Leadership Team News

Welcome back to Term 4, always an exciting term with an emphasis on classroom learning; but also the learning the happens for individuals and community with events such as the St Francis Festival; Spark it Up and Remix competitions, excursions to museums; futsal, touch and other sporting competitions and of course the end of year celebrations of learning; rites of passage ceremonies for Year 6 and graduation activities for our seniors. How will we fit it all in?

Research informs us that young people who participate in a range of activities at school and in communities fare better educationally and emotionally. We are blessed at St Francis College to have a generous and committed staff who provide many activities for students over and above what is required in their work. We are also blessed to have parents and carers who love and support our children and who work with the College to help our young people chart a course that allows them to respect themselves, others and the environment. In light of this, I would be thrilled if our young people and families took the time to acknowledge our wonderful staff on World Teacher’s Day on Friday 30th October.

The United Nation website specifies that:

The United Nations’ (UN) World Teachers’ Day celebrates the role teachers play in providing quality education at all levels.
This enables children and adults of all ages to learn to take part in and contribute to their local community and global society.

Thank a teacher today

Acknowledgement need be no more than a thank you. I know our staff would appreciate the thought.

I have returned from a wonderful period of leave ‘Following the Footsteps’ of St Francis, our College patron saint. I was joined on this pilgrimage by Ms Cathy Barrett (APRE 6-12) and Mrs Nella Rizzo (APA 6-12). Unfortunately, Sr Margaret Smith, who was to be part of our group fell ill and was unable to join us. We prayed for Sr Margaret’s recovery and also St Francis College students, staff and parents in all the sacred and holy places we visited. It was amazing to be in the place where our patron saint lived, worked and prayed. St Francis was a man of God who did much to heal the wounds of the Church at that time. Many believe another Francis, Pope Francis is doing that in our times. St Francis espoused finding ones’ own path to God and modelled an honest and simple path to live the Gospel and have a relationship with Jesus. St Francis was a visionary for his times and ours in that he eschewed material possessions for respectful and loving relationships with God our Father and with God’s children (us); he reminded the world that all of God’s creation was to be treasured and nurtured (not just human creation); and he recognised and valued other faith traditions. A truly amazing man for his times and ours. I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to visit and pray at the places pertinent to St Francis’ developing relationship with God.

We were lucky to be led on this pilgrimage by Mr Mark Fogarty (former Head of Campus at St Francis College and Franciscan scholar).

I would like to acknowledge and thank Mr Les Conroy for his excellent leadership of the College while I was enriching my faith. I am also grateful to others who stepped into leadership positions – Mrs Michelle Kelly (Head of Campus 7-12), Mr Jim Boucher (Assistant Principal Pastoral P-12), Mrs Rachel Whitaker (Assistant Principal Religious Education 6-12) and Mrs Megan Philpott (Pastoral Coordinator Years 7 & 8). It is comforting to know we have a depth of leadership capacity at St Francis College.

I am also proud of the depth of leadership capacity we have in our student body. At St Francis College we consider all senior students leaders of our community and we offer opportunities for students to act as leaders and contribute to our fine College and the wider Logan area. In 2016 we are implementing a new student leadership structure at the College. As part of this structure those wishing to nominate for the College Leader positions undertook a formal interview with Mr Conroy and myself. Students may advance from this stage to formally address their peers before voting takes place for College leaders. Our young people accepted this challenge with courage. Leadership demands stepping out of one’s comfort zone.

Some students are brave enough to accept the challenge to step up into defined areas of responsibility. I would like to commend Montana Gale, Joshua Francillion, Sokimi Nanai,
Courtnay Schlegel and Ronan Walker for their interviews. Our school and country are in fine hands with these outstanding and articulate young people. And more heartening still, these young people are just representatives of our 2016 cohort.

We are so proud that on Friday 16th October Blake Lawback, Jacob Murray and Melissa Schmidt will be acknowledged at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Graduation Liturgy at St Stephen’s Cathedral. They will join with other graduates from Brisbane Catholic Education and Religious Education Schools. Congratulations to Blake, Jacob and Melissa and a special thank you to the staff who have mentored and guided them over their schooling years and those who will accompany them to the cathedral - Mr Rob Canning, Mr Matt Lane and Mrs Rebecca Kelly. Congratulations also to the parents and caregivers of these graduates – you must be so proud.

Another significant event for our community is the welcoming of three of our staff into the Catholic faith. Ms Ashleigh Beattie, Ms Ashleigh Fournakis and Mrs Stacey Readman have finished the RCIA process and will be baptised at Maximillian Kolbe Parish during the 9.30am Mass on 18th October. They will receive Eucharist and Communion at the Parish mass on 25th October. I am sure they would appreciate your prayers at this special time and, even better, your support at these masses.

(The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process developed by the Catholic Church for prospective converts to Catholicism who are above the age of infant baptism. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices.)

Ms Cathy Barrett, Mr Rob Canning and Sr Lee Veriga have worked with Ashleigh, Ashleigh and Stacey in this process and I thank them for the witness to their faith.

Community and Family are integral to the mental, physical, educational, spiritual and cultural health of our young people. I know how important family and relationships are to our children because they talk to me about their families all the time. In fact two of our Year 3 children, Beltra and Devyne, thrilled me recently with sharing the wonderful weekends they enjoyed with their families – extended family visiting and big family lunches. Taking time to enjoy family and extended communities is important. I invite you to join our St Francis Family on Friday 23rd October to enjoy our St Francis Festival. We have had many staff, students and families (led by Ms Karen McIntosh) working hard to ensure the success of this festival. So please come and support our St Francis Family.

Finally, please remember that Monday 19th October is a Pupil Free Day while our teachers engage in the process known as ‘Consistency of Teacher Judgement’ (CTJ) and other professional activities.

Tricia Kennedy
On behalf of Tricia, Les and Julian

Staff News

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Staff Profiles

This week Miss Jordan Litzow is Super Star No. 1

- Jordan has a Furbaby – Kobi, her 4-month old Golden Retriever.
- NUTELLA is her favourite food; she is simply addicted to it.

To find out more, click on the link below!

Miss Jordan Litzow

Mr Chris Stehr is Super Star No. 2

- If Chris wasn’t a teacher, he would like to be a motivational speaker. He wants to help others to be the best they can be and leave this world a better place.
- Chris loves to be anywhere outdoors, doing something active.

Mr Chris Stehr

Learning and Teaching News

Pupil Free Day – 19th October

Next Monday staff will be involved in a variety of professional activities on and off site as part of their compulsory professional learning experiences. A number of staff in Years 7-12 participate as panel members at the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) Year 12 Verification meetings whereby Year 12 work samples from a variety of schools are assessed for validity before being returned to their schools for inclusion in the senior students’ final calculation of results. At St Francis College, the P-6 staff and the Years
7-10 staff who teach Religion and Science will meet with other schools for professional discussions about standards. This inter-school moderation is essential to ensure consistency of teacher judgement about student work. There will also be workshops provided by Brisbane Catholic Education staff on aspects of visible learning and the use of data. All of these activities help teachers to assist learners to be the best they can be.

Primary News

Year 1 Excursion

Last week Year 1 visited the ScienceCentre and Queensland Museum. We had such a great day exploring all of the exhibits. We learnt so much more about sound and light. Thank you to all the Year 1 parents who came along to help. Without your help, the excursion would not have been possible.

National Science Week 2015

National Science Week 2015 was celebrated at St Francis College on Wednesday 16th September. The theme for this year was Making Waves: The Science of Light.

The day kicked off with a presentation in the Hall for P-6 students. The students were introduced to Mrs Light, Mrs Sun and Mrs Shadow, all of whom shared fun and interesting facts about how light works. This was followed by a spectacular science show hosted by Mrs Eileen Hutchinson and her assistant, Mr Neil Murphy. The children viewed first-hand how science can work in our everyday lives. Of course, this was helped by an exploding watermelon, the super-blasted lid of a Pringles container, and an imploding plastic water canister!

Next, the Senior students presented light-related demonstrations in P-6 classrooms. Some classes tried ‘catching’ rainbows using CDs; some explored the best materials for blocking out light, while others experimented with optical equipment in the Science labs. The Year 7 students also joined some of the younger classes, helping the students explore how light works with mirrors, torches, shadow puppets and 3D glasses.

The final part of the day saw P-6 students reflecting on their learning and trying out their creative skills in a Colouring-In Competition (Years P-2) and a Poster Competition (Years 3-6). Check out the winning entries, along with some other great photos of Science Day, below.

P-2 Colouring-In Competition
1st Place – Justine Nininahazwe (PCSG)
2nd Place – Elle Waite (PCCC)
3rd Place – Abner James (PCJS)

Highly Commended: Elisha Ward (PCRC), Ella Brown (PCNK), Miami Fitzsimons (PGKT), Peyton Iosefa (PCSG), Fia Butler (PCTS/LB), Shiloh Denman (PCJS), Ethan Teatoff (PCSP) and Keiran Felise (PCSP)

Years 3-6 Poster Competition
1st Place – Lana English (PCTR)
2nd Place – Kittana Pheng Peronchik (PCDP)
3rd Place – Geneva Tito (PCDP)

Highly Commended: Manaia Scanlon (PCTR), Kaidan Griffiths (PCTR), Jayden Large (PCTR), Jacinta Jones (PCDP), Suffer Eremugo (PCDP) and Azura Denman (PCDP).

Overall, Science Day was filled with learning, exploration and fun. It was also a fantastic opportunity for our Senior students to connect with the younger students in our College. A special thank you to Mrs Stacey Readman for her wonderful efforts to prepare the Senior students for this great day.
Mrs Julieanne Carroll (ESL Teacher)
(on behalf of the SFC Science Committee: Sr Lee Veriga, Mrs Stacey Readman, Mrs Judy Simjanovic, and Mrs Maree Bilbrough)

Secondary News

Middle Years Matters

Welcome to Term 4 – the final term for 2015!

It is hard to believe we are so close to finishing off our school year. Yet, even with this end so close in sight, there is still much teaching and learning to take place in the Middle Years at St Francis College.

Science Day

At the end of last term, some Year 7 students joined the Primary P-6 classes in celebrating Science Week. The theme for this year’s Science Week was ‘Making Waves – The Science of Light’. The Year 7 students, keen to share their interest in science, helped out in a number of Prep to Year 4 classes as they participated in a series of hands-on science experiments. Students helped the younger children read task cards, follow directions, demonstrate steps and affirm them in their learning. In turn, they were able to learn from some Year 11 and 12 science students who began the session by demonstrating a sample of light-related experiments and activities. This was a wonderful opportunity of seeing the strengths of a P-12 College in action within a teaching and learning context.

Transition Days

Continuing on from last term, Year 6 students at St Francis College will participate in further Transition sessions this term, assisting their move into Secondary school next year. This term there will be two more Transition days – in Week 2 and the final session in Week 4. Students and teachers have found these sessions to be very helpful in preparing them for this significant change in their education journey and are looking forward to these this term.

Another key day of Transition will be Tuesday 17th November, when Year 6 students from all schools, who have enrolled for Year 7 at St Francis College in 2016, will be invited to join us for a day of Transition activities. This will be a whole day event and provide an opportunity for students to begin to get to know each other, their teachers, the College environment and key locations within it, in order to feel more comfortable, confident and welcomed as they begin their Middle Years journey at St Francis College. Further details about this day will be provided closer to the date.

Parents will also have an opportunity to meet for a Middle Years Information Night on Tuesday 17th November and learn about key elements of the Middle Years Phase of Learning, its learners and their teaching and learning environment as expressed at St Francis College.

As we begin a new term of teaching and learning, it’s important that we remind our students of the significant role a Growth Mindset can play in helping them to achieve their best over this final term of the year and how important it is to now befriend and embrace a Growth Mindset for future success – whatever they want that success to look like for themselves.

Some of the key points of a growth mindset are the following:

- With effort you can train your brain to get smarter.
- The more you challenge your mind to learn, the more brain cells you grow – leads to a stronger, smarter brain.
- People with a growth mindset know it takes EFFORT to train your brain.
- Repeat, repeat, repeat – repeating an action builds strength (at least 5-10 times to make it stick).
- Don’t give up – when something is hard that’s when you need more effort not less.
- With a growth mindset you can grow your brain to be stronger and smarter.

Have a wonderful term!

Sr Lee Veriga (Assistant Principal Curriculum: P-9)

Year 12 Graduation 2015

Year 12 Graduation Night is an exciting event that celebrates the achievements of the graduating group over the year and
their wonderful time at St Francis College. This year it will happen on Thursday 19th November beginning at 6.30pm in San Damiano Hall after a week of reflection and celebration. The final farewell and handover assembly will be on Friday morning the 20th November in the Pavilion.

As the event has grown and the seating in San Damiano hall is limited, we are trialling ticketing the event this year. Each student will be allocated three tickets, one for the student and two for the parents or carers of the student. These tickets will be allocated randomly and then distributed. The seats will be clearly labelled and ushers will be available to show everyone to their seats. We are hoping that this assists those who finish work a little later, knowing that their seat will still be available when they arrive.

Any person who wants to attend the graduation will require a ticket including teachers and other friends and relatives. The remaining seating available, once the students’ tickets have been allocated, will be advertised and will be able to be collected prior to the event from the Office. Of course we welcome other people to the event but please respect this system and be prepared to stand if you do not have ticket for a seat. In the future as the school continues to grow, it will eventually become necessary to hire an outside venue which will in turn lead to a cost for families to attend.

Please contact me at school if you have any questions about the event and watch this space for more news about the Year 12 Graduation event.

Ms Cathy Barrett (Assistant Principal Religious Education 6-12)

Pastoral News

Parenting Ideas

It’s important to start conversations with children about using social media at a young age to prepare them to be savvy users when we’re not around. This week’s article addresses this important topic.

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning: Years 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 Respecting 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 the teacher’s instructions.

School Diary

Remember to use your School Diary to record homework, assessment, events dates and any other messages 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!

Mrs Claudia Martinez (P-12 Student Services Learning Support)

Culture and The Arts

Artwaves Exhibition

Every year the Logan Art Gallery, in conjunction with Logan Secondary schools, goes around and looks at all Secondary students’ Visual Art work for 2015. Out of the hundreds they see, a few are chosen to be exhibited in the Logan Art Gallery as part of the Artwaves Exhibition.

This year four students from St Francis College were lucky enough to have their work chosen. Those students are D’Artagnan Koeun (Yr 10), Valma Bumstead (Yr 10), Emily Daniloni (Yr 12) and Rebecca Palmer (Yr 12). Congratulations! The exhibition runs until the 24th October at the Logan Art Gallery and is free to enter.

Sports Update

Primary School

2015 Mission Foods Primary School Cup

Good luck to Keelie Nason, Losa Niumata, Trinity Chadwick, Jasmine Shearer, Rani Hunter, Kadejja Wilson, Azaria Lam Sam, Chloe Dixon, Carla Cocks, Kaylee Large and Evannea Tuala for this weekend’s Mission Foods Primary Schools Netball Cup. The girls will be competing in a state-wide primary schools event that gives kids the opportunity to play netball with their school friends. The Mission Foods Primary Schools Cup
is a great opportunity for young girls and boys to make new friends and have fun, as well as teach them the importance of playing sport.

Dates: Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October.
Venue: Sunshine Coast Netball Association, 5 Fisherman’s Road, Kuluin QLD 4558.

Rugby League Broncos’ Cup
Last Wednesday a team of Year 6 boys competed in the Broncos Cup at Marsden State High School. The aim of the competition was to celebrate a successful year of primary school rugby league in the Logan area and an opportunity for students to be part of a competition focused on participation and enjoyment of rugby league.

Keep an eye out for next week to see how the teams went!

Total Soccer
Recently some of our classes commenced lessons from Total Soccer. The kids had so much fun and boosted their skills at the same time. Thanks to Mr Sionie for organising this. The photos below show some students from Mrs Pennington’s class taking part.

Secondary School
All Schools’ Touch
This year’s All Schools Touch was the biggest yet with over 400 teams. St Francis College took on and outplayed Morayfield State High School, Bundamba State High School, St Edmund’s College Ipswich and Burnett State College before running into Pool E winners, Cavendish Road State High School. Sadly we lost to a very well organised attack and defence. Saturday saw the boys take on Clairvaux MacKillop College. This is a team they had beaten at SECA, but with injuries and no substitutions. The boys played a magnificent game but were sadly defeated 3-2 in the last second of the game. Two losses put the team in 3rd place and out of the Sunday finals.

Futsal - Chantelle Cramb Cup
Three teams will be heading up to Toowoomba this weekend. The Senior Boys’ competition will be held at Harristown State High School and the 15 girls and senior girls teams will be competing at USQ. It is a long day with over 20 schools competing over the two age groups.

Rugby
Although Rugby is a winter sport, we will celebrate the great work the Wallabies are doing in the World Cup in the UK with our own game of 15s against Trinity College Beenleigh. This will be held on Thursday 22nd October during 2nd lunch break. Our senior team will play.

Rugby 7s
2 Rugby 7s carnivals are coming . . .
Health and Safety

Fire Safety

During Term 3 all College staff engaged in practical fire prevention training. They were provided with the opportunity to put out a real simulated fire on a cook top with the proper use of a fire blanket and how to save a person that was on fire, once again by using a fire blanket. We then moved on to the identification and proper use of different fire extinguishers and were encouraged to demonstrate the correct method of carrying the extinguishers, pulling the pin and putting out a simulated fire with a fanning motion at the base of the fire.

I would like to thank all of the staff who participated in the very useful demonstration. A special thanks goes to Mrs Kellie Mudge for all her hard work in organising staff and Mr Andy Rudolf and Mr Chris Koeford for assisting me with the setting up of the practical demonstration.

Mr Jim Boucher (ITD Teacher and Year 7 & 8 Pastoral Leader)

Congratulations

Well Done, Jace

Congratulations to Jace Wilson who was selected to play for the QLD City futsal team in the national schools championship. This took place during the second week of the school holidays and consisted of 8 games over 3 days of which Jace’s team only lost 1 game. This qualified them as 2nd place, going into the semi finals against 3rd Victoria country who they defeated 6/3.

In the grand final they were up against the only team they lost to, NSW North. This was a very intense game as all the boys were excited just to have made it this far. At the final whistle they were drawn 4/4 going into 10 minutes overtime. QLD City scored 30 seconds into the overtime winning the championship.

After the game they had their presentation night at the Big Brother studio followed by entry into Dreamworld to go on the rides, plus a laser show and fireworks display. It was an awesome way to end the day. This was an experience Jace will never forget. Congratulations!
SFC Community Hub
Parent Support Group Invitation
Come and have some morning tea and have a cuppa and a chat, meet other parents and receive some information about finding resources to help with your journey.

Tennis Lessons Anyone?

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Parish Banner: Symbolism
This modern interpretation of the new banner is one that is steeped in symbolism and meaning for the St Maximilian Kolbe Parish.

There are six concentric circles; each represents one of the six continents of the world from which our parishioners come. (This aligns to our parish mission statement of ‘cultural diversity’.)

Each circle increases in size, reminding us that the parish has grown from small and humble beginnings.

The gradual change of the green colour, symbolises the journey through the Sundays of ordinary time.

The intertwined plumes remind us that although we are from many different cultures we are one, joined in Christ’s name, with the words reading ‘ONE IN CHRIST’.

The single blue ribbon comes from the centre which is the present ‘the NOW’ and is leading off into the future - the next phase of this parish’s journey.

The blue also symbolises the Logan River, connecting us to the Logan Deanery. Under the stylised cross is the representation of an open bible. (This aligns to the mission statement ‘the Word of God’.)