturday 18 March**

**Confirmation Enrolment**

**9.30 to 11.00am**



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This week we have seen the start of the sacramental preparation at St Simon Peter parish. On Wednesday and Thursday evening the Confirmation Parent Information sessions took place. This is followed up with the Confirmation Enquiry Mass on this Saturday and Sunday's masses.

The children have their Confirmation Retreat on the 23 June at school and their Confirmation Mass on Saturday 24 June at 2pm St Simon Peter parish.

## Regards

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

**Chris Dunning**  
Principal



*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,  
and with all your mind"*

**Matthew 22:37**



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## **PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SCHOOL AND HOME**

Thank you to our teachers and parents who made themselves available for Pastoral Care Interviews earlier in the term. We believe it is crucial to have clear and regular communication between families and school to ensure the best possible learning experiences for 2023.

Our next formal interview opportunity for families will be at the end of Term 1 on Tuesday 4 April between 1.00pm and 6.00pm. We encourage all families to **SAVE THE DATE** to make a booking when the 'School Interviews' platform is open later in the term.

If you wish to discuss your child's progress prior to these interviews, please contact the class teacher through Seesaw to make a time to meet.

## **NAPLAN 2023**

This year **NAPLAN** will be taking place in weeks 7 and 8 of this term. Our Year 3 and Year 5 students have been preparing in class with their teachers so they are familiar with each of the tests. Information regarding the schedule for the students will be given next week.

**Gloria Ward**

**Assistant Principal Curriculum**





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## **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)

**Please do not** email or see-saw these notifications to the Teachers as they're too busy to check and these notifications are to be sent directly to the Office to the email address which was set up specifically for this reason.

Please Note: when you receive an Absentee sms, do not automatically hit reply as it goes to an incorrect email address and may not get picked up. Your child/children's absence will go unresolved, until we get written notification/email with date, reason for the absence and parent's name.

### **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 you call early enough it can be emailed to you for your convenience. These notifications are meant to be sent in prior to the day off.

### **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 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.

### **LOCAVORA THE OUT-SOURCED COMPANY FOR LUNCH ORDERS**

**Please Note:** as per previous notifications, (last year and this year) we do not have an operational Canteen on-site anymore. Parents if you are ordering Lunches for your child/children, PLEASE MAKE SURE you order before 8.30am and that your order has actually gone through. We have had a few students come up and insist their parent has ordered their lunch, but they are not recorded on the sheet that accompanies the Lunch Orders. As we no longer have an operational Canteen, Parents will be called to bring their child/children's lunches.

Please make sure that your Child/children's classes are also on the order.

**As our Canteen is no longer operational, students are expected to bring their own Recess.**



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## **MEDICATION AT SCHOOL**

Should your child require medication to be administered at school, the correct documentation must be completed.

'Over the counter medication' – Student Medication Request/Record Appendix 1 is to be completed and signed by a parent.

'Prescription medication' – Medication Instructions from Prescribing Doctor Appendix 2 is to be completed and signed by a doctor. Additionally, Student Medication Request/Record Appendix 1 is to be completed and signed by a parent.

Medication must be provided in the original packaging.

Both of these forms are available from the class teacher, front office and on our school website.

Thank you  
Anita Woodall

## **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, as these foods are not staple foods in the diet and we request that parents do not send nuts or nut products to school. We are an Allergy Aware 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



# OPEN DAY

TUESDAY 14 MARCH | 8.30AM & 11AM



Mercedes College is hosting its **Open Day on Tuesday 14 March**

This will be an immersive experience which will include a student-led tour of the College visiting specialised learning areas where prospective families will have the opportunity to meeting the various Heads of Learning.

Two sessions are available: 8.30am and 11am, and registrations are required in order for places to be secured:

<https://www.mercedes.wa.edu.au/enrolments/open-morning/>

Further Information about the College is available at <https://www.mercedes.wa.edu.au/>



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

# SOCCER SCHOOLS

AT Francis Jordan Catholic  
Primary School,

Crns Coledonia & 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!**

**10**  
week  
program

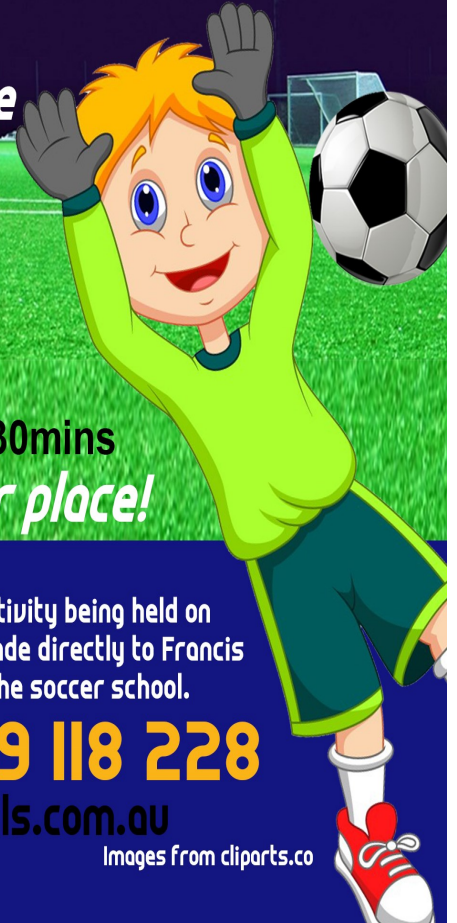
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Francis Jordan Catholic Primary School take no responsibility for any sporting activity being held on school grounds after school hours. Under no circumstances should contact be made directly to Francis Jordan Catholic Primary School. All correspondenes 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.

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

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

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Local Contact: .....

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