



Important Dates

NAIDOC Week
Monday 30 June 2025

**SACPSSA Netball
Carnival**
Wednesday 2 July 2025

Last Day Term 2
Thursday 3 July 2025

Pupil Free Day
Friday 4 July 2025

Start Term 3
Monday 21 July 2025

**Silly Scientist
Incursion**
Tuesday 22 July 2025

Year 3 Camp
Thursday 31 July 2025

Wakakirri
Monday 4 August 2025

Principals Tour
Monday 4 August 2025

Andrew Chinn Visit
Tuesday 5 August 2025

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

We have come to the end of a busy and productive term 2. I want to acknowledge and sincerely thank all of the school staff for their dedication and commitment to ensuring the best possible learning outcomes for our children. Teaching at times can be a thankless job,

and we live in a world where it seems that everything becomes the responsibility of the teacher. Through all of this, our staff maintain a laser like focus on what matters most: the learning and wellbeing of the students in their care. I invite you all to send a message of thanks to your child's class teacher, as they head into a very well deserved mid-year break.

Last Monday, St Francis hosted educators from schools around Adelaide in all 3 sectors, for a Playberry Laser Showcase day. Educators observed our excellent literacy practices in action, then reflected on what they had seen with a panel of our expert teachers. They also had the opportunity to witness tier 3 intervention 'live' and gain better understandings around how to support learners with Literacy difficulties. My thanks and gratitude go to Sarah Battistella our Literacy Leader of Learning, our amazing staff and the team at Playberry Laser for the event.

Reports will be distributed this week, via our SEQTA Engage platform. These reports are a summary of progress your child has made towards achievement of year level outcomes. Parents are invited, if they wish, to make time to meet with class teachers early next term to further discuss any aspect of the reports.

There has been a plethora of sporting events recently, where our students have shone! Both our SAPSASA Knockout Netball and Soccer teams have made it through to the next round of the competition after winning their recent carnivals. The next round of these competitions will be held next term. Also, on Wednesday this week was the annual SACPSSA Netball carnival, where all students from years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to represent the school. Trainings for next term's SACPSSA Cross Country carnival are also ongoing!

Next week, Australia celebrates NAIDOC week. National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. At St Francis we are committed to ongoing reconciliation, and deepening our knowledge and understanding of first nations people and cultures.

As we head into the term break, I would like to acknowledge some of our staff who will be leaving us, or have changed circumstances next term. Mrs Tia Gleeson and her family will be relocating to the United States for the next 2 years. While we are sad to see them go, we thank Tia for her excellent work as an ESO and wish them all a happy time as they undertake this new adventure! Mrs Andrea Edwards will be retiring at the end of week 1 of term 3. Andrea has made a profound contribution to education, both here at St Francis and more broadly. We wish Andrea and her family every happiness. Andrea's counselling load will be taken on by Mrs Jo Harslett. Jo will be familiar to many as one of our ongoing relief staff, but also has many years of experience working in the wellbeing space. Jo is excited to take up this new role.

As announced last week, Ms Nives Kresevic will take some well-deserved Long Service Leave and the Deputy Principal role will be undertaken by Mrs Corinne McKenzie! This is an exciting time for Corinne and we wish her well. Her teaching duties will be taken on by Mrs Fiona MacDonald, who was most recently with us in 2024.

I trust and hope that all families have a relaxing term break, in readiness for another busy term 3 ahead.

Kind regards,
Phil Schultz
Principal.

FROM THE DEPUTY

Dear Families,

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the **Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability** (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice (QDTP), supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](#) using the links provided.

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](#).

[Parent Fact sheet information.](#)

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact your child's teacher or myself.

Best Wishes

As you are no doubt aware, I will be taking leave during Term 3. My position will very ably be filled by Corinne McKenzie. Any queries during my absence can be directed to Corinne, Phil Schultz or Angela De Nadai.

I look forward to seeing you all in Term 4.

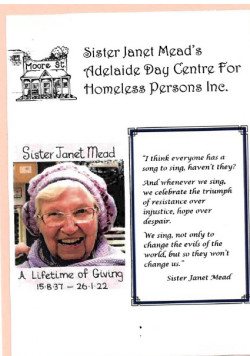
God Bless

Nives Kresevic

CATHOLIC IDENTITY YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025

Winter Appeal Thank you

Last week, the Social Justice leaders and Year 6 students assisted Adelaide Day Centre volunteers who came to collect the items. Phil, one of the volunteers, expressed deep appreciation for the school's support, and for providing much-needed relief for families and those in need this winter.



To Everyone at St. Francis

We thank you for your very thoughtful and generous donations.

They will assist us in helping people who are having a hard time to keep warm and have food to eat. Approximately 50 people each night come to our Soup Van so warm clothes are always useful.

Thank you again.

St. Janet's Adelaide Day Centre.

Gospel for Sunday, June 29, 2025

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13–19

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

This Gospel reminds us of the power of faith and the courage to proclaim it. Peter, though imperfect, boldly declares his belief in Jesus—and is entrusted with the foundation of the Church.

St Francis of Assisi, centuries later, lived this same bold faith. He gave up wealth and comfort to follow Christ with simplicity, humility, and joy. Like Peter, Francis trusted in God's call, even when it meant stepping into the unknown.

In our school community, we can reflect this spirit by:

- Speaking truth with love, like Peter did.
- Caring for others and creation, as Francis taught.
- Building a community of peace and kindness, just as Jesus built His Church on Peter.

Let us encourage our students to be “little rocks” of faith—strong, kind, and grounded in love.

Class Masses and Liturgy of the Word Term 2 2025

June 25th **Year 6** Mass, Christ the King Church at 9:15am

July 3rd (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.

Wishing peace and rejuvenation to students, staff and all who are taking a break during the school holidays.

God Bless & God guide

Angela De Nadai

Assistant Principal: Religious Identity and Mission