

Newsletter



From the Principal....

Dear Parents & Carers

National Reconciliation Week 2020

This year the theme for National Reconciliation Week (NRW) 2020 was “In this together” and as a school community with families from a range of backgrounds, this is something we must focus on. Reconciliation lives in the hearts, minds and actions of us all as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. National Reconciliation Week aims to enrich the learning experiences of students within our care, including building their understanding of Australia’s rich and long history and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures.

The anniversary dates which mark National Reconciliation Week (NRW) are significant milestones for reconciliation: 27 May – the 1967 Referendum, and the 3rd of June the High Court Mabo decision. This year’s theme asked all Australians to reflect on this as it is resonating now in a way we could not have foreseen, it reminds us whether in a crisis or in reconciliation, we are all in this together!

During NRW our whole school community came together for a shared lunch which is a highlight of each week at St Francis’ School, coming together as one, as a family, as a community learning, sharing and growing together.

Following on from NRW, our students have been creating a story and an art piece around the theme - “Reengaging in an Education Journey”. The art piece is a large boomerang which has been painted by the students, The boomerang was chosen as it represents the returning of students to reengaging in school and all of our spirits coming together The boomerang is also seen as safety net as it helps to gather nourishment which keeps us healthy and protects us. All the drawings, images and painting have been done by our students from Year 10 to 12 with the story developed by Year Ten students Katrina Walley & Lilly O’Hearn.

The design starts with a yellow, orange and red sandhill which represents the reasons we have all come to be at St Francis’ School. The hills are the struggles and challenges we have come across in our lives. After arriving at St Francis’ School, we make our individual tracks - students show courage to re-engage in education, a new community and move forward even when feeling vulnerable, which shows resilience. We all come from different paths but are heading in the same direction within the Community.

The blue and yellow sand hills – represent day and night and some of the barriers we face daily, and how even though we are now a part of The School Community some days it still takes us time, courage, energy and the ability to reach out for support to feel safe and secure. Our school has pastoral care, advocate teachers and assistants to walk alongside us, guide us and keep us on track.

We feel the care and love of the St Francis’ Community and with this comes the support, guidance and good luck shown by the dragonfly. Because of the support we get we are able to move forward on our journey and this makes our wings become a little strong, stretch a little wider and move a little further. Together we can rest and gather ourselves. This is shown in the resting place symbol. A place where we feel safe, secure and settled in our community.

The track marks in the middle of the boomerang show that sometimes we face further challenges and problems and have to leave for a while, find we return to our Community - a safe place.

We gather each day as one students, staff and guests. This community is our meeting place, a check in point, and together we know and understand that we are a family and we all share our days of learning, games, stories, wisdom, food and recreation. This meeting place is marked with our school colours (Grey, White and Orange).

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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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From the Principal.... Continued....

We welcome our family, our friends, our animals and the good spirits to be a part of our school community as we continue to grow into young women and men as shown by the campsite and people symbols in a variety of colours.

With the energy provided by the St Francis' family we are able to continue through to our graduation. With the support, protection, personal strengthening, and love provided at St Francis' we are able to move into the next phase of our lives whether it is employment, further education, or family life. This is shown by the pink and grey pods of dolphins. We believe St Francis' School will allow us to move forward, living a healthy life.

Often, we see past students return as young adults to say hello, tell us about their journey since graduating and supporting us in celebrating the next generation each year represented by the blue dolphins. We believe the little dolphins learn from the big dolphins.



Staffing

Mrs. Courtney Graterri will commence her Parental Leave during the Term Two holidays. We have been extremely fortunate to have Mr. Alex Mubanga join the St Francis' team as our Youth Worker in Courtney's absence. Alex commenced at St Francis' on Monday 22 June spending time with Courtney getting to know the students and the important role the Youth Worker has at St Francis' School. Alex will be a wonderful asset to St Francis'.



Parent/Teacher/Student Meetings

Parent / Student / Teacher Meetings (PTSM) for 2020 will be held on Tuesday 28 July 1:00pm to 7:00pm at the School. A 'good' education is reliant on quality communication between parents/carers, students and schools/teachers. St Francis School is providing the opportunity for parents/carers to meet with your son/daughters' teachers. The PTSMs provide a valuable opportunity for parents/carers to meet with staff to get valuable feedback on the progress their child's progress over the course of Semester One. I encourage all parents/carers to make appointments to meet with your child's teachers. Please contact Jodi or Kate at the school to arrange a time (Phone 9262 4421 or email admin@stfs.wa.edu.au). On this day classes will conclude at the end of Lesson 4.

It is strongly 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.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Last Day for Term Two.....Jul 3

Last Day for Staff.....Jul 3

First day for Term 3, 2020

Monday 20 July 2020

(Staff & Students)

Staff PD..... Aug 14

(Student Free Day)

Staff PD..... Aug 21

(Student Free Day)

Book Week.....Aug 24 to Aug 28

OLNA.....Aug 31 to Sept 25

St Francis Day.....Sept 25

(Celebrations)

Last Day of Term 3.....Sept 25

Recreation & HPO

This term the engagement in Recreation has been outstanding and all students deserve to be commended for their efforts. As the term has progressed, we have done a number of different activities including Cycling, Volleyball, Wii Sports, and Art projects within the St Francis community. One marked difference this term has been the large groups of students that attempted a mixture of medium and long bike rides. These rides were well lead by Mr Willock, Mr Hagen and Mr Mason. The icing on the cake was to see the students faces when Mr Willock checked his Strava (bike app) and told them how many kilometres they had done. Most weeks the riders clicked over 15-20 kilometres along the bike paths in our region.

Whilst the riders were out other students played Volleyball, played Wii, walked or did an art project which again was popular and I was always pleased to see the students focus for the whole session. Once Covid-19 restrictions were eased and sports venues were accessible and we went back to Cannington Leisure plex and Fitzpatrick's recreation centre. Students and staff enjoyed an variety of indoor sports such as Badminton, Basketball, Indoor soccer, Sand volleyball, and Floorball. Each activity was played intensely and with a great sporting spirit.

A big thank you to all staff that generously provided ideas, inspiration, guidance and equally big thank you to the students that gave it their best each session. I feel students and staff alike have benefitted from the 2 sessions a week and the vibe around St Francis has been excellent all semester in and out of the classroom due to the well published benefits of activity has on our mental, physical, social and emotional wellbeing.



Respect Responsibility Belief Belonging

- The principles of St Francis' School -

Our School Prayer

St Francis,

*Help me to jump into this day,
full of joy and hope.*

*Help me to see every
problem as a learning
opportunity.*

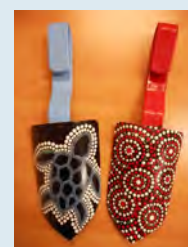
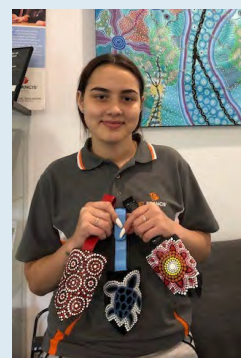
*To myself and others, let me
show respect, act
responsibly, believe in
myself and learn to belong to
our school community.*

Amen

In The Workshop by Mr David Willock

As part of the Certificate II Engineering Pathways programme, students can build a project of their own choice. We have three projects that are nearing completion this term. The corner table was built by Georgia Starling, the bar tool by Blake Edwards and the fire pit by Nicholas Tovey. The projects showcase their fabrication and welding skills. They look great and are well constructed.

In Year 10 the students build a garden trowel. Lilly O'Hearn took it to the next level by combining her practical skills with her art skills. I think they look fantastic



Kids in the kitchen

by Mrs Krystal Dean

The year 10 students have been baking up a storm in the kitchen, they have baked a variety of goods including: shortbread, sticky date pudding, scones with jam and cream, jam drops and banana chocolate chip muffins.

Fun was had by all students when constructing towers out of raw spaghetti and marshmallows, which needed to hold a block of chocolate for 30 seconds. Knotted bread rolls with poppy seeds and the classic banana bread were a hit with the year 11 students.

Meanwhile the year 12 students challenged themselves with beef pie and gnocchi topping, chocolate souffle and chai spiced creamy rice.



Art at St Francis

by Mrs Helen Capsalis



The students have continued to produce great artwork this term. Here we can see some gorgeous animals that the students have completed using pastels.

Which one is your favourite?

Currently students are working towards completing works on canvas and paper in paint. Watch this space for more exciting artwork

VET in Schools TAFE Applications 2021

Applications will soon open in July 2020 for Year 10 & 11 Students to apply to complete a VET in Schools TAFE course in 2021. This will be one or two days a week at a local TAFE. If students are interested please see Sarah to assist with your application.

TAFE Certificate II or III subject areas include:

Animal Studies	Furniture Making
Applied Fashion	Hospitality
Automotive (Light & Heavy)	IT (Cyber Security)
Building & Construction	Kitchen Operations
Community Services (Early Childhood)	Plumbing
Education Support	Retail Cosmetics
Engineering	Salon Assistant
Events	Technology

More information on VET in Schools 2021 courses can be found at:

www.southmetrotafe.wa.edu.au/courses/study-types/vet-in-schools

www.northmetrotafe.wa.edu.au/courses/study-types/VETDSS

INSTEP Work Experience

Two of our Students are continuing to have a wonderful experience at their workplace learning placements.

Jordan Davidson (Year 11) is working at St Vincents Distribution Centre in Canning Vale. During the day Jordan helps to sort the clothing which is donated into different seasons, places them into cages which are then put into specific areas. He also helps other staff with making beds using allen keys and then moving them upstairs.

Jordan quoted *“My favourite part of the placement is using the machinery to press the clothes”.*



Shannon Byl (Year 12) is working at Forest Crescent Primary School in Thornlie with the Year 1 Students. During the day Shannon helps the teacher to organise the students, answers their questions and helps to develop their reading and writing skills.

Shannon quoted *“I have loved getting to know the children and helping them with their work. My favourite part of the day is*

helping the students with literacy where I work with 2-3 students and can really get to know them individually”.

Shannon and Jordan have been presented with “Gold Awards” for excellence in the workplace. The certificates were presented to the students by Mr Paul Waddell from INSTEP West.



Youth Worker News

I cannot believe how fast time has flown by! This year is my fourth year working as a Youth Worker at St Francis' School. As many of you already know, my husband and I are expecting our first child. This is a very exciting time for my family.

My last day with the students will be on the 3RD of July, followed by my last day of work being the 10th of July.

Over the next few weeks I will be busy making preparations to ensure Alex will have a smooth transition into St Francis' School.

Alex Mubanga will be replacing my Youth Worker position between Term 3 2020 until Term 3 2021.

Alex is very passionate about working within community with young people. I am looking forward to hearing and seeing the value he will add within our school community this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the students, parents and guardians for allowing me to be a part of your lives over the past few years. You have made role as a youth worker both a pleasure and a privilege. I will miss seeing everyone in my days as we have a fantastic school community which I am immensely proud to be a part of. I would also like to thank the staff wholeheartedly for the excellent work they do.

Please feel free to contact myself or Alex over the next few weeks if you have any further queries or questions on 9262 4421 or on 0455 610 051.

Thank you for all your support and patience at this time.

*Warm Regards,
Courtney*



From the STFS Admin Team...

STFS Administration will be closed from 4pm Friday 3rd July 2020 to Monday 20th July 2020.

Should you have any queries during this time, please call and leave a message or alternatively, please email admin@stfs.wa.edu.au



IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT SCHOOL FEES

If you pay your fees by Bpay, please check and amend your customer number as this has changed.

Your new customer reference number can be found on your Fees Statement which was sent out in May 2020.

Using this code will ensure your fees payment is allocated quickly and correctly.

Our Biller Code:

Name: St Francis' School

BPay Biller Code: 280073



Protect others and stop the spread

We can all help slow the spread of COVID-19 in Australia.

To protect yourself and others you must

- Practise good hygiene
- Practise physical distancing
- Understand how to isolate if you need to.
- If you have any symptoms, please see your Doctor.

If your child is unwell in any way, please keep them at home.

Thank you