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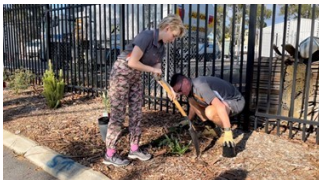
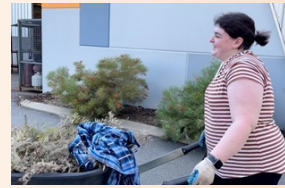


From the Principal....

Dear Parents and Carers

As we end Term Two, I would like to focus on two highlights for me this term which were the success of our first Service Day for 2021 and the installation of our Half-Court Multipurpose Court. The St Francis' Service Days have become a highlight on our calendar and we had beautiful weather for our first Service Day of 2021 on Friday 28 May. It was a very successful and productive day with two parents joining us for the day Janine (Jeremy, Year 10) and Julianne (Lilly, Year 11). The tasks the students, staff and parents completed on the day included:

- * Replanting along the fence line and in the front garden
- * Planting the vegetable patch
- * Mulching
- * Preparing for the installation of the netting over the chicken coop
- * 54 meals were prepared for local agencies
- * Preparation of lunch for students, staff & parents
- * Sorting and cleaning the CARE Shop
- * Preparation for the installation of the new basketball backboards



The last component of the St Francis' Stage 1 & 2 Capital Development Plan was the installation of a Half-Court Basketball/Multipurpose Court that will allow the school to offer a variety of on campus activities. The court will have markings painted on it to allow for half-court basketball and netball, four-square as well as hopscotch. The court will be fully completed for the start of Term Three.



NAIDOC Week & Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

NAIDOC Week is a time for Aboriginal people to come together in different ways to connect to culture and country and in 2021 it is officially celebrated from Sunday July 4 to Sunday July 11. This year's NAIDOC theme, "Heal Country" seeks substantive institutional, structural, and collaborative reform – something generations of Elders and communities have been advocating, marching and fighting for. Healing Country means resolving many of the outstanding injustices which impact on the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It is about hearing and actioning the aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples which are the culmination of generations of consultation and discussions among on a range of issues and grievances.

Each year NAIDOC week grows in stature and depth of celebrations at community, state and national level. It is an opportunity for all Australians to come together to celebrate the rich history, diverse cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the oldest continuing cultures on the planet. Every year, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday which is held on the first Sunday in July.

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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 or verbal permission.

Our Address:
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Maddington WA 6109

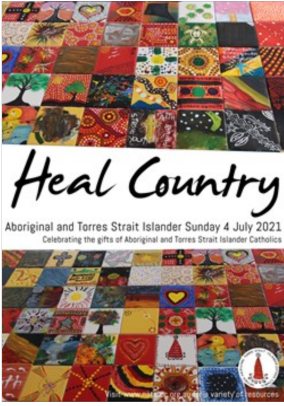
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From the Principal....continued



This year is particularly important following the COVID 19 Pandemic and its impact on the ways in which we interacted and made contact with one another. NATSICC has decided to adopt the NAIDOC theme for 2021 - Heal Country. Today our world needs healing – environmentally, spiritually, and socially. We must all come together as a global community to fight the injustices of inequality, racism, and environmental damage.

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 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 will be celebrated in the first week of Term Three with a variety of activities and workshops including Cultural Dance organised by ATA Jess.

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

STAFFING MATTERS

I will be taking Long Service Leave from Monday 16 August 2021 to Friday 20 August 2021, in my absence Mr. David Willock will assume the role of Short-Term Principal.

Mrs. Courtney Graterri will be returning as Youth Worker in a part-time capacity at the start of Term Three with herself and Alex Mubanga sharing the Youth Worker Role for Semester Two, Courtney will work Monday & Tuesday, Alex will work Thursday & Friday and they will alternate each Wednesday. This will provide students with opportunities to connect with both Courtney and Alex.

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 19 July.

God Bless,
Ian Hagen
Principal



Around the School in Term 2...



Let us always meet each other with a smile, for a smile is the beginning of love.

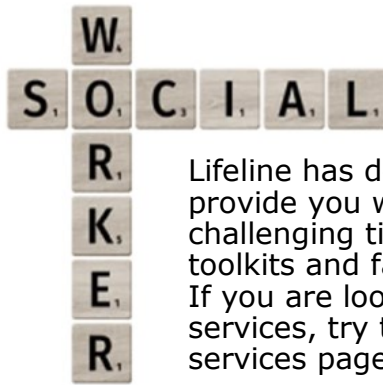


Mother Teresa



IMPORTANT DATES

- NAIDOC Week....June 28-July 2
- Last Day of Term 2.....July 2
(Staff and Students)
- First Day of Term 3.....July 19
(Staff and Students)
- STFS Alumni Event.....July 28
- School Excursion.....July 30
- Year 10 Immunisations.....Aug 3
- Census Day.....Aug 6
- Catholic Day.....Aug 20
(Student & Staff Free Day)
- Staff Faith Formation Day....Aug 23
(Student Free Day)
- Service Day #2.....Aug 25
- OLNA.....Aug 30-Sept 23
- STFS Olympics.....Sept 1 & 8
- R U Ok Day.....Sept 9
- St Francis Creates
Opening.....Sept 14
Exhibition.....Sept 14-17
- Year 12 Graduation Dinner..Sept 22
- St Francis Day.....Sept 24
- Last Day of Term 2.....Sept 24
(Staff and Students)

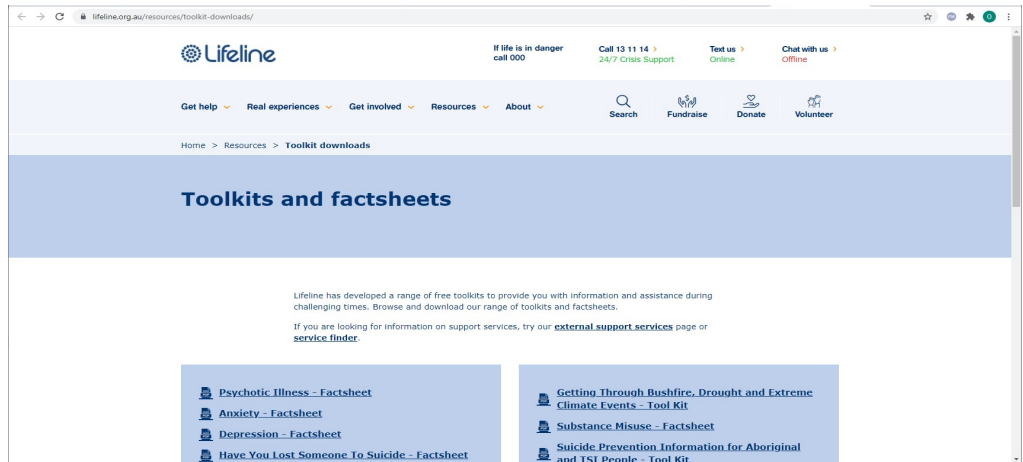


By Debbie Iacozza

Lifeline has developed a range of free toolkits to provide you with information and assistance during challenging times. Browse and download their range of toolkits and factsheets. If you are looking for information on support services, try their external support services page or service finder.



<https://www.lifeline.org.au/resources/toolkit-downloads/>



Respect Responsibility Belief Belonging

- The principles of St Francis' School -

Our School Prayer

St Francis,

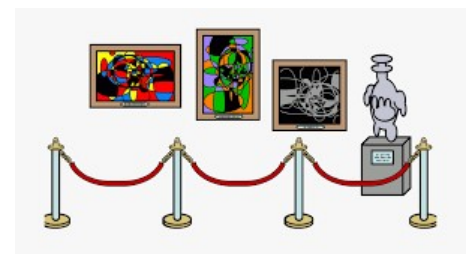
Help me to jump into this day, full of joy and hope.

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

Coming up in Term 3...





Vocational Education & Training

with Miss Sarah Ware

INSTEP Work Experience

We are delighted that five of our Year 12 students are completing workplace learning placements this year through the INSTEP Program.

Georgia Starling has a work placement at St Andrews Catholic Primary School in Clarkson with a Year 3 class. Georgia has been helping the class teacher to organise the students, prepare resources for the class and helping individual students with their work in reading, writing and maths. Georgia said *"I have loved working with the young students and getting to know them all. I enjoy painting and drawing and helping to explain things to them"*.



Jayden Priest is working at Hawk Diesel in Maddington. During the day he learns how to service trucks, rebuilding parts of the vehicle and check for air and oil leaks. Jayden quoted *"I have enjoyed being busy and learning lots of different aspects of heavy diesel mechanics. I have developed the skills and knowledge I learnt last year during the Certificate II Heavy Diesel Automotive course I did at South Metro TAFE"*

Jordan Davidson has a placement at Blue Cross Kennels in Kenwick which has involved a variety of tasks including cleaning and feeding the animals, general maintenance and gardening.

The owners have been very impressed with Jordan's attitude and work ethic and have appreciated his help every week with the maintenance and gardening. Jordan says *"During the day I help clean the kennels and feed the animals. I have also helped with general handiwork jobs and have used the ride on lawn mower to cut the grass"*.



Calvin Priest is working at CME Boilermaking in Forrestfield.

Calvin has built and welded benches and stools, built a stand for a truck and he has improved his welding skills by making the appearance of his welds more consistent. *"This workplace has allowed me to develop my welding skills and help me improve my general metal work abilities. The team have welcomed me and I really enjoying working with them and learning from them"*

Bethany-Louise Morgan-O'Shea has a work placement at St Munchins Primary School in Gosnells. Bethany has been working

in a Year 2 class and has been assisting the teacher to help students with writing, listening to students read and helping to prepare the equipment for the class. Bethany says *"I have really enjoyed this work placement and getting to know the students individually. I love seeing them learn new skills and understand new ideas. I have enjoyed helping the teacher with small class projects including a gift for Mothers Day"*.



VET in Schools TAFE Applications 2022

Applications will open in July 2021 for Year 10 & 11 Students to apply to complete a VET in Schools TAFE course starting in February 2022.

The courses 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 2022 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

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, and we had two projects completed this term.



The plant stand was built by Jordan and the coffee table by Melissa. These projects showcase their fabrication and welding skills - they look great and are well constructed.



Also, as part of the Certificate, students need to showcase their oxy fusion and brazing skills. Three helicopters were built demonstrating these skills. Well done to Georgia, Calvin and Jayden; the projects are a work of art and look fantastic.



ABILITY
is what you're capable of doing

MOTIVATION
determines what you do

ATTITUDE
determines how well you do it

Kids in the Kitchen

by Mrs Karen Young and Mrs Lisa Price



Once again Term Two has been busy in the kitchen.

Our Year 10 students have continued to impress us with their skills and ability to use the coffee machine. Café style made coffees have been plentiful and sometimes exactly what is needed to get the mind going on a cold wintery morning.



Our Year 11 students have been focusing on 'buy west, buy best' and the benefits of shopping and sourcing local produce. Students were required to create a pizza recipe and then make it using only locally grown products. Their final creations looked and smelt delicious. I'm sure they tasted great too.



Our Year 12 students have been concentrating on understanding the information found on food labels and how to interpret the data. They also had to create a recipe and cook a meal that would be suitable for someone with a particular dietary requirement including heart disease and diabetes. There were some very creative meals produced that looked very appealing. Students in Year 12 also sat their EST (Externally set task) this term. It was a proud moment seeing all the students not only sit the task but perform extremely well considering there was a little apprehension.

Lastly we had the first of our service days this term. It was great to see the students contributing to our 'Live To Give' program at St Francis. Thankyou to our students and parent volunteers on creating 54 meals that have already gone out to the homeless community in Perth.

Cooking for charity Kerry Alvaro

Our students and staff have been hard at work pumping out some very hearty meals for the 3 charities we support through our **Live To Give Program**.

Each Friday, as a part of Recreation, students can nominate to take part in cooking these meals which are then stockpiled in our freezer. When we reach about 40 meals we contact either The Shop Front in Bentley or RUAH in Northbridge to see who is in need of meals. Staff and students then deliver the meals and get to experience first hand the great things these charities provide for those in need. Our third charity that we have recently partnered with is Real Life Church located in Gosnells. We cook a bulk amount of pasta sauce or something similar to enable them to provide a lunch for approximately 85 people which is served after their Sunday Mass Service.

Thank you to all students and staff involved in this very worthwhile, ongoing project. Thank you is also extended to our parents that took part in our service day. With their help on the day we were able to add over 50 meals to our stockpile which was then delivered to RUAH the following week.



Art at St Francis

by Mrs Helen Capsalis

The students have been busy in the Art Room this term.

Year 12s have been looking at the theme of self-identity, the Year 11s have looked at the urban environment and the Year 10s have completed artworks where they are throwing away negative things in their lives.

Also, it is commendable that Ordacia and Archer, from Year 10, completed entries into the Shaun Tan Art Competition held at the Subiaco Library. Well done to all.



Broken
Azeeka y10



Dreams
Ordacia y10



Jumps
Bailey y11



Stolen
Lilly y11



Strawberry
Grace y10



SPORT & RECREATION

Recreation has seen excellent this term with plenty of participation and energy released by all. Students committed to a recreation activity each Wednesday and Friday afternoon some students focussed on passive activities like Art therapy, Cooking for charity, or Cards. But most students did choose the more active pursuits like Walking, Volleyball, indoor Soccer, Floorball, AFL football, and Indoor rock climbing.

We reinstated our partnership with the WA Football commission with 4 weeks of AFL football where we were put through our paces. Daniel from the footy commission was excellent at getting the best out of the students, each session he gave us a challenging array of drills and games that allowed us to develop the essential skills in energetic and fun environment.

The term again had the fixture against Communicare School in Volleyball and Basketball. St Francis enjoyed the spoils of success with a solid win in the Basketball and a close fought win in the volleyball. Congratulations to both schools for their sportsmanship and zest for competition. We look forward to next term where we will explore two different sports, perhaps indoor soccer and netball.

In addition to timetabled Recreation, we have also seen a rise in activity at break times with regular walks, games of volleyball, kick to kick footy, soccer and table tennis.

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



Our new basketball court is up and running!





Youth Worker News

Hi Everyone,

It's my last term as the fulltime Youth Worker at STFS. From next term Courtney and I will be sharing the Youth Worker role working week on/week off. I'm sure the students will be excited to have Courtney back.

There have been some great activities happening around the school this term...the year 10s have been taking part in a Youth Media Program with the City of Gosnells, we had a visit from Kathy Mokaraka from Yorgum Healing Services for National Sorry Day as part of National Reconciliation Week, our first Service Day for the year, plus interschool sport against Communicare.

We have lots of activities planned for the second half of the year - it's going to be an exciting Term Three and Four.

Have a great school holiday break,
Alex



Pastoral Team Staff Hours

To avoid disappointment please be advised the school pastoral team are unavailable after 4.30 pm each school day and on weekends during the term.

Please also note that the Pastoral Team will not be available during the term break (3rd July – 18th July)

If assistance is required please contact the relevant 24 hour support numbers below.:

Emergency 000 or go to any Hospital Emergency Department

Crisis Care: 9223 1111

Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467

Lifeline: 13 11 14

Mental Health Emergency Response Line: 1300 555 788

Youth Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636

Kids Help Line: 1800 551 800

Health Direct (information/advice): 18000 022 222

From the STFS Admin Team...

STFS Administration will be closed from 4pm Friday 4th July, reopening on Monday 19th July 2021.

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



We hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing winter holiday break. Stay warm and take some time for yourself.

School F E E S

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT SCHOOL FEES

Payment of school fees was due by 31st March 2021. If you are unable to pay your fees in full, please contact Jodi at Admin to arrange a payment plan.

2021 Fees that are on an approved payment arrangement must be paid in full by 31st October 2021.

Thank you to those parents who have already paid their 2021 fees or have organised a payment plan. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Students Leaving Early

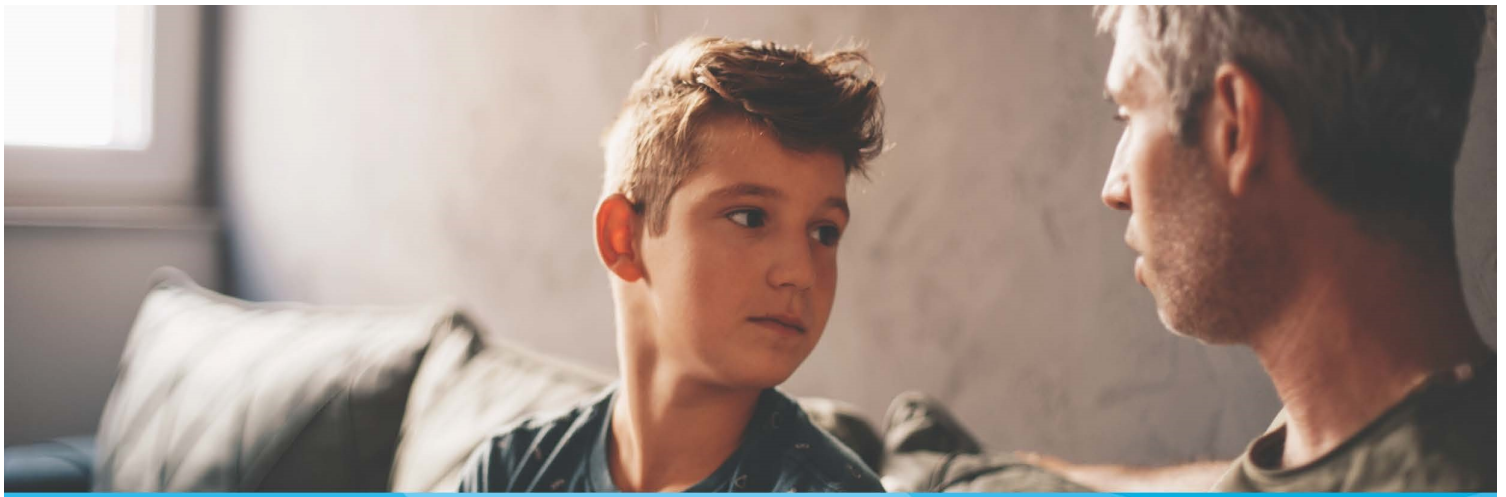
At STFS, we encourage our students to take responsibility for themselves and their actions.

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 Advocate Teacher 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.



Understanding Anxiety and Depression in Youth

Family and Relationship Services

For Parents of children aged 12-18 years

1-session

Overview

Do you have a young person in your life that may be experiencing anxiety or depression?

This information session 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.

Please provide your full name, contact number and postcode when registering via e-mail. Bookings are essential as places are limited.



BOOKINGS

☎ 9251 5777

✉ parenting@communicare.org.au

👉 https://understandingdepression_cvc.eventbrite.com



DATES

Thursday

10 June 2021



TIME

6.30pm - 8.30pm



LOCATION

Canning Vale College
26 Dumbarton Road
Canning Vale



COST

Free



CRECHE

Not available



Raising Children in a Digital World

South East Metro Parenting Support Services

For parents and carers of children 4-12 years

1-session

Course Overview

Participants will learn strategies to help them support their children in a digital world including how to best use technology to enhance their child's development, rather than detract from it.

This workshop uses research from Telethon Collaborate for Kids.



DATES

Monday

14 June 2021



TIME

12.30pm - 2.30pm



LOCATION

Victoria Park
Community Centre
248 Gloucester Street
East Victoria Park



COST

Free



CRECHE

Not available



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parenting@communicare.org.au



<https://raisingchildreninadw.eventbrite.com.au>

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