



## Week 6 - Term 2

### Important Dates

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King's Birthday

Monday 12 June

Year 5/6 Boys

Statewide Knockout  
Soccer Competition

Wednesday 14 June

Open Day

Wednesday 21 June

Battle of the Bands

Wednesday 21 June

Year 5/6 Girls  
World Cup Soccer  
Carnival

Friday 30 June

NAIDOC Week

Sunday 2 July

SACPSSA Netball  
Carnival

Thursday 6 July

Last Day Term 2

Thursday 6 July

Pupil Free Day

Friday 7 July

Start Term 3

Monday 24 July

## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

We are approaching the end of week 6 of term 2. Teachers and students have been working purposefully this term, in preparation for Semester 1 student reports. These reports are a summary of learning for the first two terms of the school year and should be viewed as progress towards achievement of the relevant standard. This year, our student reports will be produced using the SEQTA learning and teaching platform. The change in reporting format will be minimal, and the template will still be very similar to that which parents have been used to. In line with this new way of reporting, from this semester onwards, students **reports will be circulated via email** to families. This method of delivering reports is very common across schools in SA, and is exclusively the way reports are provided in Secondary schools. You will receive this email on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July, which is the last day for students in term 2.

This Friday is a Pupil Free day and our teachers will be engaged in professional learning with a company called "The Wellbeing Distillery." We will be examining the science behind wellbeing and its positive impact on children and staff. This day is a part of our overall 'Partners in practice' project focussing on well-being. This project has already delivered a number of key benefits, and some families will already be aware of the work being done by Ms Gaby Barendregt who is an Inclusion and wellbeing consultant working across a number of schools in the project. As part of this wellbeing initiative, our parents & Friends are sponsoring a parent workshop on Monday June 26<sup>th</sup>, being delivered by Ms Madhavi Nawana Parker, a leading expert on Mental health and wellbeing in Australia and internationally. I strongly encourage all families to consider attending, in support of your child's overall wellbeing.

There have been a number of staff changes in recent times. I am delighted to announce that the term three reception class will be taught by Mrs Emily Sendy, in partnership with Miss Kate O'Dea. Emily will be familiar to families as she has been leading the transition group, and this will provide stability to the class as they begin their school journey. Kate joins our staff for the first time, although her connections to the school community are strong-her mum, Cathy has recently retired from a long working association with St Francis! We welcome Emily and Kate to our teaching team. Mrs Andrea Brown has been successful in winning a position at St Columba Catholic College in Andrews Farm. This position allows Andrea to be much closer to home and her family. On behalf of everyone at St Francis I sincerely thank Andrea for her wonderful contribution to our school for over 10 years and I wish her every future happiness. The process for finding a replacement for Andrea has begun and I hope to be able to make an announcement very soon.

In recent times, a number of our staff have been grieving the loss of loved ones. Mrs Gina Mittiga and Mrs Andrea Edwards have both lost their mums in recent weeks, while Mrs Beck Smith lost her Grandpa. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families as they work through this most difficult time in their lives.

Fingers crossed, we are about to pour concrete on the building site! Weather permitting, the first of multiple pours will take place on Tuesday or Wednesday after the long weekend. This will understandably be both exciting and also a little disruptive at drop off in the mornings. I ask all families to be patient and considerate during this period.

Over the past few weeks, we have seen a spike in student absences due to sickness. A considerable number of these illnesses have been covid-19 related, and we have a number of small outbreaks in different classes currently. If your child presents with cold/flu like symptoms, please ensure you keep them at home and-ideally-do a RAT or PCR test to check for covid. We do need to continue to be vigilant in minimising the spread of covid 19 in the interest of the health and safety of the school and wider community.

**Have a great week everyone!**

**God Bless,**

**Phil Schultz**

## FROM THE DEPUTY

Dear Families,

Last week, St Francis school celebrated National Reconciliation Week. It was a time for us to continue learning about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. This years National Reconciliation week theme, *Be a Voice of Generations* encourages us all to be a voice for reconciliation in our everyday lives. The heart of Reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-indigenous peoples for the benefit of all Australians.

On Thursday morning, we welcomed back Karl Telfer, who has worked with St Francis students for a number of years and Ayden Martin. They worked with us to unpack the meaning of Reconciliation and the words surrounding our school art work of the Aboriginal flag. Karl and Ayden led us through a very moving smoking ceremony, highlighting welcome and celebration at being gathered together as one as a reconciling people.



## Yr 4 Camp Aldinga

This week, the Year 4 students attended their first overnight camp experience at Aldinga Scrub. This camp had an Indigenous focus and the activities centred around traditional practices, games and stories.

They were blessed with amazing weather and it was wonderful to see the student's enthusiasm and willingness to participate in all things, especially if it was something they had never tried before. Our thanks also to the Year 4 teachers and Mr Daley for making this a memorable experience.

**Nives Kresevic**



## CATHOLIC IDENTITY

### Winter Appeal

Thank you to all the families who generously donated to the Winter Appeal, supporting homeless persons this winter.

'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,[a] you did it to me.' (Matthew 25:40)





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# Colour Day

Congratulations to our social Justice Leaders in their successful organisation of Colour Day – the school raised over \$700 which will be donated to Adelaide Day Centre for Homeless persons. All students and staff looked vibrant in their many colours!



# Sacrament Confirmation workshops

Last week families attended Confirmation workshops for students enrolled in the Sacramental program. It was wonderful to witness students from St Francis being welcoming and inclusive of outside candidates who attended.



## Parent Evening

Strategies to manage anxiety and build resilience in children.

St Francis is hosting a parent evening with renowned speaker Madhavi Nawana Parker on Monday June 26th. For further details please contact the school or visit our Facebook page.



## 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**

**Assistant Principal: Religious Identity and Mission**

## P.E/SPORT

### School Soccer

This Weekend there will be NO School Soccer Games Played due to the Long Weekend. Game will resume on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June. The remainder of the seasons fixture will be available to view as of next week.

### SAPSASA Netball

Congratulations goes out to 4 St Francis girls who have been selected into the final Airport District SAPSASA Netball team that will compete in the carnival during week 8. We wish Scarlett Grosso, Leila Cosenza, Zara Watson and Miley Sparrow the best of luck during the carnival.

### Statewide SAPSASA Soccer Round 1

Next week our school will compete in Round 1 of the Year 5/6 Boys Statewide SAPSASA Soccer Competition. Congratulation to the 14 boys who have been selected for round 1, we wish you and the teams coach Anthony Giorgio the best of luck as the compete to progress through to round 2.

### SAPSASA Cross Country

Congratulations to Vincent Busolin, Connor Robertson, Cooper Nicholson, Jackson Vaughan, Stephen Rapuano and Chanel Maio who are today participating in the SAPSASA Cross Country State Championships at Oakbank Racecourse. A brilliant achievement by our standout runners from year 4-6.

**James Daley**

**Sports Coordinator**



# St. Michael's College ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS

As a feeder primary school to St. Michael's College we would like to remind our families that enrolment applications for **Year 7, 2026** at **St Michael's College** are due on **1 December 2023**. This is especially relevant to families with children currently in Year 4.

The application form listing the required documents is available at this webpage: [Enrolment Information - St Michael's College \(smc.sa.edu.au\)](https://smc.sa.edu.au)

## Pupil Free Day



**PUPIL FREE DAY  
FRIDAY 7TH JULY**

**LEGO MASTERS!**

**ACTIVITIES**

- LEGO MASTERS BUILDING CHALLENGE & AWARDS
- LEGO QUIZ
- DESIGN YOUR OWN LEGO PERSON
- GUESS HOW MANY LEGO BLOCKS ARE IN THE JAR COMPETITION
- PASS THE LEGO BRICK GAME
- I SPY LEGO
- ALONG WITH MANY OTHER LEGO THEMED GAMES & CHALLENGES

**WE ARE OPEN  
7AM - 6PM**

**COST OF THE DAY \$55.00**

**INCLUDES BREAKFAST, LIGHT LUNCH & AFTERNOON SNACK**

**Bookings Essential!  
Please Email:  
[oshcbookings@sflockleys.catholic.edu.au](mailto:oshcbookings@sflockleys.catholic.edu.au)**

The poster features a dark blue background with large, colorful LEGO bricks (red, yellow, blue, green, purple) scattered around the text. At the bottom, two children are sitting on the floor, building with LEGO bricks. A small LEGO minifigure is standing on the right side of the poster.

Pupil Free Day



# Parent Evening

## Strategies to manage anxiety and build resilience in children

In society anxiety and stress are more prevalent in children than ever before.

St Francis School is hosting a parent evening facilitated by Australia's leading expert on Mental Health and Wellbeing, Madhavi Nawana Parker. With over 20 years' experience, Madhavi is the author of "The Resilience Toolbox" and "Sanguine". She brings her award-winning expertise in wellbeing sharing her insights and strategies.

Light refreshments provided



Parent Evening

**Date: Monday 26th June 2023**

**Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm**

**Location: Christ the King Hall**

**Cost: Gold Coin donation**

**Bookings: via link below or QR Code**

**<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/xwxrn>**

*Closing date for registration is June 23rd 2023*

*Space is limited*



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