It is a lovely synergy to start the new school year at the time our nation celebrates Australia Day.

On Australia Day we celebrate the journey we have taken to nationhood - honouring our Aboriginal inheritance, our inheritance from the first settlers (predominately British) and our inheritance from the many immigrants who enrich our nation. Australia's strength as a nation is our unity in diversity.

A strength of the St Francis College community is diversity. We are a happy and welcoming community comprising 53 different nationalities. We learn and live together in simplicity and harmony.

We join with the rest of Australia in congratulating Adam Goodes (AFL player, community leader and proud Indigenous man) as Australian of the Year. What a fine example Adam has set in standing up against racism on the sporting field and in everyday life.

We join Logan in congratulating past pupil Dale White as Logan's Young Citizen of the Year. Logan's Young Citizen of the Year award is presented to someone under 27 who has made a noteworthy contribution, strives to be an inspirational role model and demonstrates kindness and generosity to the Logan community. Dale has maintained his connection to St Francis College generously giving his time and expertise to community events. Dale is a fine example of our Franciscan values being lived.

We welcome to our community new students and families. The beginning of the year is such a joyful time - meeting new students, staff and families and reconnecting with friends. Our Franciscan ethos calls us to be welcoming and I hope this is the experience of all who enter our grounds.

We have several new and returning staff to welcome in 2014 and we also welcome some staff to new positions.

We welcome to staff: Mrs Cathy Whannell (APRE (Assistant Principal Religious Education) - 6 – 12); Ms Melissa Stevenson (Counsellor – Primary Years); Ms Belinda Cuffetelli (Year 5); Ms Naomi Lindeberg (Business and Humanities); Ms Donna Sanders (Science and Maths); and Ms Tarita Watson (Science and Maths)

We welcome to new positions: Ms Michelle Kelly (AP (Assistant Principal Pastoral) - Prep – 12), Sr Lee Veriga (AP (Assistant Principal Curriculum) - Prep – 9); Mr Neil Murphy (Science Yrs 7-12 coordinator); Ms Gabrielle Jansen (Year 12 coordinator); Ms Cher Williams (Year 10 coordinator); and Mrs Megan Philpott (Year 7/8 coordinator)

We welcome to temporary positions: Mr Rob Canning (Head of Campus Primary); Mr Tim Sione (APRE (Assistant Principal Religious Education) - Prep – 9); Ms Karlene Atcheler (Primary HPE classes); Mr Wong Kee Ilalio (Pacific Islander Liaison) and Mr Sefo Mikaele (Pacific Islander Liaison)

We welcome the following returning staff: Ms Melissa Devisser (job sharing year 1 with Ms Lindsey Barclay) and Ms Megan Geaney (Year 4).

‘Twenty Fourteen, Our year to be seen.’

Each year we have a theme that the college tries to follow and explore with the students. This year we have chosen ‘2014, our Year to be Seen.’ We will be linking this in closely to how we as Franciscan people can benefit the community by our presence. We see ourselves as part of a living and vibrant community and want to influence others in a positive way. A commitment to community is about ‘we’ not ‘me’. So look out for us this year, we are going to be seen!!

We congratulate Mr Paul Blinkhoff and his wife Jo on the birth of their son Benjamin.

Car park:

We have been lucky over the holidays to have our carpark upgraded. This has necessitated a change to the way we use the carpark. We would like to extend a sincere thankyou to parents and friends for your cooperation in following our new carpark safety procedures. We know you will appreciate the directions we request you follow as this is designed to keep our children safe. Thank you for being such great role models for our students in terms of patience, courtesy, safety and respect in the carpark.

Tricia, Mark and Rob
ST FRANCIS COLLEGE CRESTMEAD...NEW CARPARK...
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FOR THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!!!
STARTING-WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY

• New Drop Off/Drive Through Lane
• CHANGE OF DIRECTION OF TRAFFIC FLOW
• New Prep Car Park

NEW EXIT...
TRAFFIC TURNS LEFT, between 8.30-9.30am & 2.00-3.30 pm

NEW ENTRY

Calendar Highlights for Term 4
Tuesday 4 February
Homework Help Comences
Wed 19, Thur 20, Fri 21 February
Year 12 Camp
Wednesday 26 February
Breakfast Club and Car Park Café commence
Friday 28 February
Yrs 7-12 Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 5 March
Ash Wednesday

Car Park Café COMMENCES WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

School Fees Enquiries
Frank Miotti
(Business Manager)
Phone: 3489 4800
or email fmriott@bne.catholic.edu.au

Homework Help
COMMENCES TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY
ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME EACH TUESDAY AND THURSDAY IN THE LIBRARY FROM 3-4PM. DON’T FORGET TO BRING YOUR HOMEWORK.

Absentee Line
3489 4890
Please call when your students will be away!

Play group starts on Tuesday 4 February
From 9am until 11am in the Community Centre
All welcome!
For further information call
Mark Davidson 3489 4800

Term Dates 2014

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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 February, 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)