From the Leadership Team

Dear Parents

At Assisi College we recognise and value the important role that parents have in their child’s progress and we appreciate your support in achieving the best possible outcomes for your child. Thank you in advance for your support in relation to College events and procedures throughout 2017. This partnership was truly evident with our swimming carnivals, as there was great support from parents, grandparents and friends cheering on our young swimmers.

This Week

We began this week with our MY/SY swimming carnival. It was wonderful to see team spirit alive and well, with students eagerly participating in events. Tuesday night we welcomed Year 10 and Year 11 parents to our annual Parent Information Night. It was a great reminder of our high expectations and routines for classes throughout 2017. We would like to sincerely thank the parents and staff who joined us for the evening. Additionally our Year 6 and Year 7 students and staff headed off to camp. Our Year 7 cohort headed to Camp Bornhoffen and Year 6 cohort to Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head. Our students are having a wonderful time and should be congratulated on their participation. It has certainly been another wonderful week.
College Assembly
Every fortnight on Friday we have our Whole College Assembly at 9:00am. We would like to extend an invitation to all parents and grandparents who are free, to join us.

Wakakirri 2017 Parent Information Evening
After a successful first year, students in Years 4-6 are invited to participate in Wakakirri again in 2017. Wakakirri is an aboriginal word which means ‘to dance a story’ which is exactly what we do! Students who are interested in Drama and Dance will delight in participating in our weekly rehearsals commencing in week 9 and are held in Perugia on Thursday’s after school from 3:30-5:00pm.

The performance will be during the week of the 21 - 25 of August, with a possible second performance at the awards night on the 13 or 14 September.

If your child is interested in participating please come to our sign on and information evening on the 28 February at 6:30pm in Perugia.

Reading and the Difference that 15 Minutes a Day Can Make
All of us know it’s important to read daily, and recently I was reminded again of the extraordinary impact that reading can have on a child’s learning – even from the moment they are born.

The benefits of reading – whether guided, independent or shared – are well documented and can never be understated. But in the busyness of our everyday lives, the question is raised: how much time do we set aside for our children to read outside of school hours?

The following table shows the difference that fifteen minutes of reading can make over the course of their school journey.

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15 minutes a day = 3,000 minutes in a school year = 1,350,000 words = better vocabulary = better writing = higher success, and it goes on and on . . .

Over the course of their whole school journey we could double this. This certainly provides some food for thought and adds value to the wonderful Dr. Seuss quote—‘The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.’

Last year Assisi introduced our school “Reading Tree”. The Reading Tree was created by the staff at Assisi to ensure consistency of language for our students learning how to comprehend texts. Not only does it fit with our authentic Franciscan community, the tree reflects growth and mastery of knowledge.

The steps up the trunk are Decoding Strategies that our early readers use to read words or sentences that are new or difficult. Each leaf then represents a different essential comprehension strategy. Our animals help us remember each one!

We can use this tree to teach reading for every level to readers at a range of reading levels and confidence. Just as importantly, we are building the language for students to be able to talk about their learning.

We are holding information sessions for parents on how you can use the strategies at home with your children.

Join us in Perugia
Tuesday 7 March @ 2:30pm – 3:15pm
Or Wednesday 8 March @ 6:00pm – 6:45pm

‘Top Ten” Assisi Car park procedures

As the year begins it is always handy to be reminded of our drive through procedure to assist in ensuring the safety of our students and minimise stress levels.

1. Remain in your car during Drive Through
2. Refrain from using a mobile phone in your moving car
3. Clearly display your surname on your windscreen sun visor
4. Only use Drive Through with children who can buckle themselves
5. Load students into car only after passing the pedestrian crossing
6. Keep moving forward in the Drive Through line
7. Move to the furthest spot available to maintain a smooth flow
8. Encourage your children to load bags and enter the car quickly
9. Watch for other cars when leaving the lanes
10. Keep smiling and remember we safely move close to 1400 students from the Assisi grounds between 3:30pm and 4pm each day.

Borobi Dances at Assisi!

Monday February 20, we have a special mascot visiting Assisi- Borobi! He is the mascot for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games. Borobi—which means koala in the language of the Gold Coast’s Yugambeh people—will play a key role in welcoming the athletes of the world and bringing to life the true spirit of the Games. Our EY/JY students will participate in an interactive dance show with him. We are looking forward to seeing his moves!
Dates to Remember
On Tuesday February 28, we will be celebrating Pancake Tuesday. Once again McDonald’s have very generously supplied the pancakes. You should have received a letter and order form by email.

Welcome BBQ and Activities
Throughout the year there will be a series of Show and Share opportunities in our P-6 classes. Our first Show and Share will take place on the 3 March between 2.45-3.15pm. It is a great opportunity to share in some of the learning in the classrooms.

On this afternoon parents are invited to stay for an afternoon of fun activities and the P & F’s welcome BBQ. In addition our SRC will run the disco and team activities for students. We will share further details in the coming weeks but mark this date on your calendars as it is an event you will not want to miss!

Digital Agreements
At Assisi Catholic College we aim to ensure the positive and effective use of digital technologies. Students and Caregivers need to support the responsible adoption of these technologies. Each year we ask EY/JY students and parents to take time to read our protocols and return the Acceptable Use Agreement and Digital Citizenship forms to classroom teachers by Wednesday 22 February.

Pax et Bonum,

Danielle Carter, on behalf of the Leadership Team

Car Park and Street Parking
We often receive complaints from neighbours indicating parents are parking in streets around the school and blocking driveways or access to their homes.

In addition we hear stories of people parking in our disabled and reserved car spots preventing legitimate pass holders from accessing these spots.

We ask that all members of our community be vigilant and respectful to each other in ensuring the safe passage of students entering and leaving the school.
An informative document entitled ‘General Information for Parents’ can be found on the Parent Portal and the Assisi website. Whether you are an existing family or you are new to the College this document provides invaluable information on Absences, Volunteers, Student Drivers, Student Organiser, Parent-Teacher Meetings, College Hours, Fees, Lost Property, Mobile Phones, Parental Concerns and much, much more. Simply click on the Parents tab on the website home page or click on the portal link below:

Bumper Stickers for New Families

Assisi bumper stickers are issued to all families. We ask all students and parents to proudly display this sticker on their family car. Each week our “Sticker Spotter” will pick four cars with stickers and announce these car’s registration numbers in our weekly newsletter. There will be a prize for these families when they notify Rachael Crotty in our office. Each student in the family will receive a tuckshop voucher for $5.00 from La Verna.

New families to Assisi in 2017 can pick up your free sticker from Rachael from the beginning of Week 4 (Monday 13 February). If you would like a second sticker for your family or friends these are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop for $2 each.

Good luck!
Book Fair – “Bookaneer” – Where Books Are The Treasure

The Term 1 Scholastic Book Fair will be held in Chiara during Week 5 (next week). During their library times, students will have a look at the books and bring home a “wish list”. This is just a guide for you to show what your child is interested in. Feel free to come and look at the books with your child during one of the before or after school times.

Book Fair Opening Times For Parents:
Monday – 3.30 – 4.00pm only
Tues to Thurs – 8.30 – 9.00am and 3.30 – 4.00pm
Friday – 8.30 – 9.00am only

A reminder that we hold these fairs in Terms 1 and 4. During Terms 2 and 3, we run an online Book Club for students to buy books. A percentage of the sales goes into buying books for our own school library.

Book Fair Competition For Early & Junior Years

In the lead up to our Book Fair, we are running some competitions for our Early and Junior Years students. For Prep to Year 5, there is a colouring-in competition (class teachers have the entries) and for Year 6 we have a Guessing Competition (entries at the Circulation Desk in Chiara). Winners will be announced at the assembly on Friday.

Chiara Instagram Account

Search for “chiaralibraryassisi” on Instagram to follow all the latest news and updates for our College Library.

Love God, serve God: everything is in that. – St. Clare of Assisi

Laurel Ball – Teacher Librarian; Carol Richardson - iCentre Teacher; Sarah Martyn – iCentre Teacher; Jenny Colverson – Digital Technician; Barbara Monteath – Technician; Leone Tuttle – Assistant
District Sport Trials

Congratulations to Lauren Avsec (Year 10) on her selection in the U/16 Girls District AFL Team. Lauren will contest the South Coast Regional Trials on 23 February. Congratulations and good luck Lauren!

There are many Middle and Senior Years students participating in a range of district sport trials after school this semester. Best of luck to all students involved.

Upcoming trials this semester include:

Monday 20 February: 10 – 19 Years Boys & Girls Swimming
Tuesday 21 February: U/15 & U/19 Girls Netball and U/15 Boys AFL
Tuesday 28 February: U/19 Boys & Girls Football (Soccer) and U/19 Boys & Girls Hockey
Tuesday 7 March: U/12 Girls Netball
Monday 13 March: U/12 Boys Cricket
Tuesday 14 March: U/12 Boys Rugby League
Monday 20 March: U/15 Boys Rugby Union, U/12 Boys AFL and U/12 Boys & Girls Hockey
Tuesday 21 March: U/15 Boys & Girls Touch Football, U/18 Boys & Girls Touch Football, U/12 Boys & Girls Football (Soccer) and U/12 Boys & Girls Basketball
Tuesday 18 April: U/12 Softball
Monday 8 May: U/12 Boys & Girls Tennis and U/12 Boys & Girls Touch Football
Tuesday 9 May: U/15 Boys & Girls Basketball and U/15 Boys & Girls Football (Soccer)
Wednesday 17 May: 10 – 19 Years Boys & Girls Cross Country
Tuesday 30 May: U/12 Rugby Union
Monday 20 June: U/12 Girls Rugby League
Tuesday 25 July: U/12 Girls AFL

Students that are interested in attending any of these trials can see Mr McDonald for further details at least one week before the trial date.

AGCC Sport Trials

On Thursday afternoons, students in Years 7 – 12 are trialling for their selected inter-school sport. The AGCC Competition begins on Thursday 9 March and will involve Assisi students competing against Aquinas, St Andrew’s, St Michaels, Gold Coast Christian, LORDS, Hillcrest and Marymount Colleges.
Total Football Academy

Total Football Academy will be running an after School soccer program during Term 1 at Assisi Catholic College. The program is for Prep to Year 4 Pupils. Registration forms will be distributed during a free demonstration.

During the 6 week program games will be played inside an inflatable soccer field, which captures the imagination of students, giving them a great soccer experience. Training will take place inside a skills square focusing on different skills each week, such as dribbling, turning and shooting. As part of the program players can also purchase a soccer kit (Top and Shorts).

The program starts on Monday 6 February, 3.45pm - 4.45pm. To sign up online visit www.totalfootballacademy.com.au or call Danny Morton on 0473 344 778. Find us on Facebook for wet weather information and special offers.
**Winter Orders**

Following in this newsletter is the 2017 Winter Order Form. If you require winter uniform items please place an order and return to school with a minimum $10 deposit by Friday 24 February 2017. Supply cannot be guaranteed if an order is not placed and the uniform shop does not stock large quantities of winter items.

The Middle/Senior Years Sport Jacket is a very popular item. If your child has asked for one this year, or in the past and missed out, please place an order. This item will sell out extremely quick so to guarantee you get one, you MUST place an order.

**Second Hand Uniforms**

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is now open and operating on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30 am – 10.30 am. Please continue to drop off your second hand uniforms during regular uniform shop hours. All items must be in reasonably good to excellent condition (no marks/stains, no badly discoloured/faded items, no rips/torn), washed (ironed if needed) and preferably on a coat hanger. We are starting to receive a lot of items that are NOT in good condition. We will refuse to sell anything that is not in the condition we ask and will dispose of these items.

**Flexischools Orders**

If you are ordering from Flexi schools for your student in Years 7 – 12 please tell them to collect the order from the Uniform Shop the next day. Prep – Year 6 student orders will be sent to the child’s classroom.

As you all know the Uniform Shop is always very busy at this time of the year. I would like to say “thank you” to all the parents, students and some staff for your patience and understanding as you waited to be served on these busy days.

Thank you for your ongoing support and if you have any uniform queries please do hesitate to contact me by email mheath@assis.qld.edu.au or come in and see me.

Kind Regards

Michele Heath
Senior teachers of English & English Communication are available in Cortona for support, clarification and conferencing.

Every Thursday Week 5-9, every term. Between 11.15-11.45am.

All Senior Years students welcome.
College Information

College Family Teams

Agnes (Blue)
Clare (Yellow)
Francis (Green)
Rufino (Red)

College Motto
Peace Through Justice

College Foundation Day
Sunday 10 July 2005

Websites

Assisi Catholic College
www.assisi.qld.edu.au
Brisbane Catholic Education
www.brisbanecatholicschols.com.au
Queensland Catholic Education Commission
www.qcec.qld.catholic.edu.au
National Catholic Education Commission
www.ncec.catholic.edu.au
Cath News
www.cathnews.com
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WINTER UNIFORM ORDER FORM 2017

If you require winter uniform items please complete the bottom section of this form and return to school with a minimum $10.00 deposit by **Friday 24th February 2017**. Supply cannot be guaranteed if an order is not placed (the uniform shop does not stock large quantities of winter items).

**GUIDE TO SIZING:**

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Regards Michele Heath
Uniform Convener

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TOTAL AMOUNT OWING
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# Year 3-6 Swimming Lessons - 2017 Term 1

## At CAC Pool

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*** Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival (9<sup>th</sup> February)

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