

Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers

As a short Term Two comes to a close I congratulate and thank all the students who have worked to the best of their abilities over the course of the term and have made the most of the opportunities that have been provided for them at St Francis' School. The education and activities we provide at St Francis' are centered around providing our students with experiences that not only enhance their learning, develop the skills and abilities but also equip them to be positive contributors to their local community when they finish school.

This term the students have been on excursions to Kings Park and The Castle, been fishing, participated in the P.A.R.T.Y Program run by Royal Perth Hospital, Paris Mitchell Workshops and the Schools' first Service Day. The School was also luck to have Chris Brown from the Western Australia Football Commission facilitate a six-week skills program for the students during Wednesday afternoon Recreation. All wonderful opportunities, thank-you to all the staff for the time and effort that go into providing these for the students.

Two highlights for me this term have been the success of our Workplace Learning Program and the opportunity for the students of St Francis' and St Clare's Schools to interact. Three of our students successfully complete their first Workplace Learning placements. Harrison Atkins, Jaleah Oakley-Mourish and Tiana Ewing each competed 55 hours of placement in their chosen fields and should be very proud of their achievements. The second highlight was having the students and staff from St Clare's visit St Francis' School on Friday 15 June. The students and staff shared lunch followed by recreation activities, including having the City of Gosnells Nomad Trailer visit the School. Whilst there was some nervousness from both the St Francis and St Clare's students, it was a wonderful opportunity for students and staff from both schools to come together, we look forward to further opportunities for the two CARE schools to work together.

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week is a time for Aboriginal people to come together in different ways to connect to culture and country and is officially celebrated July 8 -15. The theme for 2018 is **Because of her, we can!** Women form the backbone of communities across Australia. This is particularly true for Aboriginal and Islander Catholic Ministries. Women are at the forefront of these community driven organizations designed to meet the spiritual and physical needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics.

NAIDOC Week is also an opportunity for non-Aboriginal Australians to grow their cultural awareness, knowledge and skills, by participating in Aboriginal community events in a respectful way. At St Francis School NAIDOC Week was celebrated in the last week of term. Courtney, our Youth Worker, coordinated a number of wonderful activities for our students including song, dance, painting and sporting workshops.



I encourage all of our families to participate in many of the NAIDOC Week activities in your local communities.

School Holidays

I Wish all staff, students and families of the St Francis' School community a safe, relaxing and refreshing holiday break. I look forward to seeing everyone back for the start of Term Three on Monday 16 July.

God Bless

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. We will not allow them to leave school grounds without permission.

Our Address:

10 Alloa Road, Maddington WA 6109

Try-A-Trade

In May, two of our Year 10 Students Nick Tovey and Connor Rose were very fortunate to be offered the opportunity to participate in the Construction Training Fund 'Try A Trade' event at the MPA Skills Campus in Jandakot. This free program allows students the opportunity to 'have a go' at various skill and trade occupations. The activities offer students access to some of the basic skills involved in the trades and Connor and Nick enjoyed two days of Plumbing and Gas experience and one day of Painting and Decorating. Each year the Try a Trade event aims to motivate Year 10 Students through a hands-on experience, share information about future career choices, inform students that skill education and training offer real choices for the future and allows students to meet and talk with trade professionals, apprentices, VET teachers/trainers and local industry people. Well done to Connor and Nick for their commitment and enthusiasm to the program and they are both now looking forward to investigating pathways and careers in the trade industries.



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Respect Responsibility Belief Belonging

- The principles of St Francis' School -

Year 10 Integrated Studies

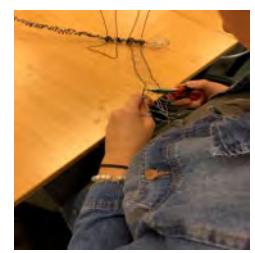
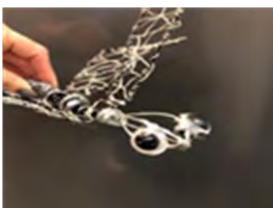
by Mrs Heather Mead

The Year 10 students have continued to work hard and complete units through the Maths, English and Business Subject areas within this new format of Integrated Studies. On successful completion of the course, they will have gained a Certificate II in Foundation Skills for Work. The small business group project was undertaken this Term and was a great success. The project was to provide a take away lunch and coffee service for those attending training courses at MTA over two weeks. The students planned, researched and advertised. They created menus, flyers and order forms. They collated recipes, shopped for the produce and budgeted. On the days that the courses were being run, the students used their cooking and hospitality skills to prepare and serve the students, the trainers and many of the teachers here at the school, who were greatly impressed by the skills demonstrated by the students. The team work, the approach to deadline and the initiative shown by the students involved was recognised and should be congratulated. The success of the business was not just measured in the fact that the students made a profit, but in the diverse strengths and abilities demonstrated consistently through the project. Well done Year 10! We are all looking forward to seeing how their individual business ideas and projects develop over the next two terms.

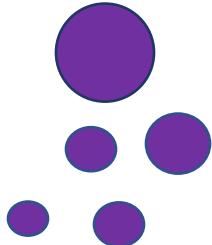
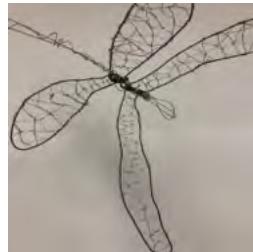


From the Art Room

by Anna Fletcher-Hackett



The Year 11s have worked really hard creating a 3D wire framed dragonfly. This project requires focus and concentration on the elements and principles of art-shape, balance and proportion.



Strong Hearts, Strong Minds by Heather Mead

We have had an interesting and diverse program of events and workshops for Strong Hearts, Strong Minds this Term. We have been fortunate to have had a series of whole school workshops from Paris Mitchell, a Perth based presenter and musician. Paris utilises motivational speaking, storytelling, music, visual art, poetry and video to inspire and motivate young people to see the capacity that they have within themselves for personal change. Within the individual year level, we have been able to unpack his workshops in smaller groups and discuss the themes of Psyche, Anatomy, Culture and Habitat on a more personal level. In relation to the importance of mindset, the students have been creating Vision Boards. On these they have been able to project what they want in their lives. We have also continued to work with The Circle of Courage, looking particularly at Generosity and Mastery. This has involved getting out and about on some beautiful, and often challenging, walks. The benefits of getting out in nature for not just physical health but also mental health is well documented, and we have been making the most of the glorious weather during Autumn and Winter to get out and enjoy our stunning natural surroundings.

Students have also been involved in our Café Connect series, in which they go out into the community and explore ways to build their social skills.



Youth Worker News

Term Two has been busy busy busy.....



City of Gosnells Graffiti Art Project



Dodgeball at Bounce



DJing with Paris Mitchell



City of Gosnells Nomad Van



Workshops with Paris Mitchell



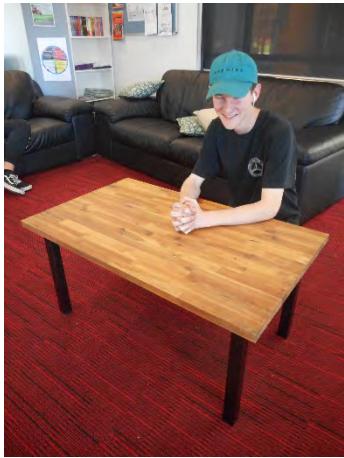
WA Football Commission

*School holidays
are here!*

It's school holiday time so don't forget to check out the website www.stfs.wa.edu.au for some awesome ideas to keep you busy over the next two weeks.

In the Workshop

by David Willock



As part of the Certificate II Engineering Pathways programme, students can build a project of their own choice. Luke wanted to build a coffee table.

The project showcased his welding skills. The table was well constructed, sturdy and looks great.



Sport & Recreation

There are so many benefits to being outside and being active. Besides the social aspect, being active is good for both your physical and mental health, and some vitamin D from sun doesn't hurt either.

This term, we have had some great opportunities to get outside and immerse ourselves in nature. St Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of ecology and it's not hard to see why he was so passionate about the world and the environment.





From the STFS Admin Team...



STFS Administration will be closed from

3:30pm Friday 29th June 2018 to Monday 16th July 2018

Should you have any queries during this time, please call 9262 4421 and leave a message or alternatively, please email admin@stfs.wa.edu.au

At STFS, we encourage our students to take responsibility for themselves and their actions. At times, we have students calling or messaging parents during classes or break times asking to be picked up or to leave the school and go home. Should students feel the need to go home (for whatever reason), we ask that they speak to their staff mentor who will try and provide support and encourage them to stay at school.

If a student needs to go home or be picked up, parents will be contacted by a member of staff who will advise of the situation and seek approval for the student to be dismissed from school. If you received a call or message from your son/daughter, we ask that you contact the school - we are happy to work with them so they can remain at school for as long as possible.

At St Francis's School, our fees are kept as low as possible and include excursions, a STFS polo shirt, books and stationery.

Fees for 2018 are now due

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 or set up a payment arrangement.

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

All discussions regarding fees are strictly confidential.