An important part of what we do as a Catholic, Franciscan community is to pray. We believe in individual and community prayer. It is important that we do not let the busyness of school detract from our commitment to prayer. Every Thursday morning we gather as a staff for morning prayer. Last Thursday Ms Koleta Galumalemana shared a moving reflection on our responsibility to the environment (sustainability is one of our Franciscan values). The reflection ended as we prayed together:

Dear God, we realise and recognise that the world faces many severe environmental challenges, including climate change, deterioration of ocean ecology, deforestation, desertification, fresh water scarcity, invasive species, and chemical contaminations. All these problems will impact on our health and we are fearful for the safety of our children, our grandchildren, our families and of the entire world. Please God, you created the perfect universe and you gave the power to the human beings to utilise your creations. God our father have mercy on us all, grant us the knowledge, wisdom and courage so that we can create better things to add to your creations without harming the environment you blessed for us to live in. Let us be part of the solution rather than being part of the problem.

We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our P -12 staff led by Mr Nathan Mulhern, Ms Kathleen Andzue, Mr Paul Blinkhoff, Mr Jim Boucher, Mr Brendan Yep, Mr Mark Davidson, Mr Sam Webb, Ms Tammie Usher are working across the phases of learning on our kitchen garden project which is an important step in reinvigorating our Franciscan commitment to the environment.

Next week is Refugee Week a week in which many events will be held around the country to raise awareness about the issues affecting refugees and to celebrate the achievements of many refugees in Australian society. The theme for the week is Restoring Hope. A prayer Service for World Refugee Day will be held at the cathedral of St Stephen at 6.30pm on Friday 20 June. All are welcome to join in the prayer that God’s Spirit will move the hearts of all Australians, including our national leaders so that asylum seekers and refugees will be treated with dignity, compassion and justice. Supper will be provided in the Francis Rush Centre following the service.

Next week we have several farewell events planned for Mr Mark Fogarty. Please join us at the parent farewell on Thursday June 19th at 3:15pm outside the San Damiano Hall.

Tricia, Mark and Paul

COME AND CELEBRATE THE RETIREMENT OF MR MARK FOGARTY
THURSDAY 19TH JUNE 3.15PM OUTSIDE THE SAN DAMIANO HALL
THURSDAY 19TH JUNE 7.00PM AT ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH (SEE PAGE 7 FOR INVITATION)
NEW EARLY YEARS BUILDING PROJECT STARTS WEEK 9, TERM 2

The College has been very successful in attaining grants to assist with our continuing building programme. The refurbishment of the Padua building into our new Creative Arts Block should be ready by the start of term 3; this means that our Drama, Music, Dance and Graphics students will have up to date facilities for their studies. This means we can move onto our next project for the year which is the construction of a four classroom Early Years centre as well as an extra Prep classroom. This will be constructed behind the San Damiano Hall as per the drawing below.

The underside of new building projects is of course the inconvenience created by the construction phase and this building project will have important consequences for the front of the school. At some stage in the coming week, we will need to alter the student entry arrangements at the front of the College. These arrangements have not been finalised yet but firm details will be provided early in week 9. These arrangements will be sent home with students and pamphlets will be handed out in the car-park.

As always, short term pain for considerable gain for our young students is what this community will have to cope with for the next couple of months...as usual we know that patience and kindness to all members of the community at the front of the College will see us through this process.

ST FRANCIS COLLEGE PARENT SURVEY

This survey is designed to gather information to enhance the quality of School Improvement Plans. The survey measures parent perceptions of their child’s school in relation to important categories as follows:

1. Quality of teaching and learning
2. Support of Learning
3. Relationships and Communication
4. Leadership and Decision Making

* Required

This survey contains statements relating to aspects of the school.

Please read each statement carefully and choose the response which best reflects your opinion. In all there are six (6) possible responses. A response of ‘neutral’ indicates that you neither disagree nor agree - you have no opinion. Please don't be afraid to choose 'strongly agree' or 'strongly disagree'. Only choose 'don't know' when you genuinely don't have enough information to respond to the statement. Please click on the link below:

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ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH
26 MacCarthy Road, Marsden
Ph: 3803 0862 Fax: 3803 0984 / Email: marsden@bne.catholic.net.au

Confirmation Date: 27th July, 2014

Change of Mass times:
Monday - No Mass Tuesday - 9am
Wednesday - 9am Thursday - 9am
Friday - 9am Saturday - 8am and 6pm
Sunday - 8am and 9.30am

PLEASE JOIN US! Car Park Café is on Friday afternoons for you to end the week with a nice hot or cold drink, a snack and a friendly chat. Mark, Tammie and the Senior Hospitality students are ready to serve you. We are at San Damiano Hall every Friday from 2pm, so come up and join us.

Chess Challenge: Our term 2 Chess Challenge came to an exciting end last week and it wasn’t until the last day of games that the winner was decided. The six finalists played out the final series of games using all the strategies and secret moves they could remember. The eventual winner was Pailin Wongsarikit with Jacob Lake being the runner-up. Here they are proudly holding their trophies. Congratulations to the finalists and indeed to all of the players for making the competition the success it was.

John Roberts  Teacher/Librarian

Library bags will stay on sale until the end of next week. The current cost of $6 has been slashed to $3 in an attempt to have every child with a library bag. The supplier is now charging $6.50 so our price will need rise accordingly. Our policy of No Bag, No Borrow teaches the students to respect books and the property of others and keeps the books in good condition for future borrowers. The library bags can be bought at the library. Great value at $3.

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Teach children to persist

Parents can promote persistence by encouraging their children to keep going and not give in at the slightest hurdle or difficulty.

“Persistence and patience have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.”

John Quincy Adams

The ability to persist at a task and see it through to the end is one of the most important success attributes that you can develop in a child.

There are numerous times every day when children must persist rather than give in. A young child learning to tie shoe laces must persist. A primary aged student must show determination to finish tasks and a secondary student needs to work through difficulties, particularly those he doesn’t understand or complete right away.

They need to be able to persist when work gets hard or life gets tough. They need the “stickability” to work through difficulties and hang in there when things don’t go their way.

Some children are more naturally predisposed to persist than others. They have a determined, even competitive streak in their temperament that doesn’t allow them to give in. These children and young people can drive themselves very hard to succeed.

The results of the Australian Temperament Project show that persistence is the one temperamental factor that can be improved over time. Parents and teachers can develop persistence in children and also impede its development by making life too easy for children so that they don’t have opportunities to persist or hang in there.

Parents can promote persistence by encouraging their children to keep going and not give in at the slightest hurdle or difficulty.

Parents can be a sounding board for children’s gripes but they should show confidence in their ability to cope and get through their difficulties. “You can do it” is far more powerful in terms of promoting an attitude of persistence than “If it is a little too hard then try something else.”

Let children know that there is a correlation between effort and success. In fact, they need to learn that by GIVING EFFORT they will more than likely experience more success. The ability to persist in the face of difficulties maybe an old-fashioned quality but it is one of the best success attributes that children will ever develop.

Here are four practical strategies you can use to promote a sense of persistence in your children:

1. Develop a vocabulary for persistence.
   Words like “Hang tough”, “Work Hard” and “Hang in there” can become part of their every day vocabulary.

2. Point out to children when they stick at a task.
   Most parents know it pays off when they catch their children being good but it also pays off to catch them being persistent. The behaviours you focus on as parents expand so let them know when they have been persistent. Also remind them that persistence generally pays off.

3. Help children to remember times when they experienced success by HANGING IN when they were younger. Let them know that persistence has paid off before and it will again.

4. Talk about HARD WORK with your children.
   They need to understand that to be successful they need to do things that are NOT fun or easy. While it would be good if all work and learning was fun, in reality, this is not always the case.

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SPORTS BOARD P-6

Beenleigh District Rugby League Carnival:

The Gold Coast Rugby League Carnival during the long weekend was a great experience for four of our boys. Faraimo Tafola, Alex Butler, Terry Lafoai & Kobi Ravenscroft (late addition) were St Francis College representatives in the Beenleigh district team. The boys won 3 games and lost 3 games but the overall mood in the team was one of success. It was the first time in 3 years that Beenleigh has been a part of this carnival and the 3 games we did lose was only by 12-16 points. Congratulations to Faraimo, Alex, Terry and Kobi for your outstanding efforts both on and off the field.

Dates to remember:

Week 8: Metro Cup Finals - St Francis College U12 Rugby League Team
Week 10: P-6 Athletics Carnival

Tim Sione
P-6 Sport Coordinator & PBS Teacher

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning

"If you want to change attitudes, start with a change of behaviour". ~ William Glasser

Our School Rules:

- Hands and feet to yourself
- Walk, don’t run
- Hands up to speak and move
- Do what the teacher says considerately
- Speak to please

Rule of the Week: Hands and feet to yourself

Cooperative Rule: Hi 5

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

Tim Sione
P-6 Sport Coordinator & PBS Teacher
It’s Week 8 …… nearly there!!
This is the really busy end of the semester as students face assessments, exams and assignment deadlines and teachers face stressed out students, marking and report writing! Thank goodness for the recent long week-end!

Exciting times in ITD! Year 7 and Year 8 ITD classes will be using the new Laser cutter in class this week as part of their Wind Chime project. They will be designing using CAD then etching and cutting acrylic with the Laser. Year 9’s will work with this machine next term.

Congratulations to the Year 8 Boys Indoor Soccer Team! They won their first SECA match last week against Trinity College: 10 – 7! Well done boys, it was a great team effort.

Coming Events:  Refugee Week: Sunday 15 June to Saturday 21 June.

Our current theme: Restoring Hope
The theme reminds us that, while a refugee’s journey begins with danger, it also begins with hope. Refugees flee their homelands not only because they fear persecution, but also because they have hope: they hope to find freedom from persecution, and safety and security for themselves and their families; they hope to be given a chance to start a new life and recover from past trauma.

A Place to Call Home - A Prayer for Refugee Week

No one is a stranger to you
and no one is ever far from your loving care.
Watch over those who are separated
from their loved ones and homeland;
those who fear persecution
and hope for a better life in our community.
May we reach out in welcome
to all those who arrive as refugees,
embracing one another so that
together your hope O God
will be our future.
We make this prayer
through Christ our Lord. Amen

"Restoring Hope" Art Exhibition
Sunday 15 June, Brisbane
Art from the Margins and the Vera Wade Gallery present an exhibition of inspiring artwork by artists from Brisbane’s refugee communities. A special focus will be a group of artists from Burma, featuring local artist Htoo Htoo Han. The exhibition will also feature an installation of sculptural work by young refugee artists from Milperra State High School.

Details: Free; Opening 10.45am, Sunday 15 June, exhibition open from 16 to 27 June 11.00am-2.00pm; The Vera Wade Gallery, St Andrew’s Uniting Church, corner Ann and Creek streets, Brisbane; Please RSVP for opening to Anthony on 07 3216 8032 and a.anderton@wmb.org.au.

GROWTH MINDSET - Remember intelligence is not fixed: Effort and persistence when facing challenges are important characteristics of a successful student. Tell your child, “smart is not what you are; smart is what you work to become.”

Sr. Lee
Year 7s and the Power of Words

This term in Religious Education, the Year 7s have been learning about how words written long ago still have meaning for today. They have specifically looked at some famous speeches, Gospel stories and will study the ancient Apostle’s Creed. As part of their study of powerful words they are currently preparing to celebrate a year level Mass together on Tuesday the 24th June at 9.30 in San Damiano Hall with Fr Sunil. Last week and this week, students attended Mass at Maximilian Kolbe Parish Church and listened to the words of the Gospel and Eucharistic prayers. They were warmly welcomed by Fr Adrian and Sr Angela this week and joined in the celebration by receiving a blessing during Communion time. Students were able to identify the red colour of Pentecost on the altar and in Fr Adrian’s vestments and recognised some of the symbols of the Holy Spirit. They were accompanied by Ms Atcheler, Sefo and myself. Another group of students will attend Mass next week. It is hoped that these experiences will assist students to describe the way that the faith of believers is professed and lived out in different communities and they can explain the significance of prayer and ritual in the lives of believers. It is also a wonderful expression of the link between our College and the Maximilian Kolbe Parish.

PERFORMING ARTS UPDATE

“Be brave enough to live creatively. The creative is the place that no one has ever been.” – Alan Alda

BCE Arts Conference Performance

On the 30th of May, St Francis College was invited to perform at the BCE Arts Conference. A select group of students were invited to participate in a flash-mob style dance which was beautifully polished and very well received by Arts teachers from across Brisbane Catholic Education. A huge thank you to the following dancers for another outstanding performance: Mia Halliwell, Tayla Koria, Huawai Topia, Tailah Kepu, Brooke Silva, Jacob Murray, Sarayah Tosusu, and Lawrissa Fuamatu. We are so proud of how far our dancing has come at St Francis College and look forward to competing in dance competitions again later in the year.

LION KING TICKET WINNERS!

Congratulations to Joseph Maksoud and Alexys Deguara who were the winners of our Lion King Ticket Competition. Each student has won a ticket to the Lion King on the 8th of October. The top-ticket sellers for Hairspray were:

Joseph Maksoud (27), Alexys Deguara (27), Bubba Tou (26), Riley Lapalapa (26),
Keelie Nanson (23), Sarayah/Tabori Tosusu (23).
CHOOSE A JERSEY RAFFLE!

Not long to go now until the Confraternity Competition at the Gold Coast from 30 June – 4 July. To fundraise as much as possible a raffle has started this week called ‘Choose a Jersey’ Raffle. Support Confraternity and QISSN teams and buy a raffle ticket. You choose what prize you want to win! 10 retro Rugby League jerseys to win! Check out the jerseys on offer in the office. Place your raffle ticket in the tin for the jersey you want to win. 50c for one ticket, $1.00 for three tickets, $2.00 for six tickets. Tickets are available from players or the main office. Raffle will be drawn on the last day of term.

SECA

Week 4 of SECA is down and dusted and was again a great day of competition. Just a reminder that all students need to be in FULL sports uniform every SECA day. Congratulations to our winning teams and MVP for the week. SECA will not be on until next term, week 1 Thursday 17 July. Enjoy the break!

Keep an eye on the sports noticeboard for upcoming events and information.

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Sport & HPE Co-ordinator
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Fr Sunil
and the St Maximilian Parish
cordially invite parents,
staff of St Francis College,
past and present students of the College
to join in a
Thanksgiving Mass
for
Mark Fogarty
Head of Secondary
on his retirement

Date: Thursday 19 June, 2014
Time: Mass 7.00pm followed by refreshments in
the Hall
Place: St Maximilian Kolbe Parish
26-38 Macarthy Road
MARSDEN

We look forward to welcoming you
on this very special occasion
Positive Behaviour for Learning Years 7-12

As part of Positive Behaviour for Learning System we are teaching appropriate behaviours to students each week. These behaviours follow our school rules:

Respect Self    Respect Others    Respect the Environment

This last week’s focus is on Assignments. As we are nearing the end of the term many students will have assignment work due. The behaviours we are asking the students to demonstrate are:

♦️ Hand in drafts on time
♦️ Ask for help if need be
♦️ Go to homework help on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons
♦️ Hand in assignments on the due date

Remember: Organise yourself, your time and your work!!!

ARE YOU SELF MANAGED?

* Control and monitor your own emotions
* Persisting in completing task and overcome obstacles
* Organisation and set goals.
* Independent work and show initiative
* Confidence, perseverance, resilience and adaptable to change.

Reconciliation Week at St Francis

On Tuesday the 27th of May we had the Grand Opening of our Indigenous Gardens. We also had the Koomurri Dance Group come to our school and do a dance and a Smoking Ceremony at the garden opening. They also did activities for the rest of the day in Primary with the Primary students. The Indigenous Leaders in secondary had a choice to go and help out and join in with the Primary students. The activities were boomerang throwing, face painting and dance, didgeridoo and artefacts. With the boomerang throwing the students learnt how to throw them, and one of the men showed them how to carve the curves of the boomerang. With the didgeridoo and artefacts the students were showed artefacts, got to play two games, the man played the didgeridoo and made a boomerang out of cardboard and threw it and it flew.

With the face painting and dancing the students got their faces painted and then they would go in a circle and learn a few dances. With the Smoke Ceremony the Indigenous Leaders and Indigenous Teacher Miss Kilby walked through the smoke first, the Secondary and Primary went through the smoke as well. They had to put the smoke over their heads; this is to get all the bad spirits away from us.

On Tuesday in Secondary we had an assembly to celebrate Reconciliation Week and run by our Indigenous Leaders. There were two Prayers and a story of the Rainbow Serpent. All of them did a great job and spoke clearly. We had footprints on the ground at the entrance of the hall to the stage, to signify “Walk the Talk”.

And on Friday in PD, each student received a template of a foot on red, yellow, green, blue or white cardboard. These colours were to represent the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags. Each student wrote a reflection/message on ‘walking the talk of reconciliation’; they were then collected and we are going to create a display with additional feet cut out in black paper. This display will be a statement of our Communities commitment to ‘walk the talk’.

Haile Kelly
FROM THE CAREER’S DESK

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE GAP YEAR – APPLY NOW

The ADF Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians, who have finished Year 12 (or equivalent) and are aged between 17 and 24, to experience military training and lifestyle whilst gaining new skills and pay over their Gap Year.

Gap Year opportunities are available in the Army and Air Force only. The Gap Year program is not available in the Navy in 2015. You will earn more than $45,000, have subsidised accommodation and full medical and dental coverage. For more information and to apply visit http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/GapYear/default.aspx?utm_campaign=gapyear2014&utm_medium=edm&utm_source=passive.

UNIVERSITY SCHOOL HOLIDAY TOURS

Explore your university options during the school holidays by taking a tour of the campus in which you are interested.

Australian Catholic University - http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/future_students/undergraduate/experience_uni_before_you_start/events/campus_tours

University of the Sunshine Coast – do a virtual tour at http://www.usc.edu.au/university/campus-and-facilities

The University of Queensland - http://www.uq.edu.au/study/?page=26065

Queensland University of Technology – tours will be conducted during the Discover QUT event in the September school holidays, see http://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/discover-qut. Try a virtual tour of the QUT campuses at https://www.qut.edu.au/campuses-and-facilities

Griffith University – take a virtual tour at http://www.griffith.edu.au/about-griffith/campuses

BE A DESIGNER FOR A DAY

Billy Blue College of Design is a private college with campuses in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Perth. It provides accredited tertiary and certificate level courses in various aspects of design (e.g. communication, interior, fashion, digital media). The Brisbane campus will hold a ‘Day in the Life of a Designer’ workshop on Saturday 12 July 2014. See http://www.billyblue.edu.au/news-events/upcoming-eventsbrisbane for more information and to book a place in the course.

JMC ACADEMY ONE-DAY WORKSHOPS IN BRISBANE

JMC Academy will deliver the following workshops during the next school holidays:

1 July 2014 - Music, Audio and Entertainment Workshop
2 July 2014 – Animation and Game Design Workshop
3 July 2014 – Film and Television Production Workshop.
Workshop information and registration can be accessed at http://www.jmacademy.edu.au/.

QUT MATHEMATICS/ ENGINEERING/ HEALTH SCIENCES CAREERS INFORMATION NIGHT

This event will be held on 24 June 2014. This event is primarily for Year 10 students (and their parents) interested in the study of Science, Health, Engineering, and Mathematics degrees. The event will be held on the Kelvin Grove campus. It is designed to help students find out which subjects in Years 11 and 12 provide the best entry pathways into and preparation for degrees in Science, Health, Engineering and Mathematics. Information on STEM careers, QUT’s admission processes, bonus points and degree specific assumed knowledge is presented along with comprehensive subject selection information.

Additionally, student representatives from Health and Science and Engineering Faculties will be on hand to answer your questions on degree options and student life at QUT.

Information Sessions - 6.00 pm Science degrees 6.30 pm Health Science degrees 7.00 pm Mathematics degrees 7.30 pm Engineering degrees.

The event begins at 5.30pm at the Kelvin Grove campus. Interested students should phone the coordinator, Ms Simone Long on 3138 4488 or email stem.schools@qut.edu.au.

QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY UPDATES

Changes to B Laws: From Semester 1 2015 QUT will offer B Laws (Honours). This new honours degree will include advanced research units that will provide hands-on legal research skill development and in-depth knowledge to prepare students for the graduate job market. For more information check the 2015 Undergraduate Law booklet at https://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/brochures.

New B Business – International: This course will commence in 2015. It will combine the three-year B Business with one year of international studies. Find out more from the 2015 Undergraduate Business booklet at https://www.qut.edu.au/study/short-courses-and-professional-development (click on Creative, design and performance).

Register for QUT’s Open Day: This event will be held on Sunday 27 July 2014 from 9.00 am – 3.00 pm at the Gardens Point campus. On the day you can check out the campus and the courses. You can register your first name and email address on the open day web page to receive open day updates. On the day you can go into a draw to win a MacBook Air. See https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/qut-open-day.

Bridging courses in chemistry, physics and maths B: QUT offers bridging courses in chemistry, physics and maths B. These programs provide students with the required assumed knowledge in these subjects for QUT courses and may meet prerequisite subject requirements for other institutions. See https://www.qut.edu.au/about/continuing-professional-education/cpe-courses.

Email a student: Find out more about studying at QUT by emailing a current student. Visit https://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/email-a-student.

THE NEW LOOK TAFE QUEENSLAND

TAFE Queensland is in the process of being restructured into six regions:

TAFE Queensland Brisbane http://tafebrisbane.edu.au/ Incorporating Southbank Institute of Technology, Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE and Brisbane North Institute of TAFE

TAFE Queensland East Coast http://tafeeastcoast.edu.au/ Incorporating Sunshine Coast Institute of TAFE and Wide Bay Institute of TAFE

TAFE Queensland Gold Coast http://tafegoldcoast.edu.au/

TAFE Queensland North http://tafenorth.edu.au/ Incorporating Tropical North Institute of TAFE, Mount Isa Institute of TAFE and Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE


TAFE Queensland South West http://tafesouthwest.edu.au/ Incorporating Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE and the Bremer Institute of TAFE

An agreement has been made to merge Central Queensland Institute of TAFE with CQUniversity (CQU). It is anticipated that CQU will commence operating as a dual sector university from 1 July 2014.

Campus locations for the six TAFE regions can be accessed from the TAFE Queensland website at http://tafeqld.edu.au/about-us/locations/index.shtml#U3l2jHas8zc.

Jeanette Maxwell
Career/RTO Manager

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - MONDAY 30 JUNE UNTIL FRIDAY 11 JULY