



Important Dates

Pupil Free Day

Friday 7 March 2025

Adelaide Cup

Monday 10 March 2025

AGM

Tuesday 11 March 2025

NAPLAN 12th - 21st

Wednesday 12 March 2025

Year 6 Camp

Wednesday 12 March 2025

Year 6 Camp

Thursday 13 March 2025

Year 6 Camp

Friday 14 March 2025

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

We are already halfway through the term, and so much has been achieved so far! Our students are working hard towards reaching their individual goals, and it's wonderful to see their dedication. Likewise, our teachers are committed to providing purposeful learning experiences for all students, ensuring the best opportunities for growth and development.

Thank You for Your Engagement!

A special thank you to the families who joined us for the picnic and the Open Class Morning this week. Strong family engagement and connection with your child's school have a positive impact on both their learning and wellbeing. Your participation is truly appreciated.

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday Celebrations

Sincere thanks to Angela De Nadai for coordinating our Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday celebrations. A big thank you as well to all the parent and parish volunteers who helped cook the delicious pancakes—what a wonderful way to celebrate together!

Swim Trials

Congratulations to the students who attended the swim trials recently, preparing for the upcoming SACPSSA Swim Carnival. Best of luck to those competing!

NAPLAN Testing

NAPLAN testing for students in Years 3 and 5 will begin next week and continue for two weeks. Many thanks to Nives Kresevic, Corinne McKenzie and David Giannotti for their hard work overseeing the preparation and implementation of these assessments.

Respectful Relationships in Schools

Please take a moment to read the letter sent via SZapp from Trish Jarvis, President of Catholic School Parents SA, regarding respectful relationships in schools. This is an important message from our peak parent body in Catholic Education SA, and we encourage all families to read it.

Year 6 Camp

Next week, our Year 6 students will be attending camp at Finnis on the Fleurieu Peninsula from Wednesday to Friday. A heartfelt thank you to James Daley for coordinating the camp, and to the Year 6 staff for all their planning and preparation to make this a memorable experience for our students.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in the coming weeks. Students and families have been preparing for this significant occasion under the guidance of Angela De Nadai and the parish team.

School Board AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the St. Francis School Board will take place on Wednesday, March 19th. We strongly encourage all families to attend. There will be several vacant positions on the board, and we invite parents to consider nominating for a position. A separate letter will be sent with further details.

Mid year reception transition

Next Friday, we will welcome students who are commencing in term 3, for our 'Little Francis' transition program. We are all looking forward to meeting these students as they prepare to transition into 'big school' for the first time, in July. Many thanks to Leonie Fitzgerald for her coordination of the transition program.

Thank you all for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Warm regards,

Phil Schultz.

Principal, St. Francis School

FROM THE DEPUTY

Dear Families,

Personal Plans for Learning (PPL) timeline

When working with students, the staff of St Francis are committed to providing supports, adjustments and interventions which lead to better learning, wellbeing and inclusion.

Adjustments and supports provided to students are at the school, class and individual level and can include teaching and learning, behaviour support, wellbeing support, co-curricular programs, and facilities and services, including collaboration with allied health services.

Teachers of students who require Tier 2 or 3 intervention in addition to high-quality classroom instruction have a Personalised Plan for Learning (PPL) developed from an assessment of needs and professional assessments and which informs their teaching, learning and wellbeing.

Staff have started the year using last year's Semester 2 PPL for reference. During the coming weeks, teachers will be updating them to reflect the current classroom situation. In week 7, the Semester 1 2025 PPL will be sent home for your feedback/input and will be further discussed with you during parent meetings this term.

Would you know what to do?

As part of WHS, the school practises either a lock in or an emergency evacuation each term. At some time in the future, we may practise these while parents are still present on school grounds. Would you know what to do?

Emergency Evacuation – Continuous 'WOOP WOOP' sounding of the bell. We all meet on the oval and a roll call is taken.

Emergency Lock in – Continuous 'BEEP BEEP' bell will sound. Go to the nearest room, regardless of whether this is your child's classroom or not. Once everyone is safely inside, the teacher will then follow our site's lock-in procedures.

Your safety is important to us. If you have any questions regarding either of these procedures, please feel free to speak to me or any of the teachers.

**God Bless,
Nives Kresevic**

Catholic Identity Year of Jubilee 2025!



Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Tuesday 4th March

Shrove Tuesday refers to the shiving Bell to bring everyone to church to be shriven, or to confess his or her sins before the season of Lent. Early Christians observed strict rules of fasting and self-denial during Lent, so in the days before, they would eat unrestricted foods, party and have fun.

Dating back to 1000 AD, over the years Shrove Tuesday not only became a day for Confession but a time for Catholics to feast on eggs, sugar and dairy which are traditionally restricted during the Lenten fast.

The children had a delightful time enjoying delicious pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated parent volunteers: Sarah Mc, Charmaine, Erin, Rebecca, Emma, Mary, Annette, and Tad from the Lockleys parish, who generously gave their time to prepare pancakes for us. We also appreciate the many parents who contributed via Qkr! to support the efforts of Project Compassion.

"Yet even now says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart." (Joel 2:12)



Ash Wednesday



As a school we celebrated Ash Wednesday with a Liturgy of the Word in the church.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of 40 days of Lent. Ash Wednesday is observed by having the mark of the cross made on our forehead with ashes. The ashes are made from the blessed and burnt Palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. The sign of the cross symbolises repentance before God and is also a reminder that God is gracious and forgiving to all who seek to open their hearts to change.

The themes of Lent are fasting, giving to the poor, good works and prayer. This year the Project Compassion theme is "Unite Against Poverty this Lent.". During Lent the Church recalls Jesus' life and ministry. Traditionally, Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and good works. (taken from CROSSWAYS – Religious Education framework)

First Sunday of Lent 8th and 9th of March 2025

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.



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Feast of St Patrick March 17th



March 17th is the feast day of St Patrick. St Patrick was born in Roman Britain around the end of the fourth century and he died in Ireland about the middle of the fifth century. St Patrick faced hardship as a missionary bishop in Ireland, and opposition even from his friends and fellow Christians. He worked to conciliate, to evangelise, and to educate local leaders and their families. He is **remembered** for his simplicity and pastoral care, for his humble trust in God, and for his fearless preaching of the gospel to those who had enslaved him in his youth.

Specially honoured in Australia because of the many Irish people who came to settle here and brought with them the faith and zeal of St Patrick. The Catholic Church in Australia was largely founded by the Irish missionaries and Irish migrants.

Feast of St Joseph

On March 19th, we celebrate the feast of St Joseph, husband of Mary. A carpenter, though born of the royal house of David, Joseph was an upright man who, as husband of the Virgin Mary, cared for Mary and the child Jesus. **Venerated** in the East after the fourth century, and his followers flowered in the West during the fifteenth century, following the development of nativity plays, the Christmas crib, and increased devotion to Mary.



Class Masses and Liturgy of the Word Term 1

March 12th **Year 1** Christ the King Church at 9:15am
March 19th **Reception RLF, RRC & RTP** Liturgy of the Word Christ the King Church
March 25th **Year 2** Palm Sunday Liturgy time tbc
April 2nd **Year 4** Christ the King Church at 9:15am
April 7th **Year 2** Palm Sunday Liturgy time tbc

NB please check with class teachers for confirmation of Mass times

Wishing all a year filled with joy and hope

God Bless

Angela De Nadai

Assistant Principal: Religious Identity and Mission

ANZAC Day

The Hilton RSL Sub-branch wish to extend an invitation to a representative or representatives of St Francis School to attend and lay a wreath or other tribute. The Service will commence at 5:30am on April 25th at the City of West Torrens Memorial Gardens, Brooker Terrace, Hilton and is expected to take approximately one hour. Following the service, they will be serving a BBQ breakfast in their clubrooms at 147 Sir Donald Bradman Drive – a short walk from the Memorial Gardens. All of those attending the service are invited to attend. If you are able to attend the service please contact Nives Kresevic at school via email nkresevic@sflockleys.catholic.edu.au

School Counselling

At St Francis we are pleased to offer a comprehensive student support program through our school counselling services.

Our school counsellor Andrea Edwards plays a vital role in supporting students' well-being by:

- Offering individual or group counselling sessions to help students navigate personal challenges.
- Assisting students with specific issues, such as anxiety, friendships, self-esteem, or school-related stress.
- Acting as a mediator in conflicts and helping students develop positive communication skills.
- Providing guidance on life skills that promote resilience, confidence, and personal growth.

If you feel that your child would benefit from counselling support, we encourage you to reach out. Referral forms are available through your child's teacher or Andrea and all discussions with the counsellor remain confidential.

We value your partnership in supporting your child's well-being and are here to help in any way we can. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

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