

Newsletter



From the Principal....

Dear Parents & Carers

As each term draws to a close, I am always in awe of all of the wonderful activities, events and educational experiences the students at St Francis' School are afforded. The Staff at St Francis' strive to provide an engaging and experiential learning environment for our young people. In Term One the students have been surfing and swimming at Brighton Beach, rapped with Paris Mitchell as part of the Year Ten English Curriculum, swum and played sport at Cannington LeisurePlex, and had sports activities run by Noongar Sports and Basketball WA, all on top of the day to day learning activities that take place within the School.

A particular highlight for me this term was Harmony Day. This year marked the 20th Anniversary of Harmony Day which has been renamed Harmony Week to recognise the huge range of diversity and inclusion activities taking place across the country for the entire week. It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.



At St Francis' School we celebrated Harmony Day on March 21 which is the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. We celebrated the multicultural nature of our school with the students; helping to prepare a Multicultural Food Festival Lunch, participating in cultural games, doing henna art and making a paint balloon mural titled "Uniting in Harmony". The lunch was a great success with fried rice, curry, samosas, spring rolls, fairy bread, pavlova, short bread and a Hangi kindly prepared by Jordan D's mum Jeanne. It was wonderful to see so many of our students engaging with the activities and embracing the different cultures we have in our small school community.



Harmony Day was a special reminder that the diversity of our community is a gift to be celebrated.



Easter & School Holidays

As Easter falls on the middle weekend of the holidays, we will conclude Term One with a short Easter Reflection on Wednesday 10 April, followed by our traditional Easter Treasure Hunt.

I wish all members of the St Francis' School community a very safe, Holy and blessed Easter. We look forward to seeing everyone back for the start of Term Two on Tuesday 30 April.

God Bless,
Ian Hagen



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If your son or daughter is absent, please contact the school on 9262 4421 before 9:30am.

A medical certificate is required for absences of 2 or more consecutive days, or when requested by the school.

If you are picking up your son/daughter during school hours, please notify the school prior to your arrival.

You must come to Reception to sign them out. We will not allow them to leave school grounds without written permission.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Last Day of Term 3
Students.....Apr 10
Staff.....Apr 12

Good Friday.....Apr 19
Easter Sunday.....Apr 21
Easter Monday.....Apr 22
ANZAC Day.....Apr 25

First Day of Term 2
Staff (PD).....Apr 29
Students.....Apr 30

Parent/Student/Teacher
Meetings.....May 8

OZ Smile Dental.....May 13-17

Catholic Day..... May 31
(Student Free Day)
WA Day Public Holiday.....June 3
Service Day #1.....June 7
Year 10 Immunisations.....June 17

Last Day of Term 2.....July 5

Student Attendance Awards

Being punctual to school and attending each day is key to any students' engagement in their schooling and education. In the last week of Term we acknowledged the following students who had either perfect attendance at school and/or perfect punctuality to school. Congratulations to these students on their awards.

Perfect Attendance

Jayden Priest

Perfect Punctuality

Year 10

Jordan Davidson
Bethany-Louise Morgan-O'Shea
Jayden Priest
Georgia Starling

Year 12

Shannon Byl
Andrew McDonagh
Benjamin Shaw
Jordan Shaw

Year 11

Connor Rose



Respect *Responsibility* Belief *Belonging*

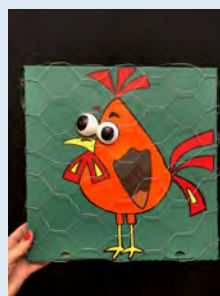
- The principles of St Francis' School -

From The Art Room

By Mrs Anna Fletcher-Hackett



Students are going ping pong crazy in Art this term!!



In the Kitchen

with Mrs Karen Young

Good food is where people come together and great conversations are had.

We have been cooking up a storm in the kitchen at St Francis this term and we are also very grateful to receive more shelving to store all our utensils and ingredients in our kitchen and pantry.

Year 10's have focused on baking...from chocolate brownies to apple pies. Students have also started their Barista course and are learning how to use a commercial coffee machine. Many fine brews have been made throughout the term. A crowd favourite is the hot chocolate.

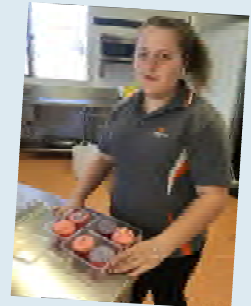
The year 11's have cooked stir-fry, pasta and many sweet treats along the way.

Our year 12's have been looking at methods of cooking including emulsification and crystallization. This has allowed us to focus on making caesar salads, chocolate fudge and many other great creations.

My kitchen rules had better watch out with the up coming talent at St Francis School.

We hope some of the yummy samples have made it home for family members to try.

'Bon Appetit'



Year 10 English

with Mr Geoff Mason

Easter Cooking at STFS

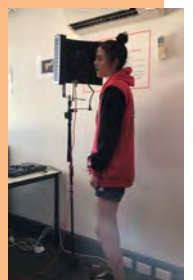
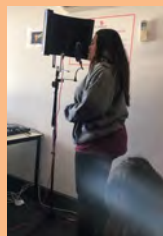
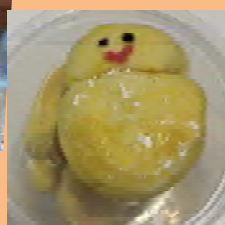
This term the Year 10 students as part of the English curriculum have been working with Paris Mitchell as part of a music programme.

As part of the programme Paris has worked closely with the students which resulted in a "St Francis' song" being written, recorded and produced.

The students all showed great courage and stepped out of their comfort zones to play a part in the writing, recording and production of the song.

If you want to listen to the song, please follow the link <https://soundcloud.com/l1nkd/straight-outta-maddo>

Well done to the Year 10's, I am proud of their efforts.



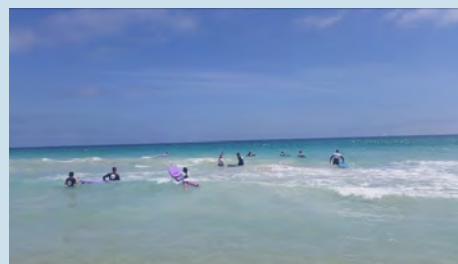
Recreation



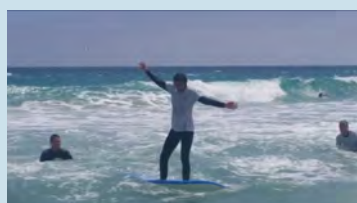
Recreation this term has gone from strength to strength because students have engaged enthusiastically with a program that has been varied. We purposely planned recreation to cater for students' abilities, interests, and energy levels, and by doing this we have had many good sessions.



The start of the term we spent a few afternoons learning to surf or just enjoying a swim at Scarborough beach.



We then accessed the great facilities at Cannington Leisure plex enjoying cool swims and hectic games of Basketball, Floorball and Indoor soccer.



In the last part of term 1 we have had Basketball WA provide a skills and games module with the students being very impressed with the SBL player Pearl skills.



Well done to all the students that have given their best through the term wanting to **belong** to recreation, demonstrating **belief** when trying new activities, showing **respect** to all the guest facilitators, and taking **responsibility** for your personal health by getting out and moving.



Easter Treasure Hunt 2019

Our annual Easter Treasure Hunt was held on the last day of school.

There was some pretty fierce competition this year as staff and students teamed up to race around the school searching for clues and hidden tokens.

The race came down to the blue sand-filled tubs and thanks to some good searching Team Shannon & Geoff won the day!



A huge thank you to Mr Willock who organises and runs the treasure hunt each year (with help from his lovely assistant of course). The event just keeps getting bigger and better and we can't wait to see what he has planned for next year.

Final results were:

- 1st Place** Shannon & Geoff
- 2nd Place** Jaxon & Kerry
- 3rd Place** Georgia S, Georgia B & Courtney



Congratulations to all students and staff for getting involved and giving it a go.



Youth Worker News

A WARM WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL FOR 2019.

A very special welcome to all of our new students and parents across all year levels.

Each term I enjoy showcasing all that we have created and the connections we have made in community and to also remind everyone to stay connected to our St Francis School Facebook Page.



Term 1 at St Francis School has been action packed. Seeing the success of our Harmony Day Multicultural Food Festival, our break time Chill Out Zone activities and our recreational activities with local community organisations such as Basketball WA, GO Surf School Lessons, Nyoongar Wellbeing and Sports has been fantastic.

We have enjoyed connecting with community organisation such as Headspace Armadale. In the last few weeks of term 1 our school has been focusing on Morning Check Ins, Healthy Eat, sleeping well, engaging in exercise and soaking up sunlight daily doing lots of basketball, netball and cricket.



Next term is an exciting one for St Francis' School as we are looking forward to having a visit from Perth Wild Cats, Helping Minds and celebrating Naidoc Week just to name a few..

Please keep your eye on our school Facebook posts and notice boards for upcoming

events.

We are all so proud of our students for showing courage in connecting to new people, spaces and giving everything ago this term. We believe each of our students are gifted, has huge potential and are so deserving of all the effort our school community puts into everything we do.

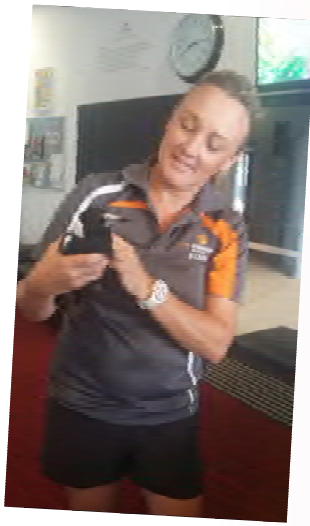


We would like to extend a special thanks to our local community organisation who have provided us with great workshops and staff who have brought in there fur family members this term.

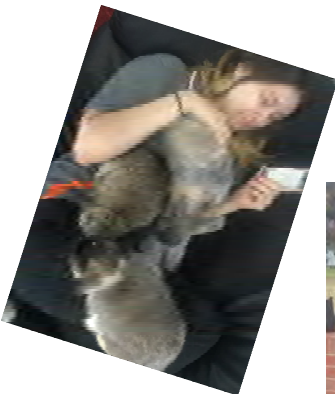
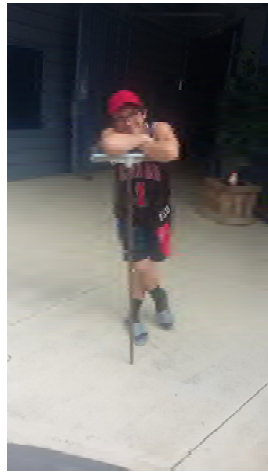


Wishing you all an enjoyable and safe school holidays..... don't forward to check out our Term 1 school holiday booklet. www.stfs.wa.edu.au/youthworker.html





Around the School in Term 1



From the STFS Admin Team...

STFS Administration will be closed from 4pm Thursday 11th April, reopening on Friday 26th April. Should you have any queries during this time, please call 9262 4421 and leave a message or alternatively, please email admin@stfs.wa.edu.au

Have a safe and blessed Easter
Jodi & Kate



At STFS, we encourage our students to take responsibility for themselves and their actions. At times, we have students calling or messaging parents during classes or break times asking to be picked up or to leave the school and go home.

Should students feel the need to go home (for whatever reason), we ask that they speak to their staff mentor who will try and provide support and encourage them to stay at school.

If a student needs to go home or be picked up, parents will be contacted by a member of staff who will advise of the situation and seek approval for the student to be dismissed from school.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school when you receive a call or message from your son/daughter. We are happy to work with them so they can remain at school for as long as possible.

School Fees

At St Francis's School, our fees are kept as low as possible and include excursions, one STFS polo shirt, books and stationery.

Fees for 2019 are now overdue and must be paid asap

It is greatly appreciated that parents pay the full amount of fees either in one lump sum or in instalments as per the Payment Option Form. Thank you to those parents who have already made payments.

Should you have any difficulty in paying your fees or you'd like to set up a weekly/fortnightly/monthly payment arrangement, please contact Jodi on 9262 4421.

All discussions regarding fees are strictly confidential.

Uniform



It's fantastic to see so many students in their uniform each day.

If you would like to order extra uniform, please contact Admin

STFS Student Polo	\$25 each
STFS Hoodie	\$40 each

From the STFS Admin Team...



Progress Reports for Term One were posted home on Wednesday 10th April.

Please take the time to carefully read the report and then discuss your thoughts with your son/daughter. The aim at this stage is for all students to have settled in to the new school year and be working to their full potential.

Ideally, parents/carers and the child should plan several realistic goals to aim for in Term Two based on the information contained in the Progress Report.

*Save
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Date*

Parent Student Teacher Meetings

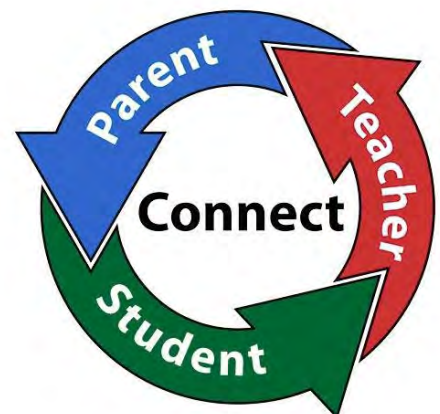
Tuesday 8th May 1:00pm to 6:00pm

All parents/carers are encouraged to make appointments to meet with your child's teachers.

It is recommended that students attend the interviews since they need every opportunity to take an active part in their education. Often feedback on a student's report and progress is not effective unless the student is present as well. All students and parents/carers are encouraged to bring a copy of the Term One Progress Report to the interview.

Please contact Jodi or Kate at the school on 9262 4421 or admin@stfs.wa.edu.au to arrange a time.

Please note that on Tuesday 8th May, classes will conclude at the end of Lesson 3 and students will be dismissed at 12:00pm.



From the STFS Admin Team...

YEAR 10 MENINGOCOCCAL ACWY SCHOOL BASED IMMUNISATION PROGRAM MONDAY 17th JUNE 2019

Information about the 2019 Year 10 Meningococcal Immunisation Program including consent forms will be posted home to all year 10 parents in the first week of Term Two. Please complete the form and return it to the school no later than Friday 15th June.



Woolworths Earn and Learn commences May 1st 2019 and St Francis' School would love your support.

All stickers collected will help us to choose from over 10,000 different Modern Teaching Aids products and school equipment.

Full or partly completed sticker sheets, or individual stickers can be dropped off to Kate/Jodi at Admin. If you like a sticker sheet, please let us know as we will happily post some out to you.

And don't forget to tell your friends!



From the STFS Admin Team...



St Francis' School is participating in the Bakers Delight Dough Raiser Program this year.

Bakers Delight Maddington will donate back to the school 10% of total purchases made by STFS families and friends.

Please mention the school and the Dough Raiser Program when you purchase your bread and bakery products from Bakers Delight Maddington.



St Francis' School is a proud participant of Planet Ark's recycling program: **'Cartridges 4 Planet Ark'**.

If you have any old printer cartridges at home that you'd like to recycle, please bring them in and we will include them in our collection box.



Have you seen the 2019 School Holiday Activities Booklet?

It is packed full with loads of things to do over the holidays.

Check it out here:

<https://www.stfs.wa.edu.au/youthworker.html>



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Mobile Dental Clinics

We will be having OZ Smile Mobile Dental Clinic at the school from Monday 13th May to Friday 17th May offering FREE dental checkups to eligible students.

Consent forms were mailed out to all families a few weeks ago and need to be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible if you would like to partake in this offer.

If you have any questions or require another form, please don't hesitate to contact Admin on 9262 4421

From the STFS Admin Team...



This year we are raising money for our School. Please help us achieve our goal by purchasing your Entertainment Membership from us. St Francis' School received 20% from every Membership sold so tell you family and friends to support us aswell.

The Entertainment Mememberships are available as a Book or as a Digital Membership App. Both are full of great value and you only need to use your Membership once or twice and it will have paid for itself!

Anytime you use your Membership after that, the savings are dollars in your pocket! With great offers which include 2-for-1 offers, special rates and up to 50% off on activities, dining, shopping, travel and leisure.....there is something for everyone in this year's Entertainment Membership.

Purchase your Membership by contacting Kate or Jodi at Admin or online at www.entbook.com.au/9n53794



TELL YOUR FRIENDS

South East Metro Parenting Support Services

Workshops for Parents & Carers

Tuning Into Teens: For parents & carers of children aged 10 - 18 years Positive family relationships are essential for adolescent health, including mental health and behaviour. For parents, understanding the role of emotions in family life will help improve relationships and raise happy, healthy teenagers.

In this workshop you will have the opportunity to learn developmentally appropriate skills in:

- Understanding adolescent development accepting teens' emotions
- Managing feelings of rejection in response to teens increasing independence
- Creating opportunities for connection between parent and teen

Facilitator: Parenting Support Worker- Communicare
Dates: Tuesday 21, 28 May, 4, 11 & 18 June
Crèche: No crèche available
Venue: Communicare 275 Abernethy Road Belmont
Time: 5.30pm-7.30pm
Bookings: phone 9251 5777 or email parenting@communicare.org.au

Engaging Adolescence: For parents of Adolescents The teenage years can be a challenge for families, as children develop into adolescents with their own opinions that may differ from their parents.

Engaging Adolescence is a program designed for parents looking for common ground with their teenagers.

The 3 session workshop includes:

- What are reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents?
- New understandings of adolescence: social landscapes, brain snaps, body makeovers.
- A three-option model & flowchart for decision making to help manage teenage behaviour

Facilitator: Parenting Support Worker- Communicare
Dates: Monday 17, 24 June & 1 July
Crèche: No crèche available
Venue: Gosnells Women's Health Service 2232 Albany Hwy Gosnells
Time: 9.30am-11.30am
Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com.au/engagingadolescence>

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