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Leadership Team News

This week we are focusing on Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month. Each May, Queensland marks this important issue to raise community awareness of domestic and family violence and to send a clear message that violence of this sort has no place in our peaceful community.

The Special Taskforce on Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland in its 'Not Now, Not Ever' report, recommended that individuals, community groups and the private sector work together to help prevent domestic and family violence and support those affected.



Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE) is committed to supporting this worthy cause and registered a corporate team to participate in the Darkness to Daylight Challenge 2017.

The challenge was a 110km run, which could be completed individually or in a relay team overnight. All the funds raised by BCE went towards workplace and community partnerships and awareness raising activities.

In keeping with our commitment to peaceful communities and workplaces, staff were given the opportunity to attend a Professional Learning evening last week focusing on Trauma and how it can impact learning. We were privileged to have, Educational Consultant, Jane Blackburn from Life without Barriers present.

Jane spends much of her time going to schools to help staff understand how trauma impacts learning and what schools can do to facilitate recovery.

As Jane stated "Once a school understands where a child's difficulties and behaviours are coming from, they can become really responsive to their needs." This is true for all our children.

As a school that holds our Franciscan values close to our heart, this compassionate, understanding attitude is something we believe in emphatically and endeavour to put into practice. We promote peace both in our college and in our community, in the ways we show kindness, and the value and respect shown to those around us.

Our young people have been extremely busy sports wise already this term, something that we are truly thrilled about as it encourages a strong sense of individual achievement and gives them the chance to contribute to the community.

Some of our P-6 students went to compete at Beenleigh Zone Cross Country Carnival. The students who attended had boundless enthusiasm, put in immense effort and showed great sportspersonship throughout the day. They performed beyond expectations showing team spirit and commitment to supporting one another. We were by far the loudest cheering team!

We would like to thank Ms. Courtney Cooney and Ms. Sue Walker for their time and allowing this day to happen. It proved to be challenging, fun and offered the children a learning experience outside of their normal routine.

We also had some of our boys representing us in the combined Catholic Colleges Rugby Union Team at Suncorp Stadium for a rugby 'show game' against a Combined High School Team. It was great to see the boys fully engaged, playing with commitment and pride.

Our students have now completed their three days of testing for NAPLAN but we felt it was important to remind you to "keep NAPLAN in context." The results are a useful tool to help schools and teachers assess student learning at **that** point in time. At St Francis College we use the results to help us plan for future learning. We would like to commend our young people for their calm and focus on these days of testing.

We would like to leave you with the Prayer of St Francis. Reflecting on this line by line, provides us with an opportunity to think deeply about our thoughts and actions towards others.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be
consoled
as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Mother's Day

So how exactly do you thank your Mother for being your Mother? We could all thank our Mother's for eternity and it still wouldn't be enough to communicate the gratitude she deserves. Below are two wonderful biblical quotes to honour their unconditional love:

“Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.”

Proverbs 31:25-30

“Give her the reward she deserves. Praise her in public for what she has done.”

Proverbs 31:31

Wishing all our amazing Mothers in our Community a very happy Mother's Day!

Is your child coming to school every day?

Positive attendance is a necessary school focus.

Parents/Caregivers have a legal obligation to ensure children attend school daily. I am deeply concerned with the chronic absenteeism of some students who are missing out on vital learning. I have contacted some parents personally over the past few weeks to discuss absences, as we have a duty of care to ensure all children attend school.

If your child has to be absent from school please ensure you phone the college on 3489 4800 and provide a reason for your child's absence. As a school we are required to keep accurate records of student attendance and the reasons for the absences. The school may request further information from parents for long or frequent absences. It is important to understand that the Office of Non-State Schools Accreditation Board may take further actions where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unacceptable absences from school. Should this be the case,

parents will be sent a letter from the college alerting them to the number of absences to date. We request parents acknowledge receipt of the chronic absences letter and a note will be kept in the student's file.

Continued unsatisfactory attendances may result in the Office of Non-State Schools Accreditation Board being informed.

When God created Mothers

When the Good Lord was creating mothers... an angel appeared and said, “You're doing a lot of fiddling around with this one.”

And the Lord said, “Have you read the specifications on this order?”

She has to be completely washable, but not plastic ...
have 180 moveable parts, all replaceable ...
run on black coffee and left-overs ...

have a lap that disappears when she stands up ...
a kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointing love affair ...
and six pairs of hands.”

“Six pairs of hands! No way.”

“It's not the hands that are causing me problems,” said the Lord. “It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have.”

“That's on the standard model?” asked the angel.

The Lord nodded, “One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, “What are you kids doing in there?” when she already knows. Another in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't, but what she has to know and of course the ones in front that can look at a child when he gets himself in trouble and say, “I understand and I love you,” without so much as uttering a word.” ...

The Lord said, “I'm close now. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick, can feed a family of six on half a kilo of mince and can get a nine year old to stand under a shower.”

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. “It's too soft,” she sighed.

“But tough,” said the Lord excitedly. “You cannot imagine what this mother can do or endure.”

“Can it think?”

“Not only think, but also it can reason and compromise,” said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek.

“There's a leak,” she pronounced.

“It's not a leak,” said the Lord. “It's a tear.”

“What's it for?”

“It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride.”

“You are a genius,” said the angel.

The Lord looked sombre. “I didn't put it there.”

Original source unknown.

Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers, Grandmothers and special people who are like a Mother to us in our St Francis Community.

Warmest regards,



John Marinucci
On behalf of Tricia, John and Julian

Learning and Teaching News

Years 7-12

Middle Years Matters

"...to be loved as to love"

This week finds us responding to the many demands of NAPLAN testing. While NAPLAN may be the cause for some to experience anxiety, stress or confusion, it is also a great reflection of COMMITMENT. Commitment is 'a willingness to give your time and energy to something that you believe in'. An article I was reading recently highlighted this idea of commitment within the field of teaching and learning – 'the greatest commitment of a true educator should be with the **STUDENTS** and their **LEARNING**.....It's just that you can't call yourself a **REAL** teacher if you are not committed, first and foremost, to your students and their learning.' Seen in this light, NAPLAN reflects the reality of our St Francis College teaching – learning community, for both students and teachers. As students worked through their tests and teachers supervised, it was clearly evident that both groups shared a common commitment in achieving the best possible outcome as learners.

This mutual commitment begins long before NAPLAN Testing week. It begins on day one, between a teacher and their class, when both work together collaboratively to create a positive learning environment for everyone. At St Francis College one of the ways this reality is reflected is in the Class Covenant – the commitment made by teacher and students to take responsibility together for enabling the best learning to take place for each one. Below is an example of one of our Class Covenants in the Middle Years Phase of Learning – Year **8C**

Through these class covenants, I am sure this mutual commitment and sense of responsibility to our learning and teaching will continue to exist and develop long after this week of NAPLAN tests.

Class Covenant – Year 8C



All parties agree that academic success is the product of a cooperative effort. To ensure that 8C Religion will benefit from this partnership, each party has the following responsibilities:

As a student they will:

- Respect ourselves and each other while building positive relationships
- Respect our environment and keep our classroom clean
- Follow in the footsteps of St Francis
- Have a growth mindset and put in our best effort
- Follow the school rules

As a teacher Mr David Roati, I will:

- Provide equal learning opportunities and value each students' opinion
- Provide clear and concise rules and expectations
- Make sure all students understand and grasp the concept and topic
- Provide time for students to receive extra help after school
- Work to make sure learning is enjoyable



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

At the end of last term our Senior Graphics student's went on an excursion to the Gallery of Modern Art, Queensland Art Gallery, Queensland Museum and the State Library of Queensland. This was to help assist them, as part of their research, for their first assessment which required them to produce a design folio by creating an exhibition on a topic of their choice.

It was a fantastic day and the students had a blast, especially on the giant slide artwork which is currently installed in GOMA! Thank you to all the Senior Graphics students for a wonderful day and for all your hard work on the assessment throughout the term!

Mrs Leah Mann (Graphics and Digital Technology Teacher)

Pastoral News

Student Attendance

It is important for all students to be at school every day. When deciding whether to keep your child home from school, please consider the following:

A child should be at school unless:

- The child is too sick to leave the house.
- The child has an infectious disease like measles or chicken pox.
- The child has an injury preventing movement around the school.
- The child is going on a family holiday that cannot be arranged during school holidays. This must be arranged with the principal in advance.
- The principal is provided with any genuine and acceptable reason preventing the child's attendance.
- A medical or dental appointment could not be made out of school hours (wherever possible, appointments should be made out of school hours).

If your child is absent a note must be supplied to explain the days missed on their return to school. If your child has seen a medical practitioner a certificate will help explain the absence.

You should also contact the school in advance if you know your child will be away.

Remember

If students miss the basic skills in the early years of schooling they often experience learning difficulties later on.

There is a direct link between attendance and achievement.

It has been shown that poor patterns of attendance in the early years can lead to poor patterns of attendance throughout the school years.

Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive friendships with their peers.

Positive Parenting

As Mother's Day approaches we felt it was worth remembering that its mothers and fathers, real women and men, who raise our children and help shape the parents of the future. The articles below focus on a fathers influence on their daughter and how they can affect their sense of worth as a woman, and the celebration of Motherhood itself and all that that encompasses.

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

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning: Years 7-12



Hello Parents and Guardians,

As detailed in the last newsletter, the current focus for PB4L is the implementation of an 'Expectation of the Week' for each week of the term. Each expectation is based upon one of the College rules being Respect Self, Respect Others, Respect Environment, and Respect Learning. Each week our staff will explicitly teach this desired behaviour across the College, describing what the behaviour looks like and why it is important. Over the course of the term thus far, our weekly expectations have been:

- Respect Learning – Lining Up Outside
- Respect Self – Uniform
- Respect Learning – Being punctual
- Respect Others – Appreciating Diversity (this week's expectation)

For each of these, students have been explicitly taught the skills necessary to partake in such expectations and now understand their importance in our College and the community. This week's expectation, Appreciating Diversity, focuses on ensuring students understand how to deal with diversity within their peers. We encourage them to keep an open mind, to get to know others, and ensure they respect and welcome difference.

Having discussions with your students at home, regarding these expectations, will further allow them to develop the skills necessary to recognise and understand our College wide expectations. At SFC, we know our students are capable of wonderful things and are committed to ensuring that they learn and grow in a positive environment.

GOTCHA'S

Students are given GOTCHA'S from all class teachers for displaying appropriate behaviours and working well in class. In the year group assemblies one GOTCHA is drawn out for each year level and the winning student receives a tuckshop voucher. Ask your student how many GOTCHA'S they received this week.

This week's winners are:

Year 7	Jerrymaih I'iga	Year 8	Danika Ivers
Year 9	Lucy Kiwi-Kiwi Reyes	Year 10	Marleen Sakarya
Year 11	Majd Salloum	Year 12	Avishek Prakash

Congratulations and keep up the good work!

SFC PB4L Team

Ask a Speechie...

What is Stuttering?

Stuttering is a **speech** problem, not an emotional or psychological one. Stuttering is common when children are between 2-3 years and their vocabulary is growing in leaps and bounds. Often children grow out of stuttering, but some red flags are:

Has your child been stuttering for longer than a year?

Does someone in your family stutter or did they stutter when they were young?

Is your child beginning to be worried/frustrated about their stuttering?

If any of the above are happening, then it is time to see a speech pathologist.

Stuttering Characteristics

Stuttering disrupts the fluency of speech (**smooth talking**). There are three main types of stutters:

Repetitions: repeated sounds/syllables/words: ('B-b-b-b-but not now.')

Prolongations: a sound is lengthened ('Aaaaask her if I can come.')

Blocks: periods of silence/silent struggle where child seems unable to make the sound ('He-----'s there.')

Stuttering Facts:

Parents do not cause stuttering

Stuttering has a strong genetic link. Children who stutter are likely to have someone in their family who used to stutter or still stutters.

It doesn't help to say, 'Take a deep breath' or 'Think before you speak'

These sorts of comments only make children feel more self-conscious about their speech. It is better to listen patiently and let the child know they have plenty of time to speak.

Treatment during young childhood is best

Stuttering in children, particularly between the ages of 3-5 years old, is easier to treat than stuttering in adolescence or in adults.

If you have any questions or concerns about someone in your family who stutters, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Ms Jennai Beckett (Speech Pathologist)

Sports Update

Years P-12

News from the Sports Desk!

Pacific District 10 – 12 Rugby Union

A massive congratulations to Jett Robertson, Dylan Sootaga and Devontae Tito who have all been selected in the Pacific District 10-12 Rugby Union team. The boys will now go on to

compete at the Regional trials on the 13th June to be selected in the South Coast team. Well done!!!

Pacific District Cross Country

Congratulations to Henryk Pajaczkowski who has been selected in the Pacific District Cross Country team. Henryk competed last week at the District trials and was coming third until he unfortunately fell in a ditch. Luckily though he never gave up and completed the 6km course coming in at 14th, just making the team! He will now compete in the Regional trial, which is being held on the Tuesday 6th June at the Runaway Bay Sports Complex. We wish you the best of luck Henryk!



Pacific District U15 Soccer

Congratulations to Se Neh who has been selected in the U15 boys Soccer team. Good Luck at the upcoming Regional trial.

Combined Catholic Colleges Rugby Union

Congratulations to Peter Evalu, Larry Lofipo, Ezmonde Tuala & Josiah Taofinu'u who recently represented St Francis College in the Combined Catholic Colleges Rugby Union team. The boys played at Suncorp Stadium against a Combined High Schools team. Unfortunately the team went down 38 – 15 however Mr Norris said that the boys played with dedication and pride.



Queensland U18 Rugby Union Trials

Congratulations to both Josiah Taofinu'u & Larry Lofipo who represented South Coast and to Peter Evalu & Ezmonde Tuala who represented the Chairmans XV in the Queensland Rugby Union trials last weekend. The boys played at Sunnybank Rugby Union Club over a four day period in a knockout competition. Unfortunately the Chairmans XV team did not make semis however the South Coast team played against Sunshine Coast in a nail biting game winning the Grand Final 12 – 5. We are extremely proud of all four of the boys who played hard and gave it their all.



Ezmonde Tuala & Peter Evalu Ez 7's Cup Winners Chairman's XV



Peter Evalu, Larry Lofipo, Ezmonde Tuala & Josiah Taofinu'u at the State Championships

Combined Secondary Schools team

Another massive congratulations to Larry and Josiah who have been selected in the Combined Secondary Schools Rugby Union team to play against Combined TAS, AIC & GPS teams. The boys will now play to be selected in the Queensland Schoolboys Rugby team from 21st – 23rd June. GOOD LUCK!

South Coast U19 Volleyball

Congratulations to Gloria Sootaga who has been selected in the U19 South Coast Volleyball team. Gloria will now compete at the Queensland School titles from Thursday 1st June – Sunday 4th June. We wish you the best of luck!

Please let us know if you are an SFC Sporting Star!

If you have achieved sporting success outside of school make sure you let either Miss Litzow or Mr Grove know. We would love to hear about your sporting gifts and talents and highlight it on assembly and in the school newsletter.

UPCOMING PACIFIC DISTRICT TRIALS: 10 – 19 YEARS

TRIAL DATE	SPORT	GENDER	AGE GROUP	TIME	VENUE
Paper Nominations No Trial	Golf	B&G	10 - 19 yrs	No Trial	No Venue
31-May-2017	Rugby League	Girls	12 yrs	3:30pm-5:30pm	Beenleigh SHS

TRIAL DATE	SPORT	GENDER	AGE GROUP	TIME	VENUE
13-June-2017	AFL	Girls	12yrs	3:30pm-5:30pm	Windaroo SS

If you are interested in attending a trial you MUST see Miss Litzow and she will provide you with a permission form. Once you have brought back the permission form you will be given a South Coast booklet. No booklet = no trials. Parents/guardians must provide their child's transport to and from the trials.

P-12 Family Group Cross Country

On Thursday 20th April the P-12 Family Group Cross Country was held! What a day it was! All students had a great day and the atmosphere was electric! Students rotated between running the Cross Country course to the giant inflatable obstacle course to the giant foosball game to Tug-of-war. They then enjoyed a well-earned ice block together! Congratulations to all students who participated in all aspects of the day and thank you to staff and leaders who helped make the day a success! I wonder what will be in store next year!

A special congratulations to the students listed below who came a place in their age group! The top 5 runners from Primary have represented St Francis at the Beenleigh District trails held at Canterbury College last Thursday. The top 6 Secondary runners will represent SFC at the SECA Cross Country which will be held Teralba Park, Everton Park on Wednesday 24th May. Congratulations to the students who have made the team. Please check the sports noticeboard for the team. Permission forms need to be returned ASAP to Miss Litzow at the sports office.

AGE GROUP	AGE CHAMPION	RUNNER UP
9 GIRLS	Ruaia Mario	Isabella Williams
9 BOYS	Bonheur Kalemba	Godwill Urra
10 GIRLS	Suffere Eremugo	Maisci Palupe
10 BOYS	Lachlan Moulds	Leek Deng Aleer
11 GIRLS	Maddison Moulds	Kyra Yates
11 BOYS	Vadim Gilbert-Marino	Jayden Large
12 GIRLS	Shairon Eremugo	Isabella Zinicola
12 BOYS	Taj Nason	Jack Spencer
13 GIRLS	Jamaica Levinge-Doolah	Lily-Belle Dempsey
13 BOYS	Stephen Oneka-Lit	Connor Gillen
14 GIRLS	Rebecca Eremugo	Chanelle Rukundo
14 BOYS	Alex Butler	Drew Wardrope
15 GIRLS	Shelyla Chua	Miriama Taulaga
15 BOYS	George Tito	Ismail Ismail
16 GIRLS	Kirsty Burnett	Symone Bakker
16 BOYS	William Kepu	Kakule Kalemba

AGE GROUP	AGE CHAMPION	RUNNER UP
OPEN GIRLS	Lateisha Hare	Jessica Maksoud
OPEN BOYS	Henryk Pajaczkowski	Ezmonde Tuala

Congratulations once again to **KURRAWA** who took the shield. They took out a number of age groups and had the highest number of participation points. In the end they had a wonderful victory. **KURRAWA ARE THE 2017 FAMILY GROUP CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS!** Great work **KURRAWA**

OVERALL POINTS

2017 FAMILY GROUP CROSS COUNTRY SHIELD

1ST - **KURRAWA** - 424

2nd - **YARAAY** - 391

3rd - **WIIMULLI** - 383

4th - **JAGUN** - 334



SECA

We had a great start to SECA for 2017 with the first two rounds going off without a hitch! Congratulations to all students who played to the best of their ability and represented the school with pride! Just a reminder that SECA days are normal school days and all students are to attend in their **full sports uniform** WITH proper sport shoes and white socks. Congratulations to the winning teams and Most Valuable Players for Round one and two and we look forward to more successful results.

SECA Cross Country

On Wednesday 24th May our 7 - 12 Cross Country team will head out to Everton Park to compete in the SECA Cross Country Carnival. Permission forms will be sent home on Monday, we wish the students competing the best of luck!

Queensland Catholic Netball – Primary & Secondary

Good luck to both our Primary & Secondary Netball teams who will be competing on Monday 15th (U12) & Tuesday 16th May (U14 & Open) in the annual QC Cup Netball Competition. We wish the girls the best of luck and hopefully these games will help them prepare for the upcoming Vicki Wilson Cup.

Uhsport Open Soccer Tournament

Good luck to our Open Boys Soccer team who will be competing against Rivermount College, Canterbury College & Kimberley College in the annual Uhsport Soccer Tournament. These games will determine if the Boys move on to the next round. Please see below for details of the games:

Round 1 VS Rivermount College

DATE: Tuesday 9th May, 2017

VENUE: Park Ridge Panthers Football Club

TIME: Kick off at 4pm

Round 2 VS Canterbury College

DATE: Wednesday 17th May, 2017

VENUE: Canterbury College, Oval 1, Entrance E, Old Logan Village Rd, Waterford

TIME: Kick off at 4pm

Round 3 VS Kimberley College

DATE: Tuesday 23rd May, 2017

VENUE: John Paul College's Cec Munns Sports Fields

TIME: Kick off at 4pm

SFC Sport Fundraiser – Bunnings Browns Plains

Come and support St Francis College Sport by buying a sausage at Browns Plains Bunnings on Sunday 4th June. All funds raised will be used to buy new jerseys and to enter sporting competitions.

WHAT'S COMING UP...

- SFC vs Rivermount Open Boys Soccer – Tuesday 9th May
- QC Cup Primary – Monday 15th May
- QC Cup Secondary – Tuesday 16th May
- SFC vs Canterbury Open Boys Soccer – Wednesday 17th May
- SECA Round 3 – Thursday 18th May
- SECA Cross Country – Wednesday 24th May
- SFC Sport Bunnings BBQ – Browns Plains – Sunday 4th June
- SECA Round 4 – Thursday 1st June
- SECA Round 5 – Thursday 8th June

Other news...

There is always a lot happening in Sport so keep your eyes peeled on the newsletter, sport notice board and the daily announcements for updates. If you are interested in any of the activities listed come and see Miss Litzow or Mr. Grove at the Sports Office (Rufino).

Please take a look at the Sports Timetable below to see what's on this week!

Miss Jordan Litzow & Mr Lachlan Grove (Sports Program Leaders)

Library Happenings

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual statewide initiative which aims to improve literacy and encourage children to read widely for pleasure and learning. This year the PRC begins on 15 May and finishes on 25 August.

The challenge is not a competition but rather an individual challenge and for Prep – Year 9 students to successfully complete the challenge they must read or experience/listen to an allocated number of books. For Prep-4: 20 books and for Years 5-9: 15 books.

Children and students who complete the challenge will have their efforts recognised through the receipt of a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier of Queensland.

I will be speaking to classes this week about how they can take up the challenge.

Mr John Roberts (Teacher Librarian)

Careers Corner

Training Opportunities

What is a School based Traineeship/ Apprenticeship?

Australian School-based Apprenticeships are apprenticeships and traineeships that school students can commence in their chosen career whilst still continuing to study towards completing school.

Australian School-based Apprenticeships provide you with the opportunity to 'learn, work and earn'! That is, undertake training towards the achievement of a nationally recognised qualification, while learning skills and knowledge on-the-job and earning an income, combined with completing your senior school studies.

You can undertake an Australian School-based Traineeship or Apprenticeship in a huge range of career fields, including traditional trades.

Seeking Local Businesses for School-Based Traineeships/Apprenticeships

We are looking for help from our local community businesses to support our students that are seeking school based Traineeships/Apprenticeships.

We have an increase in students wanting to gain on-the-job training and work towards a nationally recognised qualification while completing senior schooling.

This is a great opportunity to bring the local community together and for students to develop employability skills while still at school.

If you are interested in employing a school-based trainee or apprentice, please contact the College on 3489 4800

School Based Traineeships/Apprenticeships

Have you thought about a School Based Traineeship/ Apprenticeship? Earn while you learn.

Check out some of the vacancies that we have on offer. If you are interested, visit the Careers Office for more information.

All Trades QLD

Are offering a few courses minimal charge or free to last year's, year 12 students or people under 21 seeking employment. For more information please see flyers on how to enrol.

Griffith University

Are offering a Tertiary Education Experience for high school students in years 10 to 12 with disabilities. Please see the flyer for more information.

Are you interested in Architecture? Griffith University are offering a two day school holiday workshop to students. See flyer for more information.

Some helpful, informative videos for students looking at going to Griffith University next year, please click below to watch the videos.

https://www.griffith.edu.au/apply/_nocache

Queensland Curriculum Assessment and Authority Account Login Competition

The QCAA is encouraging students to log in to their learning account on the Student Connect website to check their details and become familiar with the login process before results are released at the end of the year.

<https://studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au>

As an incentive, any Year 12 student who logs in to their learning account at least once between 1 May and 31 August will be entered into a draw to win an Apple MacBook Air.

Open Days and Expos

Australian Catholic University – open day Saturday 22nd July 9am-2pm 110 Nudgee Rd, Banyo - openday.acu.edu.au	The University of Queensland – Open day at St Lucia Campus Sunday 6 August 2017
University Experience – Thursday 6th July 2017 register online at acu.edu.au/uni-experience	Future-students.qu.edu.au/open-day
Early Achievers' Program – Applications open: 26 April 2017 Applications close: 17 July 2017	
Griffith University – Twilight Tours Nathan and Gold Coast 11-12 April and 4-5 July 2017, Open Day – 23 July 2017 griffith.edu.au/study	TSXPO (Tertiary Studies Expo) 12-16 July 2017 careersevent.com/tsxpo/
Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo – 2-3 June 2017 careersemploymentexpo.com.au	

Money Matters

Federal Funding

This week the Federal Government has released some figures outlining its funding allocation for schools in 2018 and beyond.

Next year, Brisbane Catholic Education schools will receive a federal funding increase of around 3.7%. We thank the Federal Government for this support and for its commitment to continue to provide fair and equitable funding over the next decade.

However, please be aware that the dollar figures for each school's funding, listed on the government's Quality Schools website, are **not** an accurate reflection of the money actually received by each school. This is because – as the site itself notes – the amounts listed do **not** take into account the impact of the Catholic Education system's "group funding" arrangements. (Under this system, all federal funding for Catholic schools is pooled together, and then redistributed according to a needs-based formula which reflect locally-identified areas of need.)

Thus, the raw federal funding figures listed on the website **are not reflective of the actual amounts received by each Catholic school**, now or in the future. Some schools will receive more than the figures listed; others will receive less.

Additionally, the figures have been generated using projections and assumptions which the Government has not fully disclosed to us. The projections must therefore be viewed with caution.

We are still awaiting further information from the government about its projections (and the economic assumptions which underlie them) for the ten year period ending in 2027.

Information about actual funding received by schools from all sources (including state government funding and school fees) is available on the My School website.

We continue to stress our belief in a fair, transparent and needs-based model for school funding and welcome the Federal Government's commitment to such a system.

More information will be provided as it becomes available.

QATSIF

Following our application to QATSIF (Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation) on behalf of our students Julian Wiley, Phillip Butler, and Chloe McGrath, we would like to extend our appreciation and thanks to the Trustee of Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation for approval to provide Scholarship payments to our students during their senior years of study (year 11 and 12). These payments will help families to defray the costs of education whilst at St Francis. This milestone is not without hard work from our students who will need to meet certain standards in performance and attendance. Well done Julian, Phillip, and Chloe!

School Fees

Shortly you will receive your Fees Statement for Term 2, 2017 fees and levies. The Statement will also include any outstanding or carry over balances from Term 1. There is a due date for payment on your Statement for the payment of your account, so please keep this in mind and pay promptly. Naturally if you believe that you will not be able to make payment by the due date, or you feel burdened by your fees or outstanding balance I ask that you contact Mrs. Kellie Mudge at the office on 3489 4846. All discussions are private and confidential and often

the solution is simple and achievable. A payment plan at no extra cost is available and where necessary concessions can be applied for.

Mr. Frank Miotti (Business Manager)

Administration Matters

School Transport

Parents whose child(ren) attends a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary, such as St. Francis College, are eligible for Students with Disability (SWD) or Bus Fare (BFAP) rebate.

Please visit their website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at by 31 May 2017.

<http://www.schooltransport.com.au>

Mrs Claire McBean (Marketing, Communication and Events Coordinator)

Parish News

Parish Fundraiser Event

Raising funds for a Solar Power system for the Parish.

Kolbe Rock 'n' Roll Nite

When: 12th May 6-10.30pm

Where: St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Hall

Cost: \$20

Who: Open to ages 18 & over

Sacramental Program 2017

For those of you who have enrolled your children for the Sacrament of Confirmation program 2017. Please note the following dates:

21st May: 2nd Session after 9.30am Mass

3rd June: General Rehearsal

4th June: The Sacrament of Confirmation at 9.30am Mass

Date Claimers

16th May	Combined meeting of Pastoral Council and Finance committee at 7.30pm
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