

# Newsletter



From the Principal....

Dear Parents & Carers

To say that 2020 has been an interesting year is an understatement. I am extremely proud of the manner in which the staff tackled the challenges thrown up by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly in the uncertain times towards the end of Term One and throughout Term Two. Their commitment to the school students of St Francis' along with the mission and vision of the School is to be admired.

Reflecting on 2020 even with the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic we have once again achieved so much and provided so many unique learning opportunities for the young people at St Francis' School. Service Days, cooking meals for the Shop Front & Ruah Community Services, the Strong Hearts – Strong Minds Program, our joint Excursion with St Clare's School, Interschool Sport with Communicare Academy, Year 12 Graduation Dinner and Graduation Ceremony are all examples of amazing opportunities the students at St Francis' School have been provided with. Each of the activities we do and opportunities we provide for the students at the School build the capacity of our students to be positive contributors to society as well as providing them with key skills and abilities for life beyond school.

## Staffing

I would like to take this opportunity to thank two staff who will be leaving St Francis' at the end of the year, Mr Louis Gyuru and Mrs Krystal Dean. Louis our Grounds-person has been at the school for two years and has done wonderful job maintaining the grounds and doing maintenance tasks around the school. We wish Louis all the best for the future.

Mrs Krystal Dean, a Foundation staff member, will commence Parental Leave at the end of this year. Krystal has taught Cooking, Food Science, Health, FSK Certificate Course and Health, Physical & Outdoor Recreation. She has contributed to St Francis' School in many ways over the past 6 years, establishing many successful programs including Keys for Life, the FSK Certificate Course, Year 10 Barista along with her significant contributions to the schools' Shop Front Meals Program. Thank you to Krystal for her wonderful contributions to our School, we wish her and husband Aaron all the best for the birth of their first child.

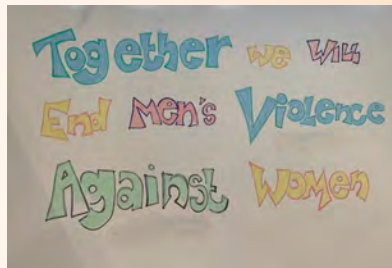
In 2021 three new staff will be welcomed into the St Francis' School community. Mrs Karen Young (Monday, Thursday & Friday) and Mrs Lisa Price (Tuesday & Wednesday) will be team teaching covering for Krystal whilst she is on Parental Leave. Karen has been a regular at St Francis' covering for a number of number of staff whilst on leave as well as relief teaching. Lisa has a wealth of experience across a variety of school settings including St Clare's CARE School. Mr Matthew Tloczek will join us in the role of Grounds Person, he has his own business maintaining gardens and will be bringing his skills and talents to St Francis'. Matthew will be working on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We welcome Karen, Lisa and Matthew to St Francis' School.

## White Ribbon School

In 2018 St Francis' School became officially recognised as White Ribbon School. As a White Ribbon School our goal is to be a strong symbol of a safe, equitable school and vehicle for changes in attitudes and behaviours

Schools play a pivotal role in breaking the cycle of violence by teaching young people how to recognise and challenge violence against women and build respectful relationships. Breaking the Silence engages the wider school community to promote and role model gender equality and create a safe, inclusive school culture to stop violence against women.

On November 18 we recognised White Ribbon Day, to support the creation of positive social change that will help stop violence against people and create safety in our community.



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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.**

## Our Address:

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Maddington WA 6109

**Phone:** 08 9262 4421

**Fax:** 08 9262 4411

## Email:

admin@stfs.wa.edu.au

## Website:

www.stfs.wa.edu.au

From the Principal... Continued...

Our Theme for the day was "Together we will end men's violence against women", and our Youth Worker created a wonderful video with the students highlighting this message - <https://youtu.be/4U0BOFYq1F0>

Our morning meeting focussed on the history and purpose of "White Ribbon Day". The students posted message on our White Ribbon Tree, decorated cup-cakes and participated in a chalk-the-walk activity. The day's events supported our school's aim of nurturing a culture of respect, equality and, specifically raised awareness of the issue of domestic violence.

#### St Francis' Advocate Teacher

At St Francis' School we are committed to creating and maintaining an environment which ensures all students are supported appropriately relevant to their academic needs in addition to their social and emotional needs. It is recognised that in order for a young person to best perform academically their social and emotional needs must be met in a timely manner and in a way appropriate to the individual.



Commencing at the start of 2020, each student at St Francis' School was allocated an Advocate Teacher (AT), with new students allocated their AT upon the conclusion of their Provisional Enrolment period. The role of the AT has been evolved over the course of 2020 and has included the following:

- Being a point of contact between the student, the Pastoral Care Team and the student's guardians
- Tracking patterns of behaviour, school attendance and class participation/engagement by gathering general feedback from staff and SEQTA entries
- Assessing information gathered from the relevant sources and determining any unmet needs which can be incorporated into the student's overall experience whilst enrolled at St Francis' School
- Check-in with the allocated student on a weekly basis to ascertain changes in class readiness/peer relationship/physical health and initiate modified goals and/or plans to suit the student's current and ongoing needs
- Contacting guardians/carers as required to provide feedback on the student's patterns of (positive and negative) engagement at St Francis' School

The introduction of the AT has been a successful initiative with many students forming daily connections with staff and peers they may not have the opportunity to engage with because of their timetable.

#### Retiring Board Member

Mrs Sophie Rutter has concluded her time on the St Francis' School Board in 2021. We are very grateful for the time she has given. As a past parent of St Francis' School Sophie has provided valuable insights to Board discussions. We thank Sophie for all she has done for St Francis' School and wish her all the best for the future.

Finally, I thank the School Board, staff, students and the St Francis' School community for their support during 2020. I look forward to continuing to work with all members of the School community to continue growing and developing St Francis' into a CARE School in which all young people are provided with the opportunity to flourish in a caring and supportive environment.

Finally, I wish all families a blessed Holy Christmas and a happy New Year. I look forward to seeing our continuing students and new enrolments at the start of 2021.

God Bless  
Ian Hagen



*Like the Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, like the shepherds of Bethlehem, may we welcome in the Baby Jesus the love of God made man for us.*

*And may we commit ourselves, with the help of his grace, to making our world more human and more worthy for the children of today and of the future.*

*- Pope Francis -*

# Graduation 2020

*Congratulations to our award winners:*

**St Francis Award/Rory McNally Award**

Shannon Byl

**Australian Defence Force Long Tan Award**

Janelle Courcha

**MTA Vocational Education in Training Award**

Connor Rose



If our year 12 graduates (or parents) would like a copy of the 2020 Graduation photos, please bring a 16gb USB to Jodi/Kate at Adm in.

CLASS of 2020

## IMPORTANT DATES

### IMPORTANT DATES 2020

New Student Orientation.....Dec 1-2

Adventure World.....Dec 8

Year 10 Reports posted.....Dec 9

Last Day for Students.....Dec 10

Admin office closed.....Dec 17

Last Day for Staff.....Dec 18

Christmas Day.....Dec 25

Boxing Day.....Dec 26

### IMPORTANT DATES TERM 1, 2021

New Years Day.....Jan 1

Admin office open.....Jan 19

Australia Day.....Jan 26

First Day for Staff.....Jan 28

First Day for new Students.....Feb 1

First Day for returning students..Feb 2

Project Compassion Launch.....Feb 16

Ash Wednesday .....Feb 17

Welcome Morning Tea for Parents,  
Carers and Guardians.....Feb 23

Labour Day holiday.....Mar 1

OLNA.....Mar 2 - Mar 28

Last Day for Term 1 students....Mar 31

Last Day for Term 1 staff.....Apr 1

Good Friday.....Apr 2

Easter Sunday.....Apr 4

## Vocational Education & Training by Ms Sarah Ware

### YEAR 10

Well done to the Year 10 students who completed their Certificate II Skills for work and vocational pathways qualification this year!

They have completed 14 units of competency including work health and safety, producing digital documents and communicated and interacting with others. It is a fantastic achievement to have completed this course in one year.



From left: Lilly O'Hearn, Mikaelah O'Dwyer, (Teacher: Sarah), Bailey Walsh, Jayden Egan, Madison Fishwick (EA: Jaid)



### YEAR 12 TAFE Applications

South Metro & North Metro TAFE Semester 1 2021 Applications:

- ⇒ Round 1 offers close **Friday 4 December 2020**
- ⇒ Round 2 offers close **Tuesday 5 January 2021**



myfuture website assists young Australians with career planning, career pathways and work transitions. Students can use myfuture to:

#### Develop a personalised career profile

Complete activities to explore your interests, skills and values, and generate a personalised list of suggested occupations. <https://myfuture.edu.au/my-career-profile>

#### Discover occupations related to your favourite learning areas

Use our 33 interactive Career bullseyes to find out how occupations relate to school learning areas. <https://myfuture.edu.au/bullseyes>

#### Learn about different occupations

Explore our 358 occupation profiles. There are details of tasks, required skill levels, salary and labour market information. <https://myfuture.edu.au/occupations>

#### Search for courses

Search over 15,000 current higher education and vocational education and training (VET) courses. <https://myfuture.edu.au/courses>



*Respect Responsibility Belief Belonging*

- The principles of St Francis' School -

# 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 one project completed this term. The gate was built by Jayden. The project showcased his fabrication and welding skills.

It looks great and is well constructed.



Congratulations to all the students who worked so well in the Workshop this year. It's great to see your skills and confidence improve with each lesson.

# Awards

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



### *The Attendance Awards for Term 4 go to.....*

Sophie Year 11  
Calvin Year 11

### *The Punctuality Awards for Term 4 go to.....*

Kynan Year 10  
Mikaelah Year 10  
Angel Year 11  
Melissa Year 11  
Calvin Year 11  
Jayden P Year 11  
Sophie Year 11



Congratulations to all our 2020  
Attendance and Punctuality Award winners

# Kids in the Kitchen

by Mrs Krystal Dean

It was High Tea time at St Francis' School as part of the year 11's final practical assessment. It was centred on flour-based products, cooked using a dry technique such as baking and dry/shallow frying. Jasmin whipped up scones with jam and cream, Bethany-Louise challenged herself and made cream profiteroles, Melissa baked mini choc chip muffins, Calvin experimented with espresso cupcakes, Sophie made delicious pikelets while Angel baked chocolate chip muffins.



No one  
is Born a  
Great Cook,  
one learns  
by doing.  
- Julia Child



Keys4Life is a comprehensive, national award winning, evidence-based, pre-driver education program.

The program is broken into 10 lessons and covers road safety education content.

Calvin, Jasmin, Sophie, Mikaelah, Janelle, Sarah, Jayden E, Bailey, Lilly, Kynan, Katrina, Georgia S, Bethany-Louise, Jordan and Jayden P successfully passed the Learner's Permit Theory Test in 2020.



# Art at St Francis

by Mrs Helen Capsalis

The 2020 Year 12's went out on a bang, displaying some lovely art works having gained some skills that could easily see them producing confident and expressive work.

The year 11's have picked up the mantle and are also solidifying their skills while the Year 10's are exploring a mixed media approach to producing works telling a story. Well done to all.



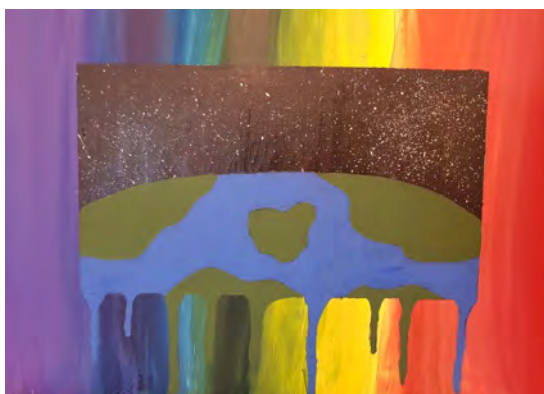
"Isolation" Angel yr 11



"Why Are You Looking At Me?"  
Janelle yr 12



"Ocean Breeze" Izzy yr 12



"Rainbow" Georgia yr 11



"Peace"  
Jayden yr 11



"Six Seasons" Kynan yr 10



"Makuru" Mikaelah yr 10



# Recreation

## STFS v Communicare

This term we reengaged with Communicare to ignite our friendly interschool rivalry. After two wins last term, the students were very keen to play and reinforce our sporting dominance. The basketball was played at Cannington Leisureplex, and the game was tough and competitive with plenty of outstanding individual efforts. Chris and Jordan showed their experience on the court and lead the other 3 boys well (Jayden, Calvin, and Cody). Unfortunately, Communicare were up for the challenge, turned the table and ran out convincing winners. Despite losing, the STFS boys showed great sportsmanship and a healthy, competitive nature. Well done boys!



The following week it was the girls turn to play. This time we visited Communicare's Campus and played volleyball. This was a first for Communicare as hosts of a fixture and it was also our first visit to another campus to play sport. Both team numbers were bolstered by two boys (Jayden and Cavin for STFS) as the Communicare team only had 5 girls available. The game went to 5 sets with our Girls/Boys winning the final set to claim an eagerly awaited 3<sup>rd</sup> straight win against Communicare. The standard of volleyball played by the two teams had lifted significantly and most points were won after rallies of 3 or 4 possessions. Sophie, Jasmin, Angel, Georgia, Lilly, and Madison all had moments where they made great plays to effect points won or saved.



After the game Communicare put on a sausage sizzle for us and we all enjoyed time sitting and chatting in the courtyard. Well done to all Year 10 and 11 students for their efforts this term in Recreation and especially the awesome spirit they displayed when competing against Communicare.



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





# Youth Worker News

With Alex Mubanga

Term 4 has been another amazing term at St Francis' School. Being able to work through projects while continuing to build rapport and trust with the students has been the primary focus throughout this term.

White Ribbon Day 2020  
*Walk the chalk*



For White Ribbon Day 2020, we had a wonderful opportunity to remind ourselves that violence against women is NOT okay, and this **affects everyone** and has no boundaries.

We discussed that everyone has the right to feel safe.... ALL THE TIME. White Ribbon Day **raises awareness** of violence against **both** males and females and promotes healthy, respectful relationships.

The presentation was aimed to communicate that White Ribbon Day is about **ending domestic violence** and violence towards others generally while **encouraging everyone to make a stand and say "it's not okay"**.



The students shared their personal knowledge on what a healthy relationship means to them, and our Social Worker Debbie and myself attached these thoughts and affirmations on a white flower tree which now sits in the Common Room as a visual reminder to our students that a positive, healthy relationship is the best relationship.

As part of the presentation, we created an activity for the students where they needed to locate a tree that was planted last year on White ribbon day....our White Ribbon Tree.



The students were also assisted in creating a video for White Ribbon Day 2020 which was shot and edited in the lead up to the day and included at the end of the presentation.



# ...more Youth Worker News

## NAIDOC WEEK

This year's Naidoc week theme is **"Always was, always will be"**. At St Francis' School, Naidoc week was celebrated with Dream time stories during morning meeting, presentations from myself and our Social Worker Debbie, plus we had the privilege of having Kathy Mokaraka from Yorgum Healing Services attend the school for a discussion on Cultural Awareness.

On the last day of Naidoc week, I shared my thoughts with the students:

*I think it's awesome that something that started as a protest has turned into an opportunity to celebrate. I also think it is important to acknowledge that there is still much more to protest about and loads of hard work still to be done - but there has been good progress made and that gives us reason to celebrate.*

*I love the word 'celebration' because it encompasses togetherness and moving forward as one people - together, as Australians.*

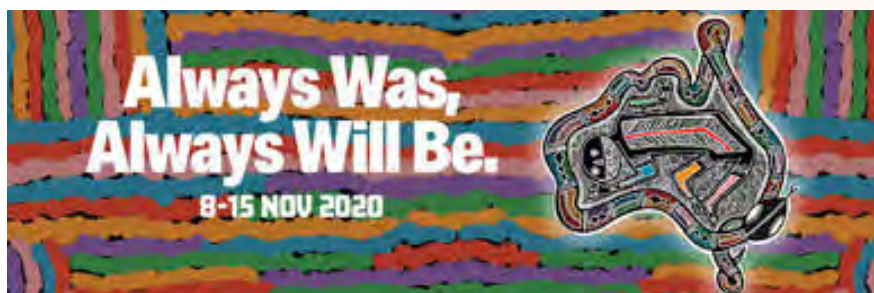
*It has been a privilege calling Australia home even though I wasn't born here ; and as a way to show respect, I try my very best to learn not only the dark history of Australia but also the present multicultural Australia, always keeping in mind that Australia's history does not begin with colonisation but in fact has one of the oldest living cultures on earth with strong connection to the land and environment.*

*I aim to learn with a humble heart, acknowledging that it always was and always will be Aboriginal land. As a community leader and Youth Worker, I try to play my part in fostering small steps towards healing and moving forward as one united Australia.*

*Standing up for what is right is our shared responsibility and a moral obligation.*

*We are one but we are many.*

*Let us move forward and continue to look for ways that we can join this celebration of Indigenous culture that has existed in this land for thousands of generations. Let us continue to remember and acknowledge the First Nations rich history - not just this week - but every day. For it always was, and always will be their land on which we live.*





## New Student Orientation

Eleven new students for 2021 were welcomed to the school on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> December in readiness of their journey at St Francis' School next year. There was plenty of opportunity to mix and mingle with each other as well as with our current year 10 students, and make some connections before the end of the two days.

They spent time familiarising themselves with the school and getting a sense of the environment by hearing from a panel of existing and past students. They listened well and asked some great questions like "What was the best thing about being at St Francis?", "What did you find most challenging about starting at a school like St Francis?" and "What advice would you give to a new student coming to St Francis?"

Between the fun games, videos, activities and all the food, the new students were well and truly welcomed to our little school family and are looking forward to starting their adventure as a student at St Francis' School.



# What's on?

## Things to do during December and January

### City of Perth Christmas Lights Trail

[www.visitperth.com/events/christmas-lights-trail](http://www.visitperth.com/events/christmas-lights-trail)



### Christmas Festival in Stadium Park

Across the first three Sundays in December, head on down to Stadium Park for free Christmas movies, a licensed area to have a drink and enjoy the Stadium's Christmas lights and markets galore

### The Magic of Christmas at Wanneroo Botanic Gardens

There's no place like The Wanneroo Botanic Gardens to spend the festive season with your friends, colleagues, and loved ones!

Experience the Botanic Gardens as they are transformed into a Christmas wonderland. Wind your way through 5 acres of stunning gardens and more sparkly trees than ever!

[www.wanneroobotanicgardens.com.au/magic-of-christmas/](http://www.wanneroobotanicgardens.com.au/magic-of-christmas/)



### Jingle All The Way

The Civic Centre Gardens will transform into a magical Christmas extravaganza as we Jingle all the Way through Centennial Pioneer Park with an interactive Christmas trail culminating in a family friendly concert and spectacular light display.

[https://www.gosnells.wa.gov.au/Lifestyle/Leisure Activities/Whats on in Gosnells/Jingle All the Way - 12 December 2020](https://www.gosnells.wa.gov.au/Lifestyle/Leisure%20Activities/Whats%20on%20in%20Gosnells/Jingle%20All%20the%20Way%20-%2012%20December%202020)



### Carols By Candlelight

Bring a picnic blanket, chairs, the whole family and your best singing voices to share a night of music, dancing, sparkling lights and merry tunes at the Civic Gardens Amphitheatre in Cannington. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, you are required to register for free tickets which allows you entry to the event.

[https://www.canning.wa.gov.au/events/carols-by-candlelight-\(1\)-61fee751](https://www.canning.wa.gov.au/events/carols-by-candlelight-(1)-61fee751)

Whatever you decide to do during the school holidays...  
have fun and stay safe



## Christmas Mass Times

Due to the Covid-19 situation changing weekly, Christmas Mass times have yet to be confirmed at some parishes. Please refer to the following information for your local parish mass times.

### St Mary's Cathedral, Perth

Victoria Square, Perth

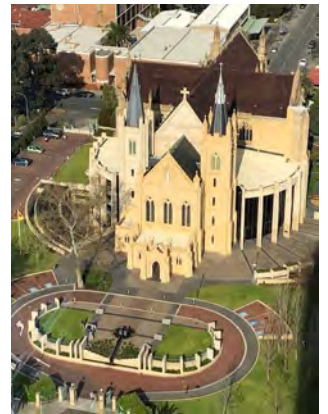
Website [www.stmaryscathedralperth.com.au](http://www.stmaryscathedralperth.com.au)

#### Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24th December

6pm	Children's Mass with Nativity Play (Adults welcome)
9pm	Solemn Vigil of the Birth of Jesus
10:30-11:30pm	Lessons and Christmas Carols
12am	Midnight Mass of Christmas in Cathedral

#### Christmas Day - Wednesday 25th December

8am	Dawn Mass of the Birth of Jesus
9:30am	Christmas Mass in Cathedral
11am	Solemn sung Mass of Christmas
5pm	Christmas Youth Mass



### St Francis Xavier Church, Armadale

279 Forrest Road, Hilbert

Website [www.sfxarmdale.org.au](http://www.sfxarmdale.org.au)

Phone 9399 2143 or 9399 4687

Email [armdale@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:armdale@perthcatholic.org.au)

### Holy Family Catholic Church, Maddington

34 Alcock Street, Maddington

Website [www.holyfamilycatholic.org.au](http://www.holyfamilycatholic.org.au)

Phone 9493 3662

Email [maddington@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:maddington@perthcatholic.org.au)



### Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church

175 Corfield Street, Gosnells

Website [www.gosnellsparish.org.au](http://www.gosnellsparish.org.au)

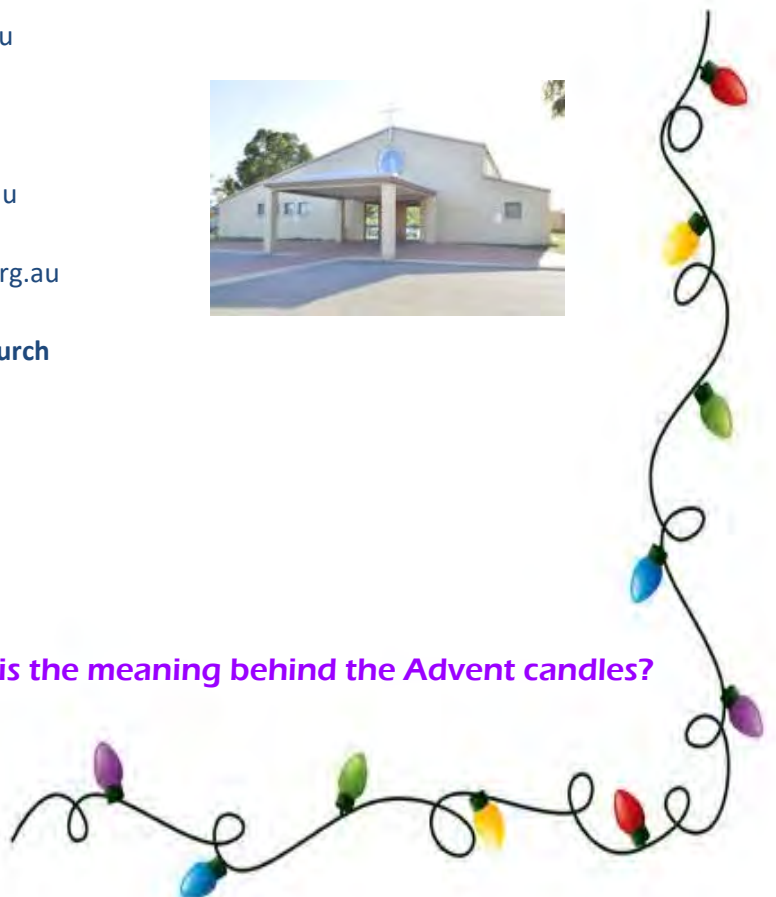
Phone 9398 2331

## CANDLES



- **Candles** symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son.
- The **four outer candles** represent the period of waiting during the four Sundays of Advent, which themselves symbolize the four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ.

**What is the meaning behind the Advent candles?**





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# Christmas Family Prayer



Artwork: Bright Star by Grace Kurita

The reading we share today is from the Gospel of Luke (2:8-20)

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



***Sometimes we all need some help....***

### **Thornlie Baptist Church**

Ph: 0419 921 436  
2378 Albany Highway  
Food Hampers Call on Thursday between 3.30 pm and 4.30 pm.  
Delivered to you.  
Need to have Health Care Card or be receiving similar benefit.

### **Real Life Church**

8/2209 Albany Highway, Gosnells  
Ph: 9398 7170  
Leave your contact details if no one answers.  
Wed, Friday for food assistance.  
Last day for 2020 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.  
Reopening Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan.

### **Mental Health Resources and Supports**

Emergency (Policy, fire, ambulance): 000 or 112 from a mobile phone  
Poisons information Centre: 13 11 26  
Lifeline: 13 11 14  
Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800  
Sane Helpline: 1800 187 263  
Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467  
Mensline Australia: 1300 78 99 78  
Mental Health Emergency Response Line  
1300 555 788 (metro call only)  
1800 676 822 (Peel, free call)

### **Family and relationship services**

South East Metro Parenting Support  
[Parenting@communicare.org.au](mailto:Parenting@communicare.org.au)  
Ph: 9251 5777

### **Cannington Armadale Family Support Network**

Ph: 1300 038 850  
2302 - 2308 Albany Highway Gosnells  
Working together to provide support to families and young people

**If you are at a loose end and want to connect with other volunteers...**



### **The Haven Centre**

Ph: 0438 273 620  
879 Albany Highway, Victoria Park  
Provides free breakfast and Lunch Tuesday – Saturday  
Light evening meals Tuesday – Thursday  
Op shop open Tuesday – Saturday 9 - 4 pm



## From the STFS Admin Team...

STFS Administration will be closed from 4pm Thursday 17 December 2020 to Tuesday 19 January 2021. Should you have any queries during this time, please call and leave a message or alternatively, please email [admin@stfs.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stfs.wa.edu.au)



# School F E E S

## 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