

Newsletter



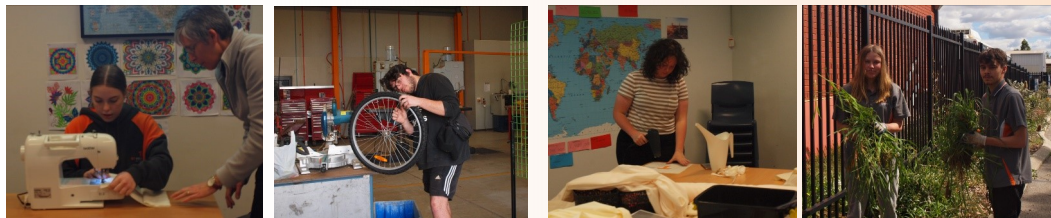
From the Principal....

Dear Parents & Carers

In 2019 Catholic Education Commission WA (CECWA) released the document which outlines the key priorities for Catholic Education WA and the system for the next four years. One of the Guiding Principles for the CECWA Strategic Directions is “*Central to our identity as a Christ-centred community are our partnerships with families, parishes and schools*” ([CECWA Strategic Directions](#)). At St Francis’ School we actively partner with parents and caregivers, our local Maddington Parish and other CARE schools fostering a strong sense of community and engagement.

During Term Three, St Francis’ has provided many opportunities for families and students to actively engage in the life of our school including; Parent/Teacher/Student Meetings, Service Day, RU OK Day, Interschool Sport and Interschool Excursion. Two highlights for me were the interschool activities with fellow CARE Schools, sport against Communicare Academy (Basketball and Volleyball) and, our annual excursion with St Clare’s School to Bounce in Cannington followed with a BBQ lunch at Kent St Weir. On both of these occasions the St Francis’ students were wonderful ambassadors for the School, conducting themselves in an excellent manner.

Our Service Day in Week Six was a great success with a variety of service activities including gardening, mulching, art-work, preparing meals for and delivering meal to The Shop Front and preparing the shared lunch on offer for students and staff to participate in. Thanks to students and staff for your involvement in the day, thanks also to the parents who joined us on the day - Jade Morgan and Julieanne O’Hearn. As is our tradition, we concluded the day with a shared lunch.



On the evening of Thursday 10 September, myself and a number of staff attended the Annual Australian Association for Religious Education Dinner to see our wonderful Religious Education Teacher Mrs Belinda Fabling receive her Meritorious Service Award for the outstanding contribution she has made to Religious Education at St Francis’ School since commencing at the school in 2016.



Congratulations to Belinda.

The St Francis’ Olympics were held over two Wednesday afternoons – one for team events and the other for individual events. It was wonderful to see students getting into the spirit of the days, having fun, participating and engaging in some joyful competition.



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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....

The St Francis' Year 12 Graduation Dinner was held on the evening of Wednesday 23 September at Rosso's Italian restaurant in Canning Vale. The students looked very mature, dressed appropriately for the occasion. A wonderful night was had by the students, and they were great ambassadors for the School.



Term Three will conclude with our annual St Francis' Day celebrations. The day will commence with a short Liturgy after which the students will participate in a variety of fun activities followed by the annual Principals' Cup soccer game. As a community we will conclude the festivities with a whole school long table lunch. St Francis' Day is also a farewell event for the Year 12's.

Finally, I wish all families and students a safe and happy holiday break. We look forward to seeing everyone back for the start of Term Four on Monday 12 October.

God Bless
Ian Hagen

"ALL THE DARKNESS IN
THE WORLD CANNOT
EXTINGUISH THE LIGHT
FROM A SINGLE CANDLE."

- ST. FRANCIS



IMPORTANT DATES

Last Day for Term Three.....Sep 25

Last Day for Staff.....Sep 25

First day for Term 4, 2020

Monday 12 Oct 2020

(Staff & Students)

Year 12 Graduation.....Oct 16

Book Week.....Oct 17-23

Year 11 Last Day Nov 20

Last Day for Term FourDec 10

Last Day for Staff.....Dec 18

Vocational Education & Training by Ms Sarah Ware

This term we were fortunate to have a Prospective Student Advisor from South Metro TAFE visit us. Jan spoke to our Year 11 and 12 students about the courses offered at TAFE and showed us several movies of the different subject areas. Jan also discussed the different pathways available for tertiary education including Certificate courses, Diplomas and routes to university.

After the talk Jan stayed and assisted some of our Year 12 students in applying for TAFE courses in 2021. Thank you Jan for a great session.



Skills Expo future date:

Thursday 22nd – Saturday 24th October 2020

WA's largest Careers & Employment Event will host over 80 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages. The event is for school students, parents, graduates, job seekers, people looking for courses and workers seeking new training options.

The Expo is packed with free advice, you can...

- talk with over 80 training organisations & employers
- gain advice from members of the Career Development Association
- learn how to write a winning resume at Free Workshops
- experience the daily Career Seminars enjoy the Interactive Displays



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

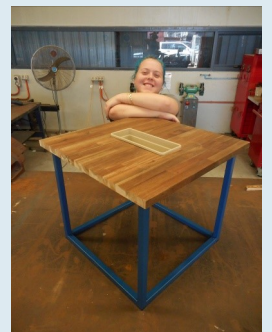
In The Workshop by Mr David Willock

As part of the Certificate II Engineering Pathways programme, students can build a project of their own choice.

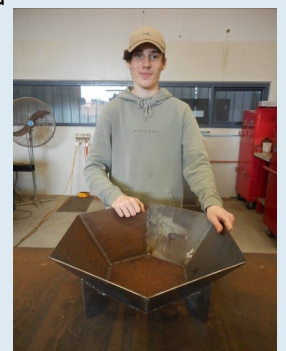


We had three projects completed this term. Bethany designed and created a coffee table with a flowerpot insert, Jaxon created a planter stand while Calvin designed a fire pit.

The projects showcase their fabrication and welding skills. They look great and are well constructed.



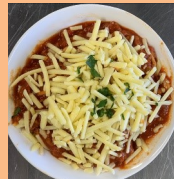
In Year 10, students build a pencil holder in the shape of a dice. Lilly took it to the next level by combining her practical skills with her art skills. I think it looks fantastic.



Kids in the Kitchen

by Mrs Krystal Dean

The Year 10 Cooking class completed a Pasta Challenge this term. They brain stormed pasta ideas, then decided on one to cook up.



Kynan made a traditional spaghetti bolognese, Chris made a creamy chicken pasta, Jayden cooked up a creamy lemon chicken pasta, Madison made a spaghetti bolognese dish which was a recipe handed down from grandmother, Mikaelah made a mac and cheese pasta bake while Lilly cooked up a family recipe of spaghetti bolognese with eggplant. The food looked and smelled delicious. Well done Year 10s.

The Shopfront

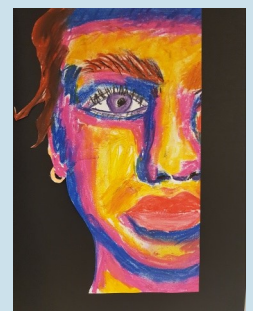
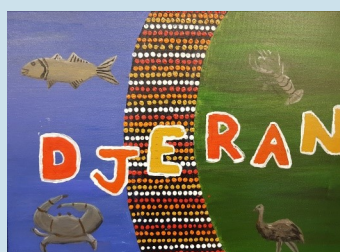
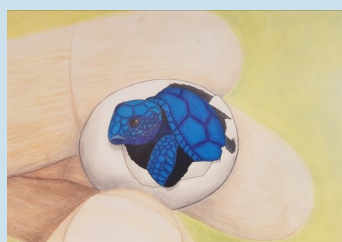
As part of Service Day earlier this term, students cooked up meals which could be frozen, and donated them to Shop Front, who have a brand new facility in Bentley. A grant application has recently been submitted to enable us to continue and improve this service within the local community.

Art at St Francis

by Mrs Helen Capsalis

Students have completed some wonderful art this term. See how they shine in these works.

The Year 10 students have worked on completing paintings that look at the six seasons while the Certificate II students have worked around the theme of Urban Life.



Recreation

Recreation again has seen excellent participation and proves to be the highlight of Mr Mason's week. All students commit to a recreation activity be it passive (jigsaw, art therapy, Wii) or active out in our community (ball sports, Riding, walking).

The term started with a unique opportunity of competing against Communicare School in Girls Volleyball and Boys Basketball. The students showed outstanding sportsmanship in a competitive environment and experienced the fruits of success in both games over the two weeks. Well done to both schools. This will now become a permanent event in our recreation calendar.

The last eight weeks of term had many highlights including indoor soccer, badminton and volleyball at Cannington Leisureplex, ice skating for Census Day and a shared excursion with St. Claire's to Bounce and Kent St Weir. It would also not be a term at St Francis with out our weekly visits to Fitzpatrick's to play netball, indoor cricket, sand volleyball, Floorball, and Dodgeball.

In addition to timetabled Recreation we have also seen a rise in activity at break times with regular walks, games of hand ball, gutter ball, table tennis and kicking the football on the oval.

Lastly, Term 3 always has the St Francis Mini Olympics embedded into the calendar. This year we split it up over two Wednesdays. The team activities were first with the Year 12's being the top team dominating the 8 relays (tunnel ball, leaderball etc), soccer and volleyball. The individual events ran the following week in excellent conditions. The willingness of all students to embrace the essence of the athletic events (Runs, Jumps and Throws) saw a very competitive afternoon with the eventual champions being pushed all the way to the end.

The Results were –

Y12 Champion Girl	Shannon Byl
Y12 -Champion Boy	Nicholas Tovey
Y11 Champion Girl	Sophie Watkins
Y11 Champion Boy	Jaxon Kobeissi
Y10 Champion Girl	Lilly O'Hearn
Y10- Champion Boy	Jayden Egan

A big congratulations to all students and staff for their outstanding efforts at Recreation this term and making it a success each week.

Exercise not
only changes
your body.
It changes
your mind,
your attitude
and your mood.

Youth Worker News

With Alex Mubanga

I am very grateful to have been given the opportunity to be part of the St Francis' School community. It's been an amazing term getting to know the staff and adjusting to my new role. Meeting and building rapport with the students has definitely been one of the highlights. Everyone has been so welcoming and I am really enjoying my time here at St Francis' School.

I had the pleasure of being part of R U OK? Day this term where myself and the students decided to do a project highlighting the importance of reaching out when we need help. It was inspired by an animation video from the R U OK? website which showed the young people how to start conversations and connect with peers. The goal of the project was to educate the students about Mental Health while actively engaging them in the creation and production of the video.

Students were encouraged to be involved all aspects of the project:

- Directing
- Acting
- Narrating
- Camera work
- Editing

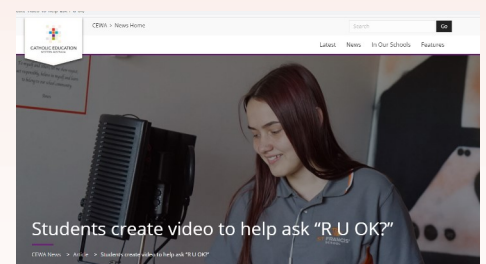


Thank you to the Staff who agreed to be in the video playing important key roles as the trusted adults young people can go to if they need help.

Throughout the video production process, students learnt how to collaborate and work as a team. They listened to each other and developed some fantastic ideas. At the end of the project, students discussed the outcomes and the importance of reaching out to others in need of help and to also be open to allowing others to help in return. They agreed that the true value of the project was in getting the message out that everyone struggles at times and it's ok to ask for help.

The students are very proud of their project and want to remind everyone to keep asking that important question....R U Ok? The video can be found on our Facebook page and it also made the CEWA News!

<https://news.cewa.edu.au/students-create-video-to-help-ask-r-u-ok/>



We started R U Ok? Day on September 10th with beautifully decorated cupcakes provided by our students. Then using my choreography skills, staff and students participated in a dance workout which created an energetic atmosphere and set our day in a positive direction. When the endorphins came into play, our students continued the celebrations by setting up a game of volleyball.



Awards

At the end of every Term we have awards for Attendance and Punctuality.



The Attendance Awards for Term 3 go to.....

Georgia S Year 11
Calvin Year 11

The Punctuality Awards for Term 3 go to.....

Chris Year 10
Mikaelah Year 10
Angel Year 11
Calvin Year 11
Georgia S Year 11
Jayden P Year 11
Sophie Year 11
Shannon Year 12

What's on?

With some Covid-19 restrictions still in place, the school holidays are a great time to explore Perth and WA. Take the time to go to a new beach, find a new nature trail and go for a walk, drive out and see the wildflowers, or find a small town and go for a day trip.

The RAC have compiled a list of 10 Unique Day Trips from Perth which includes WA's first inland European settlement of York, the beachside township of Lancelin, Cervantes and The Pinnacles, and the beautiful Shaolwater Islands Marine Park.

<https://rac.com.au/travel-touring/info/perth-day-trips>



Looking for something to do closer to home?

Have you been to the Fremantle Prison for a tour? <https://fremantleprison.com.au>



How about a picnic in Kings Park



Or watching the sunset from the beach



Or find a new walking trail
www.trailswa.com.au



whatever you decide to do during the school holidays...have fun, stay safe and #goplayoutside

From the STFS Admin Team...

STFS Administration will be closed from 4pm Friday 25 September 2020 to Monday 12 October 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 following our move to a new system.

Your new customer reference number can be found on your Fees Statement which are sent out regularly.

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