



#### Important Dates

Pupil Free Day

Friday 6 June 2025

King's Birthday

Monday 9 June 2025

SACPSSA Basketball Carnival

Friday 13 June 2025

Battle of the Bands

Wednesday 18 June 2025

SAPSASA Girls Netball

Wednesday 18 June 2025

R-5 Disco

Friday 20 June 2025

SAPSASA Boys

Netball

Monday 23 June 2025

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

#### Dear Families,

We're already in the back half of Term 2—how quickly the time is flying! Our amazing teachers are currently preparing **mid-year reports**, outlining the progress students are making toward year-level achievement standards. This involves detailed data analysis and moderation to ensure accurate grading. Reports will be distributed on the **final day of Term 2 via the SEQTA Engage portal**. Please ensure your account is set up, as per the recent instructions.

#### ? National Reconciliation Week

From **27 May to 3 June**, Australians have been acknowledging **National Reconciliation Week**. This year's theme, "Bridging Now to Next," has inspired rich classroom discussions about reconciliation with First Nations peoples.

As part of our **Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)**, staff will participate in a **cultural awareness session** during this Friday's pupil-free day. This professional learning will help us embed Indigenous perspectives across the curriculum and foster a culturally safe environment for all.

#### **22 SAPSASA Sports Highlights**

Congratulations to **Jack B, Archie A, and Myles M**, who represented our school at the **SAPSASA Football Carnival**, coached by our very own Mr Goldy and Mr Daley! The team finished a very credible **3rd in Division One—**a fantastic achievement!

We also celebrate **Isla S**, who has been selected for the upcoming **SAPSASA District Netball Carnival**. We look forward to hearing how she goes!

### ଅହଅ Upcoming Sports Events

There's plenty of sporting action ahead, including:

- Statewide Knockout Tournaments (Netball & Boys Soccer)
- SAPSASA Cross Country
- SACPSSA Carnivals (Basketball & Netball)

We'll share results and highlights in our next edition!

### **22** Grandparents & Special Friends Day

We are excited to welcome our **Grandparents and Special Friends** to St Francis. Their presence in our children's lives is invaluable, and we are grateful for their continued support. In our Catholic tradition, we honour grandparents through the feast days of **St Joachim and St Anne**, the earthly grandparents of Jesus and patrons of all grandparents.

### **22** Year 4 Camp Adventures

Our **Year 4 students** recently returned from their camp at **Aldinga**, and by all accounts, it was a fantastic experience! A big thank you to the staff who supported the camp—your dedication and care are deeply appreciated.

#### Battle of the Bands - June 16

The annual **Battle of the Bands** is fast approaching! Our school band has been rehearsing enthusiastically under the expert guidance of **Olivia Bozzon**, and they'll be ready to rock on **June 16**, alongside bands from across Adelaide. We can't wait to cheer them on!

#### St Francis Disco - June 20

Students in **Reception to Year 5** are eagerly awaiting the **second annual St Francis Disco**, happening on **Friday, June 20**. Be sure to **purchase your child's ticket** so they don't miss out on this fun-filled evening!

#### In Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt condolences to **Nives Kresevic, Gina Mittiga, and Todd Featherby**, who have each recently lost their fathers. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families during this difficult time.

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

Warm regards,

**Phil Schultz** 

Principal, St Francis School

#### FROM THE DEPUTY

A traffic management officer was at the crossing on Henley Beach Rd observing traffic flow at pick up. In our conversation, one of his observations was the number of parents in cars waiting in the bus zone.

Please be advised that stopping to wait in the bus zone could earn you a large fine.

Please see the exclusion zone below



God Bless.

**Nives Kresevic** 

#### **CATHOLIC IDENTITY YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025!**

### Year 3 Religious Education Update

This term, our Year 3 students have been exploring the topic of how the early Christians remembered Jesus and supported one another through faith and community. A key focus has been on St Paul and the significant role he played in spreading the message of Jesus through the letters he wrote to various Christian communities.



As part of this learning, students were invited to step into the shoes of St Paul and write a short letter offering advice or encouragement to a friend, inspired by his style and purpose. Once completed, these heartfelt letters were shared with their intended recipients.

Below are two wonderful examples from Claire and Mila.



# World Environment Day June 5th



World Environment Day is a special time to care for our planet, just like **St Francis of Assisi**, the patron saint of ecology, who loved all of God's creation. Inspired by **Pope Francis' letter** *Laudato Si'*, we are reminded that the Earth is our common home and we must protect it. At school, we've been exploring ways to help, like recycling, saving water and electricity - small actions that make a big difference!

Dear God, thank you for the beautiful world around us, with its amazing plants and animals. Help us to be good caretakers of our Earth, just like you want us to. Let's protect our home and share it with kindness, so it can be a happy place for everyone, now and in the future. Amen.

## **Grandparents Morning**

On June 5<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating all grandparents by hosting a grandparent's morning.

Jesus' grandparents were St. Anne and St. Joachim. They were the parents of Mary, Jesus' mother. While not directly mentioned in the Bible, their story is passed down through Christian tradition and they are revered as saints by some Christians.

Dear God,

Bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health.

May they remain constant in your love

and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren.

Amen.

### Winter Appeal

Thank you to all the families who have generously contributed to the Winter Appeal so far. Your support is greatly appreciated.

We are still in need of additional donations to help those doing it tough this winter.

Please consider donating adult-sized items such as:

- · Raincoats and jackets
- Gloves, scarves, and beanies
- Track pants and socks

• Small umbrellas

Our greatest need at this time is for blankets and sleeping bags.

Every contribution makes a difference—thank you for your continued support.

### Class Masses and Liturgy of the Word Term 2 2025

- June 11th Reception RLF, RRC & RTP Liturgy of the Word Christ the King Church 9:15
- June 25th Year 6 Mass, Christ the King Church at 9:15am
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> (Thursday) Year 5 Liturgy of the Word, Christ the King Church at 9:15am

NB please check with class teachers for confirmation of Mass/Liturgy time.

God Bless & God guide

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