Last week we had Anzac Day Services in the different phases of learning. We remembered the men and women who have served our country in conflicts throughout the world. Some of our community also represented St Francis College in the Anzac Day ceremonies in Logan. It is important we do not take for granted our prosperity and security which is due to Australians, often not much older than our senior students, who served our country.

With Anzac Day following Easter within days this year it is timely to reflect on how both events are similar in many respects. The despair of Good Friday followed by the joy of Resurrection on Easter Sunday can be juxtaposed with the tragedy of the Gallipoli landing and the celebration of the ANZAC tradition born from this.

On Sunday April 27 (Divine Mercy Sunday) the church celebrated the canonisation of two popes in Rome – Popes John XX111 and John Paul 11. Indeed Pope John Paul 11 had deemed the Sunday a Divine Mercy Sunday to remind us there is always hope in the world when our faith is strong and that there is a great need for mercy in our world today.

We hope you have booked your tickets to the College musical ‘Hairspray’. The Prep – 6 students and staff were treated at assembly on Tuesday to one of the musical numbers and were enthralled. Tuesday’s rehearsal was a joy – witness to the harmony and creativity of our community. The musical will be entertaining and it is important that our College Community honour the efforts of students, staff and families who have worked so tirelessly on this endeavour. **So please get in now to secure your tickets to this great show.**

As mentioned in previous newsletters, there are some exciting building projects underway in the College (refurbishment of Music, Drama, Home Economics and the creation of an outdoor Drama facility and new Graphics room) and we are about to go to tender for new classrooms and facilities for the early and junior phases of learning. We are disappointed, however, that our plans to have the carpark completed over the holidays did not eventuate. While our car park is functional (and thank you to our community for continuing to model for our students good manners and patience in the car park) the finishing touches are sorely lacking. Unfortunately a delay in contracts and materials meant we could not complete the car park on the holidays and we are loathe to do the work during school time because the car park would be out of action for several weeks. At this stage our plan is to complete the car park in the June/July holidays. Once again thank you for your continued patience and attention to safety in our car park.

I would like to acknowledge the work of our architects OPUS (who have worked with us for many years) and our current builders Ivan Johnston & CO PTY LTD who have been a pleasure to work with us we fulfil our P-12 facilities vision.

*Tricia, Mark and Paul*

** HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKETS?  
OUR STUDENTS ARE WONDERFUL.  
NOT TO BE MISSED!**
Congratulations to our Chess Champions so far, and to all of our excellent participants. The competition has been fantastic with student from year 6 to 12 joining in. A big thanks to Mr McKeaten for his help in adjudicating the matches. The GRAND FINALS will be played on Friday and all chess enthusiasts are welcome to Watch the match!
Well done to all students who participated in the Cross Country Carnival last term! A special THANKS to teachers, teachers aids & Year 12 students for helping make an enjoyable and successful Carnival.

Our 10, 11 and 12 year olds who finished in the top 5 will represent St Francis Primary at the Beenleigh District Cross Country Championships on Thursday 8th May.

Family Group Cross Country Results 2014

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Dates to remember:

- **Week 2**: Gala days Year 5 & 6 (Fri 2nd May)
- **Week 3**: Gala days Year 5 & 6 (Fri 9th May)
- End of Gala days
- **Beenleigh Cross Country Championship** (Thursday 8th May)

Positive Behaviour Learning

"Be Brave - Participate to progress" ~ Wilson McCaskill

**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:** Speak to Please

**Cooperative Rule:** Hi 5

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!**
Welcome to Term 2! It was wonderful to begin the new term with such glorious weather supporting the renewed energy from a two week break.

I hope your Easter celebrations were joyful occasions marked by signs of new life and shared with family and friends.

As we look ahead to the term’s activities, there are many events that will highlight the learning and teaching that takes place in many ways at St. Francis.

**Fixed and Growth Mindsets:** The focus for our first assembly last week was to acknowledge and celebrate those students who had been successful in receiving academic achievement awards across the various curriculum areas and those who showed consistency in their application and effort.

As this drew to a close we viewed a video clip that briefly explained the importance and impact of having a growth mindset as opposed to a fixed mindset.

Carol Dweck, a world-renowned psychologist, believes that it’s not just our abilities and talents that bring us success but whether we approach our goals with a **fixed** or a **growth** mindset.

In a **fixed mindset**, people believe their basic qualities, like their intelligence or talent, are simply fixed traits. They believe talent alone creates success – without effort. They’re wrong.

In a **growth mindset**, people believe their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work – brains and talents are just the starting point. This view creates a **love of learning and a resilience** that is essential for great accomplishment. Virtually all great people have had these qualities.

From her research, Dweck makes the following suggestions:

*Parents should, whenever possible, show pleasure over their children’s learning and improvement. Parents should not shield their children from challenges, mistakes, and struggles. Instead, parents should teach children to love challenges.*

*...parents should praise the process—their children’s effort, strategy, perseverance, or improvement. Then the children will be willing to take on challenges and will know how to stick with things—even the hard ones.*

Read more about Carol Dweck’s research by clicking [here](http://www.sacredheartmosman.com) (from www.sacredheartmosman.com)

**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.”

This may be particularly important to remember as we approach NAPLAN testing days.

**ANZAC Celebrations:** On Thursday April 24th, students and staff from Years 7-12 celebrated, within a prayerful context, the meaning and significance of ANZAC Day. A respectful silence of listening and reflection enabled all to consider, with gratitude, the courage and dedication of those that serve in the Defence Forces and the great need for peace throughout our world.

**Coming Events:**

- May 8th – (Thursday) First Round SECA
- May 13th, 14th, 15th – (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) NAPLAN (Years 7 & 9)
- May 23rd – (Friday) ‘Dream It Up’ Day – Year 9’s

**June 5th – World Environment Day**

World Environment Day is June 5, and this year aims to raise awareness about the impact of climate change on small islands states around the world – Raise your voice, not the sea level.

Preparing to integrate technology into their learning, Year 9 students look very happy after just receiving their laptops back for Term 2.
Positive Behaviour for Learning

Year 7-12

As part of Positive Behaviour Support 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 Others in the classroom**. The behaviours we are asking the students to demonstrate are:

- Put your hand up if you want to participate.
- Listen to the teacher and other students when they speak.
- Respect others points of view.
- Walk to your classroom without disrupting other lessons.
- If late, knock, apologise and wait for teacher’s instructions.

**SCHOOL DIARY**

Remember to use your School Diary to record homework, assessment, events dates and any other message given by your teachers.

Start your day writing your subjects for the day! It will help you to organise your day and know what lessons and classrooms to go to!

**Miss Martinez**

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**The Milk Chocolate of Human Kindness**

On Easter Saturday, the 19th April, a group of year 12 students from Mr McDonald's Christian Ministry and Theology class volunteered to visit the Logan Hospital to distribute eggs to the children and elderly patients who were sick at Easter time.

Last term, you may remember we held an appeal for chocolate eggs, bunnies or assorted chocolates, including messages in the bulletin and posters around the college. Some seniors also visited each year level assembly to ask for contributions and we were overwhelmed with the response from the SFC community!

With multiple baskets laden with goodies and a few pairs of bunny ears, Ben Turituri, Alexys Deguara, Molly Chan-Tung, Georgie Metu, Daniel Furness, Albert Robertson, Jayden Thompson, Bernadette Tominiko, Malenna Kim and Kevin Nguyen all gave up their Saturday and were perfect ambassadors of our college's giving spirit.

The students, accompanied by Mr Scott McDonald, Maria Metu, Mr Leo Hoponoa and Mr John Slattery visited the children’s ward, the pre-surgery ward and the palliative care ward. There were even some students of the college and a past graduate in the wards and, while it would have been nicer to see them under happier circumstances, it was great that we could be there to brighten their Easter.

The class would like to thank Mikayla Abson for her hard work on this project, though she couldn't be there on the day and a special thanks to Mr Slattery for helping make connections between the parish and the hospital staff. The whole experience was a wonderful way to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and to show that, like St Francis himself, every person has the power to make a difference to their community. We hope that we have commenced an Easter tradition for college students that will continue for years to come!

**by Bernadette Tominiko and Scott McDonald**
STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TRAVEL REBATE
Semester 1, 2014

Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?

Has your school’s learning support teacher assessed your child’s travel capability rating as ‘semi-independent’ or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 May 2014. Late applications cannot be accepted.

ANZAC Day 2014

On Thursday the 24th April Year 7-12 students remembered with great respect at a special assembly, those men and women who have gone before us to establish the freedom that we enjoy in Australia today. A flame burnt steadily as we listened to the poem Black ANZACs, prayed and held silence together, for the fallen, the wounded and the forever changed from warfare both past and present.

On Friday the 25th April, fifty P-12 students and five staff from the College marched in the Greenbank ANZAC day march. Congratulations to all those who represented the College so beautifully. Lest we forget.

Cathy Whannell - Sec APRE

INSIGHTS
by Michael Grose - Australia's leading parenting educator

12 friendship skills every child needs

Friendship skills are generally developmental. That is, kids grow into these skills given exposure to different situations and with adult help.

Arrested development

The NEW CHILD grows up with fewer siblings, fewer opportunities for unstructured and unreserved freedom to explore friendships than children of even ten years ago.

Those children and young people who develop strong friendships have a definite set of skills that help make them easy to like, easy to relate to and easy to play with.

Here are twelve essential skills that children have identified as being important for making and keeping friends:

1. Ability to share possessions and space
2. Keeping confidences and secrets
3. Offering to help
4. Accepting other’s mistakes
5. Being positive and enthusiastic
6. Starting a conversation
7. Winning and losing well
8. Listening to others
9. Starting and maintaining a conversation
10. Ignoring someone who is annoying you
11. Cooperating with others
12. Giving and receiving compliments

Friendship skills are generally developmental. That is, kids grow into these skills given exposure to different situations and with adult help.

In past generations exposure to different situations meant opportunities to play with each other, with siblings and with older and younger friends.

They were reminded by parents about how they should act around others. They were also bought ‘from a very young age.

For more ideas, visit www.parentingideas.com.au

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100% Attendance Term 1

Congratulations to the following students who will receive a certificate for gaining 100% attendance in term 1. Other students were at school every day in term 1 but did not receive 100% attendance because of lateness to school or class. It is very important for students to be at school and class on time.

All students with 100% attendance at the end of semester 1 will go in the draw for some fabulous prizes. Will your student be one?

Year 7 - Riley Brook, Dominique Chapman, Daniel Nguyen, Denzel Prasad, Blair Walsh

Year 8 - Melissa Ah Soon, Ngatai Alapaki, Natasha Bentley, Emily Caulfield, Morgan Cunningham, Felicity Donoghue, Stephanie Hardy, Tiffany Jeppson, Luday Kiri, Taylor Lake, Faustine Nirere, Mia Nishiyama, Mareta Niumagumagu, Caylan Parlor, Cameron Randall, Tristan Saffigna-Hayes, Dickson Shukuru, Shiv Singh, Cherish Tipene, Nikita Tziros, Ashley Weaver, Belladonna Williams

Year 9 - Faith Jones, Jaison Knight, Jessica Maksoud, Joseph Maksoud, Andy Nguyen, Talaitupu Niumagumagu, Ian O’Reilly, Teejay Poi-Ilaoa, Avishek Prakash, Elizabeth Price, Ryan Scarponi, Gavin Stepancich, Samantha Taifalos

Year 10 - Brittany Abrams, Jayden Bray, Daniel Camilleri Estevez, Musawwar Chando, Joshua Franchillon, Kaylynne Lal, Jackson Randall

Year 11 - Samantha Brook, Carlo Moiola

Year 12 - Logan Bentley, Kevin Nguyen, Dorrycie Prakash, Gita Putra, Nicholas Scarponi, Jayden Thompson

NEWS FROM THE CAREERS CENTRE

QUT PARENT INFORMATION SEMINAR - CORRECTION

This event will be held on 7 May at the GARDENS POINT CAMPUS from 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm, and will provide information on:

• making course and career decisions
• gaining entry to university
• life as a university student
• transition to university and support for students
• study costs and financial support
• resources for parents and students.

For further information, contact Ms Dana Ryan on phone 3138 8501 or email exploreevents@qut.edu.au. Click here to register.

YEAR 10 CAREERS PROGRAM – CAREERS FAST TRACK

The majority of students have finished stage 1 and have received their report which they will be working on to compile a summary of careers that interest them, as well as information about their personality, values and skills.

REGISTER NOW FOR UQ FEAST JUNE 29 - JULY 3

Future Experiences in Agriculture, Science and Technology (FEAST) is a five day residential program at UQ Gatton, designed to inspire and inform Years 11 and 12 students about the exciting and rewarding science careers in the agriculture, animal and food sectors.

Students will explore science disciplines through hands on activities and workshops run by UQ staff and Industry and discover the career outcomes and opportunities for their future. Students will experience University life and expand their knowledge of UQ study options, programs, careers and campus life.

Registrations close on Friday 9 May. For more information, contact: Ms Karl Kollegger 5460 1279, feast@uq.edu.au or www.science.uq.edu.au/feast.

INTERESTED IN DESIGN?

CATC Design School offers accredited diploma level courses in graphic design, interior design and photography. VET FEE-HELP is available to students. The School will hold Career Discovery Days on the following dates:

• Saturday 3 May, Brisbane Campus
• Saturday 10 May, Gold Coast campus

For details and to RSVP, visit http://www.catc.edu.au/events.

INTERIOR DECORATING WORKSHOP

Tahn Scoon, an interior stylist, consultant and author, is offering a one-day decorating workshop on Saturday 17 May. Go to http://www.tahnscoon.com.au/workshops.php for details.

NURSING AND HEALTH EXPO 2014

The Australian College of Nursing will host this expo from 9.00 am – 1.00 pm on Saturday 3 May at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. It is a must for nurses, recent graduates and those considering nursing as a career. For more information, go to http://www.acn.edu.au/expos.

ENDEAVOUR COLLEGE OF NATURAL HEALTH OPEN DAY

Endeavour offers accredited tertiary level courses in acupuncture, homeopathy, massage, allied health, musculoskeletal therapy, naturopathy and nutritional medicine. Its courses are accredited for FEE-HELP and VET FEE-HELP. The college will hold an open day at its Brisbane and Gold Coast campuses on Saturday 3 May.


VICE-CHANCELLOR'S STEM CAMP FOR YEAR 11S

• Monday 29 September - Friday 3 October

Our Vice-Chancellor's STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) camp gives students a taste of the STEM disciplines by engaging in a hands-on, intensive exploration of a project in their chosen discipline:

• addressing environmental issues
• solving problems in the energy, food and medical sectors
• improving information dissemination and security.

The camp is fully funded by QUT and is open to both local students and regional students. The program offers different support depending on how far students are travelling.

Students who meet the eligibility and selection criteria are invited to submit an application for the 2014 Vice-Chancellor’s STEM camp by the application closing date, Monday 12 May.

For more information, application and eligibility requirements visit the website or call 3138 5348.

CAREERS IN THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

Recent media reports give the impression that the future of jobs in the automotive industry is very grim. While this might be the case for some automotive manufacturing jobs, it is not the whole picture. The automotive industry will continue to offer a broad and diverse range of jobs, including:

- Heavy Vehicle Mechanical Technician
- Diesel Engine Technician
- Automotive Electrical Technician
- Motorcycle Technician
- Marine Technician
- Outdoor Power Equipment Technician
- Automotive Alternative Fuel Technician
- Forklift Technician
- Motorsport Technician
- Bicycle Technician
- Automotive Sales
- Automotive Administration.

Find out more about opportunities in the automotive industry on the MAAP My Future website at http://maapmyfuture.com

Mrs Jeanette Maxwell
Careers/RTO Manager