



Week 3 - Term 3

Important Dates

**SACPSSA Cross
Country Carnival**
Thursday 10 August

Wakakirri
Thursday 10 August

P&F Quiz Night
Saturday 12 August

Science Week 14-18
Monday 14 August

**Photo Day Catch
Up**
Tuesday 15 August

Year 5 Camp
Wednesday 16 August

Year 5 Camp
Thursday 17 August

Year 5 Camp
Friday 18 August

Book Week 21-25
Monday 21 August

Book Week Parade
Thursday 24 August

Year 2 Excursion
Friday 25 August

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

We have already reached the end of week 3! There have been so many events and activities happening this term, along with daily learning routines. Our learners have been working hard to achieve their new learning goals, refined by their semester one reports, and we are seeing great progress every day, through our regular progress monitoring-especially in Maths and English.

NAPLAN results were distributed recently to families of children in year 3 and 5. I was pleased with how well we performed overall in this year's NAPLAN tests, which were conducted earlier in the year than previously, and reported on using a completely new set of performance standards. Our overall school performance was rated as Strong and encouragingly, where it was identified that students required additional support, we already have measures in place to support these learners. My sincere thanks to Nives Kresevic, and the year 3 and 5 teachers for their oversight of the assessment cycle.

Last night our Wakakirri dance troupe performed at this year's event, in the Norwood town hall. I was a privilege to be present for their performance and I was blown away by how polished and professional their performance was. It is a credit to the students themselves and the outstanding coaching and leadership of Emma Gill and Olivia Bozzon. Our troupe were awarded a notable mention in a number of areas, especially in choreography, which was superb!

On Thursday, our SACPSSA Cross Country team competed at the 2023 carnival. It was a hugely successful event for St Francis, with our year 4 group winning the divisional age title, Chanel Maio winning Gold in the year 4 age group, Cooper Nicholson gold in the year 5 age group and Stephen Rapuano won Silver in the year 4 age group. There were many other notable performances as well. Sincere thanks to James Daley and James Goldy for their efforts in preparing the team, and in organising the carnival participation.

This week, we welcome for the first time, children who will be starting school in term 1 2024, in our "Little Francis" transition program. This is an exciting time for them and for us, and I thank Leonie Fitzgerald and the reception team for their coordination and support of the program, which will run all the way through to week 7 of term 4.

This Saturday evening, we host our quiz night. With over 10 tables now sold, it promises to be a night of fun and frivolity-but most importantly, community connection. Sincere thanks to Terri Sparrow and the P & F for bringing the night to life. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

As you will by now have seen, our building is really beginning to take shape, and we can now get a sense of what it will be like. I understand that constraints the project has placed on the full functionality of our school, but give thanks every day that we still have great facilities and-importantly-expansive grounds for the children to be able to play and learn. Having been involved in projects in the past where play areas have been significantly disrupted, believe me, it is a blessing to have what we do! Once the project is completed and our full grounds and play areas are restored, our school will provide the kind of outdoor spaces other schools only dream of-bring on 2024!

Have a great week everyone.

God bless,

Phil

FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Families are invited to attend a Post School pathways and NDIS Provider Information Night for the Catholic Schools Western Region. It is being held on Wednesday 23rd August from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Nazareth College, Flinders Park Campus. The evening is designed to facilitate providers speaking to families who are seeking information in a 1:1 personalised environment.

If you are interested in attending, please see flyer with registration details.



Nazareth
Our Lady of La Vang

Western Region

SCHOOLS DISABILITY EXPO



Held in conjunction with Our Lady of La Vang
School and Nazareth Catholic College

 **Wed 23 Aug**  **6-8 PM**

 Nazareth Catholic College, Flinders Park Campus
1 Hartley Road, Flinders Park

NDIS Providers, Allied Health and Therapy Options
Post schools Pathways options
Applicable for families with children & young people
aged 5 years - 18 years
Drinks and Nibbles provided
Care options for children, if required

www.nazareth.org.au/rsvp-to-western-disability-expo



Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the **Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability** (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](#).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](#).

[Parent Fact sheet information](#).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact your child's teacher or myself.

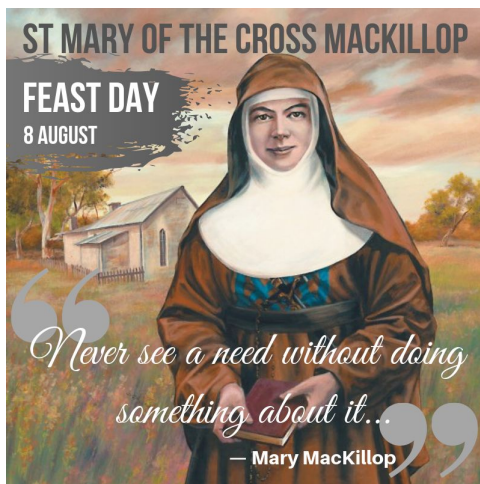
God Bless

Angela De Nadai

Acting Deputy

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop



Each year on the 8th of August we celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's beloved first saint. On this day, we celebrate the important role she played in making education accessible for children in our country. Mary MacKillop devoted her life to ensuring a holistic Catholic education for children from rural, poor families.

St Mary MacKillop's impact on Australian education was remarkable. She was a trailblazer and a leader who passionately advocated for the education of underprivileged children and children in remote areas where others either would or could not go. For such children and their families, Mary opened a door of hope into the future.

Classes have engaged in learning about Mary throughout the week to remember how we can be like Mary in word and deed. The Year 4's celebrated Mass on Wednesday of this week on the theme of Mary MacKillop and how we can be like Mary. It was a lovely celebration with students and families.

Feast of the Assumption



Tuesday, 15 August the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady, when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory".

The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary's body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son.

At St Francis, we will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption by participating in in-class liturgies throughout the day with student representatives from Years 3-6 joining in the Parish Mass in the morning. Families are welcome to attend the Parish Mass at 9:15 in the Church.

Sacramental Program

The sacramental team have been planning for the next parent workshop. First Communion workshops for the sacramental families were held August 8th and 9th. The Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation will take place later in the term on the 16th, 17th and 23rd, 24th of September.

Upcoming Masses

Tuesday 15/8 – Representative students from each class (Year 3-6) will attend. Remaining students will participate in an in-class liturgy.

Wednesday 30/8 – Year One Mass

I'd like to extend my gratitude to the St Francis community in welcoming me to the role of Religious Education Coordinator this term while Angela steps into the deputy role while Nives is on leave.

God bless,

Corinne McKenzie

Acting REC (Religious Education Coordinator).

P.E/SPORT

What a busy start to Term 3 it has been for St Francis and all things sport. The school soccer season restarted after a 3 week break over the school holiday period. Season 2 of school Netball and Basketball has commenced, and we have already had 2 sporting carnivals.

SAPSASA Statewide Basketball

On Tuesday 8th August our year 5/6 boys and girls basketball teams competed at this years SAPSASA Statewide Basketball Championships. The carnival day was played at Wayville stadium and we were very lucky to be some of the first students to play competitions on the BRAND NEW stadium courts. Both of our teams competed extremely well. Congratulations to all of our students who participated.

SACPSSA Cross Country Carnival

On Thursday 10th August 54 St Francis students competed in the annual SACPSSA cross country carnival held in the Adelaide parklands. Our team had been training for 2 months in preparation for the day and it really did show as we had many, many individual achievements and PB's by so many of our students who attended.

A big congratulations to our 3 medal winners on the day. Cooper Nicholson, Gold in the Year 5 Boys Division A, Chanel Maio, GOLD in the Year 4 Girls Division A and Stephan Rapuano SILVER in the Year 4 Boys Division A. Congratulations also to our Year 4 Girls Division A runners. As a team their collective score earned them the Age Championship Pennant. I would like to congratulate all St Francis runners for the commitment to our training sessions and the way they conducted themselves at the carnival on the day.

James Daley

Sports Coordinator



LIBRARY



Each year across Australia, the CBCA (Childrens Book Council of Australia) brings children and books together celebrating CBCA Book Week.

This years theme is: **Read, Grow, Inspire**

Each year we celebrate with a Book Week Parade. This will be held on the tennis courts on Thursday 24th August at 9:15. Students are asked to dress up as one of their favourite book characters.

Yours in reading
Mrs Edwards

FUNDRAISER

These two books, proudly South Australian produced, aim to teach their readers about the value in passing it on and the power of kindness. And in the spirit of **PASSING IT ON**, we are so delighted to announce that St. Francis Lockleys has paired with The Pass It On

Series for a fundraiser.

\$5 from every book sale will be donated to CATHOLIC CHARITIES.



Monday 7/8/23 - Friday 18/8/23

Whether you are looking for a book for your own or a gift for another, these books have been described as the “perfect gift for any child” and a “must” for every bookshelf.



A Piece of Happy.

Think about the moment when someone passes you a gift. How do you feel? Happy?

Now think about the moment you pass a gift on to someone else? How do they feel? How do you feel?

HAPPY?

A tale of receiving and giving – teaching about kindness, love, and passing on happiness.

A Sprinkle of Kindness.

A tale of the power of kindness and the difference it can make to someone’s day, including your own.

There are times in your life when you may feel down. An act of kindness has the ability to change how you are feeling and lets you know that someone cares about you.

When you are kind to others, particularly in times of need, it lets them know that you care and can lift their spirits.

There is always something kind you can do. Sprinkle it.

Written by Daniella A. Illustrated by Vince Fusco.

How to order:

ONLINE:

- 1) Visit www.thepassitonseries.com.au
- 2) Add your order of books (and any other products) to your cart.
- 3) When finalising your order, add coupon code **SFLOCKLEYS**.
- 4) Complete transaction.
- 5) Goods will be delivered during book week and distributed by the school.

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LITERACY

A focus on Fluency

Comprehension of texts is the end goal. Comprehension of texts involves extracting and constructing meaning from written text using knowledge of words, concepts, facts and ideas. Comprehension is highly related to background knowledge and vocabulary and students need good fluency before comprehension can occur. When children read fluently decoding becomes easier and automatic and frees up their attention to focus on the meaning of the text.

A fluent reader reads texts with a high degree of accuracy, at a rate similar to their speaking voice with expression.

So how can we increase fluency?

"The keys to the development of reading fluency include modelling fluent reading for students and providing students with repeated reading practice of written passages, while at the same time providing assistance and coaching in the repeated reading."

Rasinski, Homan and Biggs (2009)

At St Francis, repeated reading of texts occurs within the classrooms and at home using carefully selected texts through; decodable texts, connected texts, knowledge based texts and literary texts. Reading is modelled and practised through a variety of strategies such as echo reading, paired reading, choral reading, readers theatre and using technology such as Microsoft Teams to monitor accuracy and rate.

At home there are a couple of ways you can support your child's fluency;

encourage them to repeatedly read the decodable/connected text assigned to them and develop their background knowledge and vocabulary by reading to your child, or supporting your child to read, a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts.

Sarah Battistella

NAIDOC WEEK

In Week 10 of last Term, the Year 5 students led the NAIDOC Week Fundraiser. Bracelets and donuts were sold as part of the initiative and the money raised has been donated to the Tjindu Foundation. The Tjindu foundation supports young Aboriginal children to become leaders through a variety of sports and cultural programs. The school and school community raised a total of \$660.20

We would like to thank the school community for the support and would also like to extend our thanks to Charmaine Feiter-Norris who not only made all of the yummy donuts but also donated additional money from the sale of NAIDOC week donuts through her business. For more information about the wonderful work the Tjindu Foundation do, visit their website at <https://tjindufoundation.org.au/>



We welcome you to Western Little Athletics Club
(Formerly Henley Little Athletics Club)



Welcome
TO OUR PRIDE

COME AND TRY
Little Athletics

JOIN US ON **FRIDAY 15th SEP 2023 6pm - 7:30pm**
FOR A COME AND TRY + REGO NIGHT
Henley Oval - Cnr White and Raymond Street Henley Beach

ATHLETICS INVOLVES THE FUNDAMENTALS OF ALL
SPORTS: **RUN, JUMP & THROW!**

ANY NEW MEMBERS JOINING IN 2023 WILL RECEIVE:
FREE UNIFORM AND FREE TRAINING!

SEASON STARTS FRIDAY 22nd SEPT 2023

Western Little Athletics Club



FAMILY.FUN.FITNESS

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