30th August 2018

From the Principal /APRE- Brendan O’Reilly

Dear Parents,

OUR OVERARCHING GOALS ARE:
♦ Making Jesus known to all students
♦ Academic success for all students

A special thanks to those who attended our Family Sunday Mass. We had a very pleasing number of students who participated beautifully during the Mass.

DECODING To read, first we must ‘break the code’ of letters by working out how to pronounce words. Decoding strategies help readers break this code so they can access fluency and comprehension. Below are strategies we use at St Francis – try asking your child to show you how they use these strategies when they read to you.

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<th>Strategy: Find the chunks</th>
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<td>Chun / ks or Ch / unks</td>
<td>If a word has a double letter, you split the double letter when identifying the syllable.</td>
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Swim / ming

Particularly relevant for: Beginning readers
Particularly relevant for: Older readers

WEBSITE UPDATES If your child is looking for extra work at home, we have provided links on the school website under the Student Resources tab. Study ladder, Reading Eggs and Prodigy Math’s are all available for the students to use. Every child has been given an access password at school to access these excellent educational sites. If your child does not know their password please contact their class teacher. Please be aware that all updated school policies are displayed under the Welcome tab.

FATHER’S DAY LITURGY
A reminder that our Father’s Day liturgy is this Friday 31st August at 2.20pm. This will be followed by afternoon nibbles for the fathers and other male role-models.

Peace and Best Wishes,
Brendan
SCHOOL FEES:
We do recommend the setting-up of a direct debit facility to pay regular amounts into the school account. This alleviates overdue bills.

Please note on the school fee statement sent home that the bank account details have changed.

If at any stage the payment of fees becomes a problem please do not hesitate to see me.

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<td>4th Sunday-Family Sunday Mass at 5pm</td>
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Dates To Remember
Semester Two

AUGUST
31st Fathers Day Liturgy 2:20pm

SEPTEMBER
4th Footy colours day for cancer
7th Ball Games Carnival
7th First Communion and Confirmation 6pm
8th & 18th September Ferguson’s Bull Sale P&F Fundraiser

OCTOBER
13th School Play at 6pm
22nd Pupil Free Day

NOVEMBER
14th School Swimming starts
23rd Special Awards Assembly 2:30pm
30th Swimming Carnival
30th Christmas Carols

DECEMBER
6th End of Year Mass
7th Christmas Liturgy 10am

Please visit the following link for more information;

Important flu facts from Queensland Health:

Flu is dangerous for everyone, but particularly for children. Flu strains change each year.

Flu spreads easily between people, particularly children.

If you (or your child) are unwell, stay home until better.

Remember it is not ‘just the flu’, it is a serious disease. Having an annual flu vaccine will help keep you, your family and the community healthy this flu season.

In 2018, Queensland Health is offering free influenza vaccine to children aged 6 months to less than five years.
Central Downs Ball Games
and Development Officers
Day 2018

Date: Friday 7th September 2018
Venue: Clifton Recreation Grounds (Show grounds)
Assemble: 9:45am for Instructions
Start: 10:00am

There will be no heats for any of the ball games teams this year (including star relay). All events will be finals.
Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the LOOP, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP or

Download the
App Store
Google Play

Follow these easy steps!

1. Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either SIGN-IN or REGISTER your account.

2. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your SCHOOL and your CHILD'S CLASS.
   Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for more product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

3. Click on ORDER and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

4. All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.