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Leadership Team News

Important Events

Health Hub Launch

One of our exciting new learning ventures in 2017 is our Health Hub. St Francis College has partnered with BCE (Brisbane Catholic Education), DET (Department of Education and Training, QLD) and TAFE QLD to provide certificate courses in Cert II in Health Support Services and Cert III in Health Services Assistance for students in Years 10, 11 and 12. These TAFE Courses are provided onsite at St Francis College, in our very own Health Hub, by a TAFE Teacher, with state of the art facilities about to be completed. We have also welcomed students from Emmaus College and Trinity College who will study with our students in our Health Hub.

Our students have begun the theory part of their course and after the completion of building works and **our official launch on Friday 17 March students** will begin the practical part of the course *in a facility that mirrors a real hospital ward.*

We look forward to welcoming Ms Pam Betts, Executive Director Brisbane Catholic Education, the Honourable Mr Cameron Dick MP, Minister for Health and Ambulance Services and Dr Jim Chalmers MP, Federal Member for Rankin and Shadow Minister for Finance as well as officials from TAFE, DETE and Griffiths University to officially launch our Health Hub on Friday 17 March.

Review Processes

Each year the College publishes our Strategic Plan (3 to 5 year projections) and annual action plan. We did this for 2017 with the last newsletter and in the parent portal. At the end of the year we report to the community on our achievements against these plans. Every 5 years, in order to retain our accreditation with the Non State Schools Accreditation Board, we have an **External Review**. This review is scheduled to take place on Thursday 16 March. A Panel will discuss, with members of staff,

parent and student representatives, learning and community outcomes from the period of the strategic plan.

As well, in Term 1 and 2 our middle leaders, Tim Sione, Ashleigh Fomakis, Megan Philpott, Dan Horn, Michelle Ferguson, Laura Hawkins, Kaitlyn McNamara, Stacey Readman, Christine Rolfe, Lachlan Grove, Jordan Litzow and Claudia Crow are engaging in an appraisal of their achievements in their roles over the last 3 years. Our middle leaders are looking forward to this process and will be asking other staff, parents and students to provide feedback about their work, achievements and areas for growth.

We believe feedback is a powerful tool to improve learning and performance. We encourage students to seek feedback and as part of our teaching and learning process we provide formal and informal feedback to class, test and assignment work.

The External Review and Middle Leader Reviews provides important feedback for the school and staff. We thank our community in anticipation for your input into these reviews.

Everyday Greatness

Recently I have read a book entitled "Everyday Greatness" by Stephen R Covey, which challenges us to look beyond what we are now doing and inspiring us to be better people who can reach our full potential. When reading the book it reminded me of a conversation I had with my nephew, it related to him gaining higher grades at university. He responded humorously stating "Don't worry, everyone at university states that C's give you degrees". I made it very clear to him that this attitude doesn't allow us to challenge ourselves fully as human beings to unleash our potential, and grow into greatness.

Irrespective of the difficulties we carry in life, we all carry within us the seeds of greatness. Covey, in his book, outlines that seeds are nothing more than potential, that is, unless they are fed by soil and nurtured by the sun. So it is with our seeds of greatness. It is only after they are brought into the light of awareness and nurtured by positive thoughts and actions

that they bloom. Our ability to achieve as individuals is very much influenced by our state of mind. For example; how can I become good when I think I'm bad? Great when I think I'm small? Worthy when I think I'm worthless? In other words, insignificant people have insignificant thoughts while the minds of great people are occupied by great thoughts. The irony is no one is insignificant unless they think they are. The challenge to all our students is to awaken the seeds of greatness within them. By awakening this sense of positive fulfilment students can then become inspired and when inspired act with greatness and in turn reach their full potential.

Greatness is not power, wealth, fame, beauty, or talent. William Arthur Ward describes it, "Greatness is not found in possessions, power or prestige. It is discovered in goodness, humility, service and character". In other words, it is becoming someone you admire. It is important as human beings that we always try to unlock the power of knowledge, that is, we must apply what we learn. This is a good habit to get into, for it allows us to focus on applying what we learn. Mainly, whenever you learn something of value, immediately ask yourself, "How can I apply this to my life? When should I apply it? Where should I use this? Why should I use it?" The power of questioning allows us to ignite the potential locked within the knowledge we gain.

For students often the opportunity for greatness is missed, even when it may be staring them in the face. What happens when they obtain a poor grade, have relationship problems, or have accidents they often view these as disasters, grow anxious, stressful and fearful. Yet, those who see the same events as opportunities to rise to the greatness thrust upon them manage to call up courage, faith, and perseverance. In other words, rather than see an issue as a "catastrophe" they see the problem as a mountain waiting to be scaled. In Stephen Covey's book he challenges all people to make three everyday choices:

- The Choice to Act – life by its mere nature is about choices
- The Choice of Purpose – what ends, or purposes, will daily choices lead, and
- The Choice for Principles – we live our lives in accordance with proven principles

As our senior students think about the year ahead it is important that they recognise the "greatness" within them and to set themselves the challenge to scale the mountain that faces them in 2017. For when we do more, we become more; we become greater. William M. Thackeray (1811-1863) stated that:

"To endure is greater than to dare; to tire out hostile fortune; to be daunted by no difficulty; to keep heart when all have lost it; to go through intrigue spotless; to forego even ambition when the end is gained — who can say this is not greatness?"

Have a great 2017 and may you all search for your greatness!

This Week's Focus – Litter

The grounds are looking fantastic and we salute our hard working ground staff and all who have supported the development of the grounds in recent years, including environmental groups and students who have planted trees on

occasions. This is Clean up Australia weekend and we can all improve the litter situation. Make a point of picking up any litter you see lying around and dropping it in one of the many bins around the school. Even more importantly, please make sure your own litter goes into the bins provided.

Important Notice Regarding Duty of Care

I wish to remind all parents of the following important notice regarding supervision outside of normal school hours:

Out Of School Hours Policy

Please be advised that there is no formal supervision, playground or otherwise, before school commences and after school has finished on official school days during term time Monday-Friday. Our supervision school hours are: 8.20am - 3.30pm

Please be aware that students who arrive before 8.20am and/or leave the premises later than 3.30pm are not supervised, unless they are participating in an organised activity. Students who remain on the school property after 3:30 pm should make their way to the Assisi Centre (i.e. Administration building) and not congregate around the front of the College near The San Damiano Hall, or loitering around the school buildings.

Warmest regards,



John Marinucci
On behalf of Tricia, John and Julian

Staff News

Staff Profile

This week **Sandie Thorncroft** is our Super Star:

- Sandie has two great achievements, completing her Masters and having 3 beautiful sons.
- If Sandie wasn't a teacher, she would be a Disability carer or working with disabled children.



Sandie Thorncroft

To find out more, click on the link below!

Religious Life of the School

From the APRE

What a wonderful week for the Religious life of the school at St Francis College!

Last Friday 24th February, we celebrated our first Parish Mass at the College. We were delighted to welcome over one hundred staff, students, parents, families and parish friends. Fr

Sunil welcomed the children especially with his homily and our new choir really showed their talent.

This week, we began the season of Lent by marking the occasion with a P-12 Liturgy on Ash Wednesday in the Pavilion. It is challenging to create a prayerful environment for over a thousand people in that space but the children did very well to remain focused and prayerful throughout. The choir set the scene in a beautiful way.

The Lenten season goes for six weeks finishing on Easter Sunday and is characterised by a focus on prayer, fasting and giving to the poor. St Francis College supports Caritas Australia and Project Compassion during this time. The theme this year is Love your Neighbour. There will be times throughout the rest of the term when your student will be asked to reflect on what they have, being grateful and perhaps offering some small contribution to Project Compassion.

On Thursday 2nd March, the Year 6's have their Leadership day and Friday 3rd March marks the first of the Reflection days in the 7-12 phase with Year 10 students. The Year 10 students will spend the day with the facilitators from Project Hatch who will lead students through a series of activities designed to help them reflect on their lives and to think about how they can plan for an awesome future.

Also on Friday, St Francis students and teachers will participate in Clean up Australia day where they will mindfully spend five minutes collecting rubbish left after the second break. You might ask what this has to do with the religious life of the school but stewardship of creation and the environment is one of our Franciscan values and St Francis of Assisi our patron saint is also the Patron Saint of Ecology; so we have an extra reason to take care of our school environment.

'Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation' (Canticle of Creation St Francis of Assisi).

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

Mr Rob Canning (Assistant Principal Religious Education P-9)

Learning and Teaching News

Years P-9

Middle Years Matters

As we come to the end of our very warm Summer season and enter into the cooler Autumn months, we know that in terms of the school calendar, we are also moving into the 'season' of assessments, assignments and exams.

Within the Visible Learning framework some of the characteristics of Assessment capable students include: being able to understand the learning intentions of lessons, being active participants in their learning, being able to set SMART goals in learning, being able to self-assess accurately and successfully against the success criteria and knowing their next steps in learning. Throughout the year teachers consciously work towards developing such characteristics within their students in order to help them make progress in their learning. Asking students about what they're learning and why they're

learning this can challenge them to make connections between their real world and their learning at school.

Another key characteristic that helps students during this 'season of assessments' is that of resilience. Resilience is the ability to 'bounce back' from life's difficulties. For many young people it is vital to help them develop resilience strategies that promote well-being and develop coping mechanisms. Andrew Fuller, a clinical psychologist, describes resilience as "the happy knack of being able to bungy jump through the pitfalls of life – to rise above adversity and obstacles."

Both resiliency and the characteristics of assessment capable students need to develop together in order to be most effective in improving overall learning achievements. The following link from Andrew Fuller provides 10 Strategies to Help Kids Develop Resiliency. As we move into our 'testing time' of the term, these strategies may help our students move forward with greater confidence and a positive sense of well-being.

At St Francis, in addition to these practical strategies to build resilience, we continue to develop our mindfulness practices which also support and focus students during their learning times. One practice taking on in the Middle Years, uses breathing and yoga-type body movements as a way to focus, centre and calm minds for the learning ahead. Scientific studies suggest that children who practice yoga-based movement, conscious breathing, and mindfulness/meditation activities are better able to regulate their emotions, manage stress, and calm themselves.

Clean Up Australia Day: This Friday March 3rd we will be celebrating Clean up Australia School Day with a 5 Minute Litter Challenge. All classes from P-12 will participate in this activity reflecting not only our school value of Stewardship but our commitment to our College Strategic Goal connected to Building a Sustainable Future.



Middle Years FrancisCan Service Programme: Just a reminder to ask your children in the Middle Years Phase of Learning, how many hours of service they have already attained and the type of service they are providing to those in our community. It would also be good to congratulate them on their efforts so far and encourage further commitment to this programme.

Swimming Carnival Fun for the Middle Years: Last Tuesday we celebrated our Family Group Swimming Carnival. For some of our Year 7 students this was their first experience of such an event and it looked as if they were enjoying the day and all its activities.



Mahalia Shields and Elyssa Bartlett

If they are missing just	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of schooling that's.....
30 mins per day	Half a day a week	4 weeks per year	<u>Nearly 1 ½ years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	<u>Over 2 ½ years</u>

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

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning: Years 7-12

As assessment time begins to linger in the minds of our students, they will begin to experience a range of external pressures and emotions. Through a positive environment within the College and at home, we can use these experiences as character building moments to develop resilience, perseverance and courage within your child. This is done by building a partnership where both parties, adult and child, are seeking a win-win result.

Within the school environment, our teachers always have the best interest of the child in mind and adjust their actions and behaviours accordingly to ensure student development. Some of the techniques our staff use consist of giving students more responsibility, allowing students to make mistakes and always striving to build supportive relationships. From this environment, students will develop leadership skills, accept responsibility for their actions, and take risks knowing that they have support.

You can ensure your child displays these qualities at home by showcasing enhanced levels of trust, viewing mistakes as opportunities to develop and reinforcing their unique character and identity.

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	Danteus Roberts	Year 8	Fares Aldhem
Year 9	Dru Parry	Year 10	Mileena Loto-loasa
Year 11	Zeserina Ah Chong	Year 12	Trinity Lilomaiava

Congratulations and keep up the good work!

SFC PB4L Team



Arthur Wase, Taki Tipene and Kaylan Harrison



Amy and May Yang with Shamili Witharanalage

Enjoying time together at the pool.

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

Pastoral News

Parenting Ideas

Below are two articles that talk about developing and encouraging independence in our Children, they both give practical independence-building ideas.

Attendance Percentages for February

Congratulations Year 7 for the best attendance record for February. It was a great start to the year with all year levels attendance above 90%. Let's continue to keep our attendance above 90% and strive for 100% -Year 7 – 95%, Year 8 – 92%, Year 9 – 93%, Year 10 – 93%, Year 11 – 90%, Year 12 – 90%.

Attendance at school every day gives your child the best opportunity to do well. Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

If they are missing just	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of schooling that's.....
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	<u>Nearly ½ year</u>
20 mins per day	1hr 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	<u>Nearly 1 year</u>

Culture and the Arts

House of Champions

The annual House of Champions dance competition will be held on Saturday 14th October, 2017. St Francis College have been invited to display their talents on stage. If this event is something you are interested in please listen to the notices for rehearsal times. Interest and attendance to these sessions will ensure St Francis secures a place in the competition. Happy dancing!

Ms Michelle Ferguson (Head of the Practical Arts)

Ask a Speechie...

Reading with your child

Beloved Australian children's author, Mem Fox, has said that children need to read 10,000 books before they start school – or the same book 10,000 times!

As parents, it can be hard to find the time or the energy sometimes to read to our kids. Sometimes it just feels like life gets too busy and chaotic to sit down and read together. However, research tells us that as little as **10-15 minutes per day** is all that is needed to help your children develop their language and literacy skills. This is true for babies up to age 10!

During this reading time, you can involve your child by asking them specific types of questions. Blank's Levels of Questions are an easy way to keep track of your child's language development and to help them progress their understanding and speaking skills. For more information, please ask your teacher for a **Blank's Levels of Questions bookmark**.

Mem Fox's 10 read-aloud commandments

1. Spend at least ten wildly happy minutes every single day reading aloud.
2. Read at least three stories a day: it may be the same story three times. Children need to hear a thousand stories before they can begin to learn to read.
3. Read aloud with animation. Listen to your own voice and don't be dull, or flat, or boring. Hang loose and be loud, have fun and laugh a lot.
4. Read with joy and enjoyment: real enjoyment for yourself and great joy for the listeners.
5. Read the stories that the kids love, over and over and over again, and always read in the same 'tune' for each book: i.e. with the same intonations on each page, each time.
6. Let children hear lots of language by talking to them constantly about the pictures, or anything else connected to the book; or sing any old song that you can remember; or say nursery rhymes in a bouncy way; or be noisy together doing clapping games.
7. Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books for young children, and make sure the books are really short.
8. Play games with the things that you and the child can see on the page, such as letting kids finish rhymes,

and finding the letters that start the child's name and yours, remembering that it's never work, it's always a fabulous game.

9. Never ever teach reading, or get tense around books.
10. Read aloud every day because you just love being with your child, not because it's the right thing to do. This is as important for fathers as it is for mothers!

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

Ms Jennai Beckett (Speech Pathologist)

Sports Update

Years P-12

News from the Sports Desk!

YARAAAY HAVE WON THE FAMILY GROUP SWIMMING CROWN FOR 2017!

OVERALL RESULTS

1st – YARAAAY - 683

2nd – WIMULLI - 479

3rd – KURRUWA - 466

4th – JAGUN - 348

The annual Family Group Swimming Carnival was held last Tuesday and it was a great day! All students participated to the best of their ability to earn points for their family group. Points were close all day between Yaraay and Wimulli but by the end of the day after the best dressed and the final war cry Yaraay came out on top. Great work Yaraay who are the Family Group Swimming Champions for 2017!

Congratulations to the leaders who lead their family groups with enthusiasm and passion all day.

Congratulations to the age champions who were the best swimmers on the day!

GIRLS	AGE CHAMPION	RUNNER UP AGE CHAMPION
12's	Amelie Corbyn-Kelly & Madison Cortes	Lily Hickson
13's	Rory Jones	Trinity Chadwick
14's	Kaylee Large	Cindy Lyons
15's	Laura Hayes	Katelyn Moiola
16's	Caitlyn Holden	Morgan Cunningham
Opens	Gloria Sootaga	Sarai Nauer

BOYS	AGE CHAMPION	RUNNER UP AGE CHAMPION
12's	Beejay Goddard	Declan Hargrave
13's	Jasper Calicdan	Tyson Stanley
14's	Reef Gilbert-Marino	Fade Hanoun

BOYS	AGE CHAMPION	RUNNER UP AGE CHAMPION
15's	Brayden Miller	Lawson Bell
16's	Ben Cox	Levi Kepu
Opens	Connor Petersen	Phillip Butler

Another **MASSIVE CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW RECORD HOLDERS**

Beejay Goddard // 12 Years boys Backstroke – 56.82sec
 Madison Cortes // 12 Years girls Breastroke – 1.01mins



2017 SECA

SECA teams are finalised and are on the Sports Noticeboard. Students need to check that they are in a team and ensure they organise their requirements over the Easter holidays for their sport before Term 2. Just a reminder students will need to have FULL SPORTS UNIFORM including sport shoes which have laces in order to play SECA. No slip on shoes will be allowed. Mouthguards SHOULD be worn at League. All you need to supply is the correct shoes (boots or sport shoe) and sports uniform. Everything else is supplied.

Please see Miss Litzow if this is a problem and she can help you!

You must play in one sport, one age group and one division! We are playing against all SECA schools. 8 games. First past the post. No finals. Schools include: Trinity, St Augustines, Carmel College, St Thomas Moore, Emmaus, Mt Maria, Clairvaux PLUS Southern Cross (Gala Days, Carnivals). Follow SECA on Twitter @secasport for live updates. There will also be a SECA app that will be released for the start of SECA. Please keep an eye out in next fortnights newsletter for more details!

WHAT YOU NEED FOR SECA NEXT TERM!

- Basketball** - Sport uniform, Sport shoes
- Outdoor Soccer** - Sport Uniform, Sport shoes or boots
- Indoor Soccer** - Sport Uniform, Sport shoes
- Netball** - Sport Uniform, Sport shoes
- Rugby League** - Sport uniform, boots, and mouthguard
- Touch** - Sport uniform, Sport shoes
- Volleyball** - Sport uniform, Sport shoes
- Tennis** - Sport uniform, Sport shoes
- Theatre sports & Chess** - Sport uniform

EVERYTHING ELSE IS PROVIDED FOR YOU! IF YOU NEED TO BORROW OR YOU CANNOT GET AN ITEM PLEASE SEE MISS LITZOW

SFC Stars

Pacific District Basketball

Congratulations to Paul Paul who was selected in the Pac District Basketball team. He will now attend this Thursday's regional trial to be selected in the South Coast team.

Pacific District Volleyball

Congratulations to Gloria Sootaga who was selected in the U18 girls Pac District Volleyball team. Unfortunately Gloria will miss the trial as she has also been selected to represent Samoa in the 2017 Asian Youth Girls Volleyball Championship. She will travel to Chongqing, China this Thursday. Good luck Gloria!

South Coast Rugby Union

Congratulations to Larry Lofipo & Josiah Taofinu'u who have been selected in the South Coast Rugby Union team. The boys will now compete at the Queensland selection trials on the 4th May, 2017

SECA Girls Oz Tag

Good luck to the following girls who have been selected in the Open girls Oz Tag team. The girls will represent St Francis College this Thursday, 2nd March at the SECA Oz Tag competition: Reeves Silva, Lilani Loto-loasa, Lillian Mikaio, Ivana Muavae, Bella Williams, Chloe Halliwell, Shanina Faleafaga, Faith Jones, Sarai Nauer, Seroma Masalu, Faye Taimalle, Vaelua Vaigafa, Agnaliz Taupau, Cherish Tipene, Areeya Chea & Tyesha Mikaio.

SEQ Futsal Championships

Good luck to the following students who will be representing St Francis College next Tuesday, 7th March at the South East Queensland Futsal Championships:

U14 boys: Alex Butler, Patience Mugisha, Francis Williams, Dante Koeun, Ivan Wani, Abdul Niyomungere, Aweckoc Ador, Ayoum Ayoum, Drew Wardrope & Francis Martim Sabit.

U14 girls: Mae Chadderton, Rebecca Eremugo, Sentia Igiraneza, Jannie Bukuru, Trinity Chadwick, Kiarra Matters, Genevieve Tito, Sara Anthony, Samantha Lluvido Estopace & Evannea Tuala.

Open boys & open girls are yet to be confirmed! Watch this space!

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 them in assembly and in the school newsletter!

UPCOMING PACIFIC DISTRICT TRIALS: 10 – 19 YEARS

TRIAL DATE	SPORT	GENDER	AGE	TIME
14-March-2017	Basketball	Boys	10-12 yrs	3:30pm–5:30pm

Carnival

Thursday 27 April - SECA STARTS, Term 2, Week 2

TRIAL DATE	SPORT	GENDER	AGE	TIME
14-March-2017	Basketball	Girls	10-12 yrs	3:30pm-5:30pm
15-March-2017	Football (Soccer)	Girls	10-12 yrs	3:30pm-5:30pm
16-March-2017	Rugby Union	Boys	13-15 yrs	3:30pm-5:30pm
22/03/2017 BEENLEIGH ZONE	Touch	Boys	10-12 yrs	3:30pm-5:30pm
22-March-2017	Softball	Girls	12 yrs	3:30pm-5:30pm
23-March-2017	Softball	Girls	10-11 yrs	3:30pm-5:30pm
23-March-2017	Touch	Boys	18U yrs	3:30pm-5:30pm
23-March-2017	Touch	Girls	18U yrs	3:30pm-5:30pm
23-March-2017	Touch	Boys	15U yrs	3:30pm-5:30pm
23-March-2017	Touch	Girls	15U yrs	3:30pm-5:30pm

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.

Hats, Hats, Hats!

To ensure your son/daughter is protected from the sun and to avoid any possible skin damage all students in the school must have a college cap for HPE classes and to wear at lunch if wanting to play on the oval. College caps are available at the School Locker.

P-12 RUNNING CLUB AND STUDENT FITNESS

The P-12 Running Club and Student Fitness will be held every Wednesday morning from 7.30-8.00am. Any student from P-12 who is interested in participating in some fun and fitness in an effort to get ready for Cross Country or just getting some general fitness meet at the Sports Office on Wednesday mornings. You can then head down to the Hall for some breakfast at Breakfast Club! Sounds like a great way to start the day!

WHAT'S COMING UP...

Thursday 2 March - 7-12 SECA Girls OzTag

Tuesday 7 March - 7-12 SEQ Futsal Championships

Thursday 9 March - SFC vs Carmel Netball Friendly (U15 & Open teams)

Friday of Week 7, 8 & 9 - Gala Day (Years 5 & 6)

Friday 17 March - 7 - 12 SEQ Futsal Final's Day

Thursday 30 March - P-12 Family Group Cross Country

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).

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

Careers Corner

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.

Administration Matters

Up-to-Date Contact Details

In a move to improve home-school communication we are asking you to ensure that we have all your correct contact details. With the continued growth in the use of smartphones, general home computers, iPads etc we want to guarantee that all information can be accessed by you through these mediums. This will assist with the following:

- Receiving our school newsletter
- Receiving all school SMS's – these include general information, school absentee notifications and late arrivals.
- Receiving all school letters via email, therefore avoiding that age old problem of finding old letters at the bottom of your child's schoolbag!

Please provide the requested information by emailing adpryde@bne.catholic.edu.au.

Mrs Claire McBean (Marketing, Communication and Events Coordinator)

SFC Community Hub

Below is the timetable for our Community Hub. The Hub is a lovely welcoming place, where FREE programs for our families are offered.

Parish News

Queensland Irish Choir Inc.

Queensland Irish Choir Inc. invites you to attend their 2017 St. Patrick's Concert. The Choir will sing a range of songs including many favourites.

Date: Sunday 12th March 2017

Time: 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Guests: Queensland Irish Pipers and the Queensland Irish Dancers

Place: The Brisbane German Club – Vulture St. East Brisbane.

Cost: \$15 per person to book, call Jennifer Dunbar

Mob: 0447 744 788.

Email: jennifer.dunbar@hotmail.com Tickets can be purchased at the door

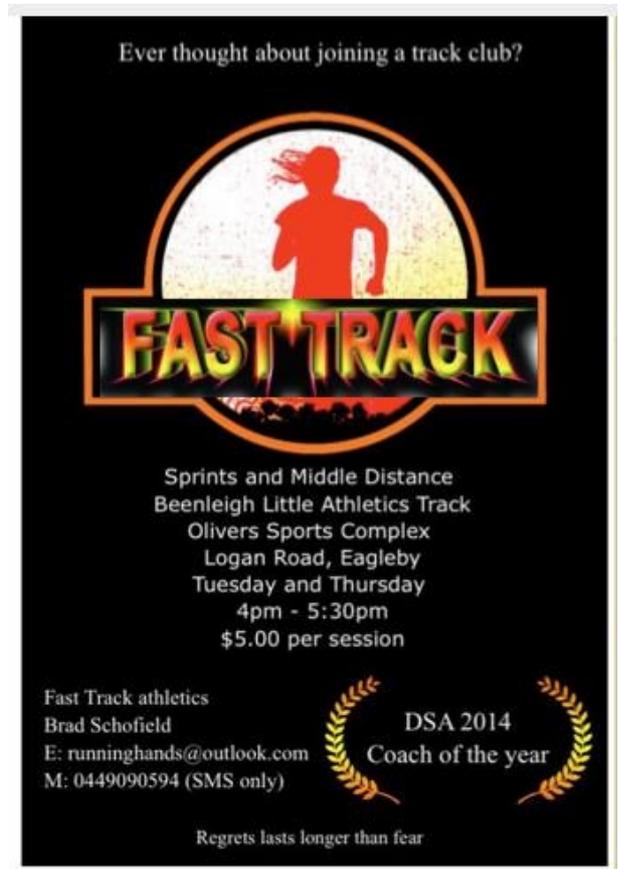
Date Claimers

3 March	First Friday Adoration at 6.30pm Stations of the Cross @ 7pm No Mass
12 March	Samoan Mass at 11.30am
14 March	Healing Mass @ 10.45am Followed by fellowship

Community News

Fast Track Athletics

Brad Schofield, a Level 2 Athletics and Cross Country Coach for the above club (affiliated with Beenleigh Little Athletics), is looking to recruit athletes from 9 Years and above for his squad. Brad would like to build a culture where the squad inspires and uplift each other.



Ever thought about joining a track club?

FAST TRACK

Sprints and Middle Distance
Beenleigh Little Athletics Track
Olivers Sports Complex
Logan Road, Eagleby
Tuesday and Thursday
4pm - 5:30pm
\$5.00 per session

Fast Track athletics
Brad Schofield
E: runninghands@outlook.com
M: 0449090594 (SMS only)

DSA 2014
Coach of the year

Regrets lasts longer than fear

Bridging Cultures

Australia is a multicultural nation unlike any other. With nearly one in every two Australians born overseas, or having one or both parents who were, we share our heritage with over 300 ancestries, including our First People, whose history and legacy is intrinsic to the identity of our nation.

217 of these 300 ancestries call Logan home, and it is in celebration of this diversity and the humanity that unites us that Mabel Park State High School is proud to be partnering with Access Community Services, the Queensland State Government, Australian Council for the Arts, Logan City Council, Brisbane Multicultural Arts Centre (BEMAC) and Arts Queensland in hosting this inaugural free family festival.

Held as a part of the country's annual Harmony Day celebrations and spanning our schools, businesses and communities, Bridging Cultures is about exactly that; bridging cultures and building a city rooted in unity, belonging and respect.

Featuring food from around the globe (our own 'Taste Of Harmony'), live music, art, free kids' activities, rides, prizes and more, Bridging Cultures will take place on Friday, March 24 between 2pm and 7pm here on the oval of Mabel Park State High School.

Park Ridge Football Club

Park Ridge Football Club

We are currently seeking players for our U16 Girls team for the 2017 Football Brisbane competition

Training is Tuesday & Thursday nights 6pm - 7:30pm

For further information on fees etc please call

Josh: 0426 421 997

Adrian: 0438 445 113

Mick: 0411 864 937

