



Important Dates

Year 5 Excursion

Friday 17 May 2024

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Friday 24 May 2024

Reconciliation Week

Monday 27 May 2024

Year 4

Monday 3 June 2024

SAPSASA Cross
Country

Thursday 6 June 2024

Pupil Free Day

Friday 7 June 2024

King's Birthday

Monday 10 June 2024

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

Welcome back to school for term 2. It already feels like a significant amount has happened, and been achieved in only 3 weeks! As families would already know from my briefing, remediation works are continuing apace and we are starting to get a sense of what the school will look like once the oval and playground areas have been fully remediated. I very much appreciate your ongoing patience as these works are completed and I sincerely hope we will have greater access very soon! I would like to once again publicly acknowledge

Horizon Building and Stallard Meek Flightpath, our builders and Architects for their vision and delivery of an outstanding facility.

As part of this short period of time, students in R-3 are gathering on the oval area in the mornings before being taken into class. Given the current state of the yard and playground, we have told the students that they are not to play games, or climb on the playground during this period. As we get greater access to these areas, we will update the children and families. Your support of these protocols is appreciated.

This week, Catholic schools in SA have been celebrating Catholic Education Week. We have much to be thankful for at St Francis- amazing educators, supportive families, an engaged and pastorally supportive parish community, wonderful facilities and above all fantastic students who give us joy each and every day. Hopefully you will have seen testimonies from some of our families on Facebook, about their experience of St Francis- we are very grateful for their kind words!

Last Friday's Mother's day celebration was a great way to honour all mums and female role models, and I was very grateful for all the mums and others who came along to join in the celebration. Sincere thanks to the receptions and year 6 students for their beautiful performance for the mums present, and to the dedicated committee who prepared the spread, manned the coffee station and sold the raffle tickets!

While on P&F matters, you will have received a survey in the last couple of days seeking assistance with the various events and activities coming up. Please be generous with your time and expertise in support of the P&F committee, who do so much good in our community.

It was great to be able to join the SAPSASA Cross-country team on Monday as they competed in the Airport West District trials. All students performed admirably, and we had numerous top 5 and top 10 finishes. We will have a number of representatives at the state day in Oakbank later in the year. Well done to James Goldy and James Daley for facilitating trainings and organising the team.

As families would know, in recent times we have introduced a Vacation Care service to the school community. The development of such a service was long desired and the approvals required, along with the extensive paperwork involved in the planning of each incursion and excursion were enormous. It truly amazing and a celebration of our OSHC that we have been able to deliver an excellent and well patronised service in such a short period of time. My congratulations and appreciation go to Alexandra Curtis and her team of dedicated staff for everything they've done to enable our service to flourish so quickly. As with all services the school provides, we are in a continuous improvement cycle and always looking to develop and strengthen aspects of the service. Our staff are dedicated to ensuring the highest provision of care to our families! It won't be too long before information regarding the July holiday vacation care program information will be made available, so keep an eye out!

As I do my regular yard duties and wander around the school in the mornings and afternoons, I notice a LOT of parents carrying school bags for children. Coming to primary school is about increasing independence, and managing belongings is a key component of being independent. In this spirit, I ask that families begin to ask their children to carry their own school bags- they are all more than capable of doing so! If you feel as if your child's bag is too heavy, I would suggest a stocktake of what is actually in the bags. In my experience, there is usually a whole lot of stuff that isn't required to be in school bags! I would also strongly suggest adjusting straps so that the bag can be worn properly. In this spirit, I would also provide families with a friendly reminder to ensure your children are wearing the correct school uniform, which includes appropriate shoes, socks and headwear.

Have a great week everyone,

God bless,

Phil

FROM THE DEPUTY

ANZAC Day April 25th

Our special thanks to Harley and Kyle Naughton, Flynn and Willow Smitheram, Archie Lombardi, Lachlan and Amelia Ricciardi and their families who so proudly represented St Francis School at the Hilton RSL Dawn Service this year.

ANZAC Day is when we remember the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is also the day we remember all Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of ANZAC, with its human qualities of courage, “mateship”, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

We received the following letter from the RSL after the event:

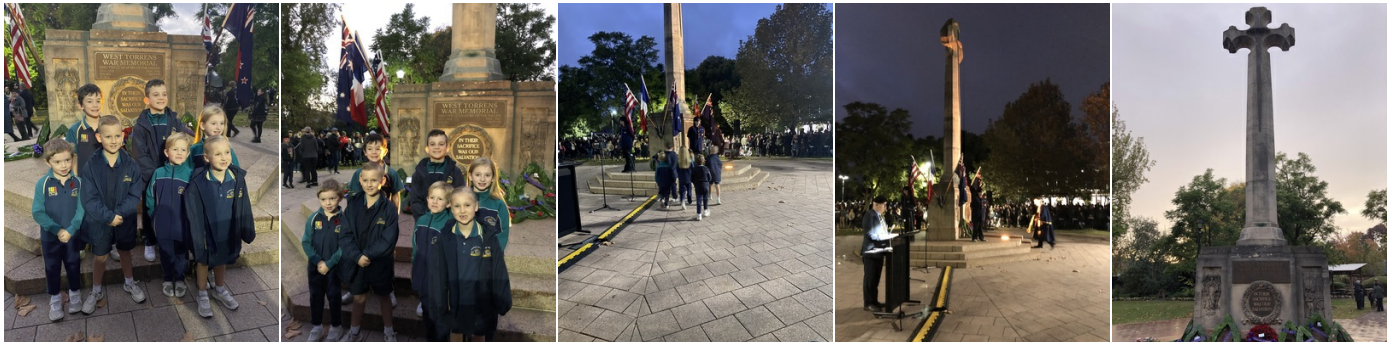
Dear Principal and Students,

For the RSL this is our biggest and busiest day of the year and the review conducted into this year's activities indicate it was a highly successful day in all aspects.

On behalf of the members and Committee of the Hilton RSL I would like to pass on our extreme gratitude for your part in that success. As a small community-based club with a focus on supporting veterans, members of the defence community, and residents in our surrounding area, we rely heavily on support from those in the local area on occasions such as ANZAC Day.

The attendance and involvement of students, parents and staff is one of the highlights of the day and an inspiration to our aging veterans. Without this involvement at the Dawn Service in particular, ANZAC Day would lack the atmosphere appreciated so much by our veterans.

With warm regards,
Peter Southam
President, RSL Hilton Sub-branch



Volunteers

A huge thankyou to all in the community who have volunteered their help in a variety of ways, either through the P&F or classroom participation.

If you are keen to become a volunteer, please speak to the office staff or check our [website](#) for requirements.

**God Bless,
Nives Kresevic**

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Catholic Education Week Raising Hearts and Minds Prayer - May 13-19

Loving God, guide us to know life in its fullness, to raise our hearts and minds to know God's love. Raise our hearts and minds to be inspired by Jesus, the Catholic faith and tradition. Raise our hearts to be loving, compassionate and respectful. Raise our minds to be inquisitive, capable and seek truth. May we be aware of listening to the stirring of our hearts to prompt action. Guide us to respond to the needs of others and all of God's creation. In all our thoughts, words and actions, help us raise our hearts and minds in creating the world you desire. Loving God hear our prayer Amen

Raising Hearts and Minds to the wonder of God's creation

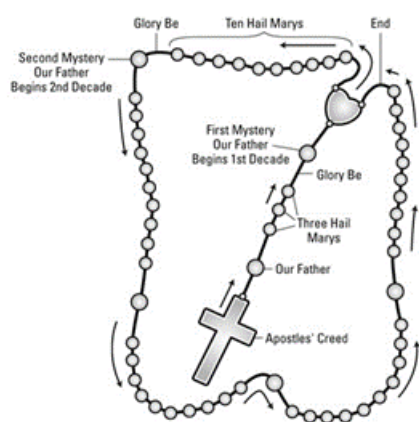
Guide us to respond to the needs of others and all of God's creation.

- Has God's creation inspired wonder and awe for you?
- How can we Raise our Hearts and Minds to the wonder and awe of God's creation?
- Through ecology and stewardship students are invited to explore the mystery of God's presence in creation and the call to action to be caretakers of each other and God's world

Month of May

In the Catholic Church the month of May is **Mary's month**. It's the month we honour Blessed Mary as the Mother of Jesus and our Heavenly Mother. This devotion dates back to the 18th century. There are many special events which honour Mary during the month of May.

Try this link Let's pray the Hail Mary, 2 minutes guided prayer, suitable for children and adults <https://youtu.be/FVgCSt7ReAo>. It contains the traditional version of the Hail Mary, however you may like to adapt it to the contemporary version. May is also a very good month to pray the rosary.



Pentecost Sunday

Sunday May 19th is Pentecost Sunday. This, the "fiftieth day," concludes the season of Easter, the continuous single festival of the risen Christ. Pentecost, the Jewish feast of harvest, which also commemorates the giving of the Law of Moses, was the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles (see Acts 2:1ff). The event has been celebrated on this day at least since the third century. The joy of Pentecost is that the risen Christ breathes upon the Church and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:22).

Acts 2:1-11

*When the day of Pentecost had come,
they were all together in one place.
And suddenly from heaven there came a sound
like the rush of a violent wind,
and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them,
and a tongue rested on each of them.
All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.*



Winter Appeal

Very soon you will receive a notice via SeeSaw about our Winter Appeal. The Adelaide Day Centre for Homeless Persons have asked for our support in donating clothing items or cans of soup for the homeless. As many of the homeless are predominately **adults** we ask that you please adhere to the following list in **adult sizes**:

- Raincoats
- Jackets
- Gloves

- Scarves
- Hats
- Track pants
- Socks
- Small umbrellas

The greatest need is for Blankets and Sleeping Bags

The Winter Appeal will **commence Thursday 16th May** and continue **until Friday 7th June** 2024.

As Pope Francis said, "To rebuild our wounded world in the face of so much pain, our only course is to imitate the Good Shepherd who showed us how to restore community by lifting up the fallen for the sake of the common good."

Social Justice Leaders



2024 Social Justice Leaders

I'd like to introduce our Year 6 Social Justice Leaders Ava, Mariah, Zara, Elaine, Siena and Bianca

We welcome their enthusiasm and compassion as they organise initiatives to support and promote Social Justice causes throughout the year.

Reconciliation workshops and celebration of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Tuesday May 21st at Christ the King Church, Lockleys 6:00 -7:30pm

Wednesday May 22nd at Christ the King Church, Lockleys 4:30 -6:00pm

Thursday May 23rd at Christ the King Church, Lockleys 5:30 -7:00pm

Class Masses and Liturgy of the Word Term 2 2024

May 15th **Year 4** Christ the King Church at 9:15am

June 5th **Year 2** Christ the King Church at 9:15am

June 12th **Year 6** Christ the King Church at 9:15am

June 19th **Reception RLF & RRC** Liturgy of the Word Christ the King Church

June 26th **Year 3** Liturgy of the Word, Christ the King Church at 9:15am

July 3rd **Year 5** Liturgy of the Word, Christ the King Church at 9:15am

Date for Year 1 Mass TBC

NB please check with class teachers for confirmation of Mass/Liturgy time.

God Bless

Angela De Nadai

Assistant Principal: Religious Identity and Mission

P.E/SPORT

School Soccer

With the commencement term 2, this also brings with it the start of our school soccer season. We have 10 teams that compete in the NWJSA School Competition each Saturday. From all accounts round 1 went really well and all teams are looking forward to getting out there again in round 2 this Saturday. Thank you to all of the team Coaches, Team Managers, Game Steward and Linespersons. Without your assistance each week the games would not run as smooth as they do.

School Basketball and Netball.

We are now into the 2nd half of Season 1, our teams continue to play throughout the week in both sports. Parents are asked to keep a close eye on the "Game Day App" for any week to week changes to draws. Goodluck to all teams as you continue on this term.

SAPSASA AIRPORT Football

Congratulations to Cooper Nicholson from 6EG who has been selected in the final SAPSASA Airport District Football Team that will compete in the 3 day carnival in week 5. We wish Cooper and his team the very best of luck.

James Daley

Sports Coordinator

PLAYGROUP NEWS

Our playgroup groups have been very busy the last 2 weeks during our Little Tadpoles Playgroup Sessions. Last week we were busy making some Mothers Day craft and this week the children were very excited when they had their very own P.E lesson on the courts. We look forward to lots more fun to come this term.

James Daley
Playgroup Coordinator

