

From the Principal....

Dear Parents and Carers

At the end of Term Two we officially launched the St Francis' *Live to Give Program*. The beautiful logo for the Live to Give Program was designed by Year 12 student Angel as a part of her Certificate II Visual Art Course. The hands and images represent giving - giving love, giving back to the environment, and giving food to those in need



The *Live to Give Program* pays homage to our patron, St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology and animals who encourages us to care for the things of the earth. St Francis sings, "Praise be You, my Lord, though our sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces varied fruits with coloured flowers and herbs". This underpinning love in all creation and all of humanity allows two responses. One is that we live in a world of wonder. The second is that we are called into ongoing conversation regarding our outlook and actions in caring for others and the environment, to hear and respond to the cry of the earth.

At St Francis' School we enact the spirit of St Francis through active participation and engagement in Christian Service. The Christian Service activities the students engage form part of the *Live To Give Program* and include the Year 10 Service Learning, School Service Days, Volunteering at Vinnies, school recycling program, maintaining the gardens around the school, looking after the rabbits & chickens, cooking meals for local agencies including The Shop Front, Ruah Services and Real-Life Church. More information about the program can be found on our website <https://www.stfs.wa.edu.au/livetogive.html>

Staff at St Francis' have been very active in demonstrating their commitment to the school patron and the *Live to Give Program*. During Term Two staff completed an online Faith Formation course titled Laudato Si & Our Call to an Integral Ecology, a reflection on Pope Francis' Encyclical. As a part of their reflections on the course staff were required to make a personal commitment as to how they individually commit to caring for the environment. As a school it is our aim to put St Francis' encyclical into practice, helping to make communities sustainable in the spirit of the integral ecology of Laudato Si. On Monday 23 August, this commitment was demonstrated when staff spent the morning learning about local bush foods and planting over 500 native plants at the South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare (SERCUL) in Beckenham, giving back to the our local community.



The St Francis' Year 12 Graduation Dinner was held on the evening of Wednesday 22 September at the Gosnells Hotel. The students looked very mature, dressed appropriately for the occasion. A great night was had by the staff and the students who were wonderful 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 11 October.

God Bless
Ian Hagen
Principal



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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.

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Around the School in Term 3...



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



Mother Teresa



IMPORTANT DATES

St Francis' Day.....Sept 24
 Last Day of Term 3.....Sept 24
 (Staff and Students)

First Day of Term 4.....Oct 11
 (Staff and Students)

Year 12 Graduation.....Oct 15
 Remembrance Day.....Oct 11
 Advisory Council AGM.....Oct 16
 White Ribbon Day.....Oct 17
 Last Day for Year 11s.....Nov 26
 New 2022 Student Orientation
 Days.....Nov 30 - Dec 1
 Last Day of Term 4.....Dec 9
 (Students)
 Last Day of Term 4.....Dec 17
 (Staff)

First Day of Term 1, 2022.....Jan 31

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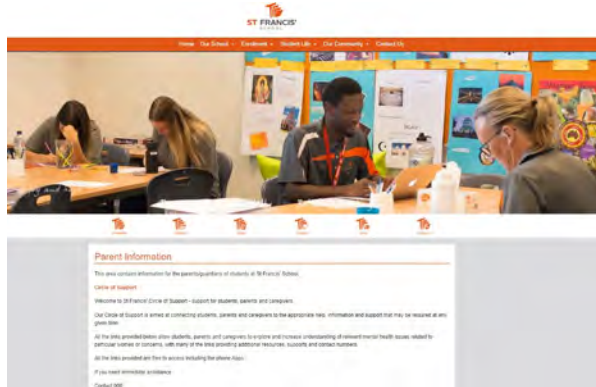
By Debbie Iacozza

A new feature of our website is the Circle of Support area which is listed under Parent Information:

<https://www.stfs.wa.edu.au/parentinfo.html>

You will find some great resources, phone numbers, links and apps to help parents, caregivers and students connect to the appropriate help, information and support that might be required.

These links will help explore and increase understanding of relevant mental health issues currently facing our young people.



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

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Georgie & Ruby

Georgie: 5 year old Cattle Dog x Kelpie

Ruby: 3 year old Cavoodle

These girls are the schools therapy dogs!

You will see Georgie on Tuesdays and Ruby on Thursdays.

They provide cuddles, pats and will happily eat your lunch...



Coming up in Term 4...

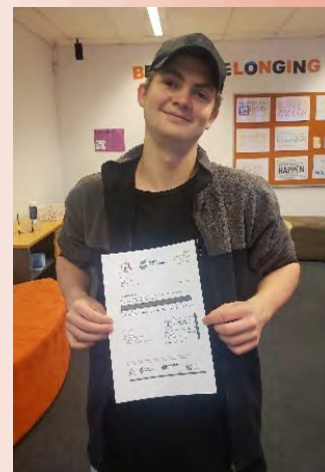


TAFE Students

Congratulations to Year 10 student Dion Hickey for completing the Work Ready course recently.

He attended South Metro TAFE Thornlie Campus for five days and furthered his knowledge in preparing for and gaining employment and also developed his skills in communicating in the workplace.

Dion achieved the Construction White Card WA and the Working at Heights unit of competency. Well done Dion!



2022 TAFE applications NOW OPEN

Applications for TAFE courses starting February 2022 are now open!

Visit www.southmetrotafe.wa.edu.au or www.northmetrotafe.wa.edu.au for course information or to apply.



Year 10 Certificate II Work Skills

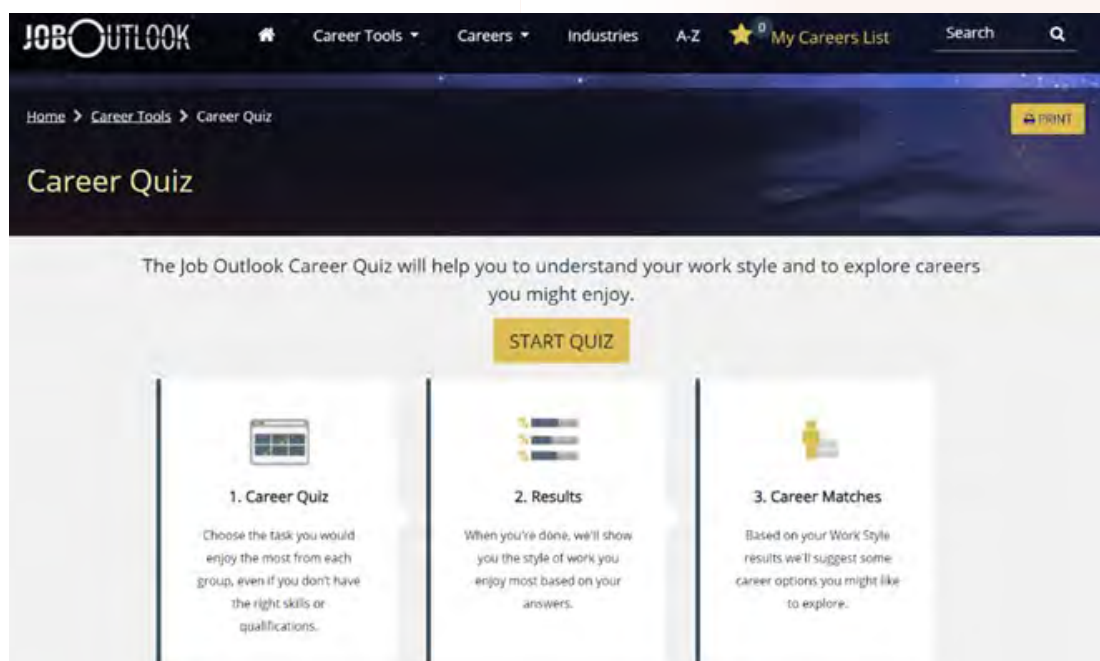
As part of the Certificate II Skills for Work & Vocational Pathways our Year 10 students have been using and exploring the Job Outlook Career Quiz at <https://joboutlook.gov.au/>

This great website contains valuable information and ideas for possible jobs and careers based on Students interests and skills.

Step 1. Students choose the task they would enjoy the most from each group

Step 2. Students are then shown the style of work they enjoy most based on their answers.

Step 3. Based on the Work Style results Students get suggestions of career options they might like to explore.



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.

Early in Term 3 Jack completed his desk which looks great and is well constructed. The desk showcased his fabrication and welding skills.



Also, as part of the Certificate students need to showcase their oxy fusion and brazing skills by building an ornamental helicopter.

Well done to Jaxon for completing it this term; the project is a work of art and looks 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

The Year 10 students have continued to improve their skills and ability in Food Science this term. Some delicious delights they have made include sausage rolls, damper, pizza, meat pies and apple strudel. Their pizza proved to be the most popular item on the menu as they were authentic and tasty.

Our Year 11 students have investigated food advertising and how it influences our food choices. They have had a food focus each week for their practical skills. They love to cook in the kitchen and have explored many staple foods including meat, eggs, pasta, and milk.



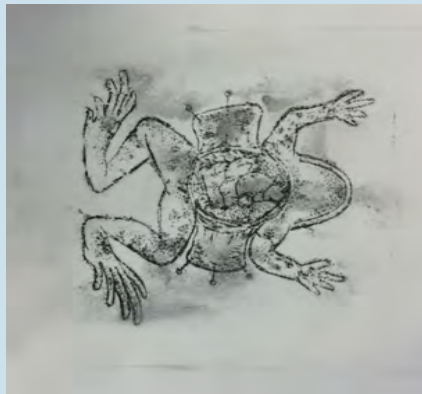
Our Year 12 students have been focusing on food laws and regulations along with food preservation. We also started the term off with a plating task which enabled our students to show their creativity in the kitchen. They have grasped many skills and abilities to help them become independent cooks for life after St Francis' School.



There have been some wonderful artworks created this term. Year 10's have started canvases, Year 11's have been experimenting with oil paints and Year 12's are well on the way to completing their Certificate II Visual Arts with an exciting Unit of Printmaking.



Oil Painting
Bailey Yr11



Etching
Georgia Yr12



Lino
Georgia Yr12



Possums
Grace Yr10



Lino
Jayden Yr12



Painting
Jayden Yr12



Oil painting
Lara Yr11



Oil painting
Monet Yr11



Oil painting
Lilly Yr11



SPORT & RECREATION

with Mr Simon Emmerson

This term's recreation was a time for many of our staff and students to let off some steam for an hour whilst participating in many of the traditional secondary school sports like soccer, basketball, volleyball and athletics.

The term started with a decision to move the St Francis' Olympics to the start of the term to coincide with the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. Over the two days we were blessed with great weather and a group of students keen to show off their individual talents. Students also showed great team spirit when they banded together in their year groups for the team games (leader ball, baton relay, bucketball, hula hoop race etc...). Well done to all students who won the individual spoils and to the Y12's who won the team games.

Some other highlights of this term were four sessions at PCYC in Gosnells where we did gymnastics and boxing. Both activities saw individuals enjoy the benefits of what these sports offer like, punching bags, combination punches, skipping, jumps, rolls, and floor routines, aerobic fitness, flexibility and power.

Another key moment in our term was a visit from Kevin White of the Perth Wildcats. We met Kevin at Cannington Leisure plex where he put us through our paces with ball skills, shooting challenges and finally a 4v4 half court battle where the staff team rolled back the years and looked youthful in their endeavours to beat the students.

I wish everyone a relaxing holiday and encourage everyone to be active in the outdoors and enjoy Perth's wonderful spring weather.





STFS OLYMPICS



Pierre de Coubertin - founder of the modern Olympics 1896



Youth Worker News

We had some incredible people come to the school this term including Cultural Dancers during NAIDOC Week (thankyou to our EA Jess for organising it), the P.A.R.T.Y. program from RPH, Kevin White from Perth Wildcats, and Indigenous Sports. We also



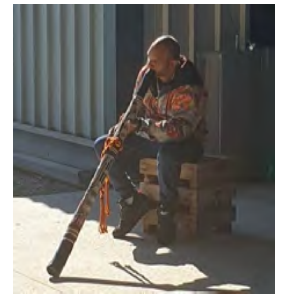
celebrated R U OK? Day with a workshop from Capoeira CDO Perth.



There has also been heaps of other activities this term to keep us busy like the STFS Olympic Games, Interschool volleyball against Communicare, and our excursion to Bounce with St Clare's School.



Thank you to the students who turn up every day wanting to "jump into each day with joy and hope" (like the first line of our School Prayer). It's great to see those students engage with their learning and the school community, and also engage with the many support services offered at St Francis' School.



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 (25th Sept to 10th Oct)

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): 1800 022 222

Awards

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



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

Angel Year 12
Georgia Year 12
Jeremy Year 10
Archer Year 10

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

Angel Year 12
Melissa Year 12
Lara Year 11
Aishlynn Year 10

What's on?

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 pick 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 24th September, reopening on Monday 11th October 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 spring holiday break. Take some time for yourself, get outside and enjoy this beautiful spring weather.

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 or a member of the Pastoral Care Team 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.