



# Francis Jordan Catholic School

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# news letter

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I am pleased to announce an initiative that we are offering for enrolments of Kindy students in 2024. Next year all Kindy enrolments will be free of charge for the entire year. Due to the current financial climate and the importance, we place on the early years beginning school experience we have decided to offer this promotion. We hope that this will give more families the opportunity to make the choice of a Catholic Education for their children and start them on their journey at school. Next year also as a sign of thanks to our long-term families any student that is in Year 6 in 2024 and has been in the school since Kindy, we will be giving them term 4 free. We hope that these incentives will give more families the opportunity to experience a Catholic education for their children.

On Wednesday night we were able to complete the appointment of office bearers for our P&F. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Katrina MacCusprie was nominated as Chairperson and duly elected, Mrs Claire Diable was nominated as Deputy Chairperson and duly elected. Mrs Kate Fitzsimons will continue as the Secretary. We are still in need of a Treasurer. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mrs Catherine Howarth who has been our Chairperson for the last 3 years. Not only has Catherine been in the role at our school, but she has also been a member and past Chairperson of the Catholic School Parents WA in that time as well. The time and effort she has contributed to our school during this time has been enormous and we all sincerely thank her.

A huge thank you to Mr Giannasi and all of his staff helpers and parent helpers for the fantastic swimming carnival held on Monday. It has been three years since our last carnival due to COVID restrictions so for some students it was their first swimming carnival. We now look forward to our students competing in the Interschool Carnival on 27 March at Joondalup Arena.

## COMING EVENTS

### TERM 1

**Monday 20 March**

**Naplan Testing Years 3 & 5**

**Wednesday 22 March**

**\*CANTEEN RE-OPENING FOR  
RECESS ONLY ON WEDNESDAYS\***

**Naplan Testing Years 3 & 5**

**Staff Meeting 3pm**

**Thursday 23 March**

**Naplan Testing Years 3 & 5**

**Friday 24 March**

**Naplan Testing Years 3 & 5**

**Merit Assembly**

**Monday 27 March**

**Interschool Swimming Carnival**

**Years 3—6 HBF Arena**

**Wednesday 29 March**

**Staff Meeting 3pm**

**Friday 31 March**

**Running Club 8.10-8.20am**

**Cart Race**

**Family Movie Night**





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On Thursday evening the winners of the Billy Cart Design competition assembled at Bunnings Joondalup and built their classes Billy Cart. A big thank you to Mrs Holbrook who co-ordinated the event. The carts are constructed & ready for decoration! Everyone had fun, the students drilled, hammered, used pliers, opened split pins, bolted on brackets & gave their carts a run around Bunnings! It was a really lovely community minded night with everyone helping each other, lots of laughs, such a great atmosphere. Bunnings even fed & watered them! We now look forward to the big race offs at the Movie night on the 31 March.

On Wednesday, our Years 3 and 5 students started their NAPLAN testing for this year. This is the first time that the tests have been held in first term. The reason for the change is so that we get the results back to us earlier in the year so that we can use them in our planning and evaluation of our teaching programs. They have completed the Writing and Reading test and on Tuesday and Wednesday next week they will complete the Spelling/Grammar test and the Math test. A big thank you for all of the work that has gone in to preparing the children for these tests needs to go to their teachers. Having the children well prepared allows them to approach the test calmly and in a good head space to achieve their best.

**Regards**

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

**Chris Dunning  
Principal**

*Psalm 130:5-6*

*I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.  
I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.*



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## **RECONCILIATION**

Students from Years 4-6 will have the opportunity to participate in Reconciliation as part of our Lent/ Easter preparations on Wednesday 22 March.

## **SPORTS FREE DRESS DAY FOR PROJECT COMPASSION**

Hopefully students are still collecting coins at home for small acts of service as part of our Project Compassion activities. On 30 March we will be having a Sports Free Dress Day to raise money for Project Compassion. The students are invited to wear the colours of their favourite sport team or a sport team jersey if they have one, for a gold coin donation. The Year 6 Pastoral group will run some simple sports activities for the students at recess and lunch.

## **HOLY WEEK**

Holy Week activities will take place on Wednesday 5 April. In the morning the students will be lead through The Stations of the Cross by our Year 6 leaders. In the middle of the day all students will take part in a re-enactment of the Last Supper in their classes and the day will finish up with a reflection in our hymn singing time.

Kind Regards

**Megan Woodall**

**Assistant Principal RE/ Year 5 Teacher**

## **ST SIMON PETER PARISH**

Children's Liturgy is held at St Simon Peter Parish during 10am Sunday masses for children aged 4-8 years. Children's Liturgy, run by trained teachers, provides the opportunity for children to hear the gospel explained in a way they can understand and join in activities which help to make the message real and relevant in their lives.

Children start mass in the church with their families, then move as a group to the parish meeting room adjoining the church. Children return to the church at the time of the offertory procession and remain with their families for the rest of mass. There is no need to RSVP, just sign in as you enter the church for mass.



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## Term One Parent-Teacher Interviews

These will take place on Tuesday 4 April from 1.10pm-6.00pm for parents to meet with their child's teacher/s. They will be conducted in the Hall in 10 minute intervals.

The booking link will be open on Monday, 20 March at 9.00am. I will send parents the booking link/code once I have opened the platform.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/login>

## Staff Professional Development Day

Thursday 6 April is a pupil free day to allow our staff to further develop their teaching and learning of reading and writing through the Science of Reading. We have been on an intense journey for the past three years changing and refining our practice to ensure we align with what the science tells us.

We are looking forward to this day and the continued benefits it will have for your children particularly in Term Two.



**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

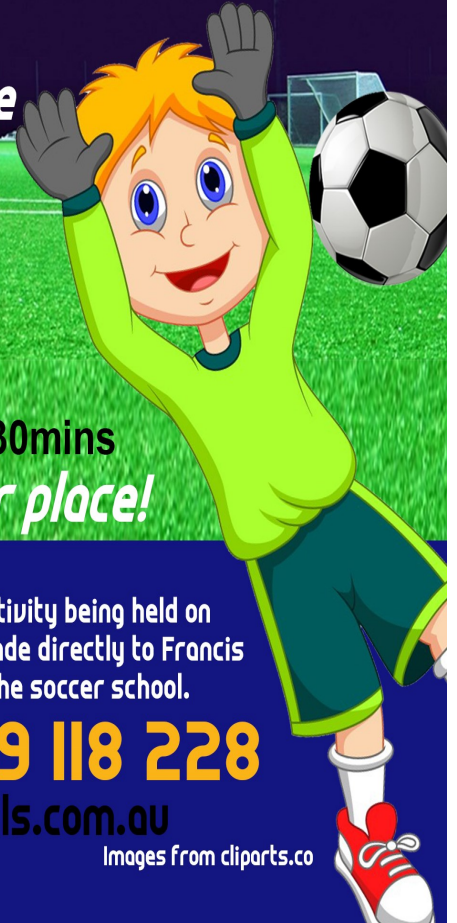
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Francis Jordan Catholic Primary School take no responsibility for any sporting activity being held on school grounds after school hours. Under no circumstances should contact be made directly to Francis Jordan Catholic Primary School. All correspondenes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

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

Local Contact: .....

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