

# Newsletter



From the Principal....

Dear Parents & Carers

As we end Term Two, I would like to focus on two highlights for me this term which were the successes of our Service Day on June 7 and the joint Excursion to Bounce with St Clare's School on 21 June. The Service Day commenced with a beautiful Pentecost Liturgy after which students, staff, parents and family members participated in Service Activities around the School. The Service Activities included gardening, cleaning, working on a sculpture project for the school, setting up a planter box and preparing meals for the Shop Front (47 packaged meals were prepared). After working hard everyone was rewarded with a hearty shared lunch. It was wonderful to see everyone getting into the spirit of the day. The Service Days are an important opportunity for our parents and families to engage with the School. Thanks to parents Jade Morgan, Corinna Bishop, Rob Whitmore & Pauline Ure, Krystal's mum & dad Richard and Anne and, Rory's McNally's sons Declan and David for joining in the activities and being part of our School Community.



Having the students and staff from St Clare's and St Francis' come together for a joint excursion was a wonderful experience for all involved. The two schools met at Bounce in Cannington and it was great to see the students, and staff, from both schools interacting with each other and enjoying the spirit of the occasion. After finishing at Bounce, we headed to Kent St Weir for a BBQ lunch followed by games and activities. Whilst there was some nervousness at times from both the St Francis and St Clare's students when the games and activities started it was a wonderful to see the students from both schools to come together and engage. The students were challenged to come out of their comfort zone, most of them rose to the occasion. We look forward to further opportunities for the two CARE schools to work together.



## STAFFING MATTERS

I will be taking Long Service Leave from Monday 16 September 2019 to Friday 25 October 2019, in my absence Mr David Willock will assume the role of Short-Term Principal and Mrs Krystal Dean will take on the role of Acting Campus Coordinator. Mr Willock and Mrs Dean will do a wonderful job in my absence.

## NAIDOC Week & Aboriginal Sunday

NAIDOC Week is a time for Aboriginal people to come together in different ways to connect to culture and country and is officially celebrated July 7-14. The theme for 2019 is **Voice. Treaty. Truth. Let's work together for a shared future.** With 2019 being celebrated as the United Nations International Year of Indigenous Languages, it's time for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge to be heard through voice. For generations, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have sought recognition of their unique place in Australian history and society today along with looking for significant and lasting change. Voice. Treaty. Truth. were three key elements to the reforms set out in the Uluru Statement from the Heart. These reforms represent the unified position of First Nations Australians.

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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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www.stfs.wa.edu.au

## IMPORTANT DATES

School Reports posted.....	July 4
Last Day of Term 2	
Students.....	July 5
Staff.....	July 5
NAIDOC week.....	July 7 to July 14
First Day of Term 3	
Staff .....	July 22
Students.....	July 22
Catholic Performing Arts Festival commences.....	July 26
Your Health Workshops	
.....	Aug 6 to Sept 17
Book Week.....	Aug 18 to Aug 23
Staff PD.....	Aug 26
(Student Free Day)	
Staff PD.....	Aug 27
(Student Free Day)	
OLNA.....	Sept 2 to Sept 4
St Francis Day.....	Sept 27
Last Day of Term 3.....	Sept 27

From the Principal continued....

An important part of NAIDOC Week for the Catholic Church is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday which will be celebrated on Sunday 7 July, the theme this year being **"Peace to this house and all who dwell within"**. The NATSICC (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council) Liturgy team reflected on the readings and the theme is drawn from Luke 10:1-12. *Queenie McKenzie's artwork (right) is the theme image.*



In our busy lives, we are often bombarded with competing priorities, distractions, worries and concerns about ourselves and others which can cause us to forget to take time to stop, look around, reflect and look for peace in our lives. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders' strong connection to culture and land helps them see the beauty in our world and by sharing this appreciation they are helping to share God's love.

The message that NATSICC would like to give you, is to reflect and make time to look for your inner peace in your busy life, and celebrate together with your families, friends and the wider community God's message of peace and love for all.

NAIDOC Week is also an opportunity for non-Aboriginal Australians to grow their cultural awareness, knowledge and skills, by participating in Aboriginal community events in a respectful way. At St Francis' School NAIDOC Week was celebrated in the last week of term. Courtney, our Youth Worker, coordinated a number of wonderful activities for our students including song, dance, painting and sporting workshops.

I encourage all of our families to participate in many of the NAIDOC Week activities in your local communities.

### School Holidays

I wish all staff, students and families of the St Francis' School community a safe, relaxing and refreshing holiday break. I look forward to seeing everyone back for the start of Term Three on Monday 22 July.

God Bless,  
Ian Hagen

## Respect Responsibility Belief Belonging

- The Principles of St Francis' School -

## 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

Year 10  
Jayden

Year 11  
Tanika

### Perfect Punctuality

Year 10  
Bethany-Louise

Year 12  
Shannon  
Andrew  
Ali



# In the Kitchen

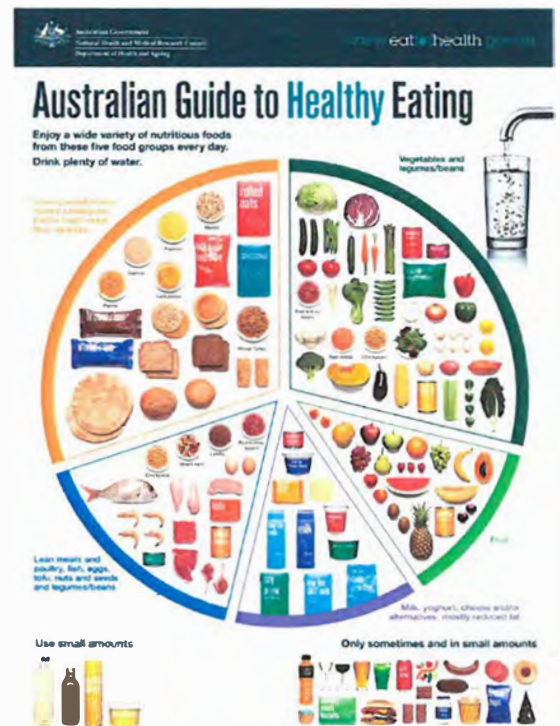
with Mrs Krystal Dean

healthy  
FOOD  
healthy  
LIFE

School age is a fabulous time for students to learn about healthy eating.

This term we have been focusing on the healthy eating food models including the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating.

Some of the delicious foods cooked up this term include: Banana bread, apple tarts, penne and meatballs, high fibre pasta, vegetable fritter and vegetarian curry.



Bon  
Appétit

EVERY HUMAN IS  
AN ARTIST. THE  
DREAM OF YOUR  
LIFE IS TO MAKE  
BEAUTIFUL ART.

MIGUEL ANGEL RUIZ

# From The Art Room

By Mrs Anna Fletcher-Hackett

We have created a huge sculpture to showcase in the school grounds!

It's based on the theme 'Peas in a Pod' .... like the vegetable.



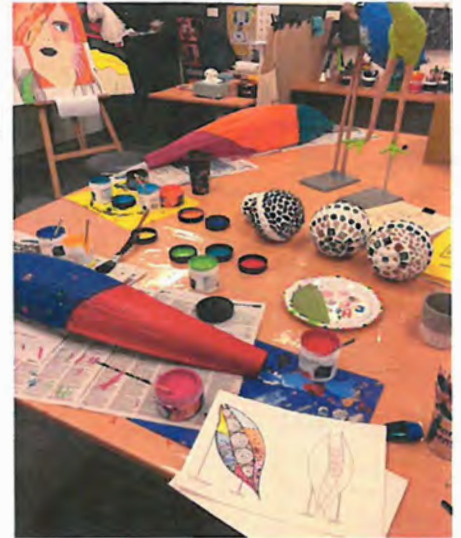
The peas- the mosaic, tiled balls - are the students.

The tree branch/pods represent the school itself/building.

By putting them together we form a small, caring community. We have also acknowledged the Aboriginal culture in the

sculpture through a series of dots, signs and symbols that represent meanings in various Aboriginal communities.

The sculpture is sitting near the front door, so when you are next visiting the school, be sure to have a look.



# WOODEN IT BE LOVELY....

Life in the Workshop by Mr David Willock



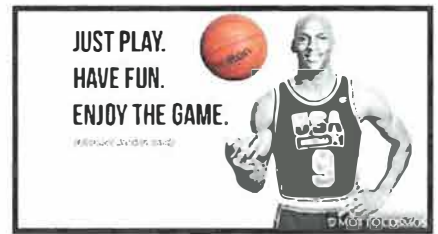
As part of the service programme, the Year 10's have been working on an outdoor table. The students have produced a sturdy project that looks great.

These well constructed tables are for sale for \$800 and profits generated go back into the School.



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# Recreation



This term, the engagement in Recreation has again been excellent. Many students have benefitted holistically from the opportunities provided to them on Wednesday and Friday afternoons.



The term started with a visit from Mitch Norton from the Wild Cats NBL franchise. The session was high tempo and skill based.

We also had Chris Brown from the West Australian Football Commission join us for 6 weeks of AFL modified games. This saw many students pitch their skills against staff members.



Other highlights of the term were Badminton and Volleyball at Cannington Leisure plex, an shared excursion with St Clare's School to Bounce and Kent St Weir, and

indigenous games during our Naidoc week celebrations.

In addition to Recreation we have also seen an increase of activity at break times with regular walks, games of spike ball, gutter ball, hand ball and table tennis.



Again, 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 regularly.



# Youth Worker News

So much has been going on this term!

## Interschool Excursion with St Clare's

Students and staff from St Francis' gathered with the St Clare's community to enjoy a Term 2 excursion together. The morning started with a session at Bounce Trampoline Centre, where several students (and teachers) exhibited some previously hidden skills! We then joined together for a sausage sizzle lunch at Kent St Weir, where we were blessed with some beautiful weather, after some very rainy weather in the past few weeks. We also joined in some teams games and a treasure hunt, with both schools very keen to win! Thanks to all the organisers from both schools, including our Year 12 SHSM students and staff.



## Service Day

Parents and Carers gathered at St Francis' community this this terms Service Day.

Our day was filled with service project such as building furniture, gardening, cleaning, animal caretaking, cooking and preparing meals for shop front.



This was followed by a wonderful afternoon lunch which was appreciated by all. (Thanks STFS Team)

Thanks to all the Parents and Carers who attended.



Together, as a team, we believe we can enrich the lives of all our students.



## NAIDOC Week

For this years National Reconciliation Week and our NAIDOC Week we where inspired by both themes "Grounded in truth" and "Voice, Treaty, Truth" has been so special this year with a welcome to country by Catherine Bynder, Cultural games, Traditional tasting platters, damper making and baking lemon myrtle biscuits, and our peas in the pod art piece designed by staff and students.



We can't wait for Term 3 and wish you all a happy, safe and relaxing holiday break!..... don't forward to check out our Term 2 school holiday booklet [www.stfs.wa.edu.au/youthworker.html](http://www.stfs.wa.edu.au/youthworker.html)

*It is our choices  
that show what we truly are,  
far more than our abilities.*  
- Albus Dumbledore

# There is so much to look forward to...



Transition to Adult Life is a new class this year, which has the aim of helping students transition to life after they leave the School.



Last term the students worked on identifying a vision for their future through the use of a vision board and identified a goal they would like to achieve before the end of the year. This had the aim of helping students to visually create a future they want and something for them to work towards.



In Term Two, students have been collecting forms of identification such as drivers' license, learners' permit, tax file number and Medicare cards or creating documentation such as resumes, cover letter and certificates into a file that they will be able to take to a job interview in the future.



Next semester, Mrs Dean and Mr Mason are looking forward to working with the students to apply for jobs they are interested in and prepare them for possible job interviews they may be offered.

## Strong Hearts Strong Minds

There have been some great discussions across all years this term in Strong Hearts Strong Minds....

- Body Image   *Mindfulness*   Stress and how to cope   *Brain Function*
- Weather & Your Emotions*   *Healthy Habits*   *Brain Food at Breakfast*
- Rewarding Yourself   *Connecting to your Community*   Sleep Hygiene
- Mental Health*   *Emotions*   *Drugs/Alcohol & the effect on My Body*



We had a visit from Andrea from Helping Minds who talked about Social Media, body image, mental health and support for kids who are carers.

Plus we had furry cuddles with Kyzer the Therapy Dog!



### Imagine a Life







Hi, my name is Debbie Iacozza and I am the new school Social Worker.

I have replaced Una who many of you would know as one of the foundation Pastoral Team members when the school opened in 2015.

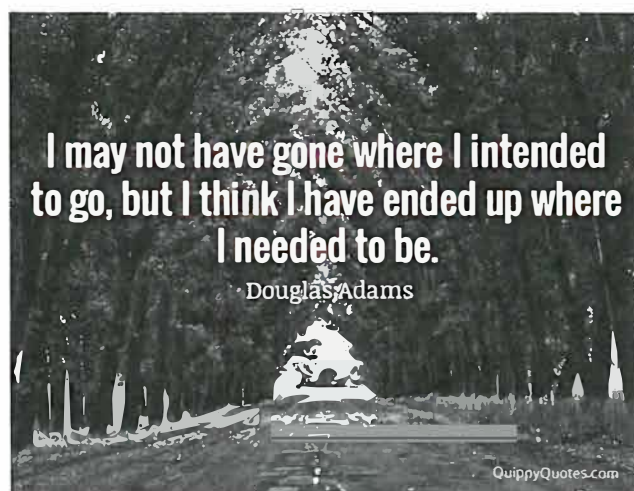
As St Francis' School is such a unique place to be, my first two terms have primarily been a learning journey getting to know the school community.

Prior to coming to St Francis', I was the Social Worker at Clontarf Aboriginal College where I also worked with students, families and external support services to achieve the best outcome for the student's journey through school and beyond.

My goal this year is to get familiar with the School (and all that that entails), develop trusting relationships with the students and to be available to parents if they would like to discuss any concerns or worries they have about their child.

Thank you to those I have already met for making me feel welcome.

I look forward to meeting more parents and getting to know all the students as they pass through the doors of this wonderful school.



## From the STFS Admin Team...

STFS Administration will be closed from 4pm Friday 5th April, reopening on Monday 22nd July.  
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](mailto:admin@stfs.wa.edu.au)

Have a safe and happy holiday  
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.

We are in the process of updating our jumper design and we're currently taking orders. If you would like to order any uniform, please contact Admin

STFS Student Polo	\$30 each
STFS Hoodie	\$50 each

## From the STFS Admin Team...



Reports for Semester One were posted home on Thursday 4th July.

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 into a good routine and be working to the best of their abilities.

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

Should you have any questions regarding the report, or if you would like to meet with any of your child's teachers please feel free to contact the school.



A huge THANK YOU to all the parents, friends, staff and anyone else who collected the Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers for the school!

### **YEAR 10 MENINGOCOCCAL ACWY SCHOOL BASED IMMUNISATION PROGRAM Term 3, 2019**

There will be another Immunisation Day in Term Three for those who missed out. Consent forms for the 2019 Year 10 Meningococcal Immunisation Program will be posted home to all year 10 parents with Semester One Reports.

Please complete the form and return it to the school no later than Friday 9th August. Should you not wish for your child to be immunised against Meningococcal, please return the blank form to the school.



**Child and Adolescent  
Health Service**

From the STFS Admin Team...

# South East Metro Parenting Support Services

## Workshops for Parents & Carers

**Parenting after Stressful Events:** For parents & carers of children with trauma.

Have there been stressful events in your child's life – separation, trauma, injury, death, illness. Has this had an impact on your relationship with your child and left you feeling drained, worried, concerned for your child's well-being or struggling with day to day routines. Would you like more insight in to how this event may have impacted and gain some new strategies on how to support and guide your child through life's challenges.

**Facilitator:** Parenting Support Worker- Communicare  
**Dates:** Tuesday 20th August 2019  
**Crèche:** Yes **bookings are essential!**  
**Venue:** Gosnells CPC, 173 Hicks Street, Gosnells (access via Clara Street)  
**Time:** 12:30pm-2:30pm  
**Bookings:** email [CPCGosnells@centrecare.com.au](mailto:CPCGosnells@centrecare.com.au)

**Engaging Adolescence:** For parents & carers of children aged 10 to 15

Would you like to have a better understanding of your teen? This workshop can assist you in gaining an understanding of what is going on for your teen, learning how to set realistic boundaries and how to have those tough conversations.

**Facilitator:** Parenting Support Worker- Communicare  
**Dates:** Thursdays 12th Sept, 19th Sept & 26th Sept 2019  
**Crèche:** No crèche available  
**Venue:** Communicare Academy, 11-13 Royal Street, Kenwick  
**Time:** 3:00pm - 5:00pm  
**Bookings:** phone 9251 5777 or email [parenting@communicare.org.au](mailto:parenting@communicare.org.au)

**Understanding Anxiety & Depression in Youth:** For parents & carers of children aged 10 to 17

Do you have a young person in your life that may be experiencing Anxiety or Depression? This course covers the challenges experienced by anxious and/or depressed adolescents and provides practical ideas and tips for parents and carers to assist their child and themselves.

**Facilitator:** Romy Pritchard  
**Dates:** Thursdays 12th September 2019  
**Crèche:** No crèche available  
**Venue:** LeisureLife, Cnr Gloucester & Kent Street, East Victoria Park  
**Time:** 6:00pm - 8:30pm  
**Bookings:** phone 9251 5777 or email [parenting@communicare.org.au](mailto:parenting@communicare.org.au)

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Save the Children.

The South East Metro Parenting Support Service is funded by the Government of Western Australia Department of Communities. South East Metro Parenting Support Services are delivered by Communicare in partnership with Save the Children.

## 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.

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## 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](http://www.entbook.com.au/9n53794)**



# Looking for work or a career change? Can you see yourself working in a school?

**Schools are regularly hiring people for the following roles:**

Gardener, cleaner, administration, management, canteen or as education assistants.

Starting in July 2019, North Metropolitan TAFE are running a one semester course on the skills required to be a successful candidate for employment in a school. The course aids in preparation for entry into gardening, cleaning, administration, management, canteen and education assistant work.

We have had huge success supporting people to find work and the chances of gaining employment are strong. This course is suitable for existing gardeners, cleaners, administrators etc., and people looking to change career or people looking for work.

**The course includes:**

- Training in skills specific to the role you are interested in e.g. gardening, cleaning and IT skills
- Work experience in a school or other organisation
- Help and support to find work
- Help accessing further training as required e.g. Certificate III in Education Support
- Development of your job application cover letter, resume and help with selection criteria

**Entry requirements:**

- Strong work ethic
- Good oral and written communication
- Must be able to read procedures, safety sheets and chemical bottles
- Successful completion of an entry interview
- Working With Children Check and a Police Clearance

**Course details:**

- 3 days per week - Starts Tuesday 23rd July finishes Friday 13th December (20 weeks)
- Days - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:15 until 2:45
- Cost – Approximately \$180 (total course fee for full 20 weeks)
- Location - based in Leederville and on site

If you would be interested in this course then please email:

Chris Hodson

[chris.hodson@nmtafe.wa.edu.au](mailto:chris.hodson@nmtafe.wa.edu.au)

Disclaimer: North Metropolitan TAFE does not guarantee work after completing this course. This course supports you to find work. The course is run by North Metropolitan TAFE (RTO code: 52786) and is not endorsed by any authority or government department.



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