



Link Up Term 1 Week 4 2021

Important Dates

**School Sport SA
 Inter Swim Carnival**
 Monday 22 February 2021

**Years 3-6 Athletics
 and Cross Country
 Trials**
 Monday 22 February 2021

**College Board
 Meeting**
 Tuesday 23 February 2021

**Years 4-7 Courier
 Cup**
 Thursday 25 February 2021

**Year 10 Survival
 Camp**
 Monday 1 March 2021

**Years 5-6 Beach
 Safety Day**
 Wednesday 3 March 2021

**Adelaide Cup Public
 Holiday**
 Monday 8 March 2021

**R-3 Peter Combe
 Concert**
 Wednesday 10 March 2021

**Years 7-12 Sports
 Day**
 Thursday 11 March 2021

**Year 10 Student
 Reflection Day**
 Wednesday 24 March 2021

**ANZAC Day Public
 Holiday**
 Monday 26 April 2021

Upcoming Events

Parent Community Group

Date: Tuesday 16 March
Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Venue: St Francis de Sales College - Mount Barker

Year 7-11 Learning Reviews

Date: Wednesday 17 March
Time: 3:30pm - 7:00pm
Venue: St Francis de Sales College - Mount Barker

College Tour

Date: Thursday 18 March
Time: 5:00pm - 6:30pm
Venue: St Francis de Sales College - Mount Barker

R-6 Learning Reviews

Date: Tuesday 23 March
Time: 3:30pm - 8:00pm
Venue: St Francis de Sales College - Mount Barker

R-6 Learning Reviews

Date: Wednesday 24 March
Time: 3:30pm - 6:00pm
Venue: St Francis de Sales College - Mount Barker

Year 7-11 Learning Reviews

Date: Thursday 25 March
Time: 3:30pm - 6:00pm
Venue: St Francis de Sales College - Mount Barker

Student Free Day

Date: Tuesday 27 April
Time: 9:00am - 3:10am
Venue: St Francis de Sales College - Mount Barker

Student Free Day

Date: Friday 4 June
Venue: St Francis de Sales College - Mount Barker

Student Free Day

Date: Friday 3 September
Venue: St Francis de Sales College - Mount Barker

From the Principal

A very warm welcome to all for our 2021 school year together. I especially extend a welcome to those joining our community for the first time. We are very excited to welcome our new Reception students and families, and also all the many new students and families from across other year levels in the College. We hope your partnership with the College over the years ahead is one of great reward for all.

The opportunity presented itself to recognise these students at a number of key events in the opening month of this term, with our Year 7-12 students being presented with their Heart Badges at the College start of year Mass, and our R-6 students receiving theirs at the **Hearts and Leadership Assembly**. The presentation of these badges reminds us all of our commitment to the College's seven Heart Values and is a very special way of acknowledging our new community members.

I am also pleased to be able to welcome three new staff to the College community. **Trudy Watson** who will be working with our Year 9 and 10 students in Science. Trudy has most recently been teaching at Banksia Park International School and also St Peters College, and past industry experience as an Analytical Chemist with SA Water Corporation will no doubt be an asset for creating real life context in her Science classes. **Ryan Fleetwood** has also joined us for Term 1 as Acting Deputy Principal - Learning whilst Sonia Nelson is away. Ryan has come to us from St Michael's College Henley Beach where he is Director of Learning Technologies and Analytics, and he has previously worked at Blackfriars Priory School and Sacred Heart College in a variety of leadership roles. **Travis Ireland** is joining us for 2021 as part of the Equity and Inclusion ESO Team supporting student learning. Travis is currently undertaking a post-graduate teaching qualification, having completed a Bachelor of Social Work in 2015. We welcome these three staff to the College community and look forward to the contributions they are going to make in the time they are with us. I also wish to acknowledge the departure of **Donna Marshall**, who is leaving our Equity and Inclusion ESO Support Team where she has worked over the last twelve months. We thank Donna for her work in the College and wish her well in her new role in Adelaide.

The commencement of 2021 has been significant for our College of the opening of **Alive (Mount Barker) Catholic Early Learning Centre** on our site. The Early Learning Centre, which transforms us into a Birth - Year 12 community, is a source of great excitement for our community and the wonderful learning opportunities it's going to provide to our preschool aged children. Our very best wishes to Early Learning Centre Director, Liz Schembri and her talented staff.

Thanks to all the families who made it a priority to join us in Week 2 for our **R-12 Welcome Evening**. It was great to be able to provide the opportunity for parents to have contact with their sons'/daughters' Homeclass teacher, building the connection that will be so important in school and home working in partnership throughout 2021. It was also wonderful to be able to welcome on site all of our R-6 parents and caregivers, who have been waiting so patiently to see the new learning facilities. It was a joy to watch our R-6 students

showing their families around with such pride and joy. I hope your experience in the new learning spaces was as positive as those being had by students and staff working within them.

Thanks to those families who also joined us for the **Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival** in Week 2. It's always a lovely community event and the spirit of competition and participation this year was wonderful to see. The weather was not so kind to us, but well done to our organising staff and to all of our students who made the day a great success despite the dark clouds that gathered throughout the event.

The Year 7-12 community gathered together last week in one of the key celebrations in the annual calendar, our **Academic Assembly**. This great gathering of celebration, where we welcome back our highest performing Year 12 students from the previous year and their families, was again a great success. It was wonderful to be able to present the St Scholastica Dux Shield to our highest performing student of 2020 and College Dux **Thomas Dee**. Thomas's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank of 99.15 placed him in the top 1% of all students who completed the SACE in 2020 throughout South Australia, the Northern Territory and Asia. Thomas addressed our College community sharing his reflections of his Year 12 year: powerful words that I hope are truly valuable to our senior students entering the final phase of their secondary education. If you have not heard Thomas's speech through accessing the recording of the Academic Assembly emailed to families then I would strongly encourage you to read the text available via **Latest News** on our website.

We were also delighted to welcome back to the College, as has been our custom in recent years, the College Dux of ten-year anniversary; 2010 College Dux, **Lucy Caruana** (nee Bozzetti). Lucy returned to help us celebrate and spoke to the College community sharing the story of her professional training and work as a lawyer across the last decade.

Our congratulations also to our students who were awarded the Dux award as the highest academically performing student in Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 in 2020. Our warmest congratulations to these outstanding students:

Year 7: Leni Newham

Year 8: Luella Korel

Year 9: Kiara McInnes

Year 10: Lucas Rutter

Year 11: Neva van Raalte

Finally, three things to keep an eye out for in coming weeks:

- The return of **Breakfast Club**, after an extended break through circumstances beyond our control last year,
- The opening of our **Community Café** in the foyer of the Meya Watta Building, which will be run by our Parent Community Group and provide the opportunity for family members to stop for a coffee and a chat in the morning,
- The **Official Opening of our R-6 Learning Communities and Catholic Early Learning Centre**, postponed from late last year due to COVID restrictions, where we will be welcoming the new Federal Minister for Education, the Hon. Alan Tudge, on the afternoon of Thursday 29 April (Week 1, Term 2).

Gavin McGlaughlin

Principal

From the Acting Deputy Principal - Learning



As a new member of the St Francis community this term, I have been humbled by the warm welcome from staff, students and families. Whilst I do not live locally, I spend many weekend hours visiting the hills region exploring the small businesses and cycling and walking trails. Most school holidays I will try and spend some time away camping, fishing or just generally trying to relax a little with my family before getting ready for the coming school term. Prior to my current role at St Francis de Sales, I have taught and held various leadership positions at St Michael's College, Blackfriars Priory School and Sacred Heart College.

Last week, we held our annual Academic Assembly where we celebrated the successes of our Graduating Class from 2020 and Year Level Duxes from Year 7-11. On behalf of the College community, I would like to acknowledge the inspiring and heartfelt speeches from 2020 College Dux, Thomas Dee and 2010 College Dux, Lucy Caruana (nee Bozzetti). As we know, 2020 was a year like nothing we have experienced before on a global scale. As a school, we were not only able to cope and get through various challenges, but through our ability to live by our Heart Value of 'Perseverance' we discovered and conquered these challenges and it is something that we can all be very proud of.

Learning, itself is a lifelong process and is core to what we do as a College. Our staff are committed to ensuring that every student is able to grow and flourish throughout the year in all that they do. I often ask student in the yard or classroom to tell me 'something' that they have learned that day. Learning is an exciting and rewarding part of life, whether it be at school, home or elsewhere. Failure or making a mistake on the other hand, is something that many of us are afraid and not proud of, however, it is often followed by a period of personal or collective growth and can be a positive learning experience. Students need to take calculated risks in their learning, working with their teachers, peers and family and I encourage every student to try something a little different this term and step out of their comfort zone and essentially 'have a go' at something new. It could be as simple as reading a little more or learning how to use a new piece of software to improve learning outcomes.

As a staff, we are committed to our Vision for Learning and this year, part of our collective focus is on differentiation and how we can ensure success for all students during their learning journey. To achieve our goals as a community, we must ensure that we show compassion to each other, continue to work collectively and are accepting that each one of us is different and made in the image of our loving God.

All the best for the coming weeks and a successful Term 1.

Ryan Fleetwood

Acting Deputy Principal - Learning

From the Deputy Principal - Community and Wellbeing

A New Year Means New Challenges

The start to a new school year is usually one of anticipation and some anxiety. This is especially so for those who are commencing in a new school environment. This year we have had over eighty new students start at the College from Reception through to Year 11.

Successful transition takes careful planning and despite the inconveniences of COVID last year, we have done our best to help the new students feel a sense of connection and belonging at their new school. Our Year Level Leaders, Fran Nicholls (R-2), Alice Taylor (Year 3-6), Jen Ness-Ferry (Year 7-8), Mark Andrews (Year 9-10) and Ros Mattner (Year 11-12) all work to support the wellbeing and academic concerns of the young people at the College. They are integral to the transition process and are committed to making all feel welcome and connected. So too are our current students who welcome the opportunity to meet newcomers to the College and many have been engaged as buddies to new members of the St Francis de Sales College community.

This year we are making use of resources from The Learning Curve organisation. Their emphasis is on positive education and The Learning Curve resources will be used in pastoral care classes throughout the year. The Year 3-6 Planner and the Year 7-12 Journal contain a range of activities for students to access that are geared towards mindfulness, gratitude, respectful relationships, building resilience, showing empathy and being healthy in mind and body. Positive Education strategies are designed to impact on the social and emotional growth of young people and reinforce the notion of a growth mindset. Please take the time to flick through your child's planner or journal .

Login details to The Learning Curve online resources is available on our SkoolBag App.

The upcoming weeks offer many opportunities for the students to enjoy the remaining warm months and with two long weekends this term and daylight saving until the end of March, it is the perfect time to enact the first St Francis de Sales Wellbeing Challenge for the year. Forty Minutes a Day of activity that gets the heart going. It could be walking the dog, a run at the park, a swim, bike riding or participating in an organised sport. Get the family involved and make the most of being outdoors before autumn descends.

Paul Fairlie

Deputy Principal - Community and Wellbeing

APRIM

The 'Jolt' we need!

As a College community, we entered into the Lenten Season very differently to the way we usually do. COVID-19 safety precautions guided a new way for us to celebrate Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. There were no pancakes being served, and only a small representative group of the College community received ashes on their forehead on our behalf. I was reflecting on this, and observed that for some people this change to our ritual really 'jolted' them. For some people, their response to their experience of it may have been, "This is not how we normally do this!" or "It doesn't feel right doing it this way!" On reflection, this brings up two insights for me.

The first, is that many members of our community are deeply connected to the meaning and significance of our Catholic rituals. The way that we participate in the Catholic Church rituals connects us as a worshipping local community and also as a global Catholic community. This is a heart-warming realisation of the importance of deep relationship through ritual. The second insight is that this change or 'jolt' in the way we celebrated the beginning of Lent, has put us in a situation where we need to intentionally reflect upon why we do certain rituals as Catholics. In a way, its forced us to evaluate the reasons behind why we participate in Church rituals and evaluate what it means to us as individuals and as a community.

Ironically, this 'jolt' is exactly what Lent is about! The purpose of Lent is to 'jolt' us into a mind-set of stopping; awareness; reflection; and action that leads to 'fullness of life'. Jesus' ministry on Earth was all about 'jolting', as he was presenting a way of being that was so counter-cultural in that time, and perhaps still is. During Lent we are called to focus on the relationship we have firstly with ourselves. Which of your habits or behaviours are not good for you, and what steps will you take to make change in this area?

Secondly, the relationship you have with others. Are there individuals or groups of people in your life who you need to forgive or treat more respectfully? What small steps can you take to make this change happen? Our Caritas Project-Compassion Appeal may be an avenue for you to help others in need. This year the Project Compassion theme is "Be More", which is based on a quote from Saint Oscar Romero, which is "Aspire not to have more, but to be more". May we be encouraged to 'Be More' in our own lives, and in the lives of others.

Finally, your relationship with God and Jesus. God is always with us in every moment and in every situation. Often, we don't take the opportunity to tap into God's presence. How will you incorporate in your daily schedule a quiet, reflective time to tap-into God's presence and have a conversation with God? In essence, prayer is a genuine and honest conversation with God. Like with any relationship, regular conversations need to happen to keep them growing.

I wish you well on your personal Lenten journey, as you strive to be the best version of yourself, whilst assisting others to do the same.



Oreste Farrugia

Assistant Principal - Religious Identity and Mission (APRIM)



College Communication

We offer a range of communication channels to help you stay connected.

Latest News

The latest news can be found on our website, Link Up e-Newsletter, SkoolBag, SEQTA Engage or in the Parent Portal. The login for the Parent Portal has been emailed to families and can also be found on our SkoolBag App.

SkoolBag

We have established a personalised Mobile App which is the ultimate school to parent/caregiver communication tool. The App provides us with an easy way to communicate with families everything you need to know about school news, newsletters, events, cancellations, notices, absentee forms and much more. To install SkoolBag, just look for our College name "St Francis de Sales College" either in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Year Level and Class News

Staff communicate with each family as needed via class and subject group emails or through a personalised approach such as Seesaw or SEQTA Engage.

Social Media

Follow us on Facebook and our newest addition in 2021 Instagram.



www.facebook.com/StFrancisdeSalesCollegeMountBarker



www.instagram.com/stfrancisdesalescollegemt

Wellbeing Wednesdays



A great start to 2021 and Wellbeing Wednesday

"The best leaders have a high consideration factor. They really care about their people." Brian Tracy, motivational speaker

This year, a large part of the Student Leadership team's vision for 2021 is focused on Wellbeing Wednesday. Wellbeing Wednesday encourages all of us to take a break from the sometimes stressful, busy, and repetitive school days, and simply look after our wellbeing. Last week's Wellbeing Wednesday, 10 February, was an enjoyable experience for all. The activity was an opportunity for the Reception to Year 3s to participate in a colouring in competition based around St Valentine and Valentine's Day, with the Senior Student Leaders having an opportunity to engage and interact with the Reception to Year 3 community.

"Working with the younger students of the college was very enjoyable. All of them were extremely enthusiastic and willing to give the colouring their best shot. We all had fun together." Macy Fox, Year 11, Student Leader.

The students all enjoyed the activity and many friendships were formed between the senior and junior students. We are all looking forward to engaging with our whole College community through our exciting plans for future Wellbeing Wednesdays! It has been truly remarkable seeing our leadership team work together so well. All of us are discovering who we are as a team, who we are as individual leaders with unique passions and interests, and what it means to lead others.

"A leader to me means being a role model to those around you and inspiring others to be their best selves." Sophie McCallum, Year 11, Student Leader and FIA Vinnies Leader.

Neva van Raalte and Kayla Riddle

College Captains

R-6 Hearts and Leadership Assembly

On Wednesday, 10 February we hosted our first Hearts and Leadership Assembly for the year. This provided an opportunity to formally welcome the newest members of our College and provide them with a Heart Badge. The Heart Badge represents all of our College Heart Values of Faith, Perseverance, Compassion, Integrity, Respect, Wisdom and Justice. All of these Heart Values provide us with a connection to our patron, St Francis de Sales who we feel is with us in all that we do here at the College. We hope that these badges will serve as a reminder to each of these students that they are truly welcome and belong in our community and we will all help them to strive towards being the best they can be.

We were expertly guided through the assembly by our two Junior School Captains, Anneliese and Mitchell who received their badges alongside our 2021 House Leaders from Year 2; Mia, Eamon, Xavier and Georgia, and House Captains in Year 6; Alex, Emerson, Taylah and Andrew.

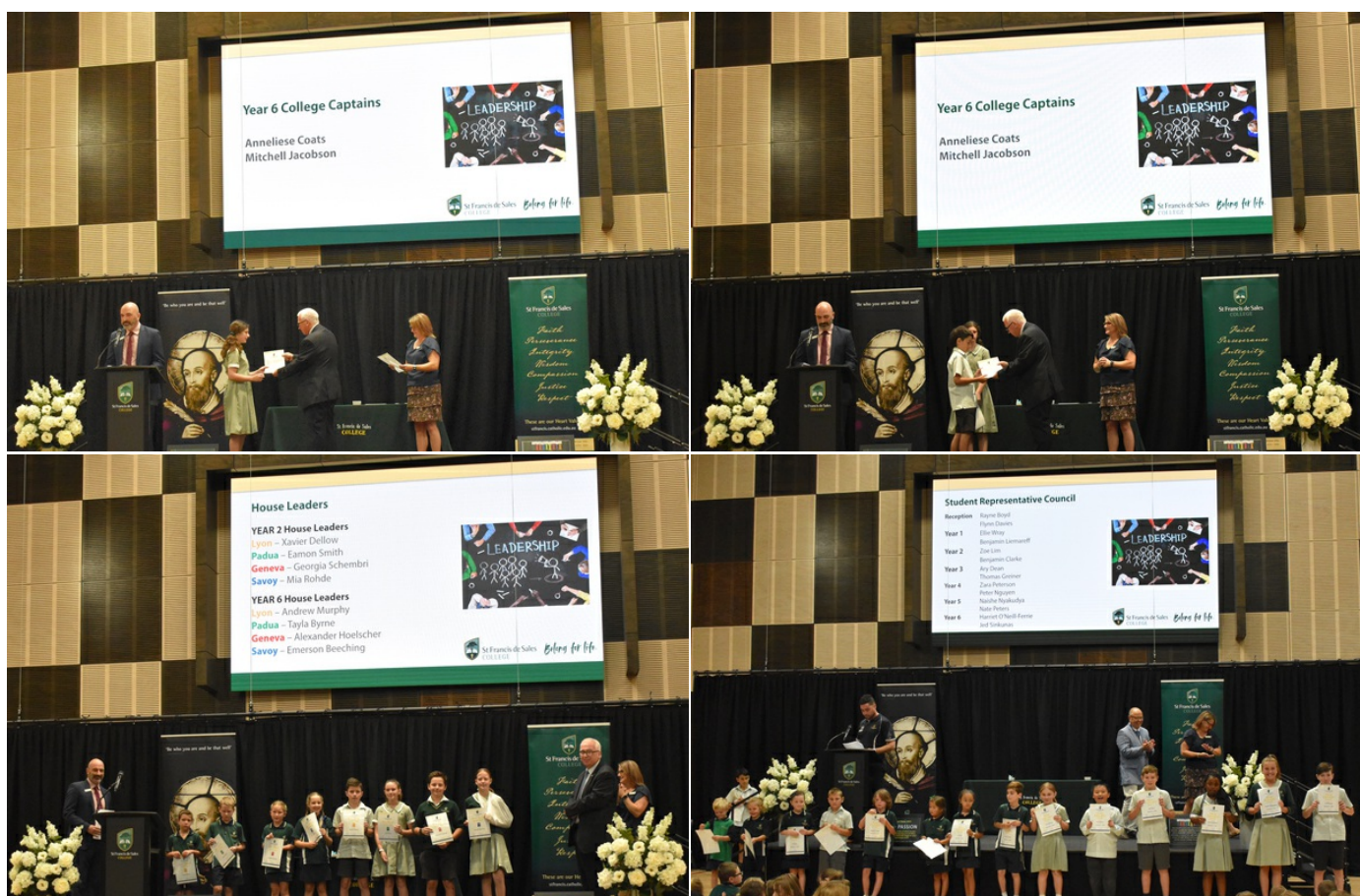
The assembly also served as recognition for those who were selected as S.R.C (Student Representative Council) members for their

various classes. Student council is all about giving students a voice. Through Student Council students can cause change, impact the school in a positive way and raise school spirit.

Thank you to all of the members of the community who were able to attend this event and provide a wonderful community spirit.

Rowan Thomas

E-6 Director of Learning



7-12 Academic Assembly

Our 7-12 College community gathered on Wednesday, 10 February to recognise and celebrate our top academic achievers of 2020. At this assembly we acknowledged our high academic achievers; whose achievement is all the more significant as it was attained in year that presented so many challenges.

It was wonderful to welcome Jake Rutter, Shelby King, Madison Violi, and Jackson Rendall back to the College and recognise their outstanding commitment and academic success as our SACE High Achievers.

Likewise, we had the opportunity to recognise our 2020 College Dux, Thomas Dee, who was presented with the St Scholastica Award and has his name etched on our St Scholastica Award perpetual shield. Reflecting on his education, Thomas gave a thoughtful and inspiring speech about his time at St Francis de Sales College, and honoured those who had supported him along the way.

We also heard a special address from Lucy Caruana (nee Bozzetti), our 2010 College Dux, who delivered a stirring reflection on how the heart of education; the pursuit of growth, has enabled her to succeed and persevere.

Finally, we recognised our Year Level Duces; students who attained the highest grade point average in their year level:

Year 7: Leni Newham

Year 8: Luella Koral

Year 9: Kiara McInnes

Year 10: Lucas Rutter

Year 11: Neva van Raalte

The Academic Assembly is a wonderful showcase of the students at our College, and has swiftly become one of our College community's most anticipated traditions.

Jacob Robson

7-12 Director of Learning



Senior LitBooster

Senior LitBooster is a literacy support program that seeks to enhance the skills of students as they enter their final years of schooling. With a focus on analysis, comprehension, and construction of texts, this sixteen-week course comprises three lessons a week on a rotational basis and is available to eligible students from Years 7-10.

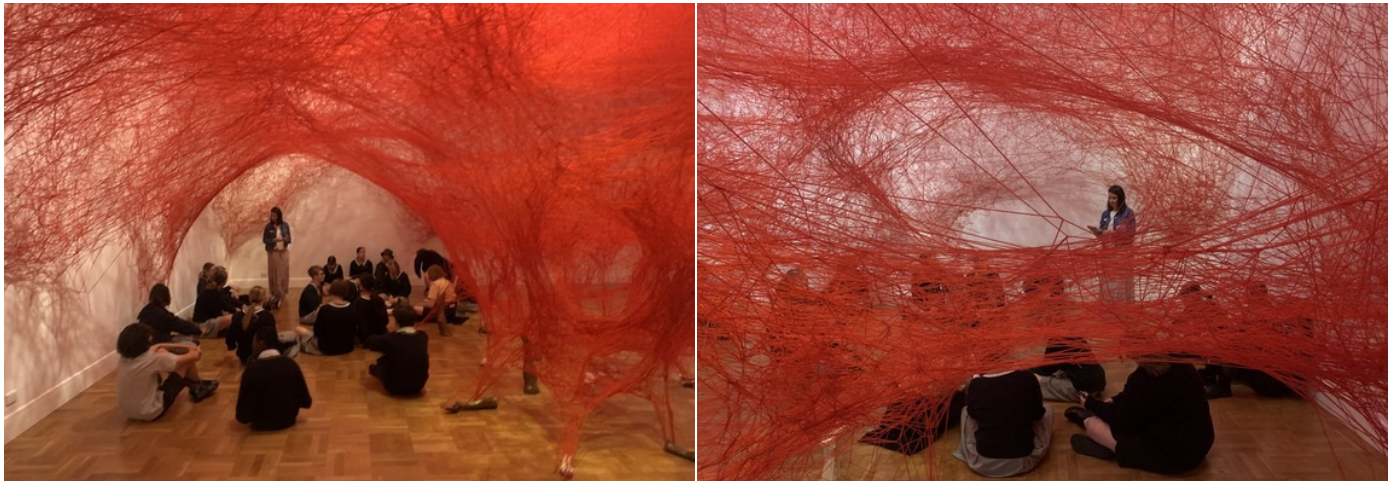
For more information about the Senior LitBooster program, please email **Emily Lovelock** or **Jacob Robson**, 7-12 Direction of Learning.

Emily Lovelock

Music Department Administration and Senior School Leveled Literacy Intervention

Stage 1 Art Excursion

On Friday, 12 February the Stage 1 Art classes went to the Art Gallery of South Australia to explore and research works of art for their Visual study. We started with a tour of the whole gallery, as for many it was their first visit. After lunch students were left to explore and look closely at the works, deciding which ones they were going to use in their assignments. The Methods and Materials students were looking for works using particular media and the Contemporary students were looking for artists who work with a concept or theme of interest. As always our students were brilliant and engaged in seeing the art firsthand.



Dance

Upcoming Dance Performance - *Let's Love*

Wednesday, May 26 and Thursday, May 27 are the dates to mark in your calendar for the Semester 1 Dance production – *Let's Love*. This performance will showcase the talents of the Dance Minis, Dance Crew, Year 8, Year 9 and Stage 1 and 2, Semester 1 Dance classes, all presenting their choreographed routines.

A Junior school matinee performance will be held on Wednesday, May 26 in the Performing Arts Centre at 2pm, with two evening performances for parents and friends on Wednesday and Thursday at 6:30pm. The format for the performances will be slightly different this year due to social distance seating, therefore it is expected that there may be family and friends who miss out on a seat at the live performance due to limited numbers. Unfortunately we can only accommodate for one person per student performer to attend the production (this is over the two nights and NOT one person per student, per night) as we must adhere to the government regulations of numbers allowed in the space. Please understand that this is completely out of our control and will be strictly monitored through booking a seat (as per instructions on Consent2Go) and also a check system on the night to ensure we are keeping everyone safe. To accommodate for this, or for those who may not feel comfortable (given the COVID situation) attending a live performance, we will stream the recorded performance of *Let's Love* which will be available for a limited time via a private link which will be emailed to all performers.



As Sir Ken Robinson stated, '*dance allows students 'who need to move to think'*', and in providing Dance as part of the curriculum, we allow them to do just that!

Peta Bojanic

Senior Dance Teacher

Drama

This semester the Year 9 Drama students will hit the stage with a fun filled pantomime *Goldie Locks On* by Paul Cockcroft. This chaotic 'panto' is a tale of a home invasion (the three bear's house) on a grand scale! Meanwhile the Stage 2 Drama students will be presenting an emotionally driven rendition of *Bethel Park Falls* by Jason Pizzarello as part of their SACE Stage 2 Drama assessment. Our performance, which promises to be a story 'from the heart' welcomes friends, family and staff into the world of the community of Bethel Park. Please look out for further information about times and dates for both of these performances.

Peta Bojanic

Drama Teacher

Sport Report



Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival

On Thursday, 4 February our Year 3-6 students walked over to the Mountain Pool to participate in the Annual Swimming Carnival. Unfortunately the weather was not too friendly and our day had to be modified and adapted to suit the condition. We started with our formal races, with students across all year levels competing in Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly. There were a number of outstanding swimmers who produced excellent results. These students will have the opportunity to represent our College at the Courier Cup event in Week 5 with more information to follow. We then participated in a number of novelty events which included tunnel ball, hose collecting and wading. All the students enjoyed competing in a fun and friendly environment. Unfortunately we had to abandon these events early and rush back to school to get warm and dry. Padua were awarded the House Sports Cup and Geneva were awarded the House Spirit Cup. A huge thank you to Lyall Murphy, Kate Thomas and all staff for helping making the event a success.

Conquer the Summit

On Sunday, 21 March the annual community event will be held where participants can run or walk their way to the top of the Mount Barker Summit. There is a 10km option to get to the top or there is a 20km return trip option. This year there is an opportunity for schools to enter a team, at a reduced cost. If any families are interested, please send an email to **Nadia Honner**. There is also a website where you can find further information.

Knockout and Interschool Sporting Opportunities

Throughout the year we have a number of opportunities for students in Years 6 to 11 to trial for school representative teams. As these teams are nominated the coaches will place notices in SEQTA Notices with the relevant information for students. Parents can also keep an eye on SEQTA notices through SEQTA Engage. If you ever have any questions about these activities, please send an email to **Nadia Honner**.

Nadia Honner

Learning Area Specialist - Health and Physical Education and Specialist Sport Coordinator

Open Boys Knockout Cricket

Game 1: St Francis 132 def. Mt Barker High School 60

We won the toss and decided to bat first and got off to a flying start. An opening partnership of 64 from the first 6 overs between Oscar Y and Harry B was just what we needed. Some tight bowling by the opposition and some quick wickets saw the game evenly poised at the half way mark with St Francis at 3/76. Another great partnership between Oscar T and Aiden S saw the score race to 3/116 before Oscar was dismissed for 88. Regular wickets then fell and eventually we were bowled out for 132. In reply, Mt Barker didn't get off to a great start with some tidy bowling from Oscar T and Aiden S seeing the opposition 3/20 off the first 5 overs. Nathan S was then introduced into the attack and took a bag of 5 wickets which saw Mt Barker High bowled out for 60.



Top Performers: Oscar T - 88 and 2/13, Nathan S - 5/19, Joseph P - 2/4

Game 2: St Francis 7/108 def by Urrbrae 6/109

After winning the toss again we decided to bat first. Unfortunately it wasn't to be the fantastic start as when Oscar T was dismissed in the 6th over for 27 the score was 4/44. A strong partnership between Harry C and Aiden S saw St Francis post a respectable score of 7/108 off their 20 overs. With Nathan S opening the bowling and taking a couple of early wickets we were well in the match with Urrbrae struggling at 3/48 off 7 overs. Unfortunately drop catches cost us in the end and some smart batting by Urrbrae saw them pass the total with 6 overs to spare.

Top Performers: Oscar T - 27, Harry C - 27, Aiden S 20 and 1/16, Nathan S - 2/24

Mark Billington

Open Boys Cricket Coach

Music

Vacancies in the Instrumental Program

Instrumental tutoring is now in its third week, but it's not too late to join us! We have vacancies now in fife, clarinet, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, flute, trombone, bass guitar as well as piano and guitar.

More information is available on our website, refer to [Beyond the Classroom](#) or email [Music](#).

New Instrumental Team Tutors

We are delighted to welcome Ebony Bedford and Aidan Foyel to the Instrumental Team.

The Music Department is delighted to welcome two new tutors to the team for the new year!

Ebony Bedford is a violinist in her second year studying classical performance at the Elder Conservatorium under Elizabeth Layton. Ebony discovered her love of violin when she began lessons at the age of four. While on her own musical journey, she has sought to help others discover their own passions for music which led to teaching her first student in 2017. She began undertaking AMEB examinations at the age of nine, and achieved a high distinction for her certificate of performance in 2018. She was a member of the Adelaide Youth Orchestras from 2016 to 2019, and in January of 2020, was accepted to be a participant of the Australian Youth Orchestra's National Music Camp. As a new violin teacher at St Francis de Sales, she is looking forward to helping students find a love for music by teaching them technique and note reading in fun and engaging ways.



Aidan Foyel is a passionate and dedicated singing teacher, who started performing at the age of 5. Throughout his school years, he was the only male soloist in both 2005 and 2006's Festival of Music concerts, a support act in 2011's Catholic Schools Music Festival as well as participating in an American Jazz music tour. Aidan studied a Bachelor of Music: Classical Voice at the Elder Conservatorium of Music, but regularly does performances in Contemporary, Jazz and Musical Theatre styles. He was also selected to be a part of the backing choir for Adele's Adelaide leg of her Australian tour.



Aidan is heavily involved in Adelaide's choral scene and regularly performs with many of Australia's finest choirs (both here and interstate), including Festival Statesmen Chorus, Adelaide Hills Chamber Choir, Adelaide Chamber Singers and the National Youth Choir of Australia. He is also a Vocal Coach and Mentor with Young Adelaide Voices' Male Vocal Group.

Yours in Music,

Emily Lovelock

Music Support

New Building Names

The completion of our new Early Learning to Year 6 Learning Communities has provided us as a College with the opportunity to name all key buildings across our site. Please see below explaining the origin and meaning of the names selected.

 <p>Meya Watta Building</p> <p>The name of this building is a word from the Peramangk language, recognising and celebrating the original owners of this land, the Peramangk people. The College pays its respects to the Peramangk people, the traditional custodians of the land on which our College stands, and their Elders, past, present and emerging.</p> <p>The name 'Meya Watta' means 'Family Members', the Heart of our College community, a strong family presence who belong.</p> <p>The Meya Watta building was established to provide a family focused environment for their children from the age of 6 months in the Alive Catholic Early Learning Centre to their first day in Reception. Our College Heart Values call us to build strong foundational relationships between home and school, and this special learning space is where it all begins.</p> <p>St Francis de Sales <i>Belong for life.</i></p>	 <p>Patpioti Building</p> <p>The name of this building is a word from the Peramangk language, recognising and celebrating the original owners of this land, the Peramangk people. The College pays its respects to the Peramangk people, the traditional custodians of the land on which our College stands, and their Elders, past, present and emerging.</p> <p>The name 'Patpioti' means 'Place of Scattered Trees'.</p> <p>The practices of fire stick farming and mosaic burning by Peramangk people created large areas of open grass lands for kangaroo grazing and left the landscape punctuated with large Eucalypts that were often used as shelters. Just the two Eucalypts beneath which this building sits.</p> <p>St Francis de Sales <i>Belong for life.</i></p>	 <p>Kanganitirra Building</p> <p>The name of this building is a word from the Peramangk language, recognising and celebrating the original owners of this land, the Peramangk people. The College pays its respects to the Peramangk people, the traditional custodians of the land on which our College stands, and their Elders, past, present and emerging.</p> <p>The name 'Kanganitirra' means 'Women's Forest and River'.</p> <p>The Kanganitirra building reflects the connection the Peramangk people had in meeting at creeks in Mount Barker, and pays respect to the important role of women in their culture.</p> <p>The creek running through our landscape, connecting together our four buildings and the community members using them, creates an environment for students to gather together and explore.</p> <p>St Francis de Sales <i>Belong for life.</i></p>
 <p>Pereira Building</p> <p>The name of this building is a word from the Peramangk language, recognising and celebrating the original owners of this land, the Peramangk people. The College pays its respects to the Peramangk people, the traditional custodians of the land on which our College stands, and their Elders, past, present and emerging.</p> <p>The name 'Pereira' means 'Hills Place', and originally referred to a location near Woodchester, which was an important ceremonial and dreaming place for Peramangk, Kaurna and Ngarrindjerri people. The Pereira dreaming place reminded us of the many interactions that occurred for the Peramangk people with their neighbouring Aboriginal nations.</p> <p>St Francis de Sales <i>Belong for life.</i></p>	 <p>Frayne Building</p> <p>This building is named after Mother Ursula Frayne, who was the first Mercy Sister to set foot on Australian Soil. Ursula Frayne was an extraordinary woman, a pioneer educator, welfare reformer, advocate and policy maker. She was trained by Catherine McAuley and was the eleventh woman to be professed a Sister of Mercy in Dublin on 25 January 1827.</p> <p>She was the person chosen to lead a group of courageous Irish women, committed in faith to the pursuit of Justice and compassion, who crossed the world by sailing ship to support the struggling minority of her Irish brothers and sisters in the newly established colony. Here in Australia, she discovered the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, another race even more disadvantaged than her own, with whom she worked and supported extensively. Ursula Frayne was the Mother Superior of the first group of Mercy Sisters in Australia, arriving in Perth in January 1848.</p> <p>St Francis de Sales <i>Belong for life.</i></p>	 <p>The Dell</p> <p>This building is named after the first building the Sisters of Mercy built on this site once they outgrew the Convent immediately above us. The Sisters of Mercy came from Broken Hill and the NSW island, establishing the Sisters of Mercy Convent of Mount Barker, the Young Ladies High School, the Convent Boarding School for Girls, and the primary school, all in 1845.</p> <p>By 1945, the school had 46 day students and 64 boarders, with a staff of 11 Sisters. The school continued to grow until, in 1958, with a population of 130 students, plans were drawn up for a building consisting of classrooms, teachers' room, toilet block and verandah. The following year the school moved down the hill into the new building known as "The Dell".</p> <p>St Francis de Sales <i>Belong for life.</i></p>
 <p>Dunn Building</p> <p>This building is named after John Dunn Se who was a flour miller in the early days of the colony of South Australia. He was a parliamentarian, philanthropist and a prominent citizen of Mount Barker.</p> <p>His first steam mill began operation in Mount Barker in 1844, only the second steam mill in all Australia, at a time when South Australia was the only wheat producing colony in Australia. He also constructed the town's first store on Gawler Street, residences for himself and many of his workers, and several of Mount Barker's early churches.</p> <p>St Francis de Sales <i>Belong for life.</i></p>	 <p>Watkins Building</p> <p>This building is named after the first Catholic priest to serve the Mount Barker area. Father James Watkins arrived in February 1848 and soon after a long, two-roomed stone hut was constructed on 'Paddy's Hill', half of which was used as a church and presbytery, the other half as a priest's residence. The 1848 church was named after St Francis de Sales and served the people of Mount Barker until the Our Lady of Mercy Church was built in the middle of town in 1912.</p> <p>The Parish of Mount Barker was established in 1848 with the appointment of Father James Watkins. It was a vast area that he was asked to care for, from Victor Harbor and Meningie, in the south to Finniss in the east, to Mount Pleasant in the north and Glen Osmond in the west.</p> <p>St Francis de Sales <i>Belong for life.</i></p>	 <p>Collet Barker Building</p> <p>This building is named in honour of the British military officer and explorer, Captain Collet Barker.</p> <p>What we know today as Mount Barker was first sighted by Captain Sturt from Lake Alexandrina in February 1830, though Sturt mistakenly believed he was looking at Mount Lofty, which Flinders had discovered in 1802. Captain Collet Barker received this error when he undertook a survey of the district in 1831. Sturt consequently renamed the mountain in honour of Captain Barker, who died while exploring near the mouth of the River Murray later that year.</p> <p>St Francis de Sales <i>Belong for life.</i></p>
 <p>McAuley Building</p> <p>This building is named after Catherine McAuley, who recognised the many needs of the economically poor in her early nineteenth century Ireland and determined that she and women like her could make a difference.</p> <p>Spending her inheritance, she opened the first House of Mercy on Lower Baggot Street in Dublin, Ireland on September 24, 1827, a place to shelter and educate women and girls. Catherine's original intention was to assemble a lay corps of Catholic social workers. Impressed by her good works and the importance of continuity in the ministry, the Archbishop of Dublin advised her to establish a religious congregation. Three years later on December 12, 1831, Catherine and two companions became the first Sisters of Mercy. Since this time, the order Catherine has spread across the globe, originally following the path of Irish immigrants. Wherever they went, and continuing their work today around the world, the Sisters worked for justice for the poor, sick and uneducated, inspired by the life of Jesus and their founder, Catherine McAuley.</p> <p>St Francis de Sales <i>Belong for life.</i></p>	 <p>Ralston Building</p> <p>This building is named after Richard Ralston, who was the first Principal of what was the newly named St Francis de Sales College in 1999, when the previously parish primary school became a Reception - Year 12 College.</p> <p>Richard led the College as Principal from 1998 to 2005, during which time his drive and commitment led the development of the character of the R-12 community that we so celebrate today. The Ralston building which was opened in 2007.</p> <p>St Francis de Sales <i>Belong for life.</i></p>	

Parent Community Group (PCG)

The PCG is very excited to welcome in 2021. We would like to welcome new and current families to the St Francis de Sales community and new and current members to the PCG for 2021.

As 2020 was a different year for everyone, the PCG took the opportunity to meet via Microsoft Teams. The PCG met monthly online to discuss future opportunities and alternatives to accommodate the current times. There were lots of planning and discussions on alternative methods for events and ideas ahead of 2021.

We are now excited to announce that we can resume our meetings face-to-face and implement some ideas for this year. Some exciting events include the Community Café, scheduled to be open this year, Mother's and Father's Day stall...just to name a few.

The PCG welcomes new members at any time throughout the year and is always looking for new ideas. We value all contributions. If you would like to join the PCG or would like further information regarding the PCG, please email PCG@stfrancis.catholic.edu.au

We would like to thank everyone for their valued contribution, and we look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Sue Werts

Chair of the Parent Community Group

Alive (Mount Barker) Catholic Early Learning Centre Update

Alive Mount Barker has now been open for three weeks. This has been such an incredibly rewarding journey. As part of onboarding of staff at Alive we had induction week, this also included orientations sessions for children and their families. This induction week was a wonderful way for the staff to get to know each other, build relationships and immerse themselves in the Alive vision.

As educators it is such a privilege to be a part of each child's life and to walk in partnership with parents in educating their child. Throughout this week we took the time to reflect on the enormity of our role. We explored our 'WHY', (why we do what we do) as this helps us to understand our purpose and gives us direction. This led into starting to explore our goal across Alive for 2021. One of the Alive goals is to redevelop the Alive Philosophy. During the induction week we started the exploration of our belief and values and how they are enacted and lived through everyday practice. We will continue to unpack and build on this as well as seek feedback and input from children at our centre, families and the community.

Staff were involved in a number of team building activities including the Marshmallow challenge. You can find out more about this by viewing, 'Build a Tower Build a Team' by Tom Wujec on YouTube. This allowed us to explore how we can contribute effectively to a team environment. As we are all learners it was also useful way to remind us that reflecting on our challenges and mistakes is an important tool for growth. It has been wonderful to work with and get to know this dedicated, knowledgeable and passionate group of educators.

Liz Schembri

Head of Early Learning



How do you like our new eNewsletter?

Please select from one of the following options:*

Term Dates 2021

Term 1 - Wednesday 27 January to Friday 9 April

Term 2 - Tuesday 27 April to Friday 2 July

Term 3 - Monday 19 July to Friday 24 September

Term 4 - Monday 11 October to Tuesday 7 December

Enrolments 2021 | 2022 | 2023

A friendly reminder to current families who have children that are commencing at St Francis de Sales in 2021, 2022 or 2023 and are yet to submit an enrolment form please do so as soon as it is convenient.

Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our [College website](#) or collected from our Administration Office.

If you would like further information please email [Helen Dimech](#).

Uniform Shop

Devon Clothing opening hours:

Tuesday 8:30am - 11:30am

Thursday 2pm - 5pm

Saturday 10am - 1pm

Online ordering is also available through our [College website](#).

For any enquiries please [email Devon Clothing](#) direct.

[Read More](#)

OSHC

Camp Australia is proud to partner with St Francis de Sales College, providing your children with a safe environment in which they can explore and play.

If you would like to learn more about how we operate our OSHC service, please visit before or after school and our friendly staff will be available to answer your questions.

If you prefer to speak to us, you can contact our Customer Care Team that is available to support families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except for National Public Holidays.

[Read More](#)

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Naturally Smart Coffee



'Naturally Smart Coffee' products are available for purchase to families. Part proceeds of the sales will go towards St Vinnies.

All orders must be made online and the deadline for orders is the 1st and 15th of each month.

The coffee will be delivered to the College and given to your child to pass onto you.

How to order

Step 1 The first step is to create an account on the 'Naturally Smart Coffee' website, [select this link to create an account](#)

Step 2 For Account Type, select St Francis de Sales, Mt Barker

Step 3 In the Comments section of the account set-up, select Parent (Child's name and Class)

This information will be saved as part of your personal account, so only needs to be done at the initial set-up.

We thank you for your support!

Community Notices

Australian Air Force Cadets Recruiting
602 Squadron Woodside Army Base
 Building 124, 226 Nairne Road, Inverbrackie – Parading every Friday Night during school term 6.15pm
 Contact Our Recruiting Officer on 602sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au or 0438899049



If you are turning 13 in 2021 and are under 18, if you are looking for a challenge and fun in a military environment, now is your opportunity to join your local Air Force Cadets. Come along to learn more and get involved
 Cadets - Air Force's Future

INTEREST NIGHT – FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 7pm

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS

To better equip young people for community life fostering initiative, leadership, discipline & loyalty through a training program designed to stimulate interest in the RAAF and General Aviation
 Provide consistency and structure for self-belief in personal high expectations and achievements




2021 WINTER SEASON INFORMATION

Welcoming all juniors 7yrs up & senior aged players for upcoming winter netball season!

- ❑ Please send your queries or register your interest to play at mtbarkerunitednetballclub@gmail.com or Like our Facebook page @mbunc for more info.
- ❑ **Junior/Senior Trials – Monday 1st March / Monday 15th March**
 - ❑ 11&U: 4-5pm
 - ❑ 13&U: 5-6pm
 - ❑ 15&U: 6-7pm
 - ❑ 17&U/Seniors: 7-8:15pm
- ❑ **9&U Training commences Monday 22nd March 4-5pm**
- ❑ Ask us about accredited umpire & coaching training courses.
- ❑ Register your interest in coaching, umpiring or team managing.
- ❑ MBUNC has a strong member base at St Francis de Sales College. Play with friends.

Come & join our great family based club as we kick off this exciting 2021 season.