



St Francis of Assisi
PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back everybody to another school year. We trust you had a safe and happy holiday, refreshed and ready to go. We look forward to 2020 with much enthusiasm and anticipation, a fresh year with new possibilities and challenges for us all to embrace.

Throughout first term we will be building towards our Easter Parish Fair which is scheduled for 22nd March. You will no doubt hear much about this in coming weeks and we hope our families will get behind it to make it a successful event.

BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR 2020 ASSESSMENTS

Last month we included with your child's Christmas Card, booking information for assessments to be conducted on the first two days of the school year in 2020 (Year 1 to Year 6).

Year 1 - 6 students will have an appointment for a one hour test on either Wednesday 29th January or Thursday 30th January.

Students from Year 1 – 6 will begin their first formal day of school on Friday, 31st January, 2020.

Please note that the **Prep grades** will have a staggered start commencing:

- ▲ Wednesday, 29th January (8.45 am – 12.30 pm). Children with Surnames beginning with the letters **A – L.**
- ▲ Thursday, 30th January (8.45 am – 12.30 pm). Children with Surnames beginning with the letters **M – Z.**
- ▲ Friday, 31st January (8.45 am - 12.30 pm). All Prep students begin with the rest of the school.

I am pleased to see that over 95% of families have already booked in for an assessment interview. I strongly encourage the remaining families to do so as soon as possible. If for some reason a time is not available for a specific teacher don't be concerned as the classroom teacher will make contact with any family that hasn't been able to book to arrange a suitable time.

ASSESSMENT INTERVIEWS—IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY BOOKED PLEASE DO SO!

Booking Instructions are included in this newsletter.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE DAYS

The second hand uniform sales will be held on the two testing days. That being; the 29th and 30th January 2020 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am on both days. The Second Hand Uniform Sale is located in the Drama Room which is the third portable behind the Library.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The School Uniform can be purchased from Academy Uniforms, 238 Wolseley Place, Thomastown. The Uniform Shop on the school premises will be begin operating on Wednesday, 29th January 8.30 am to 10.30 am. The Uniform Shop will continue to open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8.30 am to 10.30 am for the rest of the year.

VACATION CARE

Holiday program will be operating on Friday January 24th to Thursday January 30th, 2020. Please note Monday 27th January is a public holiday and therefore there will be no care. If you wish to enrol your child into Vacation Care please contact either Joy or Angela on 9407 3170 on Friday January 24th.

SCHOOL FEES

Information regarding 2020 fees was sent to all families at the end of last year. Thank you to all who have already made arrangements to pay via direct debit or automatic credit card payments. Parents wishing to complete a payment plan are asked to send the completed paperwork to the school office as soon as possible. It is preferred that payments commence before the end of February and are finalised by November. If you have any queries, please contact Anne Coleiro or Mary Milione at the school office or email accounts@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au

2020 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN

PLEASE NOTE : ONLY NEW APPLICANTS NEED TO APPLY!

All existing students currently enrolled in the instrumental music program will be automatically re-enrolled, unless Pina/Office are informed to cancel or transition your child's enrolment.

Instrumental Enrolment forms can be collected from the front office or downloaded from the school website. If you have any queries please contact Mrs. Pina Fusillo at the school office between 8.30 am – 11 am when school begins.

PARENT / TEACHER CHATS

Parent / Teacher Chats have been scheduled for Term 1, Thursday, 27th February. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and gain insights about the learning in each particular year level. We urge parents to come along to these sessions that will take place in your child's classroom and be hosted by your child's teacher.

EARLY NOTICE—SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Please note that there will be a Pupil Free day on the 27th February. This will coincide with our Parent / Teacher Chats which are scheduled for the same day. Out of School Hours Care will be operating on this day.

OPENING SCHOOL MASS

Parents are most welcome to join us for our Opening School Mass on Thursday, 6th February at 10.15 am under the shade sails. (Weather permitting)

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Families who may be considering a mid-term holiday please note that our school photographs have been scheduled for the 17th February and 18th February, 2020.

WORKING BEE / OPEN DAY

Our first Working Bee has been scheduled for Saturday 22nd February. Mark this day in your calendar as it is a good way to come and meet a few families and complete some productive maintenance tasks. As in previous years on this day we also invite prospective families to come and view our facilities and to chat with members of our school community.

FAIR - STALL HOLDERS (MARCH 22, 2020)

As you are aware we have the St Francis Fair on the 22nd March, 2020. If you are interested in setting up a stall at the Fair, please email Ruth Lees at the following email address: Ruth.Lees@cam.org.au. Please note that the Stall Fee for 1 Trestle Table is: \$40 if located in the Hall or \$50 if located outside in the school courtyard.

2020 SACRAMENTAL DATES

I would like to advise parents that we have set dates for 2020 First Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Below is a schedule of these for your reference.

FIRST RECONCILIATION—2020

Year 3A	Tuesday 17th March at 10 am
Year 3D	Wednesday 18th March at 10 am
Year 3N	Wednesday 18th March at 12 noon
Year 3P	Thursday 19th March at 10 am
Year 3R	Thursday 19th March at 12 noon
Year 3S	Friday 20th March at 10 am

FIRST EUCHARIST—2020

Year 3P Saturday 13th June at 11.30 am
Year 3D Sunday 14th June at 1 pm
Year 3N Sunday 14th June at 3 pm
Year 3A Saturday 20th June at 11 am
Year 3R Sunday 21st June at 1 pm
Year 3S Sunday 21st June at 3 pm

CONFIRMATION 2020

Year 6C Friday 28th August at 7 pm
Year 6J Friday 28th August at 7 pm
Year 6M Sunday 30th August at 1 pm
Year 6H Sunday 30th August at 1 pm
Year 6F Sunday 30th August at 3 pm
Year 6W Sunday 30th August at 3 pm

I look forward to seeing all the students' eager faces along with all the relieved parents very soon.

God bless,



Mark Basile
Principal

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday January 29	Half class of Preps begin with surnames beginning with the letters A-L (8.45 am – 12.30 pm)
Wednesday January 29	Testing Days—Years 1 to 6 (8.30 am—4.30 pm) Bookings made online
Thursday January 30	Half class of Preps begin with surnames beginning with the letters M-Z (8.45 am – 12.30 pm)
Thursday January 30	Testing Days—Years 1 to 6 (8.30 am—4.30 pm) Bookings made online
Friday January 31	First day of school for all students (Prep—Year 6)
Friday January 31	Preps half day (8.45 am—12.30 pm)
Monday Feb 2—Friday Feb 7	Preps half day of school this week (8.45 am - 12.30 pm)
Wednesday February 5	No Preps Today (Rest Day)
Thursday February 6	Opening School Mass (10.15 am) under shade sails
Friday February 7	Year 6 Interschool Sport



Book School Interviews Online

ASSESSMENTS—START OF SCHOOL 2020 FOR YEAR 1-6 STUDENTS

The first formal day for students in Year 1 to Year 6 will be Friday, 31st January, 2020.

ASSESSMENTS

Year 1 to Year 6: 1 HOUR ASSESSMENTS will take place on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th January.

Bookings open at 7 pm on Thursday 12th December.
To book your child's assessment time follow the instructions below.

Please ensure you book prior to Friday 24th January.

Parents can change their interview bookings any time prior to the closing date by revisiting the web address: www.schoolinterviews.com.au and using the event code listed below. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the School Office.

School Event
Code

5xt8x

Go to web address

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter the school event code.

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Then follow the 3 simple steps below.



When you click *finish*, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to the web address www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews, until bookings close.