



## Important Dates

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**SAPSASA Cross  
Country State  
Champs**  
Thursday 9 June

**Pupil Free Day**  
Friday 10 June

**Queens Birthday**  
Monday 13 June

**SAPOL Year 5**  
Tuesday 14 June

**Choir Excursion**  
Tuesday 21 June

**Confirmation**  
Wednesday 22 June

**Crows Cup AFL  
Year 5/6 Girls Team**  
Friday 24 June

**Westies School Cup  
AFL Year 5/6 Boys  
Team**  
Tuesday 28 June

**SACPSSA Netball  
Carnival**  
Thursday 7 July

**Pupil Free Day**  
Friday 8 July

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## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

This week we celebrated World Environment Day. At the heart of our mission as a Catholic School we are guided by St Francis patron saint of **animals and environment**, who could be viewed as the original Earth Day advocate. Francis' devotion to God was expressed through his love for all of God's creation. At St Francis, we are continuing to build our commitment to becoming more environmentally aware, protectors of our Earth-in our learning and in our actions. On Wednesday, our year 6 students visited the Adelaide Botanic Gardens to participate in a forum focussed on the environment. They were fine ambassadors for St Francis, including 'nailing' a recycling quiz by using correct terminology!

Last Sunday, we celebrated Pentecost -often referred to as the birthday of the Church. St Francis staff, along with representatives of various parish ministries, were commissioned in their work. Fr Michael used the analogy of 'the breath of God' at work amongst us all. It was a beautiful occasion. Last week, the year 4 classes celebrated their class mass on the theme of Pentecost, which was also a very moving occasion.

Tomorrow's Pupil Free day is an opportunity for our wonderful staff to engage in continued professional learning around 'The Science of Reading.' Families will hopefully be aware of our ongoing and targeted improvement agenda around the teaching of Reading, and Language acquisition. This will be an important time to further develop our pedagogical practice.

Now that the winter months are upon us, I would remind families of the need to ensure that children continually wear full and correct school uniform. There are multiple items available to keep the students warm and dry during these months. Students who are not wearing correct uniform will receive a reminder slip home.

I have been closely examining our attendance data in recent times. While the covid Pandemic has played havoc with attendance this year, there are nonetheless some very concerning trends in our data-particularly around students being late, collected early or going on family holidays during term time. Tomorrow, you will receive a letter from me via Szapp, which discusses the significant impact of habitual and chronic absenteeism on student learning. I urge you to read the letter carefully and to consider your children's attendance patterns.

Have a great long weekend everyone!

**God bless,**

**Phil**



## FROM THE DEPUTY

On Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July, the Year 6 students went on an excursion to the Botanic Gardens to celebrate World Environment Day. Our students participated in some fantastic interactive sessions and engaged enthusiastically in their learning. Students learnt about Aboriginal tools and technologies, entomology (study of insects), waste and recycling and attended an exhibition for the Wildlife Photographer of the Year.

Our thanks also to the parent volunteers who were able to support us on the day. The Year 6 staff and students.

**God Bless**

**Nives Kresevic**



## CATHOLIC IDENTITY

### Winter Appeal

The Winter Appeal has now finished. Thank you to all the families who generously donated to the Appeal. The Adelaide Centre for Homeless were overwhelmed with the school community response.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

On Wednesday June 22nd, Year 4 students from St Francis will receive the Rite of Confirmation. Please keep the students and their families in your prayers.

### Pope Francis Prayer Intention for June

Pope Francis announced that his prayer intention for the month of June is **families**.

The choice is appropriate, since families from around the world will gather in Rome later this month for the **World Meeting of Families** on June 22-26.

[Pope Francis Message](#)

### Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor of The Church

## FEAST DAY 13 JUNE

**Born** in Lisbon (Portugal) in 1195. **Died** at Padua (Italy) on this day in 1231. At first an Augustinian priest and scholar, then became a Franciscan to do missionary work in north Africa but this was thwarted by illness. Instead, he became a teacher of theology and a brilliant popular preacher in southern France and Italy. **Remembered** and loved as an inspired preacher, a servant of the poor, and a worker of miracles.

*Almighty, ever-living God, You gave Your people the extraordinary preacher St. Anthony and made him an intercessor in difficulties. By his aid grant that we may live a truly Christian life and experience Your help in all adversities. Amen.*



God Bless,

Angela De Nadai

APRIM

## P.E/SPORT

### School Basketball/Netball

The nominations are now open for Season 2 of both Basketball and Netball at St Clair. If your child/ren are in years 2-6 and would like to participate in either sport, please use the SZapp Sports Tile to find the nomination forms and submit them before the closure date of 29th June. If your child has currently been playing in Season 1 you will need to re nominate them as this is a new season starting.

### Cross Country Training

During class fitness time we have begun to train for the Catholic School Cross country carnival which will be held in early term 3. We have had a lot of interest from the students in year 3-6 and we look forward to seeing them strengthen their running abilities and quicken their times as the weeks go on.

### School Soccer

NO GAMES ON THE JUNE LONG WEEKEND

We are now 4 games into the season and all teams seem to be going really well. If you have a child in year 2 and if they are interested in playing school soccer we are in need of a few extra players for this age group, please contact me at the school for more information.

### U7 Soccer Team

Our U7 School soccer team consist of year 1 students, this year the U7's have been introduced to a goalkeeper in the play and a bigger pitch then they had as U6's. The team have been going really well and are really enjoying their time on Saturday mornings.





**James Daley**  
**Sports Coordinator**

# PLAYGROUP NEWS

During last week's sessions both our Tuesday and Thursday groups had a wonderful time taking part in the "Messy Play" session. The children had to dig through shaving foam to find the hidden bugs, they played with dinosaurs in mud (cornflour, cocoa and water) and we made a poster using our hands prints covered in colourful paint. So much fun and many, many smiles by everyone who could attend.

**James Daley**  
**Playgroup Coordinator**





Pupil Free Day