This was the period when the Church was evangelical without having believers who were specially trained or dedicated to the missionary task: for every Christian was a ‘missionary’. In the Acts of the Apostles Luke’s description of the community’s faithfulness to fraternal communion and prayer of heart and mind became a source of signs and wonders among the people. Especially significant was the observation that no one was needy among them.

The deceptively simple description of the Jerusalem community’s “ideal” life lived and witnessed in Christ heralded its real missionary power and the secret of the Church’s growth throughout the whole Mediterranean basin. Such providential proclamation is still the mission model for our Catholic schools as expressed in The Catholic School document, 1977, n.53:

The Catholic school, far more than any other, must be a community whose aim is the transmission of values for living. Its work is seen as promoting a faith-relationship with Christ in whom all values find fulfillment. But faith is principally assimilated through contact with people whose daily life bears witness to it. Christian faith, in fact, is born and grows inside a community.

Yours in Faith

[Signature]

Mr Les Conroy – Acting Principal
On behalf of Tricia, Les and Julian

Staff News

This week Ms Carole Hardy is Super Star No.1

- One of Carole’s future career goals is to be a teacher of English as a foreign language in St Petersburg or Paris.
- Eggplant is Carole’s favourite food.
Religious Life of the School

Catholic Education Week 2015

Catholic Education Week (Sunday 26 July – Saturday 1 August 2015) is an opportunity for all Catholic schools to celebrate and promote their distinctive mission and ethos.

The theme for celebrations this year is: Engaging Minds. Igniting Hearts. Serving Others.

Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

The Values of Prayer and Reflection

St Clare explored a four-fold approach to prayer that is imitated at St Francis College in prayer and reflection:

- To gaze (on the story, on the gospel)
- To consider (meditate, think)
- To contemplate (make sense of)
- To imitate (asking, what am I called to do?)

This highlights the idea that prayer must be connected to action.

The prayer of St Francis, written after World War One, epitomises the Franciscan essence of prayer into action...Make me an instrument of your peace.

Our regular practices of mindfulness, reflection and being in the present moment help us, like St Francis and St Clare, to follow in the footsteps of Jesus to bring about God’s reign on earth.

“Let them pay attention to what they must desire above all else:

to have the spirit of the Lord and its holy activity,
and to pray always to him.”

(Final Rule of St Francis, Ch10 v,8).

Ms Cathy Barrett (Assistant Principal Religious Education: 6-12)
First Holy Communion and Confirmation

We ask your prayers for these wonderful children who have come to the end of their sacramental programs. After months of preparation these candidates shall receive Holy Communion and the Confirmation at the 9.30am mass this Sunday. The chief celebrant will be Monseigneur Peter Meneely assisted by Parish Priest Fr Sunil and Fr Adrian.

Congratulations to these children:

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

**Learning and Teaching News**

**Prep C Mothers’ Day Morning Tea**

On the 7th May, Prep C invited Mums, Aunty’s and Nanna’s for prayer, activities (e.g. weaving, beading, printing and drawing) and songs (with instrument playing!). The children enjoyed serving them morning tea to wish them a happy Mothers’ Day.

![Image](image1.jpg)

Mr Rosemary Cochrane (Prep C Teacher)

**Middle Years Matters**

Welcome to Week 4!

As I write this, our Year 7 and Year 9 students are working diligently on the first of the NAPLAN tests – Language Conventions - and after a break they will focus on the Writing task. A poster I saw recently (from www.mindsetworks.com ) reflected the following messages about such tests:

Why do we take the tests?

We take standardized tests …

- to show how much you are learning.
- to show how much more growth you could make – that’s exciting!
- to show if you know the material that is on the test.

The test does not show ……

- how smart you are. That test would be really long!
- your potential. No test can measure that!
- if you will ever know the material on the test. You should be a life – long learner!

It Is a Snapshot In Time

Perhaps we can remind ourselves and our students of this.

Amidst such ‘testing conditions’, Year 7 students are also engaging with a wonderful array of exciting learning experiences as described below:

**History**

In Year 7 History we are uncovering the mysteries of Ancient Egypt. From the southern reaches of the Nile through Giza and Cairo to the nutrient rich Nile delta, Egypt has a rich history that spans thousands of years. Using old-fashioned text books and more modern technology, Year 7’s are exploring the lives, environment, gods, and rituals of one of Earth’s oldest civilisations.

**Science**

Push, pull, twist… forces are in action around us every day. Forces are used to run, play sport, and stop cars – they’re even responsible for holding the Moon in orbit. Science students in Year 7 are finding out about how they utilise forces to undertake all of their favourite activities. This week we have learnt about balanced and unbalanced forces and are looking forward to discovering what’s so hot about friction.

**English**

Experience, travel, experiments, emotions, rituals, and the daily grind – just some of the things we might take note of in journals and diaries. This week in English, the Year 7’s have been reading about diaries: What are they? Why are they written? What’s the difference between a diary and a journal? We’ve also read from a famous diary – The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank – and had some practice writing our own diary entries.

If you have a child in Year 7, you may like to have some interesting conversations with them around some of the above topics and see what is grabbing their interest in learning.

Both Year 8 and Year 9 student groups are also engaging in some wonderful personal development learning opportunities as outlined below. We look forward to reading about their responses to these days.
Year 8 Reflection Day

On Wednesday 13th May, Year 8s participated in a reflection day with REAL TALK. REAL TALK is an organisation that uses Catholic teachings to talk about real relationships and provided a contemporary presentation to help the Year 8s understand themselves and others.

Year 9’s Spark Up!

On Friday 15th May Year 9 students participated in “Spark”; a day of interactive activities designed to develop grit and perseverance as well as nurture a growth mindset and promote wellbeing. Small and large group activities were run by Luke McKenna the dynamic Director of Unleashing personal potential. This day will be built on by PC teachers throughout the rest of the year in their personal development classes.

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

NAPLAN

NAPLAN tests were held throughout Australia for Year 7 and 9 students this week. We have had an extensive preparation aimed at assisting students becoming test wise and understanding the requirements of each of the test formats.

I would like to thank the NAPLAN preparation teachers – Mr Megan Philpott, Mr Samuel Yates, Miss Ashleigh Beattie, Mr Lachlan Grove, Miss Laura Hawkins, Mrs Stacey Readman, Mrs Maree Bilborough, Ms Annette Andrews, Mr Greg Christian, Mr Harry Norris, Miss Ella Ruiz, Mrs Fleur Willoughby and Miss Ashleigh Fournakis for the extra work they have done in preparing students for the test and administering the tests.

We followed the NAPLAN tests with a BBQ and games session. Thank you to Mr Slattery and Mr Web for organising the food and Mr Norris for organising the activities.

Students worked hard at the tests and we will use the data from the tests to help us isolate areas that students need any extra help in to ensure they are well prepared for their senior and further studies.

Senior Assessment Block

The first semester Senior Assessment Block is being held from 9th to 15th June. During this week students are only required to attend school during the sessions nominated on their Exam Block Timetable which will distributed next week. Sessions are held for exams, oral assessment and practical sessions. Attendance all sessions nominated for their subjects is mandatory.

Where students attend work, Trade Training Centre or TAFE during the week the Assessment Block Sessions take precedence and student must attend school during those times.

Semester 2 Electives Years 9 and 10

Handbooks outlining details of subjects for semester 2 will be provided to students next week with a subject choice form which will be due on Monday 25th May.

Ms Carole Hardy (Assistant Principal: 6-12 Curriculum)

Year 11 and 12 Legal Studies Excursion

It was an extremely rainy day on Friday 1st May, but that didn’t stop the Year 11 and 12’s going on their excursion to Parliament House. Ronan, Courtney, Pedro and I (Josh) were chosen to be members of Parliament along with other schools, such as Marsden and Mt. Alvernia. We were all on the Government side, which is Labour and I had the opportunity to be the Deputy Premier of Queensland and sit in the actual seat that the real Deputy Premier of QLD, Jackie Tran, sits. All of us prepared 1 minute speeches about issues in Queensland, for example ‘over supply of teachers’. It did feel like we were actual politicians when the opposition would have an interjection, and when the Government supported your idea by yelling out “Hear Hear”. Overall, we all had an exceptionally fun time and we all like to Thank Ms Rolfe for giving us this great opportunity.

By Josh Francillion – Year 11

Pastoral News

Parenting Ideas

Don’t Yell Move Closer

As a busy parent it’s easy to give your voice a work out when you don’t get the cooperation you want from your children. You know how it goes. You want your son or daughter to give you some help and they don’t respond.

Mothers’ Day Stall Winners

The winner of last week’s Mother’s Day raffle are:

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Congratulations to both girls. I hope their mothers enjoyed their surprise presents. All money raised has gone to Caritas.

Teachers to Visit Samoa – Can You Assist with Stationary Supplies???

Miss Stephanie Goebel (Year 2 teacher) and Miss Natalie Kirkman (Prep teacher) will be going to Samoa as part of an Immersion Program for 11 days in June/July. They will be working in classrooms to assist the teachers and taking donations to hospitals. The teachers would love to bring donations of stationary to the schools they are visiting. If you could help in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. Please send the donations to the teachers’ classrooms or the Office. Thank you!

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning

PB4L (P-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
- Walk, don’t run
- Hands up to speak and move.

Rule of the Week

- Speak to please (Week 4)
- Hands and feet to yourself (Week 5)

Students Of The Week

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

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Mr Tim Sione - P-6 Pastoral Leader

PB4L (7-12)

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

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This week’s focus is on *Laptop Rules*. The behaviours we are asking the students to demonstrate are:

- Laptops must be charged at home
- Bring laptops to all lessons
- Passwords are private
- Social networking sites are not for school use
- Laptops are only to be used in class when instructed by teacher
- Back up your work.

In Middle and Senior Years (7 to 12) students who continuously display these behaviours are awarded with a GOTCHA! One GOTCHA is selected each Friday at Year Assemblies and the student is rewarded with a voucher.

**Congratulations to the Gotcha Winners**

**Year 7:** Mikias Gebre and Sheyla Chua  
**Year 8:** Josh Lucas and Lachlan Lagas  
*Keep up the good work!*

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

**Counsellor Corner**

We would like to welcome to St Francis College, Anita Nepean-Hutchison and Nadine Missenden from the Caroline Chisholm Centre at QUT. They are currently completing an internship as part of their Master of Education and Developmental Psychology degree. Nadine and Anita will be engaging students in whole class social emotional learning, small group workshops, assessment and individual counselling. We look forward to having them start in Week 5.

*Sr Marg Smith, Mrs Caroline Vakaci and Ms Melissa Stevenson (Counsellors)*

**Sports Update**

**SECA**

We had a great start to SECA for 2015 even though Week 1 was rained out. 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. If your child has not returned their permission form, please get this returned as soon as possible. Congratulations to the winning teams and Most Valuable Players for Week Two and we look forward to more successful results.

**Beenleigh Zone Cross Country**

On Thursday 7th May, 32 students travelled to Canterbury College to represent St Francis at the Primary Beenleigh Zone Carnival. Congratulations to all students who attended; they ran like lightening and represented their school with great pride. A special congratulations goes to Rebecca Eremugo who placed in the top ten. She will now go on to represent Beenleigh at the Pacific trails this coming Friday. Good luck, Rebecca!

**SECA Cross Country**

On Friday 22nd May, our Cross Country team will travel to Ipswich to compete in the SECA Cross Country Carnival. Permission forms have been sent home and we wish the students competing the best of luck!

**Rugby Union**

Congratulations to Tyson Stanley, Jared Chadwick and Faraimo Tafola who have been selected to represent the Pacific Rim team to attend to the regional Rugby Union Trial on Tuesday 16th June. Good luck boys and well done!

**QISSN**

Not long to go until our Netball team competes in the Queensland Independent Secondary Schools Competition in the June/July school holidays at the Gold Coast. The players have been training hard and have a massive term ahead with fundraising, training and preparing!

**Queensland Catholic Cup Netball**

On Tuesday 19th May, our Open Netball team will be competing in the annual QC Netball Competition. We wish the girls the best of luck and hopefully these games will help them prepare for QISSN.

**Ballymore Cup**

Preparations are under way for our 1st XV to compete at Ballymore Cup this year. The boys have been training hard and have some trial games ahead so watch this space!

**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Lisa Makaohi who played for South Coast in the State Championships for Netball and to Denzel Harrison and Whetu Kiwi Kiwi who played for Met North in the State Championships for Rugby Union. We are very proud of our sporting successes! Well done!

Keep an eye on the sports noticeboard for upcoming events and information.

*Ms Emma Allam and Miss Jordan Litzow (Sports Program Leaders)*

**Café Francesco**

**Tasty Treats**

Last Thursday our Year 11 Hospitality & Kitchen Operations students delighted their guests with a very tasty lunch in Café Francesco.

Calamari was served as an entrée. This was followed by Spaghetti Carbonara for the main, and a delicious Greek Yoghurt Panacotta with Rhubarb for dessert.

The next 3-course meal will be served on Thursday, 21st May.
For all enquiries or to book your place contact Sam Webb on (07) 3489 4800 or swebb4@bne.catholic.edu.au.

(Sorry - no walk-ins allowed.)

Library Happenings

Scrabble Competition

Term 2 sees the playing of the scrabble competition. Children have been brushing up on their spelling and crossword skills as they develop their vocabulary and try to create high scoring words. Games are played at second break in the library and it is not too late to come along and have a game. In the photo below, Rebecca and Immaculate are playing a game while Chelsie looks on and scores.

Money Matters

School Fees for Term 2

You should have received your Term 2 Account in the past week. The account details all school fees and levies to be charged for Term 2. This year we also processed all approved concessions for 2015 in Term 2 (Term 3 in 2014). Confirmation of your Approved Concession via letter will be mailed to you shortly. The payment due date is the 22nd May 2015. Fees and levies support the education of students at St Francis College and your support via prompt payment is appreciated. If you are experiencing difficulty however, please do not hesitate to contact the College to set-up a payment program, or to extend your payment due date.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Frank Miotti – Business Manager

General News

Students With Disabilities Travel Rebate: Semester 1, 2015

Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?

Has your school’s learning support teacher assessed your child’s travel capability rating as ‘semi-independent’ or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31st May, 2015.

Late applications cannot be accepted.

Careers Corner

Learning more about

Interested in career options for your son or daughter? The following topics are addressed in the latest career newsletter. We hope you find this useful.

- Apprenticeships and Employment
- Australian Defence Force
- Career Exploration
- Competitions
- Course and Institution Updates
- Financial Assistance and Scholarships
- Gap Year Program News
- National and State Weeks
- Occupational Information
- Open Days, Expos and Career Markets
- QTAC and Tertiary Entry
- Study Skills

- Youth Enrichment Activities
Administration News

Good Guys Browns Plains Support Your School Fundraising Program

Our College has been selected to participate in the Good Guys Browns Plains Support Your School Program. Under this program, schools can earn reward vouchers to spend on resources.

All you need to do is ask for reward vouchers when spending over $25, bring them into the College and the money you help raise will fund essential school equipment that enhance the education of our students.

Please tell your friends – the more vouchers, the more we can spend!

Fleecy Jumpers

Fleecy jumpers are for sale in the Office for $10.00. We have sizes 04, 06, 08, 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18. Payment may be made by card or cash. Correct Money Please!

SFC Community Hub

Term 2 Timetable

I hope your children have settled well into the new Term. Please click on the link to see this term's timetable.

Ms Tammie Usher (Coordinator)

Parish News

Dinner Dance

Come along and join your fellow parishioners on Saturday 23rd May from 6.30pm and make it a great night out. Sponsorship for this event would be greatly appreciated, as this is our main fundraiser for 2015. Please see Edie at the Parish Office if you can assist in this matter.

Tickets are on sale for $20 and can be purchased from the Social Committee Members, Parish Office and after each Mass this weekend.

The venue is the St Francis College Pavillion!

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