

# Newsletter



From the Principal....

Dear Parents & Carers

As St Francis' School continues to grow and evolve as a school we continue to review our practices and plan for the future. An exciting development for the School is the implementation of the St Francis' School Capital Development Plan (CDP). The CDP was approved by Catholic Education WA at the end of 2016 and comprises two stages.

Stage One of the CDP involves the construction of new toilet facilities for staff/students, refurbishment of existing toilets and the construction of a new undercover area. The undercover area will provide the students with a weather proof environment in which to sit in both the warmer and cooler months. Stage Two of the CDP comprises the construction of a Hospitality Centre that will allow us to deliver a Certificate II in Hospitality for our students. This facility will be built adjoining the existing classrooms.

The planning for both stages of the CDP is progressing well with Development Approval received from the City of Gosnells. The Tender process will begin shortly with a scheduled completion date being for the commencement of the 2018 school year.

During the construction phase, there may be some minor inconvenience for the students but this will be kept to a minimum. I will keep the community informed as the implementation of the CDP progresses.

## Staffing Matters

On the last day of term, we will farewell two staff, Ms. Catherine Duce and Mr. David Italiano.

Ms Duce has been the School Counsellor this term whilst Mrs Una Flynn has been on LSL. Catherine has been a wonderful asset to the school and established positive relationships with the students very quickly. We wish Catherine all the best for the future and may even see her around the School as a relief teacher.

Mr Italiano commenced at St Francis' in 2015 in the role of Deputy Principal – Curriculum & VET. Mr Italiano worked closely with Mr McNally in establishing the curriculum and timetable for the School. The School is very grateful for all of the time, effort and dedication shown by Mr Italiano in establishing a robust curriculum for the students at St Francis' School. We wish him all the best for the future.

## Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews will be conducted on Wednesday 26 July from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. The interviews are an opportunity for parents/carers to meet with teachers to gain valuable insights into your child's progress at St Francis' School. It is imperative that students attend the meetings with parents/carers so they can hear the feedback directly from their teachers.

On behalf of the School I wish all families and students a safe and happy holiday break. We look forward to seeing everyone back for the start of Term Three on Monday 17 July.

God Bless  
Ian Hagen



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**If your son or daughter is absent, please contact the school on 9262 4421 before 9:30am.**

**A medical certificate is required for absences of 2 or more consecutive days, or when requested by the school.**

**If you are picking up your son/daughter during school hours, please notify the school prior to your arrival.**

**You must come to Reception to sign them out.**

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## In The Workshop by Mr Davis Willock

### IMPORTANT DATES

Last day of Term 2.....June 30  
(Staff and Students)  
First day of Term 3.....July 17  
(Staff and Students)  
Parent/Student/Teacher  
Interviews.....July 25  
Work Placement Interviews....  
.....August 8  
STFS Olympics....August 10 & 11  
Catholic Day..... August 18  
(No School - Staff & Students)  
Student Free Day.....August 21  
(Staff PD)  
OLNA.....Sept 4—Sept 15  
Fairy Godmothers  
Lunch.....Sept 12  
St Francis' Day  
Celebrations.....Sept 22  
Last day of Term 3.....Sept 22  
St Francis Feast Day.....Oct 4  
First day of Term 4.....Oct 9

### Our School Prayer

St Francis,

Help me to jump in-  
to this day, full of  
joy and hope.

Help me to see  
every  
problem as a learn-

The school maintenance area needed better access and more storage of equipment. The thinking was to completely renovate the old storage area by removing the old fence and replace it with a door and more shelving.

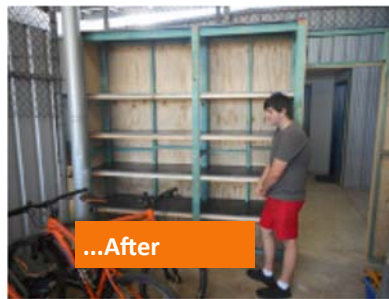


Before...

Jacob Seal has done a heap of work on this project and was ably assisted by Cameron Alfirevich as part of the Workshop and Service programmes that the school runs. The area looks great!

It is well constructed and has achieved the aims of better access and more storage. The year 10's have

been working on the extension of this project which should be completed next term.



...After



## Our Kitchen by Mrs Krystal Dean

At St Francis' School we teach an exciting curriculum relating to nutrition and hospitality.



This Semester the year 10 students had the opportunity to learn barista skills. They have been learning a variety of coffees including cappuccinos, mocha, flat white and of course the much-loved hot chocolate.



Lucy and Tom recently had a practical assessment, and as part of their dessert component Lucy cooked up a batch of delicious Banana, Blueberry and Yoghurt Muffins (recipe on our Facebook page), while Tom made a mouth-watering Orange Chocolate Mousse.

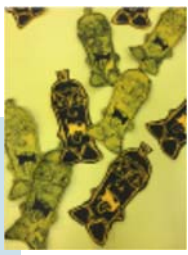


Students are also involved in catering for a range of school functions including baking for special morning teas and food preparation for the school board meeting.





This term, the Year 12 Students produced some great printing projects using techniques such as lino cutting, etching and stamping.



This term as we entered into the cooler months, 'All In Sport' was centred around a "Winter Codes" theme incorporating sports like soccer, football, basketball, touch rugby, and hockey (floorball). I saw the students embrace the ethos of team spirit that these team sports foster.



In addition to the All In Sport sessions, we had a visit from the West Coast Eagles Football Club, an excursion to Bounce, and most recently an awesome incursion with Bubble Sports WA. Bubble sports was a hit with students and staff, and we finished with a well-deserved chill out in the afternoon.



Next term I am hoping to bring in to the sport rotation some striking games such as softball, badminton, squash, and totem tennis. Well done and thank you to those students who participated each week during All In Sport this term.

## Respect Responsibility Belief Belonging

- The principles of St Francis' School -

## Getting Active!

by Miss Courtney Fare

This term we have been focused and committed on "Getting Active" within our Chill Out Zone during break times as well as our Wednesday and Friday afternoon sports sessions.

Some of the fun filled and creative activities we have covered are:

- City of Armadale Bike Blender
- Hygiene and Hair wrap/Braiding workshops
- Foot and Hand Spas
- Mindfulness Meditations
- Wellness jewellery box and bag making
- Self-care thought clouds
- Bubble sports and Archery by Bubble sports WA
- Volleyball
- Bounce Excursion



At Francis' School, self-care, getting active, and mindfulness is important for your physical health as well as your mind, spirit and, let's face it, your overall health. This term has been all about knowing yourself, thinking about what we enjoy and what we would love to be a part of. We have found personal and creative ways to make self-care and fitness come alive in our lives which produces positive feelings to help improve confidence and self-esteem.

would like to thank the staff and students at St Francis' School for making me feel so welcome in my time here whilst Una has been on long service leave. I have enjoyed getting to know all of you and doing some fun-filled activities and sharing much laughter along the way. I really think St Francis' School is a very special place. Thankyou for making me feel like I belong. Best Wishes, Catherine



## School Fees

At St Francis's School, our fees are kept as low as possible and include excursions, some uniform, books and stationery.

Fees for 2017 were posted out in March and it is greatly appreciated that parents pay the full amount of fees either in one lump sum or in instalments as per the Payment Option Form. Thank you to those parents who have already made payments.

Should you have any difficulty in paying your fees or you'd like to set up a weekly/fortnightly payment arrangement, please contact Jodi on 9262 4421.

**All discussions regarding fees are strictly confidential.**

## Interim Reports

Interim Reports for Semester One have been completed and will be posted to parents in the first week of the school holidays.

It's important that parents are up to date regarding the current progress of their son/daughter, and it's even more important that the students are fully aware of the expectations of their teachers and the work involved with each subject. We trust that the information in the students' reports are helpful to parents and also to students.

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews will be held on **Wednesday 26 July between 1pm and 6pm**. Please contact Jodi on 9262 4421 to book a time to meet with you son/daughter's teachers.

## Community Notices



St Francis' School is participating in the Bakers Delight Dough Raiser Program this year.

Bakers Delight Maddington will donate back to the school 10% of total purchases made by STFS families and friends.

Please mention the school and the Dough Raiser Program when you purchase your bread and bakery products from **Bakers Delight Maddington**.



## School Holidays

Mid year school holidays are here and there are some great activities around to keep your children/teens entertained. We are having some wonderful Winter weather at the moment, so it's a great opportunity to get outside and active! And remember that whatever you plan on doing these school holidays.....stay safe.

The City of Gosnells have some local activities for all ages. See their website for more information [http://www.gosnells.wa.gov.au/Lifestyle/Get\\_involved/Children/Holiday\\_Programs](http://www.gosnells.wa.gov.au/Lifestyle/Get_involved/Children/Holiday_Programs)

This is a great site for something different during the holidays: <http://www.weekendnotes.com/perths-best-school-holiday-fun-teenagers/>

Many cinemas are now offering \$10 movie tickets, so why not go and relax and watch a movie! <http://www.hoyts.com.au/cinemas/locations/carousel.aspx>

See our website for more holiday activities [www.stfs.wa.edu.au](http://www.stfs.wa.edu.au)

*School holidays are here!*



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