The activities of last week were a testament to the holistic education we offer at St Francis College.

Last Wednesday students and staff gathered for Ash Wednesday liturgies. I share below one of our prayers.

Lord, for the times when we have not appreciated and valued our homes and those who work to provide a safe and secure place for us as we journey from childhood to adulthood, we ask your forgiveness. **Lord have mercy.**

Lord, for the times when we have chosen to act in ways that do not foster peace in our families, schools and communities, we ask your forgiveness. **Christ have Mercy.**

Lord, for the times when we have been wasteful of food, resources and opportunities in life, we ask your forgiveness. **Lord have mercy.**

Thank you to Mr Rob Canning, Mr Tim Sione and Mrs Cathy Whannell for their preparation of this sacred time.

On Friday Mrs Christine Rolfe and a committee of dedicated students hosted an afternoon ‘high tea’ to celebrate International Women’s Day. **IWD** recognises the advancement of women from a social, political and economic perspective throughout the world. The official international theme this year is Inspiring Change. **IWD** aims to celebrate the achievements of women across the world where freedom and equality have been fraught with violence and oppression in some communities. We gathered in San Damino and shared beautifully prepared and served treats and we heard from guest speakers Mrs Ruby Meredith from Trinder Park, Ms Dulcinea Hernandez from Volunteers Queensland and Magistrate Maxine Baldwin from Gympie Magistrate’s Court.

The speakers were inspirational but so were the students who organised the event. ‘Girl Power’ is being fostered (thank you Mrs Rolfe) and lived at St Francis College.

On Monday this week we endorsed the year 12s students as leaders of our community at a leadership ceremony. We have ‘badged’ leaders who take on special responsibility but we consider all year 12s as leaders in our community. In these early days of 2014, the seniors have embraced leadership and shown they understand leadership is about generosity and courage, service and sacrifice, rather than power and privilege. (Leaders names on Page 3)

It is an exciting time for our Year 6 students as they prepare for their Camp next week. Our Year 6 students led the assembly beautifully on Tuesday.

At the AGM of our Parents and Friends Association we welcomed the following parents to the Executive – Mrs Michele Potts (President), Mr Terry Jaques (Vice President), Mrs Margaret Jaques (Secretary) and Mrs Marge Le Noel (Treasurer) P & F Executive. We thank these people for their generosity in serving the College in this way.

### Student Leave

The College is required by law to approve any leave of five consecutive days or more. Leave requests of more than 2 weeks (10 days) are only able to be granted if parents outline the educational benefits of the leave. Leave requests should be made in writing and addressed to the Principal. Parents also need to be aware of the College assignment and assessment policy relating to any leave. We thank parents who have been attentive to this requirement.

Finally **congratulations** to Mrs Sharelle Simpson and family on the birth of Fletcher Matthew.

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**Tickets on Sale Now!!**

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**HairSpray**
Sacramental Programme
3rd Lesson Reconciliation 23rd March after 9.30am Mass
Practice for 1st Reconciliation 30th March after 9.30am Mass
Reconciliation Wednesday 2nd April at 7pm
Confirmation Date: 27th July, 2014

Over the past couple of weeks PCRD has been exploring the book “The Very Hungry Caterpillar.” We have made our own caterpillars, created beautiful butterflies, produced a lifecycle of a butterfly, utilised images from Google to paint realistic representations of caterpillars to lastly painting the fruit eaten on each day of the week!

Some of our preppies celebrating Shrove Tuesday by making their own pancakes!

HAIRSPRAY TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
Tickets for Hairspray are on sale now. This year, there are two ways to book tickets for the show:

1. Go to the URL: http://www.trybooking.com/EGHK you can also go to trybooking.com and search for SFC Hairspray. Payment can be made by Visa Debit or Credit Card.

2. Payment by Cash or Card will be accepted through the school office – see Nicole Hewson at the Parent Entrance for bookings.

UPDATE ON REHEARSALS
Students have been working hard on their singing, dancing and acting this week. Students and staff were at rehearsals on Saturday and managed to get through a good portion of the first Act. Choreography from the completed dances will be up on the musical padlet from Monday of next week for home practice purposes. Parents are encouraged to work on these dances with students at home, particularly for cast members who are in the lower Primary. The padlet address is: www.padlet.com/wall/sfcmusical

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HAIRSPRAY ON SALE NOW!

Have a great Camp Year 6

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P-6 DISCO FRIDAY 28 MARCH 5.30-7.30PM
Positive Behaviour for Learning
Year 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 week’s focus is on Leaving the College grounds.

The behaviours we are asking the students to demonstrate are:

All students are to stay on the College grounds for the whole school day.

If students need to leave early:

* They must have a note
* They must be signed out at the office

If students are ill and need to go home they must ask their year Coordinator for permission to use the phone at the office to ring their parents, not use their mobile phone.

GOTCHA WINNERS FOR WEEK 6

Year 7: Maliha Javed / Shechinah Overhoff
Year 8: Olivia Hartmann / Maria Niumagumagu
Year 9: Jet Hollywood-Stevens
Year 10: Kiye Bennett
Year 11: Tommy Nguyen
Year 12: Jayden Thompson

© Congratulations and keep up the good work! ©

Miss Martinez

JAGUN
Bernadette Tominiko (Theresa)
Vainetutai Tou (Bubba)
Lisha Tuia

KURAWA
Taylah Smith
Danny Misa
Mikayla Abson

WIIMULLI
Molly Chan Tung
Dorrycie Prakash (Jetah)
Jasveer Gill

YARAAY
Lorenzo Ainuu
Albert Robertson
Kevin Nguyen

2014 YEAR 12 LEADERS

THE BUSINESS CORNER

Do you do a business subject?
Would you like to have a say in how the faculty is run? Join the Business Marketing and Events Board. This is a great opportunity to have a say. Email Ms Rolfe with your interest.

Do you have something to say? Here is your chance by competing in the Rostrum Voice of Youth 2014 competition. Junior and senior competition with some really interesting topics such as 'Less is More' and 'Trash or Treasure'. Entries close 21 March 2014. Email or see Ms Rolfe if you are interested.

Business Marketing and Events Faculty
Once again this year, students undertaking business studies will be participating in the Year 12 program run by the Business Faculty at Griffith University. Five year 12 students, Melonie Gabrielle, Dorrycie Prakash, Angel Posiano, Lisha Tuia and Simone Turaki have already attended their first day of that program. This program requires students to attend three days of university throughout the first three terms of Year 12 to experience what university life is really like. Research undertaken by Dr Ruth McPhail (who runs the program) found having exposure to university life prior to graduating high school meant there would be greater success at university. Students always provide positive feedback of their experience. A big thank you to John Slattery, Campus Minister who accompanied the students to the university.

Christine Rolfe (Co-ordinator)
NEWS FROM THE SPORTS DESK!

YARAAY HAVE WON THE FAMILY GROUP SWIMMING CROWN FOR 2014!

OVERALL RESULTS

1st – YARAAY 699
2nd – KURRAWA 542
3rd – WIIMULLI 522
4th – JAGUN 483

The annual Family Group Swimming Carnival was held last Friday and it was a great day! All students participated to the best of their ability to earn points for their family group. Points were close all day between Yaraay and Kurrawa but by the end of the day after the leaders dance movement and the final war cry, Yaraay came out on top. Great work Yaraay who are the Family Group Swimming Champions for 2014! Congratulations to the leaders who lead their family groups with enthusiasm and passion all day. There were a lot of great costumes and lots of fun was had by all.

Congratulations to the age champions who were the best swimmers on the day. Age Champions will receive their medals on assembly next week.

Another MASSIVE CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SECA SWIMMING TEAM listed below who will compete in the SECA Swimming Carnival on Friday 14 March at Chandler.

Year 7/8 - Star Sootaga, Caitlyn Holden, Lieny Ador, Symone Bakker, Darian Kaptic, Mia Nishiyana, Jacob Haua, Elissa Matta, Leo Mika, Stephen Knight, Samantha Schmidt, Jake Moza-Dekker, Bridie Barrett, Tiffany Jepson
Year 9 - DJ Nathan, Chloe Woods, Henry Pajaczkowski, Kasey Seawright, Connor Dopper, Jessica Maksoud, Andy Nguyen, Valma Bumstead, Philip Butler, Chloe Halliwell, Richard Lee, Marie Alonoa, Zuriel Tauaa, Lizzie Price
Year 10 - Caleb Sasa, Brittany Abrams, Julius Roberts, Nikkita Abrams, Jackson Randall, Amy Furness, Reihana Tipene, Lawrissa Fuamutu, Zion Fereti, Courtney Schlegel, Shar Reh, Matthew Rogers, Lisa Makaohi, Merviel Nkongolo, Ariea Matagisala, Dieume Masonga
Year 11 - Carlo Moiola, Sandra Makaohi, Jake Opitz, Sarayah Tosusu, Bill Sam, Borany Meas, Mia Halliwell, Denzel Harrison, Rachel Bentley, Eh Bell, Aaron Moefaauo, Jessica Sua
Year 12 - Bayley Goan, Tayla Koria, Kevin Nguyen, Mikayla Abson, Daniel Furness, Georgie Metu, Albert Robertson, Heather Price, James Raspudic, Joseph Cummins, Kieran Swindells, Tyson Potts

MORE CONGRATULATIONS!

The following students have made the District team:
Sandra Makaohi (Netball and Touch)
Lisa Makaohi (Netball)
Tyson Potts (Rugby League)
Eh Bell (Soccer)
Marcus Harris (Soccer)

The following students have made the Regional team:
Lorenzo Ainuu (Rugby Union)
Ben Kepu (Rugby Union)
Danny Misa (Rugby Union)

Well done!

SECA OZTAG GALA DAY

CONGRATULATIONS to the girls who competed at SECA OzTag last week. All girls represented the school with pride. Well done! CONGRATULATIONS to the Senior Girls who won their division.

SECA

SECA teams are nearly finalised and will be on the Sports Noticeboard next week. Students need to check that they are in a team and ensure they organise the requirements for their sport before Term 2. Just a reminder students will need to have FULL SPORTS UNIFORM including sport shoes which have laces in order to play SECA. See Miss Allam if this is a problem and she can help you!

Miss Allam (Sport & HPE Co-ordinator)
International Women’s Day 2014

BEAUTIFUL

AMAZING

SUCCESSFUL

SMART
NEWS FROM THE CAREERS CENTRE!
AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY – NEW DEGREES FOR 2015

Bachelor of Biomedical Science (subject to final approval)
The Bachelor of Biomedical Science* aims to prepare ethical graduates with a concern for the common good, to apply a broad and coherent body of knowledge to undertake professional work in a range of biomedical science contexts, for example in the pharmaceutical and medical technology industries. The course also aims to provide a pathway for postgraduate studies in health disciplines such as physiotherapy, medicine, dentistry and public health. For more information go to the ACU website: http://www.acu.edu.au/

Bachelor of Early Childhood (Birth to 5 years)
The Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (Birth to Five Years) is aimed at those students dedicated to a career teaching in a birth to five setting. Developed in response to workforce needs in the early childhood sector, the course can be undertaken as a natural progression for graduates of the Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care/Diploma of Children’s Services or as a standalone course. Graduates of the course will have a strong grounding in early childhood curriculum and pedagogy. For more information go to the ACU website: http://www.acu.edu.au/

MATER JOINS WITH ACU TO FORM CLINICAL SCHOOL
ACU has joined forces with Mater Private Hospital Brisbane to develop a clinical school for the promotion of teaching and learning, research and clinical education. The ACU Health Sciences/Mater Clinical School is located on Stanley Street in South Brisbane.

QUEENSLAND LABOUR MARKET SNAPSHOT
The largest employing industries in Queensland are Health Care and Social Assistance, Retail Trade, Construction and Education and Training, which collectively account for more than two in every five jobs. Over the five years to November 2012, employment increased in 12 of the 19 industries. The largest employment gains were in Health Care and Social Assistance, Mining and Education and Training. Together these industries contributed more than three in every four new jobs.

* Australian Jobs 2013 by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

GAP MEDICS
Gap Medics are holding an Australian Autumn Special in Thailand this year for potential medical students! This two-week work experience program will introduce you to the working world of doctors! You will be able to shadow these medical professionals in hospitals close to our very own Gap Medics house. You can expect to attend ward rounds in internal medicine, check children’s vital statistics in paediatrics, observe births in obstetrics and gynaecology and view some really fascinating operations in surgery!

All you need to do to be part of the Australian Autumn Special is choose a date that coincides with your school holidays, from one of the dates below:

- Sun 30 March - Sat 12 April 2014
- Sun 6 April - Sat 19 April 2014
- Sun 13 April - Sat 26 April 2014

They will assist you all the way from your first enquiry, throughout your trip, and once you return to the UK. Contact our friendly team for on +44(0)191 2308080 or drop us an email and we’ll call you right back! Our email address is: info@gapmedics.com

INTERESTED IN AN ARTS DEGREE BUT DON’T KNOW WHERE IT WILL LEAD?
The Faculty of Arts at the University of Queensland has produced a brochure, Careers that Inspire, which gives examples of careers that started in Arts. The brochure can be downloaded at http://www.uq.edu.au/schools/publications/ArtsCareers2014.pdf.

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE A STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SUNSHINE COAST (USC)?
Find out about the ‘Life of a USC student’ at http://www.usc.edu.au/study/study-at-usc/open-day-and-information-events/update-me#Future. This site enables you to follow current USC students as they experience university life. While you are on this site, register to receive the USC future student newsletter. Show your parents the section specifically for them.

CONSTRUCTION CAREERS
According to ‘Employment Outlook to 2017’ (http://lmip.gov.au/default.aspx?LMIP/EmploymentProjectons) employment in the construction industry is projected to grow in the next few years. To find out about construction jobs, visit the Be Constructive website at http://www.constructmycareer.com.au/. Parts of this website are under construction, however the following sections are useful:

About: Wages and industry information
Career planning: Job information sheets, aptitude quizzes, pathway charts and stories of people working in the construction industry.
Videos: Videos of construction jobs
Links: Website links to professional and industry associations.

EXPLORE JOBS IN HEALTH, CONSTRUCTION AND FOOD
The Right Choices website at http://www.maketherightchoice.com.au/index.html has information on jobs and training in the healthcare (child care, aged care, and allied health), construction (carpentry, plumbing, and electrician) and food service (food and beverage, kitchen operations) industries.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE QUEENSLAND POLICE?
Young people can apply for entry to the Queensland Police Service at the end of Year 12 once they are 18 years of age. The specific eligibility requirements are listed on the Police Recruitment website at http://www.policerecruit.qld.gov.au/. The Queensland Police Recruiting Unit will be holding information seminars in Brisbane and regional centres during March 2014. For details about these sessions and to book a place, see http://www.policerecruit.qld.gov.au/seminars/.

If you are unable to attend a seminar, you can visit the Police Recruiting Centre at 30 Makerston Street, Brisbane. Alternatively, you can call 1300 232 267 or email recruiting@police.qld.gov.au to make an appointment to speak to a recruitment officer.

Jeanette Maxwell
Careers/RTO Manager