Last Friday, Mrs Christine Rolfe and the BCT students hosted a leadership forum (*Logan Loves Leaders*) at St Francis College. In attendance were other catholic, independent and state schools from the Logan area as well as the Honourable Jim Chalmers (Member for Rankin) and the Honourable Desley Scott (Member for Woodridge).

Mr Chalmers and Mrs Scott were most impressed with this event and the calibre of young people who participated in the day and the skill of the St Francis College students who organised the day.

Below is a transcript of a note received from a teacher of Calvary Christian College, one of the participating schools.

Dear Christine,

On behalf of myself and my students, I just wanted to pass on our thanks for the great day on Friday. The guest speakers were inspiring and the activities were wonderful for allowing the students to get to know each other—really fun! I am so pleased that Loganlea have taken up the challenge for next year. I will definitely be recommending it to the year 11 Coordinator next year as I will travel up with the 11’s into 12.

I also wanted to say it was so exciting to win one of the lucky door prizes. We went back to school and had a debrief while eating the chocolates! And the jewellery and bath products were lovely.

Please pass on to your class that they did a fantastic job and we wish them and yourself a great end to this year.

Kind regards

I would like to thank Mrs Rolfe and Mr Slattery for their faith in our young people and congratulate the BCT class on this initiative that appears has been embraced by other schools.

We are finally taking up residence in Padua building. Our students and teachers are enjoying our new state of the arts facilities in Graphics, Dance, Drama and Music. Our move into La Cucina is imminent. We will enjoy our new tuckshop and junior home economics facilities right next to our Hospitality Trade Training Centre. Classrooms in Gubbio and Perugia have also been updated (in preparation for year 7s next year). Our new (yet to be named) primary classrooms are taking shape daily. Please find photos of our wonderful new facilities attached.

Nicole Francillon, one of our parents and a volunteer at the College, has provided a perspective about the new facilities which you can read below.

*My name is Nicole Francillon and I am a parent of a student in Year 10 at St Francis College.*

My son has been at this school since year 1 and it is a wonderful school. During this time I have spent many days over the years being a volunteer at this school, in classrooms, teaching students dance routines for their arts festival, Christmas concerts and for the 2012 and 2014 school musicals as a dance teacher.

At the start of Term 4, St Francis College opened a brand new performing arts building. In this building there is a purpose built Dance room. Being a parent and a volunteer for the Dance class, this room is an asset for all involved. The Dance room has full-length mirrors along one wall, Ballet Barres and enough floor space for all students to spread out and dance. The mirrors are my favorite as it helps teaching the students dance steps and the students find it easier to learn.

The students are excited to have a dance program at the school and even more excited now that they have their own room. Now that the school has this room, I feel the dance program already established will go from strength to strength. I look forward to seeing the program blossom in the coming years.
Congratulations to Mrs Nella Rizzo who last Thursday completed an appraisal. Every five years people in leadership roles in Catholic College undertake an appraisal. The purpose of this appraisal is to acknowledge the achievements of the role holder and to look for future directions. Mrs Rizzo has worked at the College for 23 years, 15 of them in leadership. This appraisal wholeheartedly endorsed Mrs Rizzo’s dedicated service to the College, especially her passion for finding pathways for young people, working with parents and mentoring staff. Thank you to parents, students and staff who completed the survey material and to those who took part in the focus groups.

Wednesday October 15 was School Officers’ day. We are blessed with wonderful school officers at St Francis College. Our school officers work with us to enhance our teaching and learning environments and teaching and learning practices. A special thank you to our cleaners, learning support staff, community workers, maintenance and grounds people and office staff.

Tricia, Paul and Les
I hope you are as excited as we are. Come along next Friday to our major event, the St. Francis Festival. We will have performances on 2 stages, a special Littlies Corner with Face Painting and activities, lots of different and yummy food, a Photo Booth to get your crazy photos, and the famous Sweet Spot with Lots of Lollies and Fairy Floss. A new addition this year is the Little Italy stall with traditional Pizzettas, whilst the International Food stall will be serving up yummy exotic foods.

Stay tuned next week for information on the variety of Amazing Performances with our Festival Program.

Please Note: The Prep Car Park (in front of the Community Centre) will be closed on Friday 24th for the St. Francis Festival.
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Parish Happenings

26th October
Next gathering of 35th Anniversary
“Think Tank”
10.30am

Change of Mass times:
Monday - No Mass  Tuesday - 9am
Wednesday - 9am  Thursday - 9am
Friday - 9am  Saturday - 8am and 6pm
Sunday - 8am and 9.30am
Children’s Liturgy this week

2015 PLACES AVAILABLE NOW
BE QUICK TO SECURE YOUR CHILD’S SPOT!

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Be in the gate by half past 8

Lost Property
The office has quite a large collection of lost property, in particular Jumpers!!!
Can students and parents come and
When does fun flip into addiction?

Gaming has come a long way since Space Invaders. Unfortunately with that growth has come an addiction to gaming in some young people. Catherine Gerhardt describes how to spot the signs and what to do about it.

Gaming addiction is a relatively new phenomenon. When I was growing up, video game addiction didn’t really exist. Kids played video games when they went to the arcade, and were limited to their pocket money. Then came the invention of home video game systems, and today millions of homes around the globe are equipped with both game consoles and personal computers. Remember Pac-Man and Tetris? My how gaming has changed.

When does fun flip into addiction?

Gaming gets its two main motivational drivers. As human beings we have a great need to be social. Games allow us to connect with others and give us the feeling of control over our own social environment. This can be a key motivator for youth who feel they have very little control over their daily lives; teachers, parents and others always seem to be controlling them.

We are all driven towards pleasure, and the pleasure component in gaming is about intermittent rewards. The rewards are random, they are not predictable and they keep us wanting and therefore playing. Intermittent rewards are the same foundation that gambling is based on, and researchers are currently looking deeper into a potential correlation between gaming and gambling.

In massive multiplayer games there is often punishment for logging off. Fear and pain are, again, major motivational drivers. Some games, like World of Warcraft, penalise players through loss of progress if they are turned off before a goal or the next level is reached. Now it is the game controlling the player and not the other way around. Once players become involved in a guild then there is the additional responsibility to their online community, and when they log off they may be letting other players down.

Signs that your child may be developing a gaming addiction include:

- exhibiting defensive behaviour when questioned about use
- making social and recreational sacrifices such as cutting off real life friends and only having online friends
- secrecy and solitude – playing alone and even in secret, sneaking it in when they can
- lying about use – they tell you they spent one hour playing when really it was two.

What does this mean for parents?

Have you had yelling matches with your child over the amount of time they spend gaming? Have you threatened to take their access away? If you think there might be a problem, then there probably already is.

Many parents feel alone in regards to their child’s problematic internet use, but be assured you are not alone. Parenting experts and parents are beginning to find ways to help with this serious behaviour problem.

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Welcome to Term 4!

Life at St. Francis College has certainly begun at a hectic pace! The countdown is already on for our most amazing St. Francis Festival – an opportunity to display and showcase our students’ brilliance in the area of Creative Arts. This is certainly the time and place for our students and their achievements ‘to be seen’ and celebrated within the community.

Term 4 not only marks the time of endings, but also welcomes the excitement of new beginnings for the year ahead.

Throughout last term, our Year 6 students had the opportunity to experience a little of what life will be like for them in the Middle Years Phase of Learning next year. Each fortnight they met with the Yr 7 teachers who led them through a variety of sessions to help build their confidence and develop some familiarity with the Secondary environment. In the final session, there was an ‘Experts’ Panel of Year 7 students who could help answer the many questions the Year 6 students had about the reality of life in the Middle Years. This Question and Answer time was then followed by a time of games and a shared Sausage Sizzle.

Thank you very much to Mrs. Philpott, Ms Whitaker, Ms Litzow and Mrs Anzue for all the time and effort they put into making these sessions so helpful and rewarding for the students. We look forward to welcoming all our Middle Years students in 2015.

While Term 4 marks the conclusion of the school year, it is important to remember that there is still a lot of learning and work to do before we say our farewells. Assessments, exams and assignments will still need to be completed and high expectations for classroom learning will continue to be set by teachers. Below are some tips and comments on motivation and a growth mindset that could help students achieve their best in these final weeks of the school year.

Adolescent Development: Increase your Motivation (by Andrew Fuller)

Use your time in school well.
Many people muck around in school and then wonder why they have to do so much work outside of school. Consider sitting towards the front in class. If you can focus and listen well while at school you can save yourself endless hours. This is valuable time saved that you can use for hanging out with friends and having fun.

Be honest with yourself.
If you have felt unmotivated you may have done anything to avoid doing the study time. The world is full of excuses that you can make: “The dog needs a walk”, “I have to finish this game and then I’ll study”, “I’ll have a nap and study when I wake up”. You have to be tough enough on yourself to do the work BEFORE you do the computer games/TV watching/chat room messaging etc.

Also be honest enough to admit to yourself that lying in bed, with the computer on, listening to music, with a DVD in the background and messenger open to chat with friends, is not and will never be, studying. Have some study time sitting up at a desk or table with NO electronic distractions on.

More techniques next time.
As part of Positive Behaviour for Learning 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 **Respect Self** and the behaviours we are asking the students to demonstrate in the classroom are:

- Be on time and line up with your equipment ready.
- Follow teacher directions with respect.
- Focus on your work.
- No phones or iPods without permission.
- Use your laptop wisely following teacher’s instructions.

**Respect yourself** wearing the correct uniform with pride at all times, prepare yourself for the last term of school and for next year!

**Girls:**
- Blue skirt
- College/blue jumper
- Tie
- White socks
- Black lace up shoes (able to be polished)

**Boys:**
- Grey shorts
- College dress shirt
- Grey, navy and light blue striped band College socks
- Black lace up shoes (able to be polished)
- College/blue jumper

**GOTCHA WINNERS FOR WEEK 1**

- **Year 7:** Rohaan Rapana-Kumar  
  Year 10: Kiana Kelly
- **Year 8:** Ashley Weaffer  
  Year 11: Caleb Gale
- **Year 9:** John Wright  
  Year 12: Molly Chan-Tung

**The Franciscan Five**

Five Franciscan schools Mt Alvernia, Padua, Marymount, Assisi and St Francis came together on Wednesday for a day of networking and Franciscan spirituality Crestmead style. Sixteen year nine and ten students were excellent ambassadors for the College as they welcomed, were tour guides for, prayed and discussed with, the forty students from the other Colleges. Thank you to Ariha Matagisala, Katelynne Silva, Curly Ikitau, Steven Mateo, Pedro Wilson, Antz Iosefo, Michaela Betham-Moloney, Lawrissa Fuamatu, Latisha Pona, Lisa Makaohi, Faith Jones, Trinity Utai, Joseph Maksoud, Kasey Seawright, Ruth Aldrid and Henrick Pajaczkowski.

Everyone enjoyed learning about the life and spirituality of St Francis passionately shared by SFC campus minister John Slattery. The students danced and sang, listened and contemplated, shared meals and discussed the future stewardship of their colleges. We thank the other Colleges and their teachers and especially Sr Pauline head of the Franciscan schools of Australia and Franciscan fathers Fr Anthoni and Fr Harry for spending the day with us. The day concluded with the beautiful singing by our preps of the school song Born in Eden. Thanks Miss Renata, Mr Canning, Sefo, Leo and Wong Kee for all your help.

**NEWS FROM THE BUSINESS AND EVENTS DESK**

The year 11 & 12 BCT class who ran the Logan Loves Leaders conference on Friday 10 October would like to thank all the students, guest speakers Rowie McEvoy from MaxFitness & a comedian Tui Rodney Leleisiuao, DJ Alex, teachers from Calvary Christian College, Kingston State High, Loganlea College, Chisholm Catholic College, Trinity College and our own potential 2015 students who supported the event and made it such a success with their participation. They would also like to thank Desley Scott and Jim Chalmers for their support and participation; especially Jim, who landed the job of being a judge for the tower building activity; great call Jim!

Special thanks to John Slattery, whose concept of bringing potential Year 11 leaders together to think about what leadership is and how they can be great leaders; as well as being the Master of Ceremony for the day.

They would also like to thank Ms Susan Hoy from Loganlea State High School who agreed to stage the event in 2015. We look forward to participating and wish them every success with their event.

*Cathy Barrett — APRE*

*Christine Rolfe - Head of Business Marketing and Events*
Congratulations to the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBFL) movie tickets winners. The winners for term 3 were:

- Daniel Thygesen
- Gareth Kepu
- Elizabeth Price
- Rose Thaei

We had a large number of students in the raffle this term and those students that were put in the raffle should be receiving certificates in the mail very shortly if they have not received them already.

We like to reward students who are doing the right thing each and every day and the PBFL raffle is just one of the ways.

To be eligible for the draw students need to wear their full day uniform, be on time, have their laptop with them and bring their diary to PC class.

Each day PC teachers will stamp their diaries and at the end of each term the students get the chance to win 1 to 4 movie tickets.

The term 3 uniform competition was a very tight race this term and the winner was year 9 Wimulli. Well don WIMULLI!!! They had a pizza lunch for their reward.

On behalf of the year 9 team, Keep up the good work in Term 4

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Our Visit to the Queensland Institute of Medical Research

Last Friday the year 11 and 12 Biology students experienced a day at the Queensland Institute of Medical Research (QIMR). The experience gave the students the opportunity to take part in medical research where they experimented on a number of different biological enzymes to help fight bacteria. The students’ experiments helped current researchers find new and improved agents in the fight against particular strains of bacteria. During the experiment the students worked with different types of equipment, chemicals and skills. The students were also taken on a tour of QIMR laboratories where they were introduced to new technology and methods used in today’s research. Scientists from both QIMR and the University of Queensland shared their current research and their educational career pathway with the students. The students were great ambassadors of St Francis College through their participation and friendly nature. Well done years 11 and 12 Biology!

Mr Neil Murphy - Science Year 9-12 Coordinator
Fantastic success for The Year 11 & 12 Business Communication & Technologies class with their Logan Loves Leaders conference.
We entered into Queensland Secondary Schools Rugby League Competition (Confraternity) in 2011 and have had four excellent years. We have played some great football and represented St Francis College with flair and pride. This competition has become a huge expense to the school and with little support from sponsors and changing interests of students we have decided we remove the school from this competition.

After conducting a comprehensive review of the last four years among current players, future players, staff and parents the decision has been made to focus our energy and commitment in other sporting competitions. This is based on the interests of the majority of students and the financial cost to the school in the future.

In replacement for this competition the school will offer other sporting opportunities to students. Based on the student interests, a change in focus to Rugby Union is likely to occur with a commitment to competition such as Ballymore Cup and QRU 7’s. There will still be a pathway for junior years and middle year’s students in Rugby similar to what has occurred for League. We will continue to be involved in Basketball, Futsal and Queensland Independent Secondary Schools Netball (QISSN). SECA will still have Rugby League as a choice for inter-school sport. In addition, if students wish to trial for district or regional teams in Rugby League this will remain available and the school not being in Confraternity will not affect their eligibility.

Although this was a decision not determined lightly it was a decision that was needed to be made in the best interests of the school and community. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the matter further please don’t hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Miss Emma-Jane Allam - Sport & HPE Co-ordinator
INVITATION
Free Entry Open Day
10am to 4pm

On the 25th October 2014 we are hosting a National Mosque open day for all the communities and logan mosque is representing Queensland.

On this day we wish to foster friendship, understanding, tolerance and goodwill towards all of our fellow Australians. By opening the mosque people will be able to see prayers performed and will be able to ask questions about our religion and see for themselves we are the same as all law abiding citizens.

For more information please contact:
Jamal El-Kholed 0406 914 631

Kolbe Raiders Soccer Club
Field location
Oates Park Oates Avenue
Woodridge
We are looking for players for 2015

Saturday 29th November 2014 from 9 am to 12 midday. We are having a fun day it is FREE this is a trial to see if you would like to play soccer

We play in the Queensland Christian Soccer League (fees are cheaper than Federation)

We are looking for all players boys or girls from u/6 (must be 5 before Dec 2014) to u/14 also women & men (must be 14yrs) & over 30 men and women.

We are especially looking for players who are aged 5,6,7,8 and 9

We are a family orientated club in your local area, players wishing to attend must be accompanied by an adult and due to a duty of care an accompanying adult must be present all day from 9am to 12midday. Canteen will be open for food and drinks.

Due to the availability of coaches and helpers there will be a limit of how many children we can accept. Be the first one in and bookings are essential please ring or text by Sat 8th November 2014 (no players will be accepted on the day) Di Lense 0411859858 or Leonie Skeet 0412878571 or Ystyn Francis 0413666320

INDOOR FOOTY AUSTRALIA
FREE TRIALS!
This exciting game is a version of ‘touch footy’ (no tackling) played on an indoor sports court. For children from 7-15yrs:

• interested in Rugby League and Rugby Union
• who wish to try footy for the first time
• who already play and want to improve their skills
• wanting to get fit and have fun doing it!

Starts at Springwood on Monday 20th October, 3.30pm-4.30pm - Bookings Essential

Book now for a FREE SESSION to learn the game and then join a team!

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