30 October 2015

Leadership Team News

What a wonderful week. A week where students, staff and parents worked together (under the leadership of Ms Karen McIntosh – thanks Karen for allowing us to shine at the St Francis Festival) to highlight the talents and gifts of our community in the Arts, in cooking and sharing fun and food, and in companionship.

I will let the photos tell the story.

Thank you to Mr John Mickel, former Labor party Cabinet Minister, Speaker of the House and long time friend of St Francis College who visited St Francis College last week to see the important work of our community centre. We are so lucky to have Ms Tammie Usher as our Community Hub worker. Please keep an eye out for our programs.

The St Francis Festival was a practical means of encouraging our community to be the best they can be, to share gifts and talents, to work for and with others, ‘to walk in the footsteps’ of St Francis. I am immensely proud when I hear of former students taking these values into the world of work. We are very proud of Dr Melanie Jansen (sister to Mrs Gabrielle Jansen, Acting APA Curriculum).

A former student of ours, Dr Melanie Jansen, has been prominent in the media lately in opposition to the prolonged, mandatory detention of children. You may have seen her on ABC news, heard her on the radio, or read about her in the newspaper. Melanie was the organiser of the event where about 300 health staff from the Lady Cilento Children’s Hospital unveiled a banner urging the Australian Government to act. The group felt compelled to act after being inspired by the actions of their colleagues in Melbourne recently. Melanie sent the College a copy of the Qld Health Professionals Media Statement from 20th October. The statement outlines the unique perspective of the group.

“Our perspective is unique - we are health professionals who work with children every day. Staff at this children’s hospital have seen the impact that detention has on children, including post traumatic stress disorder, attempted suicide, developmental delay, recurrent nightmares, anxiety related bedwetting, and failure to thrive. The evidence is clear – detention harms children. . . . We understand that this is a complex issue but we must find a solution that protects the wellbeing of children. We are paediatric health professionals and our core business, in fact our only business, is promoting the wellbeing of children. We know that detention harms children and we call for an end to children in detention.”

St Francis College was lucky enough to have Melanie speak at our International Women’s Day celebrations this year. It is lovely to see our past students continue to stand up for issues of social justice.

Tricia Kennedy
On behalf of Tricia, Les and Julian

Staff News

Welcome

In our last newsletter we forgot to mention a very special addition to our staff. Mrs Daria Zemlinova is our new Support Teacher Inclusive Education, replacing Mrs Michelle Carlton. It’s great to have Daria on board. Please make her feel welcome.
Staff Profiles

Mr Harry Norris

This week Mr Harry Norris is Super Star No. 1

- What Harry likes most about the College is the way students greet him as he walks around the grounds.
- Harry couldn’t imagine himself doing anything else but teaching and coaching. He is very happy with his career choice.

Mrs Catherine Connors

Mrs Catherine Connors is Super Star No. 2

- The silliest thing Catherine has ever done was going to an Hawaiian dress-up party as a pineapple – complete with green spikes coming out of her head.
- Her favourite place is South West Rocks in NSW.

To find out more, click on the link below!

Learning and Teaching News

Prep – Year 6

A Message from the Head of Campus

The warmer Spring weather has certainly been a huge welcome to the start of Term Four. I trust that you enjoyed the St Francis Festival...the students certainly exhibited some stunning art pieces and dance performances!

Prep 2016 Orientation Meetings

We will be holding an orientation meeting on 17th November (and repeated on 19th November) for our Prep 2016 intake of children. These meetings will give parents information to assist with their child starting Prep in 2016 and will provide the children with an introduction to the Prep classrooms and play area. Invitations have been sent, however, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on 3489 4800.

Leaving St Francis College at the End of the Year?

If your children are not returning to St Francis College in 2016 could you please let our office know either through a phone message (3489 4800) or via email (pscrestmead@bne.catholic.edu.au). This of course does not apply for our Year 12 students who will be finishing their college education at the end of this year. We have a number of families who are keen to enrol in our school and many of our classes are at near capacity. By letting us know now, we are able to more effectively plan for classes, resourcing and staffing for the future. Thank you for your anticipated help with this matter.

P-6 Class Placements for 2016

We are about to begin the process for formulating our classes for next year. Our process is a very thorough one that takes in many considerations and our decisions for placing children in certain classes are not made lightly. As has been our usual practice, we consider feedback from parents should you feel the need to request a certain placement for 2016. Please note that this information forms only one part of our process and often requests cannot be accommodated. It is our professional responsibility to place the children where we believe their educational needs can be best met. Any changes to class lists can be extremely problematic as it may cause a knock-on effect for other placements. We have confidence as well that the system we use best meets our overall school needs.

All class placement requests need to be either emailed to pscrestmead@bne.catholic.edu.au or sent to our Parent Reception Office in a written form so that we have a hard copy of your request. Thank you for your assistance with this important process. I would also ask that parents not nominate respective teachers as our staffing (i.e. teacher placements) will change from what it is for this year and that requests should only be on medical or specific educational grounds.

Thanks for reading – enjoy the rest of the week.

Mr Julian Cotter (Head of Campus P-6)

St Francis Festival Reports from PCJS

At the St Francis Festival, we went on stage and we had fun playing and dancing together and our parents came and they were watching us and after that everyone went home.

(By Shiloh Denman)

The St Francis Festival was fun and cool and the best St Francis Festival. I was eating fish and chips and I was dancing for my Mum and my Dad.

(William Stowers)
Years 7-12
Assessment and Reporting Procedures

It is that time of year again where assessment and reporting are approaching. It is important that both students and parents are aware of upcoming assessment for their different subjects. It is easy for both parents and students to access the year level assessment calendars via the College website. These are updated promptly if any due dates are altered. It is important that both students and parents are aware that assessment pieces are to be submitted at the beginning of the lesson and not the end. Non-submission, without reasonable explanation such as illness or bereavement, is not acceptable. Should a student have a legitimate reason to seek an extension for an assessment item they need to seek approval by collecting an extension form from the Office and have this completed and signed by both the Subject Teacher and the Curriculum Leader. Please remember that should a student or family choose to be absent from school for events such as family holidays, extensions for assessment items will not be approved.

Ms Gabrielle Jansen (Acting Assistant Principal Curriculum: 6-12)

Science, Chemistry and Mathematics Awards

St Francis College students from Years 7-12 participated in the Maths, Chemistry and Science competitions this year.

Distinction certificates are awarded to the top 10-25% in the State and Credit Certificates awarded to the top 25-40% in the State.

Schools generally enter their top students in the competition so our students have competed against the best in the world from as far away as Germany, India and South East Asia.

We had great pleasure in recognising students’ achievement at Assembly as Mr Conroy presented their certificates.

We congratulate students on their great success.

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Mrs Maree Bilborough (Competition Manager)
Mrs Stacey Readman (Maths & Science Curriculum Middle Leader)

Pastoral News

Parenting Ideas

There are many ways in which parents can give their children skills, encouragement and support in their quest for independence. This week’s article offers 5 ways in which this might be achieved.

Ms Michelle Kelly (Assistant Principal Pastoral: P-12)

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning

As part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning System 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 Assessment.

As we are half way through the term, many students will have assignment work due. The behaviours we are asking the students to demonstrate are:

- Organise yourself and your time
- Hand in drafts on time
Mrs Claudia Crow (P-12 Student Services Learning Support)

Culture and The Arts

The Remix Competition

Presented by Brisbane City Council ‘The Remix’ is a competitive dance event, staged in a major public venue, with teams of young people selected from high schools, alternative education, and community groups throughout South East QLD.

This year’s Remix Dance Competition is on Saturday 7th November.

St Francis College will be competing in the first session that will run from 2-4pm. at the Courier Mail Piazza in Southbank.

The event is free to attend but you must book a place. We hope to see you there!

Sports Update

Prep – Year 6

Cricket Cluster Cup

Last Wednesday twelve boys and girls from Years 5 and 6 travelled to Our Lady of Fatima, Acacia Ridge to compete in the first annual Cricket Cluster Cup. The team showed great determination but unfortunately Our Lady of Fatima prevailed by 3 wickets with wides top scoring for both teams. Congratulations to the following students who represented St Francis College: Sam Brooks, Stephanie Tran, Ryan Bensley, Kamran Arif, Brendon Dixon, Koloalei Paasi, Rohan Singh, James Weis, Ataul Gohar, Luke Iqbal, Liam Scarponi and Tanner Shields.

Mission Foods Primary Schools Netball Cup

Congratulations to Keelie Nason, Losa Niumata, Trinity Chadwick, Rani Hunter, Kadeeja Wilson, Azaria Lam Sam, Chloe Dixon, Carla Cocks, Laylee Large and Evaneea Tuala for their fabulous efforts at the Mission Foods Primary Schools Netball Cup last weekend. The girls showed determination, sportsmanship, courage and confidence across all games on the Saturday and Sunday. Each game the girls grew more as a team and improved in their skills. The results from the weekend are as follows:

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Overall the team placed fifth in the Laura Geitz Pool. A special mention goes to Losa Niumata who received the players Player Award, which is voted by the team, and to Keelie Nason who received the award for Most Valued Player, voted by the coach and manager.

“Throughout the weekend the girls worked as a team and I think everyone was talking during our games. The one thing we had to really work on was our passes. For every game the girls showed great sportsmanship. At half times the girls would always talk positively no matter what”.

(Losa Niumata)

“It was very important that the girls had to work together as a team and not let each other down. One thing that I thought that the girls did well was that when someone dropped their head when they made a mistake the team would cheer them up and encourage them”.

(Keelie Nason)

Brisbane Revolution Primary Futsal Gala Day

In the coming weeks a team of Year 6 boys and girls will be training to compete in the Brisbane Revolution Primary Futsal Gala Day. Details are as follows:

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<td>Acacia Ridge</td>
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Years 7-12

Futsal - Chantelle Crumb Cup

3 teams went to Toowoomba on the weekend of Week 3. The Senior Boys who played at Harristown State High School had a win and two losses and a hard-fought win to finish on. It was a fortunate win as the other pool game ended in a draw, which pushed us into second place in our pool of 5 schools. The boys dug deep and won their quarter final but lost the semi-final in a close one. The 15 girls and senior girls teams played at USQ. It was a long day with over 20 schools competing over the two age groups. The girls played well and learned a great deal
from the opportunity. SFC will be well represented next year in Toowoomba!

Rugby

Thursday of last week saw Trinity College come to play. The school came to watch with the primary kids being the loudest and best supporters by far. Trinity College is a Rugby League school and St Francis follows Rugby Union, so we played both! First half of League saw Trinity College shine by putting two very nice tries over the line, but in the second half we played Union. The more complex game had the Trinity boys shaking their heads as SFC ran in 5 tries.

Rugby 7s

All Schools Rugby 7s was held at TSS on the Gold Coast on the weekend. On Saturday the U13 boys’ team lost all three games, two of them by one try. Brisbane State High played very well and we went down 45-5. Day 2 however was different with 3 wins from 3 starts in the pool games, including a win over TSS the hosting school. The finals saw us take 4th place, but we lost Tupou to a fractured ankle in the last minute. It was a gutsy effort by our boys.

The Q7 (Queensland 7s) run by the QRU at Logan Saints home ground, that was washed out on Friday 17th August, has been rescheduled to 6th November. U14 Boys & Girls teams will play as more senior players have assessment items due and the senior school in on “No Excursion Week”. Training for boys is Tuesday and Thursdays. Girls train on Wednesdays after school.

Basketball

On 4th November our senior team will play a friendly match at Clairvaux MacKillop College. Training will be held Wednesdays.

Gym

Mr Conroy has been able to find some grant money to purchase new gym equipment. We now have in place, two rowing “Ergo” machines that will be used for cardio-fitness and endurance. Coming later this year will be an “Incline leg press” with 200kg of weights. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings Year 10 and 11 students are already benefiting from the new program.

Mr Harry Norris and Miss Jordan Litzow (Sports Program Leaders)

Special Events

St Francis Festival

We hope you enjoyed the St Francis Festival last Friday. Events such as this one can only occur when people pitch in to lend a hand. The St Francis Staff is amazing. Assistance was given in:

- organising and serving at stalls
- organising and running activities
- preparing students for festival entertainment
- acting as MCs
- welcoming visitors
- setting-up and packing-up

and the list goes on!

A special thanks to the parents who assisted too, especially in the Book Stall, and to all those who generously donated books, clothing, plants and items for our Lucky Jars Stall.

Monster Raffle Winners

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<td>April Wecker</td>
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<td>Nadia Montgomery</td>
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<td>John Hytongue</td>
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<td>Kelly Sutton</td>
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A huge thank you is extended to those who donated goods towards the Monster Raffle and Student Art Awards:

- The fabulous Randall Family - Vase, Journal, Notebook and Wine + a $50 EB Games Voucher
- Academy Photography - Digital Camera
- Greenbank RSL – 2 x $50 vouchers
- Australia Zoo – Student Admission and an Irwin Family Poster
- Oxlades - 3 fantastic art books.

Sports Shack Winners!

Congratulations to the winners of the Sports Shack Competition. Both students won the $20 Prize!

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<td>Christian Toalepai (Year 3)</td>
<td>Footy Comp.</td>
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2nd Hand Clothes

Did you know that there are still LOTS of great clothes in the 2nd Hand Clothes Store? We have two wonderful people who have offered to open the store for the next two weeks –
Mrs Helen Swindells (School Officer) and Mrs Vanessa Palmer (Grandma of Rylan in Prep). The store will be open at the following times:

8.20am – 8.50am
2.30 – 3.30pm

Please tell your friends. All are welcome.

Almost every item is $1.00 and there are some great bargains to be found!

2nd Hand Books

We also have a large number of books left.

I will be opening this stall from 2.30 – 3.15pm on Monday and Tuesday for 2 weeks.

If anyone would like to operate this store at other times, please let me know.

All are being sold for 50c.

World Teachers Day – Friday 30th October

Every day, Queensland teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young people across our state.

World Teachers’ Day is an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and communities.

Celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide, World Teachers’ Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to recognise the role of teachers in society.

World Teachers’ Day is held internationally on 5th October. As the day usually falls during school holidays, Queensland celebrates on the last Friday of October each year – 30th October.

Please take the time to say THANK YOU to our wonderful teaching staff at St Francis College.

Ms Karen McIntosh (Communications, Events and Facilities Manager)

Careers Corner

Current Vacancies for Traineeships and Apprenticeships

We would like to acknowledge and congratulate the following students for successfully gaining School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships:

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<td>Certificate III in Hospitality</td>
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<td>Apprenticeship in Plastering</td>
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<td>Britnee Spencer</td>
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<td>Connor Petersen</td>
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<td>Aaron Moefaauo</td>
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We wish these students all the very best as they advance on their vocational skills and step into their vocational training pathway.

The Defence Force is currently recruiting in a number of roles. For further information on military training and study at ADFA visit: defencejobs.gov.au/adfa or call 13 19 01.

Current TAFE Queensland SkillsTech

High school students have the opportunity to study trade and technical courses in the following ways:

- VET in Schools programs
- Study a trade while still at school with a VET in Schools program
- School-based apprenticeships and traineeships, referred to as ‘SATs’.

TAFE Queensland - Brisbane
Students can choose from a number of exciting and varied Certificate II and Certificate III courses.

Miss Kaitlyn McNamara – VET and Careers Middle Leader

Congratulations

An Act of Honesty and Generosity

It’s great to hear good news stories that illustrate our students demonstrating the values espoused by St Francis. Recently Shantaylah Crisp, a Year 6PCJL student, attended a garage sale where all proceeds were forwarded to the Queensland Cancer Council. When Shantaylah found a $10 note in the shorts she tried on, she promptly informed the adults running the garage sale and offered the money as a donation. This showed honesty, generosity and love. Thanks Shantaylah. Your family is proud of you and the staff is too.

General News

School Banking

Did you realise that school banking is a great way to introduce children to financial literacy, regardless of how much is deposited? Doing this on a regular basis helps children to develop skills in goal setting and budgeting.

On Wednesday 18th November and Friday 20th November we will be having a sign-up day for school banking. This will be held in the College Hall from 9-10am. and is for students in any year level, including new Prep students for 2016. Parents will need to bring their drivers licence as a Commonwealth Bank representative will be onsite to open accounts. Alternatively parents can attend any CBA branch to open a Dollarmite account for their children.

Monday is our banking day at St Francis College. It’s never too late to start saving for the future!

Mrs Margaret Jacques (Banking Coordinator)

News from the Parents and Friends Federation

The Parents and Friends Federation is the statewide parent organisation. Each term they provide a comprehensive newsletter containing many articles of interest to parents.

Take a look at this term’s eNewsletter. You are welcome to subscribe.


SFC Community Hub

Term 4 Timetable

Many great things are in store for Term 4. Check out this term’s timetable.

Tennis Lessons Anyone?

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<td>Who?</td>
<td>Everyone! Suitable for all ages and abilities</td>
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PCYC News

Crestmead News from PCYC

Want to find out more about PCYC? Take a look at the latest newsletter!

http://us11.campaign-archive2.com/?u=7e9d1804f161112e738248e1a&id=f209df1829&e=845069257c

Mr Adam Barrett (Supervisor)

Parish News

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<td>Mass @ 11.30am celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge</td>
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<td>Followed by a procession to Villa Maria (Warren Street, Fortitude Valley)</td>
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<td>Benediction and Exposition of the rosary at Villa Maria.</td>
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<td>1st November</td>
<td>All Saints Day Training for all new and current altar servers</td>
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<td>2nd November</td>
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<td>Care and Concern Healing Mass and Melbourne Cup Day Lunch – 11.30am</td>
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Community News

Kids Classic Shakespeare

This is a free event being held in the Marsden Library on Saturday 14th November @ 11am.
Logan West Holiday Activities

The Logan West Community ArtShare Alliance is conducting free workshops for all ages in the January school holidays. Activities include clay building, glass, porcelain, hebel, heliographics, painting, art and wheel turning. Book now as places are limited.