



Week 9 - Term 3

Important Dates

Year 5 KESAB
Incursion
Friday 20 September 2024

SACPSSA Cricket
Carnival Selected
Year 5/6 Boys and
Girls Teams
Friday 20 September 2024

Choir Excursion
Tuesday 24 September 2024

Catholic Schools
Music Festival
Tuesday 24 September 2024

Year 6 KESAB
Incursion
Friday 27 September 2024

Colour Run
Friday 27 September 2024

Last Day Term 3
Friday 27 September 2024

Start Term 4
Monday 14 October 2024

RAA Incursion-
Receptions
Thursday 17 October 2024

Sports Day
Friday 25 October 2024

SACPSSA Athletics
Carnival Selected
Team from year 3-6
Thursday 31 October 2024

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

Kia Ora! Greetings from Christchurch, Aotearoa New Zealand. This week, I have had the privilege of being involved in the Trans Tasman Principals Association conference, through my role as a board member of the Australian Primary Principals Association. The conference so far has been an illuminating and inspiring experience, where there has been a significant focus on Māori culture and language. There has been a deep level of respect and an embrace of First Nations, and all New Zealand based presenters have spoken fluently in Māori as part of their presentations. Earlier in the week, we were invited to a Marae, which is a communal Sacred Space in Māori culture, for what we in Australia would describe as a Welcome to Country. It was a beautiful and moving experience and I was struck by how much more we need to do in Australia to embrace our First Nations history and cultures.

There has also been significant learning as part of the conference, with prominent Australian futurist and Engineer Dr Jordan Nguyen a particularly inspiring presenter. If you aren't yet familiar with Dr Nguyen, I'd encourage you to 'google' him. His story and contribution to the Australian community is amazing, particularly his work in making life easier for those living with disabilities.

While I have been here immersed in this wonderful experience, I am particularly grateful for the support and efforts of all those back at St Francis, especially Nives Kresevic and Angela DeNadai who have been steering the ship in my absence. I know all of the teaching and support staff are also working purposefully as we approach a well deserved term 3 break at the end of next week. I know all of the children will be looking forward to next Friday's colour run! Sincere thanks to the P&F colour run committee for their hard work in getting the event going once again.

Last Friday, we celebrated the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, after whom our school is named and whose charism inspires us every day. The actual feast day is October 4, however that is during our holidays. Children have learnt about Francis, his life and his story, and participated in a whole school Mass, followed by afternoon activities. Thanks to Angela DeNadai for coordinating the celebrations.

As term 4 approaches, as a school community we will begin preparations for the 2025 school year, with staffing appointments being finalised, and some further classroom renovations commencing during the holiday period. While the initial work won't impact on day-to-day school operations, as the term progresses, there will be some classes impacted. There will be further information available in a timely manner, once we are ready to proceed. These renovations will bring the school into line with the new building in terms of form and flexibility, and enable each teacher and class to have their own room, while remaining flexible enough to still collaborate where appropriate.

Term 4 will also be a time for celebrating all that is good at St Francis, with our annual Sports Carnival in week 2, our annual tennis tournament kicking off, and our end of year concert celebration in week 8. Teachers will be working hard to ensure students have the opportunity to meet their achievement standards for the year, preparing reports and planning for student learning for 2025.

I hope all families have the opportunity to enjoy some family time when holidays arrive, and to rest and recharge ready for the last term of the school year. I look forward to seeing you all upon my return.

Kind regards,
Phil Schultz
Principal.

FROM THE DEPUTY

Dear Families,

Catholic School Music Festival

Next Tuesday evening, our choir will participate in the Catholic School's Music Festival at the Adelaide Festival Theatre.

As always, I am confident the night will be a wonderful showcase of musical talents across Catholic schools in SA. Our thanks to our choir instructor, Olivia Bozzon, for her support and preparation of the students. The choir students can indeed be proud of their achievements and a truly memorable performance.

Personal Plans for Learning (PPL)

When working with students, the staff of St Francis are committed to providing supports, adjustments and interventions which lead to better learning, wellbeing and inclusion.

Adjustments and supports provided to students are at the school, class and individual level and can include teaching and learning, behaviour support, wellbeing support, co-curricular programs, and facilities and services, including collaboration with allied health services.

Teachers of students who require Tier 2 or 3 intervention in addition to high-quality classroom instruction have a Personalised Plan for Learning (PPL) developed from an assessment of needs and professional assessments and which informs their teaching, learning and wellbeing.

Staff have updated PPL's for Semester 2 and will be sending them home at the beginning of next term for your perusal and input. This latest update will also be one of the handover pieces of information for 2025 class teachers.

If your child is receiving supplementary or substantial adjustments at school, your class teacher will invite you to meet with them early next term to discuss their progress and to help evaluate your child's PPL.

End of Term

As we approach the end of term, I take this opportunity to congratulate all students on a very busy and rewarding Term 3. Students have engaged in creative learning activities and experiences and continued to nurture their many relationships. I know this will continue into next term and students will build onto their skills and experiences.

On behalf of the the staff, I take this opportunity to thank the families who have supported us in so many ways during the term and wish all students and families an enjoyable and relaxing holiday.

**God Bless,
Nives Kresevic**

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Staff reflection Day

The theme for our Staff Reflection Day was “His Name was Francis,” focusing on exploring our Franciscan family story. We were privileged to have Alison Stone, Animator of Franciscan Schools Australia, join us from Brisbane, along with Josie Minorchio, a passionate advocate for Franciscan Spirituality, to lead the day.

Alison and Josie guided us through the origins of the Franciscan tradition, allowing us to deeply explore the Franciscan charism. As we delved into the life of St. Francis and his devotion to Christ, we reflected on how St. Francis School fosters love, peace, and wisdom within our community, and how these values can be further strengthened in the future.

The day was truly inspiring, filled with engaging activities, enriching discussions, and profound reflections, all thoughtfully facilitated by Alison and Josie.

Did you know:

- The Franciscan spirituality was founded by two people – St Francis and St Clare.
- Our School Song “Growing Together” written by Andrew Chinn is based on the prayer “Canticle of Creatures” written by St Francis of Assisi.



Feast of St Francis

Last Friday, the school community celebrated the Feast of St. Francis with a school-wide Mass. Following the Mass, the children participated in various feast day activities. Although the official feast day of St. Francis of Assisi is on October 4th, which falls during the school holidays, we were delighted to commemorate it together beforehand.

Catholic Charities Month

Next week students will take part in various activities and competitions to raise money for Catholic Charities.

Farewell Joan Walsh

We bid farewell to Joan, our Parish Pastoral Associate, as she retires from her duties at Christ the King Parish at the end of this week. Over the years, Joan has provided invaluable support to many families within our school community through the sacramental program. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Joan for her dedication and hard work, and we wish her all the best as she embarks on this new chapter in her life.

Wishing peace and rejuvenation to students, staff and all during the Term 3 break.

God Bless,
Angela De Nadai
Assistant Principal: Religious Identity and Mission

P.E/SPORT

School Soccer

Well, that is a WRAP, the end of the 2024 School Soccer Season has now arrived. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our team coaches, team manager, lines person, 1st aid helpers, game day steward and general volunteering families who have contributed to making this season run as smooth as possible. We hope all of our students had a great year playing in their soccer teams and have learnt some new skills and made some life long memories.



SAPSASA Athletics

On Tuesday 17th September Cooper Nicholson and Ellie Barnes attended the School Sport SA Athletics Metro Championships Day. Both Cooper and Ellie competed extremely well in their events they qualified for. So much so that they both were awarded medals. Cooper won GOLD in High Jump and BRONZE in the 800m Race and Ellie won SILVER in High Jump and BRONZE in the 4x100m Team Relay Race. On the day our SAPSASA District (AIRPORT) won the overall day with the district with the most points, well do to not only Cooper and Ellie but to all of the students from within the Airport District.



Underdale High School Futsal Carnival

During week 8 our school participated in the Underdale High School Futsal Carnival. Our selected teams were made up by year 5/6 boys and girls. During the day both of our teams competed very well and both earned a place in the Final. The boys played extremely well in the final and were the winners at the end of full time. The girls game ended in a draw at the end of full time, so the game was sent into Penalties. In a very dramatic and nail biting shoot out our team sadly were defeated 11-10 in penalty shoots. Well done to both the boys and girls on an outstanding achievement form the day.

James Daley
Sports Coordinator



PLAYGROUP NEWS

Over the last few weeks our playgroup children have continued to thrive and enjoy their time spent at our school and in our space. The have been learning the fundamentals of sharing, socialising and general energetic play. This week our Thursday group enjoyed making Butterfly's with paint and paper.

James Daley
Playgroup Coordinator



League Stars

HOLIDAY CLINICS



Holiday Clinic



A Healing Weekend

A Healing Weekend will be held on Saturday 19th October 11am - 4:30pm and Sunday 20th October 9:30am - 4pm At Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church 420 Seaview Road Henley Beach. The speaker: Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal MSFS The Topics What is healing?, Inner healing, Healing of the family tree, The healing power of forgiveness, The healing power of listening, The healing power of the Sacraments, General prayer for Inner healing.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, Sunday Mass.

Please bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided. Enquiries and bookings phone Pauline 0403002240 by 16th October Cost is by Cash Donation, All Welcome

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