



Important Dates

SAPSASA Football

Monday 26 May 2025

Reconciliation Week

Tuesday 27 May 2025

Year 5/6 Excursion

Friday 30 May 2025

Year 4 Camp

Monday 2 June 2025

Year 4 Camp

Tuesday 3 June 2025

**SACPSSA Cross
Country**

Thursday 5 June 2025

Pupil Free Day

Friday 6 June 2025

King's Birthday

Monday 9 June 2025

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 3 of Term 2! It has been a vibrant and purposeful start to the term, with students returning to their learning with renewed energy and focus. Our dedicated teachers have also returned refreshed and are working with great intent to support the learning and wellbeing of every child in our care.

 **Catholic Education Week: Celebrating 180 Years**

This week (12–18 May), we join 100 other Catholic schools across South Australia in celebrating **Catholic Education Week**. This year's theme, **#ShineWithOpenHearts**, beautifully captures the spirit of Catholic education—encouraging students to shine through kindness, compassion, learning, and leadership.

This year is especially significant as we mark **180 years of Catholic education in South Australia**, a milestone that coincides with the Catholic Church's Jubilee Year. Dr Neil McGoran, Executive Director of Catholic Education South Australia, reminds us:

"180 years of Catholic education in South Australia is an outstanding achievement and one that we should all be proud of. This year's theme reminds us of the identity, mission, and enduring values that guide our schools."

📖 A Moment in Church History

In recent weeks, the Catholic Church has experienced a historic transition with the **passing of Pope Francis** and the **election of Pope Leo XIV**. These are momentous events for Catholics around the world, and we take this time to reflect on Pope Francis' legacy and offer our prayers for Pope Leo XIV as he begins his ministry.

We invite our community to join in a universal prayer, included later in our newsletter.

📖 Federal Election and Education

Australia's recent **Federal Election** has brought education into the national spotlight. Regardless of political affiliation, we hope the new government continues to prioritise the wellbeing, learning, and future of all children. We look forward to seeing strong commitments to education upheld by the Albanese government.

📖 Mother's Day Celebration

Last Friday, we celebrated the wonderful mothers, grandmothers, and significant women in our children's lives. A heartfelt thank you to **Sarah McCabe, Leonora Radosav, Jenn Dullens, Charmaine Fieter-Norris**, and their team of helpers for organising such a beautiful event.

We hope all mums had a joyful Mother's Day! We're also looking forward to the **Sunset Soirée at West Beach** this Sunday—fingers crossed for a stunning evening!

📖🏃 Cross Country Success

On Monday, our talented cross country team competed in the **district selection carnival**. Thanks to the dedication of **Mr Daley and Mr Goldy**, our students were well-prepared and performed brilliantly.

Congratulations to **Chanel Maio, Alessandro Gariboli, Stephen Rapuano**, and **Rori Porplyzia** who placed in the top tier of competitors, meaning they will represent our school at the **State Carnival at Oakbank Racecourse** later this term!

📖 Sporting Spirit at St Francis

At St Francis, we are proud to offer a wide range of sporting opportunities for all students. Led by the dynamic duo **James and James**, our PE program ensures every child has the chance to participate and thrive. We are incredibly grateful to all our teachers for their energy, expertise, and commitment to student wellbeing through sport.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's learning journey. We look forward to the weeks ahead with hope, joy, and open hearts.

Warm regards,

Phil Schultz

Principal, St Francis School

FROM THE DEPUTY

ANZAC Day April 25th

Our special thanks to Flynn and Willow Smitheram and their mum Kara 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.

At the Dawn service at West Torrens Memorial Gardens, Evzones, Catafalque party from 144 Signals Squadron Greece, provided a guard of honour and the Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP Member for West Torrens spoke on the relationship between Australia and Greece.

Over 40 tributes were laid by dignitaries, guests, local schools and members of the public. The attendance on the morning was estimated at over 2,000.

A great memorial to our fallen.

Lest We Forget



Kiss and Drop at the Church

Last Thursday, a traffic management officer was at the crossing on Henley Beach Rd observing traffic flow at pick up. In our conversation, one of his observations was the number of parents in cars waiting in the bus zone.

Please be advised that stopping to wait in the bus zone could earn you a large fine.

Please see the exclusion zone below.



God Bless,

Nives Kresevic

CATHOLIC IDENTITY YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025!



Honouring the Legacy of Pope Francis

During a recent staff liturgy, we came together in reflection and gratitude to honour the remarkable legacy of Pope Francis. His unwavering dedication to social justice, his profound humility, and his compassionate leadership have left an indelible mark on the world. As a community, we gave thanks for his life's work and the inspiration he continues to provide through his example of faith in action.

"A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just."

— Pope Francis

This quote beautifully encapsulates the spirit of Pope Francis's mission and the values we strive to embody in our own lives and work.

Habemus Papam – We have a Pope!



Welcoming Pope Leo XIV

We joyfully welcome the newly elected leader of the Catholic Church, Pope Leo XIV, formerly Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost. His election marks a historic moment, as he becomes the first U.S.-born pope and the first pontiff from the Augustinian order.

Born in Chicago in 1955, Pope Leo XIV brings a rich cultural heritage—of French, Italian, and Spanish descent—and decades of pastoral and missionary experience, particularly in Peru, where he served for nearly 20 years. His ministry has been shaped by a deep commitment to social justice, outreach to the marginalized, and a pastoral style rooted in humility and service.

In his first public address from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Leo XIV offered a message of unity and hope:

"Peace be with all of you! ... This is the peace of the Risen Christ, an unarmed and disarming peace, humble and persevering. It comes from God, God who loves us all unconditionally... Without fear, united hand in hand with God and among ourselves, let us move forward."

As a community, we offer our prayers for Pope Leo XIV. May the Holy Spirit guide him with wisdom, courage, and compassion as he leads the global Church into a new chapter of faith and unity.

Winter Appeal

Last week, you will have received communication through 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 Friday 16th May** and continue **until Thursday 5th June 2025**.

Social Justice Leaders

2025 Social Justice Leaders



I'd like to introduce our Year 6 Social Justice Leaders Bella, Olivia and Sofia.

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

Catholic Ed Week

Catholic Education Week will be celebrated across South Australia from May 12-18, 2025. The theme for this year's Catholic Education week is **Shine with Open Hearts**. During the week we will celebrate Mass with Year 3 students and families. Students will be sharing some of the ways they can shine brightly as a member of the St Francis community to bring hope to others.

Jesus is the 'Light of the World'. As followers of Christ, we are called to reflect His light, bringing hope and guidance to others. John 8:12

PBIS (Positive Behavioural Intervention Strategies)

As part of our ongoing commitment to the Positive Behaviour Intervention strategies (**PBIS**) framework, we continue to implement school-wide strategies that promote a positive and respectful learning environment.

Our current focus is "**Being Responsible When We Learn.**" Students are encouraged to demonstrate responsibility in their learning by:

- Looking after their belongings
- Being organised
- Arriving prepared and ready to engage

These regular reminders help to build a consistent and supportive culture where all students can thrive.



Class Masses and Liturgy of the Word Term 2 2025

- May 14th **Year 3** Mass, Christ the King Church at 9:15am
- May 21st **Year 2** Mass, Christ the King Church at 9:15am
- May 25th **Year 1** Mass, Christ the King Church at 9:15am
- June 11th **Reception RLF, RRC & RTP** Liturgy of the Word Christ the King Church 9:15
- June 25th **Year 6** Mass, Christ the King Church at 9:15am
- July 3rd (Thursday) **Year 5** Liturgy of the Word, Christ the King Church at 9:15am

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

God Bless & God guide

Angela De Nadai

A PRAYER FOR POPE LEO XIV

'May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon the earth ...'



O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favourably on your servant Pope Leo XIV,
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;
grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that,
together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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SAPSASA Football (AFL)

Congratulations to Jack Bullen, Archie Atyeo and Myles Maric who have all been selected into the final team that will represent the SAPSASA Airport District at the 3 day carnival in week 5. Well done and good luck to the team.

SAPSASA Cross Country

Well done to the 24 students who participated in the Airport District cross country running trial on Monday, all of our students who attended did an amazing job and we are super proud of their efforts. Congratulations and well done to Chanel Maio, Rori Porplyzia,

Alessandro Gariboli and Stephen Rapuano who have all been selected in the final district running team that will compete at the state championships at Oakbank Racecourse in week 6.

SAPSASA Netball

Congratulations to ALL 7 of our girls who attended the district Netball trials this week and have all advanced through to the next stage of selection. We wish Bella Bosio, Laya O’Rielly, Maddison Dawe, Isla Sharman, Bella Qualmann, Sofia Grenci and Ellie Rankin all the very best in the next trial.

School Soccer

Our school soccer season begun last weekend and from all reports it was a great success. Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers who take on the coaching and assisting roles on game day to make the best experience possible for our players. Good luck in this weekend games to all 105 St Francis Students playing.

James Daley
Sports Coordinator

PLAYGROUP NEWS

It has been an exciting start to the term for our Playgroup children. We had a wonderful time at our Mothers Day themed session last week where the children made some very cute craft items that they could give to their special mums or carers.

This week we went on an adventure to the newly built playground just at the back of our school where we had a “Picnic and Play in the Park” themed session. There were plenty of smiles and memory making moments.

We do have some availability in our THURSDAY program if there are any families interested in coming along, please contact me or our front office for more information.

James Daley
Playgroup Coordinator

