St Francis College is a learning organisation committed to review, reflect and renew our policies and procedures. Our Catholic, Franciscan purpose and values hold our community together and inspire us individually and collectively to realise our potential. It is our hope that this community provides a context where individuals and groups feel confident to volunteer their imagination and spirit as they live the gospel.

Our values and ethos are the bedrock for planning, review and reporting and school renewal is the outcome. In 2013 our community spent considerable time discerning strategic directions for 2013 – 2017. These strategic directions comprise 4 priorities: Mission and Religious Education, Learning and Teaching, Professional Practice and Collaborative Relationships and Strategic Resourcing.

The Strategic Directions document can be accessed on the website (About us/Strategic Goals). Community members receiving this newsletter via email will have the document sent to them with the newsletter.

At Monday’s P & F meeting we discussed the College’s Strategic Directions as well as the College Goals for 2014. These Goals can also be accessed via the website and of course emailed to those on the email list.

Our Strategic Resourcing priority is ‘to responsibly and ethically manage human, financial and physical resources so that the individual and the community can thrive in simplicity and harmony.’

The College’s first big move to bring this priority to fruition is to distribute our newsletter electronically from Term 2, 2014. We ask parents and caregivers to ensure we have your correct email address.

Those who wish to receive the newsletter in paper form are still able to do so (but you will need to let us know and collect your newsletter from the office each week). Please return the tear off section in this newsletter to update your email address or indicate if you wish to receive the newsletter in paper form.

Another significant change for St Francis College in 2014 has been to relocate our uniform shop to The School Locker (open Mon-Sun) - 3892 Pacific Highway, Loganholme. Phone: 3440 9701. Thank you to parents who have provided feedback about this change – both positive and negative – as this will help us streamline the process.

As part of streamlining the provision of uniforms we have decided not to run a second hand uniform shop. We will, however, gratefully accept donations of second hand uniforms which we will donate to those who may need these.

We ask that you collect unsold second hand uniforms left at the shop (that you may wish to sell privately) by the end of Term 1, 2014.

Events in the College this week included a breakfast on Wednesday to commemorate National Apology Day. The Apology to Australia’s Indigenous Peoples was delivered by then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd on February 13, 2008, and acknowledged in particular the Stolen Generations.

On behalf of the College I would like to extend a sincere thanks to the 60 plus members of Karawatha Chapel led by Bishop Tony Phillips and our own students Bubba Tou and Hiki Latu who volunteered several hours on the weekend to spruce up our grounds. We appreciate our revitalised grounds and the witness the Karawatha Chapel members gave to serving community.
At St Francis College our school rules are *Respect self, Respect others and Respect the environment*. One of the ways we practise these rules is by taking pride in our school and ourselves by following our uniform code.

When we are dressed correctly we convey that we are proud to be a St Francis College student. We thank all parents who are supporting St Francis College to maintain our high standard of personal presentation, by ensuring that their child’s uniform is in good order and complies with the College dress code.

**OUR PARISH - ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE**

26 McCarthy Road, Marsden
Ph: 3803 0862 Fax: 3803 0984 Email: mardens@bne.catholic.net.au

The “Sacramental Programme Sign-On” is on again this weekend 15th/16th February with the first lesson being Sunday 23rd February after 9.39am Mass.

**Parish Expo:** Elizabeth Harington Guest Speaker on 15th/16th February at all Masses.

**Ministry Expo:** 22nd/23rd February at all Masses.

**ST FRANCIS COLLEGE PARENTS & FRIENDS**

**NOTICE OF 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the 2014 Annual General Meeting of St Francis College Parents & Friends. The AGM will be held in the Teachers’ Staffroom (behind the Administration Building) at 5.00pm on the 3rd March 2014. The general meeting will follow at 5.30pm.

**Date:** Monday 3rd March, 2014  **Time:** 5.00pm

The P & F is the representative body for you to have your say, ask questions about the College and advise the Principal on how your P & F levy is distributed.

**From the Library:** Hello to everyone and welcome to another year. One of my hopes for this year is to have more children borrowing more often. All P-6 classes have a timetabled period each week when books can be returned and borrowed. To encourage the students to borrow regularly, I am reminding everyone that books can be borrowed outside of their set class borrowing times. Children can borrow before school (8:20-8:40) at lunchtimes and during homework help afternoons on Tuesdays and Thursdays(3-4pm).

I would like all borrowers to have a library bag. This not only helps to protect books for future borrowers, but encourages the children to value and care for the books that we have in our library. We have library bags for sale in the library for $6. These are lined with a waterproof material, have a draw string and are washable. You do not need to buy one of these, but your child will need to have something to put their book in (preferably one that is waterproof and able to be closed) before they borrow.

John Roberts Teacher/Librarian.

**Positive Behaviour Learning**

“Only surround yourself with people who will lift you higher”. ~ Oprah Winfrey

**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:** Do what the teachers says considerately

**Cooperative Rule:** Take turns

**Reminders:**

Students arriving at school before 8:20am MUST remain in the undercover area. Students must wear a School Hat when going out to play. Playground is closed before and after school.

**HOMEWORK HELP**

**EACH TUESDAY AND THURSDAY IN THE LIBRARY FROM 3-4PM.**

**DON’T FORGET TO BRING YOUR HOMEWORK.**

**CHILD HEALTH CLINIC**

each Friday from 9am until 2.30pm

In the Community Centre

Do you have any uniforms you wish to donate? Can you help? Our emergency uniform supplies are low. Please bring all uniform donations to the office.

Thank you kindly!

**Uniform Shop and Pre Loved**

St Francis College will no longer be facilitating a Pre Loved Uniform Shop from 2014...

We would appreciate if our families who did have items in the shop could please contact Justine in the office for either the return of their items or for any monies raised for you in 2013...

All items left after the end of February 2014 will be donated to either our own Student Welfare Officers for our students or St Vincent de Paul...

Thanks to our Families and Volunteers

**PLAY GROUP**

From 9am until 11am in the Community Centre
All welcome!
For further info call Mark Davidson 3489 4800
**SPORTS BOARD – PRIMARY**

**Beenleigh District Trials**

**Rugby League – PREREQUISITES:** The child must have a sound knowledge of the game and be familiar with the rules of Rugby League. A reasonable skill level is required, for example, players need to be able to tackle safely, catch and pass a football accurately and run hard holding a football. It is preferred that the child has had experience in a club competition.

11yrs Thursday 20th February and 27th February

12yrs Wednesday 19th February and 26th February

**Venue:** Ormeau Shearers JRLFC

**Netball – PREREQUISITES:** The child should have a good knowledge of the game and be familiar with the rules of Netball.

11yrs Thursday 20th February and 27th February

12yrs Wednesday 19th February and 26th February

**Venue:** Canterbury College

See Mr Sione for more info and forms

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**Dates to remember:**

- **Week 4:** Beenleigh Rugby League & Netball Trials
- **Week 7:** Gala days begins for Year 5 & 6
- **Week 10:** Cross Country Carnival P-6

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**PE – PRIMARY**

What students need to bring to PE:

- HAT
- DRINK BOTTLE
- SPORTS UNIFORM
- APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR

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**Ash Wednesday Menu**

**Wednesday 5 March Only**

*(No Meat Products Available)*

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Thank you!

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**ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE FAMILY PICNIC!**

All parents, caregivers and their families are warmly invited to come together and celebrate with us, our College community, in a Family Picnic day of welcome, friendship, fun and community building.

**WHEN:** Saturday March 1st 2014

**TIME:** From 11:30am – 2:30pm

**WHERE:** St. Francis College Oval

**WHAT:** Bring your own – picnic food and drinks, chairs, rugs

Some shelters will be available and older students will provide some games and entertainment for the younger ones.

See you there!!!!!

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**International Women’s Day**

**Dear Mum and Daughter**

You are invited to St Francis College’s International Woman’s day. High tea with guest speakers

When: 7th of March 2014

Time: 1:20 pm—2:55 pm

Where: St Francis College Hall

RSVP: RSVP: Christine Rolfe (Teacher) 3849 4800 or email crolfe@bne.catholic.edu.au

RSVP: 1 March 2014

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**BMX National Sign On Day**

**Central Plains BMX Club**

**Junior BMX Club Sign On Day**

Saturday 22nd Feb 14

9am - 11am

Haga Park

Cheltenham 25th February
Welcome to 2014 and the Careers Centre at St Francis College. I look forward to working with your sons and daughters, their families and the staff of St Francis College to provide Career Guidance and information to assist with their decision making and pathways for the future.

In this weekly column I will provide career information for students and families regarding tertiary courses and applications, scholarships, vocational pathways, school based apprenticeships and traineeships, holiday courses, subject selection, Queensland Certificate of Education updates, QTAC updates, interstate and overseas study opportunities as well as other career information. Important career dates for your calendar will also be highlighted in this column. This column will refer you to websites for more detailed information. Guest speakers are planned to address the students to provide them with information about a variety of career options.

The Careers Development Program for the Year 10s follows the Australian Blueprint of Career Development which focuses on three areas: Personal Management, Learning and Work Exploration and Career Building. Year 10s will have one lesson each fortnight, taken by myself. The students will be preparing their Senior Education and Training Plan (SET Plan) during Term 2 and 3, in preparation for their SET Plan interview in August. As part of the program, the students will be completing a careers profile using Careers Fast Track. I will be sending a letter to Year 10 parents with details of this program. The aim of this is to encourage the students to consider their own strengths, abilities, interests and possible career directions that may assist with the subject selection process for their Senior schooling.

The Year 12 Pathways Exit Program is designed to provide students with information about the broad range of pathways open to them after they finish school. Each student will receive a Tertiary Exit folder in which to keep resources and information they collect throughout the year, as well as their 2015 QTAC Guide which outlines all of the tertiary courses available at University and TAFE. For students who wish to work or pursue an apprenticeship, resume preparation and guest speakers will be arranged to assist these students in their search.

I am available for appointments with students and their families. The students are able to access these appointments during the school day, as well as before and after school. The Careers Centre is open during morning tea and lunch breaks.

I welcome your enquiries and may be contacted on telephone (07) 34894800 or email: jmaxwell@bne.catholic.edu.au

Mrs Jeanette Maxwell

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**NEWSLETTERS 2014**

*In the interest of sustainability, we will be emailing newsletters home in Term 2, 2014.*

*Please complete your details below and hand in at the office by Friday 14 March, 2014.*

**STUDENT NAME/S:**

**PARENT EMAIL:**

We do not have the internet, therefore will pick up a copy from the office each Friday please

(Please tick)