6 March 2015

Leadership Team News

On Thursday 19th February, Mrs Koleta Galumalemana (Pasifika Coordinator), Ms Tammie Usher (Community Hub Worker), Mr Wong Kee Ilalio (Youth Cordinator) and I attended the Pasifika and Maori Mental Health Forum (Fono/Hui) held at the Hope Centre on Kingston Road. We heard expert speakers on mental health issues and gathered with community groups to learn from and with each other about ‘on the ground’ concerns regarding the mental health issues facing our young people. A big message for me is we need to talk to and listen to our young people, to note changes in behavior or patterns and to seek professional help. We need to let them know there is always hope and someone to turn to. It was such a privilege to be at this gathering. Our Logan community is strong, supportive and proactive.

At St Francis College we have extensive pastoral avenues for students and parents/caregivers to access if they have issues or concerns – pastoral teachers, pastoral coordinators, counsellors and Assistant Principals who look after our pastoral care. At St Francis College there is always hope and someone to turn to.

In the last two weeks we have been busy. We have celebrated the academic achievement of the Middle and Senior Phase for Semester 2, 2014 with an Academic Assembly; we commissioned our senior leaders with an assembly attended by Fr Sunil and the Honourable Jim Chalmers,

Mr Jim Chalmers and Ms Tricia Kennedy

Member for Rankin; we had the Middle and Senior Phase swimming carnival and last, but not least, we had the Year 12 Formal. Our girls were gorgeous and our boys were very handsome. At all these events parental support has been overwhelming. It matters that our young people see their school and parents working together and being present to acknowledge achievements and significant milestones. It certainly makes it easier in challenging times (of which there are many for young people navigating their way in the world).

Positive relationships between school and families provide support and a solid base for young people.

The last two weeks have also seen the lunchtime Positive Partnerships Games Club in Prep – Year 6 become very popular. Equally popular is Murri Time led by Mr Rob Canning, Mrs Rebecca Kelly and one of our parents, Ms Sam Bunda. In Murri Time students learn about Indigenous culture and language. Last week over 40 students attended. As well, the Prep – Year 6 choir has begun under the guidance of Mrs Catherine Connors.

I am so proud that our young people display social literacy. They are faithful to being Franciscan in their interactions – of being respectful. At the Formal on Friday evening our young men and women were courteous and gracious in a very formal setting – and they still had fun. I can’t believe how much energy went into the dancing - Nut Bush City Limits in particular.

We work with our students about the context of school and other occasions and what is acceptable in terms of actions, our behaviour and the words we use in each situation. We know parents also educate their children at home in this life skill. It is so great when it all comes to fruition on a night such as the Formal.

“Most high glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me, Lord, a correct faith, a certain hope, a perfect charity, sense and knowledge, so that I may carry out Your holy and true command.”

--St Francis of Assisi, The Prayer Before the Crucifix at San Damiano

This simple prayer from St Francis strikes me as so appropriate for Lent. At this time of year we’re called in a special way to deepen our awareness of Christ’s suffering, death and resurrection.

Tricia Kennedy

On behalf of Tricia, Les and Julian

Staff News

Farewell

This week we farewell Mr Ross Bucknall and Mrs Kelly Hayes. Mr Bucknall has worked in grounds and maintenance at the
College since 2010. He leaves St Francis College to travel in China. Mrs Hayes has worked in learning support since 2012 and leaves us to begin a traineeship with the Commonwealth Department of Industry and Science.

Congratulations

We also congratulate Mr Nathan Mulheran who has been appointed Acting Assistant Principal: Religious Education at Our Lady of Fatima School, Acacia Ridge. This appointment will commence on Monday, 9th March, and continue until the end of Term 4, 2015.

Staff Profiles

Particularly in a large school setting, it takes time to put names to faces. We hope you enjoy learning more about the sensational staff at St Francis College.

This week Mr Les Conroy is Super Star No. 1

- The food Les detests most is salad
- Les loves any movie starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.

To find out more, click on the link below!

Mr Les Conroy

Ms Tammie Usher is Super Star No. 2

- Tammie regards any food that she doesn’t have to cook herself as one of her favourites
- Tammie loves her job and enjoys coming to work everyday.

Ms Tammie Usher

Religious Life of the School

The Value of Compassion

In the story about the ‘good’ Samaritan in the Gospel of Luke in the Christian bible (Luke 10:25-37) we are taught the meaning of compassion. A person who endures great suffering, is saved by the compassionate action from a person they least expected it. Jesus tells the listeners to go and do likewise.

The Franciscan value of compassion at St Francis College means that in all circumstances we respect the dignity of each person; that we offer hospitality, kindness and friendship to all whom we encounter in our day. This is indeed a challenging idea.

Writing to his brothers later in life, St Francis of Assisi wrote, “Whoever may come to us, whether a friend or a foe, a thief or a robber, let him be kindly received.” With gentle courtesy and touching simplicity, St Francis and St Clare embraced every living thing as a reflection of the Creator.

Teaching and Learning News

Prep-Year 7

Congratulations Michaela!

Last week Michaela Howard-Williams in Year 1B, led the Irish Cricket Team out onto the Gabba for their World Cup match against UAE. This was such an honour for Michaela as well as being quite a scary experience for someone so young.

Mrs Connors took this opportunity to show her students photos of the Gabba so they could see how big it is. Michaela kindly brought her outfit to school and her classmates enjoyed seeing this. They even learnt the Irish National Anthem.

Michaela at the World Cup Cricket

Year 6 Leadership Activities

Later this week our Year 6s will be holding an activities afternoon which will extend into the evening centred around their leadership in the P-6 phase of their schooling. The Year
6 children will discuss what this role involves in our school community and will also have special guests coming to chat about the different qualities of a good leader. Please keep these extraordinary children in your prayers.

**Amart Community Kickback Program**

As the Winter football season approaches, please consider supporting our Amart Community Kickback Program. For those new to St Francis, this scheme allows us to use a percentage of money spent at any Amart sports store, as payment for further purchases by the school. This sporting equipment can then be used for class and general lunchtime play. Simply nominate our school when purchasing from Amart Sports.

Thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter – enjoy the rest of the week.

*Julian Cotter (Head of Campus P-6)*

**Middle Years Matters**

2015!

‘It is giving that we receive’

**Epiphanies and Possibilities**

We are over half way through our first term of 2015 and life in the Middle Years Phase of Learning is ‘heating up’. Now is the time when assignments and exams will be appearing frequently on the calendar. Student Assessment calendars are accessible online and each student should also have their own copy to help them plan and keep track of their commitments in each curriculum area.

How can parents/caregivers help? Research shows that it is important to praise the processes students put into their learning and working, focussing on effort or strategies, as this creates eagerness for challenges, persistence in the face of difficulty, and enhanced performance. Carol Dweck suggests parents can support their children’s engagement with learning by taking the time to appreciate what they put into their work. ‘Ask them how they went about it and show them how you appreciate their choices, their thinking process, or their persistence. Ask them about strategies that didn’t work and what they learned from them. Look for ways to convey your valuing of effort, perseverance, and learning’, rather than their ability or level of intelligence, as these provide a greater sense of achievement and promote a more positive future of engagement with their learning. (Adapted from the work of Carol Dweck)

Our Year 7 students experienced their first Swimming Carnival as members of the Secondary School, last week. There was much excitement and positive participation in a range of ways. Congratulations to all who came and supported their Family Group through swimming or cheering others on.

**Years 7-12**

**Awards Ceremony**

An awards ceremony to recognise the achievements of students from Semester 2 in 2014 was held last week. It was lovely to see parents there to congratulate their sons and daughters on their hard work and to encourage them to continue their efforts this year.

Awards were presented for three categories:

- **Scholastic Achievement** - recognising students who have demonstrated excellent effort across all subjects
- **Academic Achievement** - presented to those students who achieved excellent results in all of their subjects in Semester 2, 2014
- **Top of Subject** - recognising the student achieving the highest result in that year level for each subject.

The recipients are listed below for each year level in 2015.

**Year 8**

**Scholastic Awards**

- Riley Brook
- Maddison Chadderton
- Ben Clancy
- Cameron Curtis
- Tara-Grace Hargreaves
- Penny Leahy
- Ashtyn Lovett
- Naomi Matagisala
- Melinda Matta
Top of Subject Awards

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Academic Achievement Awards

- Kaitlyn Lake
- Rubeus Mirabito

Year 9 Scholastic Awards

- Klarenz Argana
- Symone Bakker
- Damon Beeney
- Chloe Bryant
- Emily Caulfield
- Morgan Cunningham
- Felicity Donoghue
- Jasmine Furness
- Taylor Lake
- Chase Le Noel
- Cameron Randall
- Tristan Saffigna-Hayes
- Taylah Salter
- Udomratanak Sou
- Faye Taimalie
- Cherish Tipene
- Baiden Webster
- Sarah Weis

Top of Subject Awards

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Academic Achievement Awards

- Elissa Matta
- Faustine Nirere
- Mia Nishiyama
- Mareta Niumagumagu
- Charity Sam
- Shivdeep Singh

Year 10 Scholastic Awards

- Suesue Isaako
- Dim Nau Lak
- Andy Nguyen
- Connor Petersen
- Gloria Sootaga
- Logan Thomsen

Top of Subject Awards

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Elizabeth Price | Graphics
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Faith Jones | Home Economics
Connor Petersen | Industrial Technology and Design

Anthony Turaki | Confraternity - Rugby League
Lennis Voutsinas | Drama
Ronan Walker | Graphics
Kiana Kelly | Home Economics
Ashley Weis | Legal Studies
Latu Paasi | Physical Education
Steven Mateo | Recreation

### Academic Achievement Awards

- Jessica Andrews
- Dania Ikram
- Faith Jones
- D’Artagnan Koeun
- Jessica Maksoud
- Avishek Prakash
- Britnee Spencer
- Trinity Uta’i

### Year 11

#### Scholastic Awards

- Melanie Brooks
- Musawwar Chandio
- Amy Furness
- Haile Kelly
- Kiana Kelly
- Angela Lee
- Latu Paasi
- Kim Phan
- Lisa Makaohi
- Lennie Voutsinas
- Ashley Weis

### Top of Subject Awards

- Courtney Schlegel | Study of Religion, Business and History
- Joshua Francillon | English, Maths A, and Cert I in Hospitality
- Jephta Putra | Maths B and Music
- Amy Furness | Science and Visual Art
- Thomas Murray | Cert I in Land Conservation and Management
- Lisa Makaohi | Confraternity – Netball

### Year 12

#### Scholastic Awards

- Sarah Bakker
- Rachael Bentley
- Tayla Bryant
- Belinda Coppock
- Emily Donoghue
- Rosellia Him
- Reena Lee
- Bornay Meas
- Alice Nishiyama
- Veng Sou

### Top of Subject Awards

- Shamaila Arif | Study of Religion, Physics and Chemistry
- Carlos Kiwi Kiwi Reyes | Religion and Ethics
- Isabelle Warner | English and Visual Art
- Reena Lee | English Communication
- Paige Emmett | Maths A, Cert III in Early Childhood and Care and Legal Studies
- Alice Nishiyama | Maths B and Biology
- Rebecca Palmer | Prevocational Maths
Borany Meas | Business Communications and Technology, and Physical Education
Sarah Bakker | Cert III in Business
Damian Lam Sam | Cert III in Fitness and Recreation - Rugby League
Tommy Nguyen | Cert II in Furniture Making
Jake Opitz | Cert II in Hospitality
Karl Bennett | Cert II in Kitchen Operations
Carlo Moiola | Cert II in Landscaping
Eseta Sua | Drama
Jacob Murray | Drama Studies
Veng Sou | Graphics
Emily Donoghue | Home Economics
Samantha Tafola | Music
Tailah Kepu | Music Studies
Rosellia Him | History

Academic Achievement Awards

| Shamaila Arif |  |
| Paigee Emmett |  |
| Isabelle Warner |  |

Carole Hardy (Assistant Principal - Curriculum Years 6-12)

Our Magnificent Year 12 Formal!!!

Every year the seniors of the college get dressed and suited up for a night out together. Rocking up in flashy tricked-out cars, trucks, limos, hummers, bikes, planes, trains... You name it, it’s been done.

Our Formal Committee extended themselves this year, making the formal much more enjoyable. The committee came up with the idea of having the “Frannys”, a play of the recent Grammy Awards. Upon arriving at their seats, each senior student received an award that best described them. Some of these included Princess, Prince Charming, Queen Bee, GC Babe, and Most likely to get OP 1. It was a fun way to start the evening that we are sure to remember.

On behalf of the Year 12 cohort we would like to thank the following people for their dedication to making the night one to remember:

- All the teachers and staff who were able to attend the night. (Thank you for joining in our dance circles, for photobombing our photos, and for showing your support for the class of 2015.)

(Excerpt of speech by Sandra Makaohi and Jessica Sua)

Formal Snap Shots

Student Services News

As a multicultural school St Francis College has always unlocked it’s door to diverse learners. 2015 has proven to be a milestone to successfully build a P-12 approach in language learning across the curriculum. Arti Bhardwaj and Julieanne Carroll are working in the Early, Junior, Middle and Senior Phases to enhance the learning outcomes of Students who speak English as an additional Language.

Pastoral News

Parenting Success 2015

As the requirements for effective parenting shift and there seems even less time to juggle family life, here are 10 golden rules to guide you on your parenting journey.

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning: Prep – Year 6

As part of Positive Behaviour 4 Learning, we focus on teaching appropriate behaviours to students each week.

SCHOOL RULES

- Do what the teacher says considerately
- Hands and feet to yourself
- Speak to please
RULE OF THE WEEK:

- Walk, don’t run
- Hands up to speak and move.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Students receive this award for following our school rules in the playground and in the classroom.

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Positive Behaviour 4 Learning: Years 7-12

As part of Positive Behaviour for Learning System we are teaching appropriate behaviours to students each week. These behaviours follow our school rules:

- 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 pages 10, 11 & 12 to have a better understanding of extension processes and plagiarism.

Congratulations to the Year 12 Gotcha Winners

Lachlan Rochford and Denzel Harrison
Keep up the good work!

Sport Update

Swimming Carnival

YARAAY HAVE WON THE FAMILY GROUP SWIMMING CROWN FOR 2015!

Overall Results

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The annual Family Group Swimming Carnival was held last Thursday 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 Kurrawa but by the end of the day after the leaders’ dance movement and the final war cry, Yaraay came out on top. Great work Yaraay who are the Family Group Swimming Champions for 2015! Congratulations to the leaders who lead their family groups with enthusiasm and passion all day.

Sandra Makaohi, Damian Lam Sam, Sarah Bakker – Yr 12 Yaraay Leaders

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

Some of our Age Champions and Runner Ups

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Another massive congratulations to the SECA Swimming Team that will compete in the SECA Swimming Carnival on Friday 13th March at Chandler. The bus will leave the College at 8.00am on Friday. Students need to be at School by 7.45am, wear full sports uniform, and meet at the front of the School. Girls need to wear one piece togs and boys will be given swim shorts. All swimmers must wear a bathing cap which will also be provided. We wish them the best of luck as they swim their best and represent St Francis College! A pizza party will be held after the carnival on a lunch time at school.

SECA Swimming Team Members

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<td>Year 8</td>
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2015 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. 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.

Students must play in one sport, one age group, and one division! We are playing 8 games and competing against all SECA schools. First past the post! No finals! Schools include: Trinity College, St Augustine’s College, Carmel College, St Thomas More College, Chisholm College, Emmaus College, Mt Maria College, Clairvaux MacKillop College PLUS Southern Cross College (Gala Days, Carnivals). Follow SECA on Twitter @secasport for live updates.

Requirements for SECA in Term 2

Basketball - Sport uniform, Sport shoes
Outdoor Soccer – Sport uniform, Sport shoes or boots, long socks
Indoor Soccer - Sport uniform, Sport shoes, long socks
Netball – Sport uniform, Sport shoes
Rugby League – Sport uniform, boots, mouthguard
Touch – Sport uniform, Sport shoes
Volleyball – Sport uniform, Sport shoes
Tennis – Sport uniform, Sport shoes
Theatresports – Sport uniform

Everything else is provided!
If you need to borrow or cannot get an item
Please see Ms Allam.

2015 Queensland Independent Schools Netball Competition (QISSN)

Every year we compete in the Queensland Independent Secondary Schools Netball Competition and this year we won’t have to travel far. It is held in Brisbane, Boondall. We have had 3 weeks of trials so far. Congratulations to the following girls who have been placed in the team.

Borany Meas
Sandra Makaohi
Lisa Makaohi
Arihia Matagisala
Naomi Matagisala
Brittany Abrams
Sam Tafola
Landora Williams
Haile Kelly

We know these girls will be fine ambassadors for the school and will represent St Francis College with pride. They are the best netballers in the school and can hopefully bring home a trophy in this state wide competition which is held in the first week of the June school holidays. Keep an eye out for more news on the girls as we start training in preparation.

Congratulations – Beenleigh District Trials

Congratulations to the following students who represented St Francis College at the Beenleigh District trials:

Swimming
Kaylee Large & Keelie Nason

Netball
Keelie Nason, Losa Niumata, Jasmine Shearer, Azaria Lam

Rugby League
Bradley Roe, Tyson Stanley & Bodhi Moskwa

Rugby League
Congratulations to both Losa and Keelie who were selected to represent Beenleigh at the upcoming Pac Rim trials. Good luck!!!

District Trials

Students interested in trialling for District teams need to see Ms Allam or Miss Litzow. Trials are usually held at 3.30pm at a local school. Parents/guardians must provide transport to and from the trials. The cost is $4.

2015 Gala Days

The Year 5 & 6 Gala teams are finalised and are on the Sports Noticeboard. Students will be receiving a permission form this week which will need to be returned by next Wednesday. Students will need to have FULL SPORTS UNIFORM including sport shoes. 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.

**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 wear it at lunch if wanting to play on the oval. College caps are available at the uniform shop.

**P-12 Running Club and Student Fitness**
The P-12 Running Club and Student Fitness sessions will be held every Wednesday morning from 7.30-8.30am. 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) should meet in the Pavilion on Wednesday mornings. Students can then head down to the Hall for some breakfast! Sounds like a great way to start the day!

**What's Coming Up...**

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There is always a lot happening in Sport so keep your eyes peeled on the newsletter and sport noticeboard for updates.

*Ms Allam and Miss Litzow (Sport Program Leaders)*  
‘Opportunities are endless’

**Volunteering at St Francis College**
Have you considered volunteering at the College this year? This provides an opportunity to reduce your Friends of St Francis Levy.

There are many areas of the College that benefit greatly from the support of volunteers. Such volunteer work may include, but is not restricted to:

- Tuckshop
- Coaching sporting teams
- Supervising College events (e.g., discos, movie nights)
- Setting up and packing up for events such as St Francis Festival and Graduation Nights
- Friends of St Francis Working Bee.

The Friends of St Francis Levy is $120 per student in 2015 (5 hours volunteer work at the College). If families/caregivers have 4 or more children, the maximum volunteer hours expected is 20. The Friends of St Francis Levy would be waived after 20 hours.

Please contact the College Office if you have any queries.

Our Fees and Levies Schedule for 2015 is attached and will remain available in the Forms and Documents panel of the newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact the College should further clarification or support be required.

*Mr Frank Miotti (Business Manager)*

**Administration Matters**

**Media Consent Forms**
We hope you like the new look of our newsletter.

On enrolment, parents are asked to sign a Media Consent Form for their child. When consent is provided, a student’s photo can appear in the newsletter and in other forums (depending on the level of consent chosen). Most children love seeing their photo, as do their proud parents. It also adds colour to productions such as the school newsletter and enhances readability.

Admittedly, the forms supplied to us by Brisbane Catholic Education can appear a little daunting. For this reason, we have attached a one page summary to this form.

**Our rule is: No consent = No photo**

If a form has not been returned, this needs to be regarded as NO consent.

We cannot accept a student’s verbal approval on behalf of their parents – despite how convincing it may sound!

I am on a mission! Media Consent forms will be issued once again to those whose forms have not yet been returned. This may be a lengthy process but it’s worth persevering!

It’s such a shame to omit photos in the newsletters – particularly in cases where 3 out of 4 families have provided consent.

For your convenience, a Media Consent Form is provided below and also appears in the Forms and Documents section of the newsletter side panel.

Thank you for your support!

**Congratulations!!!**

We would like to include a section in the newsletter called “Congratulations”! This provides a chance to acknowledge students’ achievements outside of school.
Please let the appropriate teacher know about the achievement and ask them to pass this news on to Miss McIntosh in the Office.

There will be occasions where this news is shared at Assembly too. Please keep in touch!

Karen McIntosh (Communications, Events and Facilities Manager)

**General News**

**Next Step Survey**

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2014. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate.

Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2015. Further information on Next Step is available online at www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or on toll free telephone 1800 068 587.

**Mind Your Step**

Queensland schools are dedicated to creating safe and supportive learning environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By the school community working together, we are sending a clear message to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, are not okay at any time.

As part of the 2015 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, the Department of Education and Training invites all Queensland teachers, parents and students to register for the Mind Your Step online cybersafety workshops being held between 10th and 20th March 2015.

The Mind your step workshops are free of charge and open to all Queensland schools and parents. Click here to view Mind Your Step Registration.


**International Women’s Day**

While the International Women’s Day Brunch has already taken place, we cannot include photos as the newsletter needs to be sent to Schoolzine by Thursday morning. We hope to share our story and include some photos in our next edition. Stay tuned!

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**SFC Community Hub**

**Breakfast Club**

Just a reminder that the Breakfast Club is held outside San Damiano Hall from Monday to Friday from 7.45 – 8.30am. PLUS . . . free bread is available at the canteen outside the San Damiano Hall for all families. This will be a case of “first in-first served”!

*SFC Community Hub details can be found on the left hand side panel of the Newsletter.*

**Ms Tammie Usher (Coordinator)**

**Parish News**

**Lent Prayer on Wheels Seminar**

Join us on Wednesday 11th March at the Parish Church from 7 – 8.15pm for a seminar focusing on ‘Praying the Rosary with New Eyes’. This seminar helps those seeking to understand the Scriptural mysteries at the heart of this powerful prayer.

**World Day of Prayer – 6th March**

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement which brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year. The motto of the World Day of Prayer movement is Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action. Through our participation in the World Day of Prayer, we affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence on the world. More information can be found at http://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/

*Parish details can be found on the left hand side panel of the Newsletter.*