



Important Dates

**SACPSSA Touch
Rugby Carnival**

Wednesday 6 September

Pupil Free Day

Friday 8 September

Colour Run

Friday 15 September

**SAPSASA Athletics
Carnival**

Tuesday 19 September

**SACPSSA Cricket
Carnival**

Friday 22 September

Year 5/6 Disco

Friday 22 September

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

I hope you are all well, and appreciating the change in weather as spring is upon us! Things have continued to bubble along apace at St Francis. Our children continue to work purposefully towards their learning goals, and our staff continue to go above and beyond in their care for the children and in their professional development as educators (Some of you might have seen the Facebook post yesterday about our session on Cognitive Load, last Tuesday! There has been considerable progress in our Building program as well, with second

floor concrete poured and signs of 'second fix' activity beginning.

As we begin the process of planning for 2024, I am getting very excited about the possibilities our new building will provide. In addition to brand new facilities, we will have much greater flexibility in the way we manage our classes, giving teachers opportunities for collaboration and for having time just with their own class groups. Our overall Master Plan takes this flexibility into account, and families can expect to see adjustments to our existing facilities over time, as well. Of course, the brand new building will also provide a much enhanced capacity for our Science program, a sensory space to support children in learning to regulate, and lots of breakout spaces for individual and small group tier 2 and 3 intervention. For families, school drop off will be far more comfortable and welcoming as well, with shared indoor spaces on both levels! Stay tuned for further updates.

Friday marks the celebration of Father's Day. Did you know that the first Fathers' Day was 110 years ago? Fathers' Day as we know it, started in 1910 as a result of the efforts of a young American girl who wanted to recognise fathers, inspired by her own father who was a single Dad with six children. Since then Fathers' Day is celebrated in many countries but not all on the first Sunday in September as it is here in Australia. While Fathers' Day is a celebration of fatherhood, it's a time for us to honour, celebrate and to be thankful for all of the men, father figures and male role models in our lives... including our uncles, grandfathers, Godfathers, and even our male teachers. We recognise the very important role you have in the lives of children.

Thank you to all of the dads, granddad's and special male friends and role models in our school community. The children love you and are so proud of you. I hope you have a great day on Sunday.

***"A dad (or grandad, uncle or special friend) is someone who wants to catch you before you fall, but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again."* (Anon)**

My sincere thanks to our wonderful P&F -especially Terri Sparrow, Sarah McCabe and Charmaine Feiter-Norris who marshalled the troops together to provide the children with a chance to buy their special person a gift, then put on a fantastic Father's day breakfast! Their care and support for our community is greatly appreciated.

Later in this edition, there will be information and celebrations around a number of different sporting achievements by ST Francis students! It is wonderful to see our students shine in various activities beyond the classroom, and I am grateful to our PE teachers Mr Goldy and Mr Daley for their ongoing support of sport at St Francis.

Have a great week everyone!

Phil Schultz.

FROM THE DEPUTY

Father's Day September 3rd

Wishing all the Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles and Male Carers a very special day this Sunday

A Special Prayer for Fathers, Grandfathers and Male Carers

God, bless all the fathers, grandfathers and male carers in the world. Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children. Help them to be like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.

Amen

Phonics Screening Check

Our Year 1 students have undertaken a phonics screening check (PSC) which is mandatory in all CESA Diocesan Schools. The PSC is an assessment that provides valuable data and insight into children's phonics knowledge to decode words.

Phonics is an integral part of reading, writing and spelling.

The assessment is conducted by the classroom teacher with individual students. The data collected from this and other literacy assessments support the intervention, teaching and learning programs in our school.

Wellbeing

Please see advertisements in this week's newsletter promoting the following

Connect, Coach and Take Charge

What to do and how to help ... for “big feelings” kids who get frustrated, non-co-operative and distressed.

Connect, Coach and Take Charge

What to do and how to help ... for “big feelings” kids who get frustrated, non-co-operative and distressed

Does your 4 to 11 year old child:

- Often feel and act very frustrated, overwhelmed or angry?
- Find it hard to listen and follow instructions or routines?
- Find it tough to manage friends and interactions with siblings?

Do you:

- Sometimes feel worried or frustrated about your child's behaviour and don't know what to do next?
- Feel like strategies that work for other children don't work for your child?

Dates: (4 weeks) Thurs 19/10/23 – 29/11/23
Time: 6.30-8.00pm.
Place: Online via Zoom
Cost: \$225 for 6 weeks (ie \$39 per session)
* This group is designed for parents/caregivers who experience challenges and we know that these are often exacerbated by differences and disabilities. Many parents who attend our parent support groups find it helpful to have the support of this group. We will provide you with an invoice to facilitate your claim.
(Please indicate and full 6-week commitment required. Bookings only confirmed on completion of questionnaire).


We can help!

Connect, Coach and Take Charge is run by clinical psychologists who have worked with “big feelings” kids for many years. This course will help you:

- Learn why some children find it hard to act in calm and co-operative ways
- Know to reconnect and feel more positive about children with big feelings
- Coach your child to learn and practice the skills of feeling calm and solving problems
- Use kind “take charge skills” with children who find it tough to follow instructions
- Be kind and compassionate to yourself as a caregiver of a child with big feelings
- Connect with other parents/caregivers who understand the challenges of living with big feelings kids

Our research shows that parents who attend this group report significant changes in parenting behaviours and that their children show a significant decrease in mental health. 95% of parents/caregivers rate the group as helpful (85% say “very helpful”).

Register at: <https://developingminds.net.au/connect-coach-and-take-charge>



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BUILDING STRONGER BONDS - JOIN OUR SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH NEURODIVERSITY

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PSYCHOLOGY

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JOIN OUR SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH NEURODIVERSITY

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The program consists of seven interactive, face to face sessions, run by two experienced clinical psychologists. Parents will be guided through a comprehensive curriculum that covers aspects of child development, behaviour, and neurodevelopmental difficulties.

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SESSION 7: 15th December 2023

Register your interest, further information:
P: 7081 5888
E: info@supportedminds.com.au
W: <https://supportedminds.com.au/autism-group>
Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable knowledge, connect with other parents, and empower yourself to support your child effectively.

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God bless

Angela De Nadai

Acting Deputy

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Catholic Charities Month

Each September at St Francis we raise funds for Catholic Charities Month. This year the Archbishop of Adelaide's charity is supporting special projects for Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in South Australia, Hutt Street Centre, St Patrick's Special School, Our Lady of La Vang Special School & Centacare Family Services.

At St Francis every student gets involved by raising money in classes through student led fundraising events. The Social Justice Leaders, support classes to raise money and promote the events.

This year these include:

Lucky dips, pre loved book sale, Sport's Day keyrings, Pyjama Day and Year 3 performances to list a few.

The Year 5 and 6 students are invited to attend a Disco in the school Arts Room on Friday 22/9. It is always a fantastic night where the students let their hair down and show us their moves.

This week, you should have received a pamphlet (1 per family, distributed to the eldest child) outlining the wonderful work being done by

Catholic Charities and it includes details for families to donate directly to Catholic Charities if they wish.

Look out on Seesaw and Qkr! For the wonderful student led fundraising events.

A little giving goes a long way

Charity is at the heart of Living Catholic

Catholic Charities is your umbrella organisation that supports the following agencies working with the most vulnerable in South Australia.

- Hull St Centre
- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry
- Centacare Catholic Family Services
- Our Lady of La Vang
- St Patrick's Special School

Make a donation online at www.adelaidecatholic.org.au or scan the QR code

Make a donation today by post: Catholic Charities Appeal, Reply Paid 912, GPO Adelaide SA 5001
P 08 8210 8157 | E: charities@adelaidecatholic.org.au

Catholic Schools Open Week

In Week 5 (21st-25th August), we opened our school, and invited families to see what our school is all about. We know that Catholic schools provide so much more than educational excellence. Our students are known by name, and by heart, and are encouraged to be kind, compassionate and thoughtful. Our school teaches young people much more than the curriculum – with an emphasis on Catholic values, caring for each other, and the world we live in. To showcase the wonderful community we have at St Francis, a display was created in the Year 4/5 stairwell. We ran out of room to showcase all our school has to offer, we provided a snapshot of some of our schools learning programs and extracurricular activities. The display will remain up for the rest of the term, we encourage you to come and have a look!

Sacramental Program

The sacramental team have completed the parent workshops, in readiness for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. These were held for the sacramental families on August 8th and 9th of this term. The Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation will take place on the 16th, 17th and 23rd, 24th of September.

Upcoming Masses

Wednesday 6/9 at 9:15am – Reception Mass

Parish Mass, Sunday 10/9 at 9am – Parish Mass. Year 2 students and families have been invited to attend, all members of the school community are most welcome to attend.

Wednesday 13/9 at 9:15am – Year 6 Mass

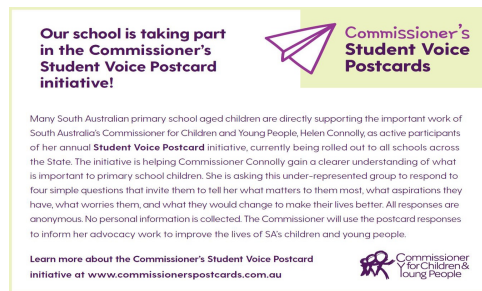
Wednesday 20/9 at 9:15am – Year 3 Mass

The Things That Matter

Views of 8-12 year olds on life, school and community.

Our school is taking part in the Commissioner's Student Voice Postcard initiative!

Many South Australian primary school aged children are directly supporting the important work of South Australia's Commissioner for Children and Young People, Helen Connolly, as active participants of her annual Student Voice Postcard initiative, currently being rolled out to all schools across the State. The initiative is helping Commissioner Connolly gain a clearer understanding of what is important to primary school children. She is asking this under-represented group to respond to four simple questions that invite them to tell her what matters to them most, what aspirations they have, what worries them, and what they would change to make their lives better. All responses are anonymous. No personal information is collected. The Commissioner will use the postcard responses to inform her advocacy work to improve the lives of SA's children and young people.



God bless,
Corinne McKenzie
Acting REC (Religious Education Coordinator).

YEAR 5 CAMP

The Year 5's set off for camp this year from Wednesday 16-18 of August.

Students participated in many activities including a bushwalk, archery, horse riding and grooming, Eggstronauts, The Amazing Race, just to name a few. There was of course the annual movie night as well as a games night which included watching the Matilda's game.

We would especially like to thank Mr Daley for all his outstanding organisation! We would also like to thank the other staff who came along to ensure that everyone was safe and had a great time. Our thanks to Corinne McKenzie, Fiona MacDonald, Chloe Auger, Andrea Edwards, and David Giannotti.

Ilaria- I was able to try some new foods that I don't usually eat at home. I really liked the butter chicken and ANZAC biscuits.

Jackson- My favourite activity was the horse riding. It was something new that I hadn't tried before and it took a while to get used to, but it was lots of fun!

Alex- Horse riding was the most fun, then probably archery. I enjoyed playing pool in my spare time.

Willow- My favourite activity was horse riding and grooming the horses as well. Sheep herding was also lots of fun, especially screaming at the sheep trying to get them to do what we wanted!



YEAR 5 FINDON HIGH SCHOOL COURTROOM EXCURSION

On Tuesday 29/8 some of our year 5 students went to Findon High School to learn about our justice system. Year 11 students from Findon High School performed a mock trial using the Frozen storyline. This prepared our year 5 students for their mock trial of The Lion King. Scar was put on trial for his crimes and students learnt all about how the courtroom works, the purpose of the prosecution and defence as well as the judge and many other roles. Students enjoyed dressing up and getting into character. The remaining year 5 students will participate in the experience in coming weeks. Taking part in the trials of Goldilocks and Snow White. Stay tuned!

Teachers

Corinne McKenzie, Fiona MacDonald & Chloe Auger



P.E/SPORT

Wow what a big few weeks it has been in the world of St Francis Sport and with only 4 weeks to go until the end of this term there is still so much more to happen.

Congratulation to all of the following students for their representation in District and State level sporting teams.

SAPSASA Year 5/6 Soccer

Scarlett Grosso, Siena Pegoli, Ari Palatianos, Luca Scali, Billy Palasis and Alessio Marrone. Congratulation to the girls team who finished the carnival week in 2nd place.



SAPSASA Athletics

Well done to the 40 students from across year 4-6 who represented our school at the SAPSASA Athletics carnival this week at Henley Oval. We had some amazing individual achievements that should see some of our competitors make the Metro Team that will compete later this term against the rest of the State Districts.

Some pictures in the gallery below article.

School Soccer

As the end of the school soccer season approaches we would like to wish all teams the very best of luck in the final couple of rounds and then hope you all enjoy the carnival round to finish the season off on September 16th. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful soccer coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, game stewards and linespersons who have given their time, effort and dedication to this season. Without the ongoing support of these wonderful people school sport would not be able to operate for our students.

Here are some very happy faces from players in our U6 and U8 ager groups.



Still To Come

As I mentioned there is still a lot to happen this term before it is over from some year levels.

Week 7- Wednesday 6th SACPSSA Touch Rugby Carnival Year 5/6 Students attending

Week 8 – School Colour Run, Friday 15th September

Week 9 – Tuesday 19th September, Year 5/6 Boys Westies Cup (AFL Footy) – Trials to commence soon. Friday 22nd September SACPSSA Cricket Carnival Year 5/6 Boys and Girls, Trials to commence soon.

James Daley
Sports Coordinator

P.E/SPORT



PLAYGROUP NEWS

Our Playgroup Program is well and truly underway this term. The children involved have enjoyed spending time exploring our school playground area, baking cookies, dressing up and being part of the book week parade, spending time in the classroom with 1RP and this week have made some very cute Fathers Day Craft items. We can't wait to see what the rest of this term shall bring.

James Daley
Playgroup Coordinator





Join Mini Hoopsters in the Social Basketball Competition

Join a team or bring your friends and make a team

Boys & Girls ages 5-16

Come & try sessions Tuesdays 4:15-5:15pm

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!!

for more information

email: minihoopsters@yahoo.com

w: minihoopsters.com.au



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Mini Hoopsters



A promotional poster for the Adelaide Strikers Girls Cricket League. Two young girls in blue cricket uniforms are featured on the left. The girl in the foreground holds a cricket bat, while the girl behind her holds a red cricket ball. The background is a vibrant blue with a faint stadium image. On the right, the team name 'ADELAIDE Strikers' is written in a large, stylized font, with 'ADELAIDE' in a sans-serif font and 'Strikers' in a script font. Below this, 'GIRLS CRICKET LEAGUE' is written in a bold, sans-serif font. A circular logo featuring a stylized bird is positioned next to a QR code. An arrow points from the QR code to the text 'Scan me:'. At the bottom, the text 'REGISTER NOW' is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font, followed by the website 'PLAY.CRICKET.COM.AU' in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font. Logos for SACA and play cricket are at the bottom center.

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★ Blast Registration ★ is now OPEN!



Grange Cricket

This Season we have the Blast Cricket Program for ages 5-8.
To register for the Blast Program, follow the link below:

<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/12de04>

This includes a 13-week season (with a break over Christmas) starting on Friday 27 October 2023 and finishing on Friday 23 February 2024. Friday evenings. For more information about Cricket at Grange including other age groups email: grangejuniorcricket@gmail.com

Healing Mass Thursday 14th September Rosary at 7pm, Mass 7:30pm including the Sacrament of Anointing, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, Prayer Ministry with Candlelit music in the Spirit of Taize, and individual blessings with the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance. Tea/Coffee available All welcome. At Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church 420 Seaview Road Henley Beach. Enquiries: **Pauline 0403002240**

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