13 November 2015

Leadership Team News

Recently I had the pleasure of attending the PCYC - QPCYWA Annual State Awards at Chandler which was attended by many clubs, sponsors, supporters, volunteers and other VIP’s to celebrate the great work all PCYC’s statewide do for our communities. It was an honour to attend this event. On the agenda for the night was the prestigious ‘Branch of the Year’ award that consists of three categories (club up to 1200 members, club with 1200-2500 members and club with over 2500 members).

Finalists for the 2015 Branch of the Year award were: Crestmead PCYC, Sunshine Coast PCYC, Pine Rivers PCYC and Goondiwindi PCYC. This award is selected over a number of key strategic business strategies, namely:

- Participation/Attendance
- Facility
- Youth Programs delivered and youth participation within the club
- Human Resources
- Sound Management and Administration
- Finance
- Marketing and Promotion of the facility.

Congratulations to PCYC Crestmead who received the prestigious ‘Branch of the Year’ award for 2015.

Well done to Sergeant Matt Massouras, Adam Barratt, Crestmead PCYC Staff, committee members, volunteers, business supporters, community members, Council and all government representatives and our young people for contributing to this award.

Another contested category for the event was the Business/Community Partnership award. This award recognised considerable contribution to the QPCYWA objective of Enhancing Queensland Communities through Youth Development. Among many deserving finalists was the Logan City Council who provide incredible support to all PCYC’s within Logan, not just financially, but in-kind, and various other supportive measures to maintain our facilities and engage the community.

In company with the other PCYC’s in Logan, the Logan City Council took out this award.

This is great recognition for the support they provide, not just to PCYC, but the Logan community.

In partnership with QPS, PCYC Crestmead is committed in providing youth welfare, developmental, and crime prevention programs to our community. Congratulations Crestmead PCYC.

This week our Year 12 students have completed their final exams and assessment pieces. Next week we will bid them farewell at their Graduation Ceremony. This is an opportunity to thank the students for their commitment to the ethos and values of St Francis College, to congratulate them for their efforts and achievements, and to wish them all the best as they embark on the next stage of their lives.

On a sad note, our sympathy is extended to the family of Tiahleigh Palmer and all those in the Logan community who have been touched by her passing, particularly the staff and students at Marsden State High School. The loss of any child is devastating, but the unnecessary and tragic death of a local Year 8 student presents us with the harsh reality of the world in which we live. It reminds us how much we love our precious children and the need to continually reinforce the message of child safety both at home and at school.

Tricia Kennedy
On behalf of Tricia, Les and Julian

Staff News

Staff Profiles

This week Mr Lachlan Grove is Super Star No. 1

- Lachlan’s favourite book is ‘Green Eggs and Ham’ by Dr Seuss.
- The silliest thing he has ever done was falling off a cliff in Vanuatu, receiving multiple stitches in his chest, knees and arms.

To find out more, click on the link below!
Learning and Teaching News

From the APRE’s Desk

An APRE’s office is a curious place. You never know who will come through the door with a surprising question. I followed this question up with an invitation to staff at St Francis College to have a conversation about becoming a Catholic in 2014. Three people responded and we agreed to pursue this in the New Year. Time passed and things got in the way until one day a young teacher came into my office. The outcome of that conversation was another invitation. Who would like to undertake an RCIA journey in 2015? Five people responded and three followed through almost to the end. For two young teachers, October this year saw Ashleigh Beattie and Stacey Readman baptised, confirmed and received into full communion with the Catholic Church. It was an honour and a privilege to walk alongside these women and share their faith journey. I am grateful for the support of Fr Sunil from Maximilian Kolbe Parish at Marsden, Sr Lee Veriga, Ms Rachel Whitaker and Mr Rob Canning, the team who stood behind them and of course the support of their families, the St Francis College and Maximilian Kolbe communities. It is a reminder to me to always ‘listen with the ear of the heart’ and to act when people express a genuine desire to become full members of the Body of Christ.

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

Prep – Year 6

Prep Excursion to Wynnum

Last week our Prep classes travelled to the Wynnum foreshore and saw (i.e. chased) soldier crabs marching across Pandanas Beach. They then walked out on the jetty, swam in the wading pool, and had great fun in the ‘Whale Water’ park. It was a very quiet bus ride home as it was too much fun for many a small body and the adults too.

Years 7 – 12

Middle Years Matters

Welcome to Week 6, Term 4. We are now working towards peak assignment and exam time for students as well as keeping an eye on the days ahead with opportunities for continued learning and fun activities as we draw to a close another full year of learning.

Final Transition Session for St Francis College Students

Year 6 students from St Francis College participated in their final transition session for the year. The Year 6 students
gathered together with Year 7 students, some of whom formed an ‘expert panel’, along with their teachers, to answer many of the Year 6’s key questions concerning life in Secondary school as a member of the Middle Years Phase of Learning. After this, everyone had an opportunity to get to know each other through games and play time. As a final celebration of their time together, all students and teachers enjoyed a shared Sausage Sizzle lunch.

**Student Voice**

On Friday 30th October the Year Sevens went down to Primary and joined the Year Sixes for a Question and Answer session. The Year Sixes asked the Year Sevens about what it’s like in Year 7 and what things are important in high school. After the Question and Answer session the teachers let the students play outside while they were preparing for the Sausage Sizzle. After the games we all got sent up to the Piazza to eat. We all had a wonderful time.

**Malyka Javed (Year 7-1)**

**Transition Day**

There will be a full day Transition Programme for **ALL students from ALL schools**, who will be joining us at St Francis College in **Year 7, 2016**. This will take place on **Tuesday 17th November 2015**. Throughout this day students will get to know each other through a series of activities including PE games and a number of other Curriculum areas including, Visual Arts, Science, Drama, ITD and Textiles.

In addition to this Transition Day, there will also be a **Year 6 into Year 7 Middle Years Parent Information Night**, the same night, **Tuesday 17th November** beginning at 6pm in the Hall. All parents/carers with students in the Middle Years Phase of Learning (Years 7-9) in 2016 are invited to this Information Night. During this time we will present an outline of some of the key issues and expectations for young adolescent learners at St Francis College.

**New Furniture – A Flexible Learning Space in the Library**

We have recently purchased and installed some new furniture in the library creating a Flexible Learning Space, in particular for Middle Years students. The new furniture is especially designed to meet the needs of young adolescents. The chairs have an emphasis on maintaining good blood flow to enable improved focus and attention. Several of the tables have whiteboard surfaces, making them suitable for collaborative planning and design work. We look forward to using this learning space as a means of improving student engagement with their learning.

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

**Assessment and Exam Procedures**

It is the time of year again when final assessment pieces are being submitted and final exams are underway. This week is exam block for our Year 12 students and we wish them all the best! Our Year 11 students will be on exam block next week, from Tuesday 17th – Tuesday 24th November. Our Year 10 students will be getting a taste of what the next two years will bring with a mini exam block occurring on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th November. Tuesday 24th marks the completion of the 2015 school year for our Years 10 and 11 students.

During exam block students are required to be at school for all necessary exams in formal school uniform. If an exam starts at
Pastoral News

Parenting Ideas

Understanding what makes boys tick is the key to teaching and raising them. This week’s parenting article lists twelve essentials in order to connect with our sons and help raise well-adjusted boys.

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

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning

Years 7-12

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
- Ask for help if needed
- Go to Homework Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Hand in assignments on the due date (remember to attach a cover page and task sheet)
- Review the Assessment Policy on your student diary on pages 10, 11 & 12 to have a better understanding of extension processes and plagiarism.

Ms Tarita Watson (Year 11 Religion Teacher)

9am students are to go directly to their exam room where the teacher will mark them present. When this exam is over they can sign themselves out at the College Office and go home. If students arrive at school to sit an exam that begins later than 9am, they are to sign in at the College Office before going to their exam. If they are leaving the school grounds before 2.55pm they are required to sign out at the College Office.

Please remember that all assessment, both draft and final copies, is to be submitted to the classroom teacher at the beginning of the lesson on the due date. Parents and students can keep track of when assessment is due by viewing the year level Assessment Calendars and Exam Timetables that are on our College website. Should a student be unable to submit an assessment piece or attend an exam on the scheduled date due to illness, the school needs to be notified and evidence needs to be provided. For students in Years 7-10 this evidence can be a letter from a parent or guardian. For students in Years 11 or 12 this evidence must be a Medical Certificate.

We wish all of our students the very best in their end of year assessment. Stay calm, confident and committed!

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

Religious Education: A Prep – Year 12 Endeavour

This term the Year 11 Religion and Ethics students have been engaging with the unit of Peace and Conflict. They learnt that although peace transcends across various contexts; individual, social and global, it is everyone’s responsibility to strive to create peace in all aspects of life for all individuals. As their assessment, the students were asked to create workshops with two primary classes aimed at teaching them the significance of peace and how they can become instruments of peace. It was clear that the Year 11 students relished in this activity and learnt the value of engaging and teaching the younger students. My class loved working with Ms Jacklin’s Year 3 class and Mr Stehr’s class enjoyed their time with Ms Litzow’s Year 6 class. All the students concerned enjoyed the P-12 interaction and did not want the workshop to end.

WHAT DOES SELF-MANAGEMENT MEAN?

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

Sports Update

Years 7-12

Awards
South Coast School Sport Awards were presented to Lisa Makaohi (U19 Netball), Marcus Harris (U19 Football) and Henryst Pajaczkowski (U15 Football).

Rugby 7s
The Q7 (Queensland 7s) run by the QRU at Logan Saints home ground was played on Friday 6th November. U14 Girls’ teams competed in 4 games against Clontarf A and B teams. The boys played Kimberly Park and Kelvin Grove in the Pool games then went on to play in the semi-final.

Basketball
On Wednesday 4th November our Senior Team played a in a 4-team carnival at Clairvaux MacKillop College. Our team comprised of Reihana Tipene (C), Musawwar Chandio, Jackson Randall, Paul Vaimili To’alepai, Arslan Arif, Jayden Bray, Sokimi Nanai and Sione Tongia.

- SFC v St Thomas More College (Win)
- SFC v St Augustine’s College (Loss)
- SFC v Clairvaux MacKillop College (Win)
- Final SFC v St Augustine’s College (Loss)

We took out 2nd place overall. Paul V.T. was recognised as the Most Valued Player.

Special mention should also go to those students who came to support. It’s great to see the SFC pride with students celebrating and supporting the hard work of their peers!

Date Claimers for 2016

Swimming
The SFC Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 23rd February.

SECA
Girls Oz Tag will be the first carnival next year, 3rd March at Bill Norris Fields.

SECA Swimming will be held on 11th March at Chandler

Inter School SECA sport will be held again in 2016. Running 21st April, 28th April, 5th May and 19th May in Term 2 with 2nd June, 14th July, 21st July, 28th July and 4th August in Term 3. Sports include: Basketball, Soccer, Indoor Soccer, 5-A-Side Soccer, Netball, Rugby League, Tennis, Touch Football and Volleyball.

Also Coming in 2016

More games of Rugby are coming! This includes games with The Armidale School, Scotts College Warwick, Sunshine Coast Grammar and others. Thanks to our Coaches willing to give up their free time to volunteer and help. Our School Bus has really come in handy!

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

Year 12 Graduation

As you are aware, the 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 sharply at 6.30pm in San Damiano Hall. The final farewell and handover assembly will be on Friday morning, 20th November, in the Pavilion.

In my last report I outlined the College’s plan to ticket the event in order to ensure that all students can have family present and seated appropriately. There will be two seating areas inside the hall: executive seating for the students and two parents or carers, invited guests and staff, and general seating for extra family members. The graduating students have since been surveyed with this knowledge and we are pleased to be able to accommodate all family requests (just!!) as per the family’s RSVP and RSVPs from the special invited guests and staff.

Thank you to families for being sensitive to each other’s right to be present and comfortable at their son or daughter’s special night.

Please note that there will be no other seating available inside the Hall. Ushers will be present to show people to their allocated seats. Any person attending without an allocated seat will be asked to sit outside. All non-graduating students, and families without graduating students, please respect the Year 12s and their families and allow this night to be special and harmonious. Current students will have the opportunity to farewell their friends on Friday at the farewell assembly.

Please contact me at school if you have any questions about the event.

Cathy Barrett (Assistant Principal Religious Education 6-12)
Careers Corner

Navy News

Interested in joining the Navy? Come along to the Queensland Maritime Museum at Southbank on 14th November and find out more!

Money Matters

We wish to inform our parents and caregivers that, following careful consideration, our fees and levies have been reviewed in light of the growing needs of our students. Some fees and levies for 2016 have increased in line with inflation. Some fees and levies have been frozen for a number of years now. For students in Year 7, Tuition Fees have increased a little more to reflect the moving to a ‘Middle Years’ grouping of students for Years 7 to 9, however there is a compensating effect with the Tuition Fees for Years 8 and 9 reducing. If our parents and caregivers find that our 2016 fees and levies are unaffordable, or struggle to pay for the costs of education, we ask that you contact the College to discuss the situation. Payment arrangements are available and a Concession Application can be submitted. You can view the new Fees on our website.

http://www.sfcc.qld.edu.au/

Mr Frank Miotti (Business Manager)

Administration Matters

BCE Parent Portal

The Parent Portal holds a range of information about happenings in the school, forms that need to be returned, names and contact details of staff members, policy information and more.

How to Get Started

1. Go to the St Francis College Website http://www.sfcc.qld.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

Go to Community Access and follow the link to the Parent Portal.

You will be directed to a logon page.

2. Your credentials are as follows:
   - BCE Username – Your email address (as supplied to the school)
   - BCE Password – As per your letter from the school (case sensitive).

3. Click ‘I Understand and Accept these Conditions’. You may read them now by clicking the link or you will be presented with the conditions further on.

4. Follow the prompts to change your password. Please note the password requirements.

5. Follow the prompts to set secret questions

6. At this point you may be presented with a full list of terms and conditions. Accept to continue.

7. You will now be directed to the Parent Portal.

You can see a video of this process at:-


Please take the time to explore the Parent Portal. This is a live document – it is updated regularly.

We encourage you to Report Student Absences and Update Details via the Parent Portal. This is a quick and easy process for parents/caregivers to complete and is time-efficient for our Office Staff.

Examining the Parent Portal, prior to making a telephone enquiry, can often provide the answer to questions. Plus, this is available 24/7! Forms and Documents should prove particularly useful.

Ms Karen McIntosh (Communications, Events and Facilities Manager)
Report Card Mail Out

As Report Cards are being posted at the end of the year, please ensure that your contact details are correct. You can even update your details on the Parent Portal! Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Mrs Nicole Carter (Administration Secretary)

Congratulations

This week we announced our College Leaders for 2016. Congratulations to the following students:

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Formal recognition of these students will take place early next year.

General News

Last Chance for a Bargain!

Our Pre-Loved Clothing Store which is located in the old Parish House between the Hall and Prep is closing down on Friday 20th November. Come in and grab a bargain. The prices are TOO LOW to print.

The store will be open daily from 8.20 – 8.50am and 2.30 – 3.30pm.

St Francis Festival Feedback

We’d love to hear some feedback in regards to this year’s St Francis Festival. Please take the opportunity to complete a very short survey.

Your feedback will be valuable when planning next year’s event. The survey closes on Tuesday, 17th November at 11pm.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9GKD7FB

School Banking: Some Great News!

At a recent assembly, Mr Julian Cotter was presented with a cheque for $2880 as a result of our participation in this year’s School Banking Programme. Many thanks to all families who participate in this worthwhile programme. For those who haven’t joined, a deposit book could make a great Christmas present for your son or daughter. Children take delight in seeing their balance grow!

Year 2 student, Lachlan Williams, was one of the lucky winners of the Commonwealth Bank’s School Banking competition. Lachlan was delighted to receive a pair of Dr Dre headphones, valued at $265.

SFC Community Hub

Parents, Families and Community Forum

Come and join a forum where you can hear a range of community views on how to give Logan children the best start in life.

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Certificate III and IV in Education Support

Career Keys is offering a Certificate III in Education Support and funding is available if eligible. Many parents engage into these courses as the training is school hours friendly.
Certificate IV in Education Support is also available for any Teacher Aides that already hold the Certificate III.

For further information, please contact Kellee Lucinsky, Marketing and Sales Coordinator at Career Keys, Marsden.

Phone: 3442 0762  
Email: k.lucinsky@wmb.org.au

**Parish News**

**Date Claimers**

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