Last Friday night as I drove home along the Gateway motorway I pondered the experience I had been witness to for the last few hours. The St Francis Festival was the highlight of the week not only for me but the college. I felt part of a community that was warm, inviting and proud. I then shifted my thoughts to the meaning of community and wondered if what I was feeling and what I had witnessed would meet the definition of community in its true sense. The Social Scientist in me had ‘gotten’ the better of me. I wanted to know if we could be truly classified as a community, a St Francis Community, based on what I had observed and what had just occurred on Friday night.

What I saw was proud teachers working side by side with their students selling goods, talking, laughing and introducing each other to their parents, relatives or possible friends from the local area. We were also entertained by students who shared and demonstrated their cultural dances with us to the approval of the audience. I witnessed high school students walking with primary students, I saw parents and friends of all ages chatting, eating and celebrating the successes of their students. We ate food from around the world and shared in the communion of food. Could this be the outward expression of what community means. Like all teachers I consulted a dictionary for an academic meaning of the word “community”, I have included the definition for you to read. I wonder if you have come to the same conclusion as I did!

**Community**

(kaˈmjuːnɪtɪ/)

noun (pl) -ties

1. the people living in one locality
2. the locality in which they live
3. (as modifier): community spirit

a group of people having cultural, religious, ethnic, or other characteristics in common: “the catholic community”.

from Latin commūnitās, from commūnis common


Word Origin and History for community n.

late 14c., from Old French communauté “community, commonness, everybody” (Modern French communauté), from Latin communitätatem (nominative communitas) “community, society, fellowship, friendly intercourse; courtesy, condescension, affability,” from communis “common, public, general, shared by all or many,” (see common (adj.)). Latin communitätatem “was merely a noun of quality ... meaning ‘fellowship, community of relations or feelings,’ but in Latin, it was, like universitas, used concretely in the sense of ‘a body of fellows or fellow-townsman’ “.

(Online Etymology Dictionary, © 2010 Douglas Harper)

After reading the above definition I hope you draw the same conclusion as I did and that the St Francis Festival is the embodiment of “community” a fellowship of humans who came together in a celebration. However this event would not have happened without some key people stepping forward and saying “I will organise it”. So, I would like to thank, on behalf of the school community, Mark Davidson and his team of helpers who put together an event that not only represents a community but gives us all another reason to feel blessed that we are St Francis College, a community of people. Lastly I would like to thank all those who came to the college in fellowship and community. I hope you enjoyed the night like I did and the stories are many and wonderful.
Mind their &*%@@! language

Standards may change, but the job of parents hasn’t altered. Teach kids to use language that doesn’t offend others. The message to get across to the next generation is – if it’s offensive then choose other words or say nothing at all.

What do you think when you hear kids swear in public?

If you’re like me, you feel decidedly uncomfortable when kids of any age turn the air blue with profanities. Swearing shows lack of respect for others and a lack of awareness for their surroundings.

Teaching kids to use appropriate language is trickier now than in the past. For a start, standards have changed where many words – such as the F word – that were deemed inappropriate in the past are often heard on radio and seen in mainstream newspapers. And words that everyone agrees are inappropriate are frequently used in public forums, to the point that the boundaries of appropriateness have become blurred.

Standards may change, but the job of parents hasn’t altered. Whether it’s teasing or swearing it’s all the same. The message to get across to the next generation is – if it’s offensive then choose other words or say nothing at all.

Socially-smart kids alter their language

Socially-skilled kids of all ages will adjust their language to suit the situation they are in. They may speak one way with their friends, but use a completely different vocabulary with adults. They are aware that what works with their best friend just won’t cut it when in grandma’s company. This awareness shows social acuity and a flexibility to adjust to different environments. It needs to be extended to all sorts of situations, including where adults and younger children are present.

They didn’t hear that from me!

What do you do when you know your children swear despite your best intentions?

Don’t over react. Try to work out its purpose. Children swear for many reasons, including to experiment with language; to attract your attention; to make themselves appear bigger or older than they are; and even as a challenge or expression of personal power.

Inappropriate language can also simply be a reflection of your children’s peer groups. ‘Everyone else swears so there’s nothing wrong with it’ is a common attitude of many children and young people.

Teach them that language may be appropriate in one context or be accepted by one group but it is not acceptable in every situation. While not condoning swearing, get across to children that they need to learn to control their use of language and adjust it to suit the situation they are in.

When swearing becomes a habit

If swearing has become a habit for kids, make up alternative words to replace the swear words. One family I know had replaced certain words with different fruits. They had a fruit for every situation!

Alternatively, use a penalty or fine system to make kids aware of their poor language. When you hear a family member swear, fine them an agreed amount. At the end of the week or month give the money to a worthy cause. Of course, this strategy is easier to implement when parents join in as well.

Take a long, hard look at ... or ... yourself!

It’s also helpful to examine your own choice of language to judge if it is an acceptable model for your children. Yep, sometimes kids will pick up their parents’ language and repeat it at the worst possible time, such as when relatives are over.

The job of adults is to develop a sense of social awareness in the next generation so they can easily navigate a variety of different groups and social situations. Teaching appropriate language use is at the very heart of teaching kids to be socially-skilled. That’s something we all should swear by!

When kids swear:
1. Avoid over-reacting when your kids swear. Look for the reason.
2. Discuss with older children the concept of matching their language with the audience.
4. Use a penalty or fine system when kids swear in front of you.
5. Model the language you want kids to use.
ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH
26 MacCarthy Road, Marsden
Ph: 3803 0862 Fax: 3803 0984 / Email: marsden@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Happenings
1st November
All Saints Day
2nd November
All Souls’ Day
4th November
Care and Concern

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

We are using a new booklists supplier for our 2015 booklists. Schoolstuff service approximately 40 schools in SE Qld, have no cut off dates, deliver directly to your chosen address and offer Layby! You can choose to order online, over the phone or by visiting their store in East Brisbane. Feel free to call Schoolstuff on 07 33917000 for all your booklist needs and to set up a layby.

We are a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden School
Find out more at www.kitchengardenfoundation.org.au/about-us/the-program/kitchen-garden-schools

Lost Property
The office has quite a large collection of lost property, in particular jumpers!!!
Can students and parents come and collect any lost items ASAP.

Reports
Reports and 2015 Booklists will be posted out at the end of the year.
Please contact the office if your contact details have changed.
Positive Behaviour Support - P-6

“Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new”. ~ Unknown

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

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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:
USE QUIET VOICES

Tim Sione
P-6 Sport Coordinator & PBS Teacher

From the Library

A Book Fair will be held in the library in the week beginning 10th November. This is a chance for the children to browse current literature with the opportunity to purchase books if they wish. On display will be a range of fiction, non-fiction and activity books that will cater for all ages and reading interests. The students will have a chance to visit the fair during their class borrowing time but we will be open before school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and after school Monday to Thursday. Parents/carers are most welcome to visit the Book Fair as well.

CHESS CHALLENGE

Our term 4 chess competition for P-6 has begun. Games are played at second break in the library and it is not too late to come along and have a game.

John Roberts - Teacher/Librarian
On Saturday St Francis College was represented at the Chantelle Cramb Futsal tournament in Toowoomba. Three boys and one girl team attended. While results didn’t go our way, the players showed flair, sportsmanship and an enjoyable day was had by all. As always other schools were in awe of the talent our boys have, it’s just a matter of time before this talent turns into results.

Mr Hancock and Mr Mulhearn

On Saturday the 25th of October the under 19s girls Futsal team represented St Francis College in the annual Chantelle Cramb Futsal Competition which was held at USQ Toowoomba. The girls represented the school with pride, as they held their heads high against schools such as Ipswich, Harristown and Shailer Park. The girls were unlucky not to advance into the playoffs. The girls should be congratulated on their efforts for the very long and hot day, as their commitment was exceptional.

Fantastic Work Ladies!!!

Neil Murphy — Girls Futsal Convenor

THE REMIX – G20 CULTURAL FESTIVAL

On Saturday the 1st of November, the St Francis College Hip Hop Crew will be performing in The Remix at the Courier Mail Piazza, a free public event that is part of the G20 Cultural Celebrations. Our crew was hand-picked to perform at this event, which can be attributed to the growing reputation of St Francis College as a school that fosters and promotes talent in Hip Hop dance.

Eleven students have been selected to showcase at this event, including: Bubba Tou, Huawai Topia, Tayla Koria, Brooke Silva, Ben Tovale, Sarayah Tosusu, Mia Halliwell, Lawrissa Fuamatu, Emily Caufield and Nikita Tzarios.

Tickets for this event have sold-out, however, there is a waiting list which you can access via: www.theremix.com.au

PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE EVENING

The date for the Performance Excellence Evening has been moved from Week 5 (5th November) to Week 7 (18th November). All students in Years 9, 10, and 11 Drama will be performing on this evening. The Year 9 class will perform Juice, Year 10 will present a selection of scenes from Cosi, and the Year 11s will perform a short, original physical theatre piece. Notes for this event will go home this week outlining student expectations and performance times.
FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ROBOTICS AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WORKSHOPS IN DECEMBER 2014.

CRIME 101: THE PSYCHOLOGY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE – DO YOU ENJOY A GOOD CRIME STORY?
IF SO, YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN UQ'S NEW PSYCHOLOGY COURSE IN THE UQ'S FREE ONLINE SERIES. STUDENTS IN THIS COURSE WILL EXPERIENCE A FICTIONAL CRIME FIRSTHAND TO EXPLORE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE LAW AND JUSTICE SYSTEM FROM A PSYCHOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE. FIND OUT MORE AT HTTP://WWW.ALUMNI.UQ.EDU.AU/CRIME101-eNEWS.

WHAT'S NEW AT ACU?
ACU'S ATAR/OP CRUNCHER – THIS TOOL IS NOW LIVE ON THE ACU WEBSITE AT HTTP://LIFE-LESS.ORDINARY.ACU.EDU.AU/UNDERGRADUATE-ATAR-CRUNCHER/. IT ALLOWS YOU TO SEARCH FOR ACU COURSES BASED ON YOUR ANTICIPATED TERMINAL ENTRANCE SCORE.

CHANGE OF PREFERENCE SESSION – THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD FROM 3.30 PM – 6.30 PM ON 22 DECEMBER 2014 AT ACU'S BRISBANE CAMPUS AFTER YOU HAVE RECEIVED YOUR YEAR 12 RESULTS. MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EVENT WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY ON THE ACU WEBSITE AT HTTP://WWW.ACU.EDU.AU/ABOUT_ACU/OUR_UNIVERSITY/IMPORTANT_DATES.

SUBJECT BONUS POINTS – ACU OFFERS BONUS POINTS FOR HIGH ACHIEVEMENT IN SCHOOL SUBJECTS RELATED TO ACU COURSES. FIND OUT MORE AT HTTP://WWW.ACU.EDU.AU/STUDY_AT_ACU/ALTERNATE_ENTRY/ACCESSACU#SUBJECT.

MY CAREER MATCH – THIS IS A CAREER QUIZ IN WHICH JOBS AND STUDY OPTIONS ARE MATCHED TO YOUR PERSONAL PREFERENCES AND WORKING STYLE. VISIT HTTP://WWW.ACU.EDU.AU/CAREER_MATCH_-_PHASE_2CRM TO START THE QUIZ.

INSTITUTE OF MODERN LANGUAGES
IML IS OFFERING SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL COURSES FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 11 AND 12 IN 2015 IN CHINESE, FRENCH, GERMAN, SPANISH AND JAPANESE.

DATE: 12 – 16 JANUARY 2015, MONDAY TO THURSDAY 9.00 AM – 12.30 PM FRIDAY: 9.00 AM – 3.30 PM (INCLUDES LUNCH AND FILM)

DURATION: 17.5 FORMAL CONTACT HOURS

FEE: EARLY BIRD $245, FULL FEE $270

LEARNING MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED.

DUE DATE: 8 DECEMBER 2014. A BROCHURE IS AVAILABLE FROM THE CAREERS CENTRE. PH: 3346 8200 EMAIL: MARK@GAPMEDICS.COM

BRIDGING COURSES TO GAIN ASSUMED KNOWLEDGE OR MEET PREREQUISITES
BRIDGING COURSES IN CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS AND MATHS B ARE OFFERED THROUGH QUT'S CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION UNIT. STUDENTS CAN REGISTER NOW FOR THE MATHS B DAYTIME SUMMER SEMESTER CLASSES COMMENCING ON 17 NOVEMBER, OR FOR MATHS B OR CHEMISTRY BRIDGING CLASSES IN SEMESTER 1, 2015. THE PHYSICS BRIDGING COURSE IS AN ONLINE COURSE AND IS ALSO OPEN FOR REGISTRATION.

GAP MEDICS
FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN CAREERS IN HEALTHCARE, EXPERIENCE WORKING IN A CLINICAL ENVIRONMENT IS VITAL. GAP MEDICS ARE OFFERING AN ANNUAL AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS SUMMER PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS, DESIGNED TO GIVE THEM AN UNFORGETTABLE INSIGHT INTO LIFE AS A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL. THE PROGRAM IS HUGELY POPULAR EACH YEAR AS STUDENTS AGED 16+ ARE OFFERED THE CHANCE TO SHADOW DOCTORS AND OTHER HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN THAILAND, TANZANIA OR EUROPE. MR MARK HINKSMAN GAP MEDICS PH: 1800 351 891 EMAIL: MARK@GAPMEDICS.COM

WEB: WWW.GAPMEDICS.COM.AU.

GET OUT THERE
THIS IS AN INTERACTIVE WEBSITE THAT PROVIDES INFORMATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ON A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES RELATED TO FINISHING SECONDARY SCHOOL. THE SITE CAN BE FOUND AT HTTP://WWW.GETOUTHERE.QLD.GOV.AU/. SOME OF THE TOPICS COVERED ARE LISTED BELOW:

- GET YOUR MONEY UNDER CONTROL
- BUYING A CAR
- HIGHER EDUCATION
- GET SET FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING
- THE JOB HUNT
- GET HEALTHY

AN INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE WITH THE RAAF
THE ‘ANYWHERE ANYTIME’ FILM PROVIDES AN INSIGHT INTO OVER SIXY JOBS IN THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE (RAAF). ACCESS THE FILM FROM THE HOME PAGE AT HTTP://WWW.DEFENCEJOBS.GOV.AU/.

THINK EDUCATION’S FESTIVAL OF CHANGE
THE THINK EDUCATION GROUP CONSISTS OF A NUMBER OF PRIVATE COLLEGES OFFERING A BROAD RANGE OF ACCREDITED COURSES IN VOCATIONAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION. THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES FROM THIS GROUP HAVE CAMPUSES IN QUEENSLAND.

- APM College of Business and Communication HTTP://WWW.APM.EDU.AU/
- Australasian College of Natural Therapies HTTP://WWW.ACNT.EDU.AU/
- Australian National College of Beauty in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane HTTP://WWW.ANCH.EDU.AU/
- Billy Blue College of Design in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane HTTP://WWW.BILLYBLUE.EDU.AU/
- CATO Design School HTTP://WWW.CATC.EDU.AU/
- William Blue College of Hospitality Management HTTP://WWW.WILLIAMBLUE.EDU.AU/STUDY-OPTIONS/BRISBANE-CAMPUS

THINK EDUCATION WILL HOST A FESTIVAL OF CHANGE ON ITS BRISBANE CAMPUSES FROM 7 – 9 NOVEMBER 2014. THIS EVENT WILL INCLUDE A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, TALKS AND DEMONSTRATIONS. FIND OUT MORE AT HTTP://WWW.THINK.EDU.AU/FESTIVAL-OF-CHANGE/BRISBANE.

FROM THE CAREERS CENTRE

MATER EDUCATION OPEN DAY
MATER EDUCATION OFFERS A NUMBER OF HEALTH SCIENCE RELATED COURSES, INCLUDING THE DIPLOMA OF NURSING.
APPLICATIONS FOR THE DIPLOMA IN NURSING FEBRUARY 2015 INTAKE ARE NOW OPEN AND WILL CLOSE ON 14 NOVEMBER 2014.

SAE QANTM OPEN DAY
SAE Qantm offers tertiary level courses in Audio, Film, Interactive Technologies, Sound, Production, Animation, Design, Screen and Media and Games Development. HELP loans are available for eligible students. The college will hold an open day at its Brisbane campus on Saturday 1 November 2014. On the day there will be demonstrations of current projects, software and hardware by students and staff, including the Oculus Rift 3D Gaming Headset. Participants will be able to play student games, sit in on studio recording sessions and join the team on a film set. For details, visit HTTP://SAE.EDU.AU/NEWS-AND EVENTS/EVENTS/.

DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING
SUPPORTED BY THE QLD MARITIME MUSEUM, QUEENSLAND MARITIME MUSEUM INVITE YOU TO SPEND “A DAY IN THE NAVY” IN SOUTH BANK, SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER. GATES OPEN 9.30AM.

FREE ENTRY
COME ALONG FOR YOUR CHANCE TO INTERACT WITH CURRENTLY SERVING NAVY PERSONNEL AND DISCOVER WHAT LIFE IN THE NAVY IS REALLY LIKE.

INTERACTIVE TOURS, INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS, NAVY DIVES, NAVY CAREER INFORMATION SESSIONS, CALL 131901 OR VISIT WWW.DEFENCEJOBS.GOV.AU/NAVY.

TAX FILE NUMBER
PROSPECTIVE TERMINAL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR A TAX FILE NUMBER. STUDENTS ELIGIBLE TO DEFER THEIR FEE PAYMENT THROUGH A HELP LOAN (TO PAY LATER THROUGH A HELP LOAN) CAN OBTAIN A TFN APPLICATION FORM FROM STUDENT RECESSION AT THE COLLEGE.

NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND (UQ)
THE UQ TOOLKIT – THIS IS A COLLECTION OF HELPFUL WEB PAGES FOR UQ STUDENTS, ESPECIALLY NEW STUDENTS. IT INCLUDES:
- DICTIONARY OF UQ TERMINOLOGY HTTP://WWW.UQ.EDU.AU/STUDY/INDEX.html?PAGE=11001 (THIS CAN HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THE LANGUAGE OF UNIVERSITY STUDY)
- KEY DATES HTTP://WWW.UQ.EDU.AU/STARTINGATUQ/IMPORTANT-DATES (LISTS IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR)
- MYADVISER HTTP://WWW.UQ.EDU.AU/MYADVISER (PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE PROCESSES YOU ARE LIKELY TO ENCOUNTER WHEN STUDYING AT UQ)
- UQ ANSWERS HTTP://WWW.UQ.EDU.AU/UQANSWERS/ (HAS A SECTION FOR FUTURE STUDENTS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT STUDYING AT UQ) VISIT HTTP://WWW.UQ.EDU.AU/STUDY/INDEX.html?PAGE=85637 FOR MORE USEFUL UQ WEB PAGES.
- SCHOOL HOLIDAY ROBOTICS – VISIT HTTP://WWW.EAIT.UQ.EDU.AU/HOLIDAY-ROBOTICS
**SPORTS BOARD - PRIMARY**

**Swimming Timetable:**
Venue: Springwood Aquatic Centre, 2 Sports Dr, Underwood

Departure and arrival times are approximate times only!!!!

- **Every Tuesday for 5 weeks (Starting 28th Oct) 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th November.**
- **Two PC groups will travel together on a bus to and from venue.**

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- **Every Thursday for 5 weeks (starting 30th Oct) 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th November**

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**Positive Behaviour for Learning Years 7-12**

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 **Laptop Rules**. The behaviours we are asking the students to demonstrate are:

- Laptops must be charged at home
- Bring laptops to all lessons
- Passwords are private
- Social networking sites are not for school use
- Laptops are only to be used in class when instructed by teacher
- Back up your work

In Middle and Senior years (7 to 12) students who continuously display these behaviours are awarded with a **GOTCHA!** One GOTCHA is selected each Friday at year assemblies and the student is rewarded with a voucher.

**GOTCHA WINNERS FOR WEEK 3**

- **Year 7:** Francis Min
- **Year 8:** Caitlyn Holden
- **Year 9:** Faith Jones
- **Year 10:** Kiana Kelly
- **Year 11:** Holly Shanks
- **Year 12:** Kieran Swindells

😊Congratulations and keep up the good work😊