



# Important Dates

Year 2 Class Liturgy

Wednesday 26 May

Reception Excursion

Wednesday 26 May

Year 1 Class Liturgy

Friday 28 May

Confirmation and First Eucharist

Sunday 6 June

Open Day

Monday 7 June

SAPSASA State X-Country

Thursday 10 June

Pupil Free Day

Friday 11 June

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

We have reached the half way point of the term already! All classes continue to work hard and learn new things, and I continue to be impressed with the levels of engagement amongst all classes. Over the past couple of weeks, I have had the chance to closely engage with a number of class groups. This week, for example, I enjoyed listening to presentations based around persuasive texts, with our year 4's as they attempted to convince me that they should be allowed to continue their 1km run! Needless to say, they were very convincing and so then run will go on!!

Last Monday I had to privilege of accompanying Nives Kresevic, as well as Sienna and Xavier from our year 6 group, to the Cathedral, as we celebrated 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia. You can read more about that later in this edition, suffice to say I was very impressed with the way the children represented our school!

Isla, from our year 6 cohort has been very busy of late. She decided a few weeks ago to hold a bake sale to raise funds for the Australia and New Zealand Sarcoma Association to honour her grandfather who passed away in June. She also set up a Go Fund Me page for anyone who wanted to donate but couldn't make the sale.

All up she has raised over \$1100 so far! She had to do so much planning etc to pull it off. She created a flyer and delivered it around the neighbourhood, planned the menu and worked out the cost of ingredients, shopped, baked, etc. As a school community we congratulate Isla on her endeavours to make a difference in our world, with a local act of compassion-well done Isla!

Our Reception and year one cohorts have been enjoying the opportunities of learning beyond the classroom, with recent excursions to the Zoo (Reception) and to the Living Kaurna Cultural Centre Warriparinga (Year one) The weather was kind to both groups, and by all reports, these excursions were rich and rewarding learning opportunities for the children! My thanks to all teachers, and parent volunteers for their work in enabling these excursions to take place.

With the recent COVID outbreak occurring in Melbourne, we are reminded to be vigilant with our Social Distancing, hygiene etc. I would also ask all families visiting the school to ensure you check in each time you visit. In the hopefully unlikely event of an outbreak in SA, this will enable contact tracing to be effective. If any families have travelled to Melbourne recently and are impacted by the current restrictions, please let our office know ASAP.

The Christ the King parish is gearing up for the celebration of 60 years in the Lockleys community! This also coincides with the school being established, and as such, we will be actively involved in these celebrations, which will be held later in the year, on September 12. There will be more information about these celebrations over the coming editions of the newsletter. In the meantime, if there are families who have memorabilia they think could be relevant to these celebrations, we would be delighted to see it!

While on parish life, we look forward to some of our students receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist during June. Receiving these special Sacraments means these children are more intentionally and actively a part of the Catholic church!

A reminder to all families of our Pupil Free day, to be held on Friday June 11. Our OSHC service will be providing a fantastic 'Harry Potter' themed day for families and I encourage you to register if you require care on that day.

As a school community, we offer our sincere condolences and prayers, to Mr James Daley and his family, who recently lost their grandfather, who is now in God's care.

Have a great week everyone,

#### God bless

Phil

#### FROM THE DEPUTY

#### **UNSW ICAS Competition 2021**

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools take place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific regions and are an initiative of Educational Assessment Australia of the University of New South Wales.

The experience provides an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation.

St Francis will offer students in Years 3-6 the opportunity to participate in the following.

COMPETITION	SITTING DATE
English	16- 20 August
Maths	23-27 August
Spelling Bee	30 August- 3 September

ICAS Assessments are now online, a move that reflects a sector-wide transition to computer-based assessments. These assessments will take place during the day and St Francis School will provide the venue and supervision for the tests during school time.

If your child is interested in taking part, have them ask their teacher for an entry form or find the information on our website in News & Events/Notices and Forms/Class Notes/ICAS.

All permission forms need to be returned to Ms Kresevic by Friday 10 June. Payment can be made via the new online Parent Payment System. The Parent Payment System is a simple and secure online payment service specifically for parents to purchase ICAS Assessments.

#### **God Bless**

#### **Nives Kresevic**



#### **APRIM**

# NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK MAY 27-JUNE 3

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between May 27 and June 3. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

May 27 marks the anniversary of Australia's most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation's history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognize them in the national census.

On 3 June 1992, the High Court of Australia delivered its landmark Mabo decision which legally recognized that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land—that existed prior to colonization and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights called 'Native Title.'

The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.

Reconciliation is not a one off event. It is a lifelong process.

Reconciliation involves building positive, respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians; enabling us to work together to close the gaps, and to achieve a shared sense of fairness and justice.

The ultimate goal of reconciliation is to build strong and trusting relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians, as a foundation for success and to enhance our national wellbeing.

The Gospels of Jesus challenge us to love, to be merciful and to work for justice.

Let us acknowledge and pray for the recognition of the heritage given to this country by the traditional owners of this land, to pray for an end to the marginalization of our first Australians, to ensure dignity and justice for all Australians.



On Monday, May 24, a National Mass was celebrated across all states, territories, and dioceses on the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians to commemorate 200 years of Catholic education in Australia.

In South Australia, this celebration was held at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan presiding.

Year 6 students, Sienna Wright and Xavier Roads ably represented St Francis School at the Mass accompanied by Nives Kresevic and Phil Schultz.

Peace and blessings,

Helen Wilsdon-Smith APRIM/School Chaplain

#### **DIGITAL TECH**

The world has become a highly digital place. People can find information and become connected to people from all around Australia and the world, with a click of a button. We use technology in so many areas of our lives for work and pleasure. It is essential that we use and teach Digital Technologies in school to enable our students to be successful in the future.

Digital Technology is much more than typing or using a laptop to do an internet search. Today the students are investigating, designing, producing and then evaluating using digital technology. They are participating in coding, robotics, Claymation, movie making and much more.

We are lucky at St Francis School to have teachers that are excited about this area and keen to learn skills along with the students. This semester, the students have had many education and fun lessons in this curriculum area.

Students have used basic coding skills to make a Beebot move along a desired path.

Student have used coding, robotics and computer thinking skills through the use of Lego WeDo2.0 and Spheros.

Students have used the green screen and other technology to present information.

These skills and lessons are not stand alone, as they link to many areas of the curriculum.



#### YEAR 1 EXCURSION

Last Wednesday, the Year 1 students enjoyed an excursion to The Living Kaurna Cultural Centre and Warriparinga Wetlands at Bedford Park. Warriparninga is an important Aboriginal and early European heritage site, where Aboriginal and European history sit side by side.

For the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains, this site is a traditional ceremonial meeting place still used today.

This was an exciting opportunity for the students to support their learning this term about Geography and Indigenous culture, through exploring the significance of this special place and culture of the Kaurna people.

The students enjoyed an engaging tour of the area with Cultural Officer, Tom Buzzacott, which began with listening to the Tjilbruke Dreaming story.

The children reflected on this beautiful place through activities such as observational drawing, a scavenger hunt and parachute games.

The visit provided experiences and created connections for the students in their learning.

They had fun together and enjoyed the stunning weather.

Our thanks to the wonderful parent and grandparent volunteers who attended on the day.

Gia Perin, Karen Brandwood, Gesica Alvaro, Nikki Dytman (Year 1 Teachers)



### PLAYGROUP NEWS

During playgroup this week the children listened to a book about how a pig and a chicken worked together to reach and knock down the apple from the tree to then share it and eat it all up. Each week during our playgroup the children also work together and help to pack away all of the wonderful toys, games and fun activities that are set up in the room once our session comes to an end. The children really enjoyed this week's craft, we made marble art with the use of marbles dipped into paint that were then rolled over the paper to created our wonderful pieces of art.



#### P.E/SPORT

#### SAPSASA News

## **Cross Country**

Congratulations to Sienna Mayo, Vincent Busolin, Emilio Visentin, Sophie Luttrell, Aria De Pasquale, Ines Fwester, Archie Begg, Capri De Pasquale, Mercy Walsh, and Maeya Robinson who have all qualified to represent not only our school but the Airport District at the Cross Country State Championships. The race will be held at Oakbank Racecourse on Thursday June 10th. We wish you all the very best during your race.

#### Netball

Congratulations to Maeya Robinson, Mercy Walsh and Capri De Pasquale who have all been selected in the Airport District netball team. The girls will take part in the carnival week that is held at Priceline Stadium during week 6. We wish these girls and all of their teammates all the very best as they go up against the other districts from around the state.

## **Sport**

Hi,

I appreciate you are busy but I'd like just a minute of your time to tell you about new squash activities we are bringing to a club in Lockleys, and how your school can benefit.

I'm Zoë Shardlow, a world junior (teams) champion and career squash coach. I've moved from England and teamed up with another successful career coach, Michael Jones, from Melbourne, and we are working together in South Australia to get more people playing squash.

Squash has great physical and mental health benefits; is easy to learn; compliments other sports; appeals to all ages; is very sociable; burns lots of calories, and can be played anytime, and at short notice.

We are both highly qualified; experienced; accredited and cleared to work with children and are as much known for our inclusive and holistic teaching of beginners as we are for our development of elite champions.

As coaches, we enjoy seeing pupils perform well and win titles but we gain as much satisfaction when a teacher tells us a child's attitude and schoolwork have improved since they've been playing squash; when a carer is surprised a teen is still coming and has made friends because until then they didn't like sport or other kids; or when a child on the spectrum starts hitting the ball like they've found a full-body fidget-spinner.

We create safe and friendly environments and our focus is on every child having fun, developing skills and growing in confidence both on and off the court

We believe there are enormous mental health benefits to be gained from participating in sports but that it is essential to have the right personnel in place to orchestrate involvement and support students in experiencing activities positively.

With immediate effect, we are starting a junior squash programme at Adelaide Malibu squash club in Autumn Avenue, Lockleys, on Mondays and Wednesdays after school.

We are looking to attract individuals of any age from around year 4, right through to year 12, who might enjoy developing balance and co-ordination and hitting a ball against a wall.

No previous experience or aptitude is necessary and we can provide equipment such as rackets and eyewear.

We will be accepting Sports Vouchers.

We are also keen to run sessions for schools. We're can coach classes, groups or teams, and would love the opportunity to come and discuss possible options with you.

We understand there is funding available to support such activities.

I look forward to hearing from you.

All the best, Zoë Shardlow 0401848243

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# Holiday Sports Camp

Hi There.

My name is Nate Campbell from I'm Possible Academy.

I am so very excited to let you know that we are launching our Mega Sports Camp in the July school holidays.

What are the I'm Possible Mega Sports Camp all about?

Briefly, At I'm Possible Academy, we go crazy for sport and are enthusiastic in creating the ultimate holiday experience that inspires our Superstar Campers to be the best version of themselves, develop their confidence, teamwork and sportsmanship through our exhilarating Mega Sports Camp.

Using sport as a springboard to educate, inspire and entertain, our message is clear. Nothing is impossible, the word itself spells, I'M

#### POSSIBLE.

Our holiday Mega Sports Camp is like no other. The event has been designed by professionals in order to cater for all abilities and confidence levels. At I'm Possible Academy, we don't take the word MEGA lightly. Our 2-day event provides MEGA enjoyment, MEGA excitement and MEGA entertainment, where every participant is treated like a MEGA superstar.

Our camp is running at Brighton Secondary School on July 12th + 13th, from 8.30 am-3.00 pm.

I would love to offer and provide this wonderful experience to not only the students within your community but to further support your hard-working parents.

We have advertisement material available and really look forward to connecting with your school community and providing the children of Adelaide with an unbelievable holiday experience that guarantees to be full of fun!

Making it Possible,

**Nate Campbell** 

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# PIZZA DAY

# Wednesday 9 JUNE 2021 2nd lunch



ORDERS TO BE LODGED VIA THE SCHOOL APP

QKR (QUICKER), by Thursday 3 June 8pm

\$2.50 per slice

Ham & Pineapple Cheese Supreme Gluten Free Cheese

Pizza supplied by Domino's









Pizza Day

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