



Link Up Term 2 Week 8 2022

Important Dates

Semester 2 Starts

Monday 27 June 2022

College Board Meeting

Tuesday 28 June 2022

Vinnies College Sleepout

Tuesday 28 June 2022

Reception Term 3

Orientation Visit

Friday 1 July 2022

Reception Term 3 Orientation Visit

Friday 8 July 2022

College Board Meeting

Tuesday 26 July 2022

R-12 Mary MacKillop Mass

Wednesday 27 July 2022

Year 7-12 Awards Assembly

Wednesday 3 August 2022

R-6 Awards and Heart Presentation Assembly

Wednesday 3 August 2022

Science Week

Monday 15 August 2022

Year 4 Camp

Wednesday 17 August 2022

Upcoming Events

"Guess Who's

Parent Community

Last Day Term 2,

Office Closed

Back?" Music Performance

Date: Thursday 30 June
Time: 6:15pm - 8:15pm
Venue: Performing Arts Centre - St Francis de Sales College - Mount Barker

Group Meeting

Date: Thursday 7 July
Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Venue: MS Teams -

3:10pm dismissal

Date: Friday 8 July
Time: 8:30am - 3:10pm
Venue: St Francis de Sales College - Mount Barker

Date: Monday 11 July -
Wednesday 15 December
Venue: St Francis de Sales College - Mount Barker

Office Reopens

Date: Monday 18 July -
Friday 22 July
Time: 8:30am
Venue: St Francis de Sales College - Mount Barker

July School Holiday Community Sports

Date: Monday 18 July -
Friday 22 July
Time: 11:00am
Venue: SFdS Community Sports Centre - Mount Barker

Student Free Day

Date: Monday 25 July
Venue: St Francis de Sales College - Mount Barker

First Day of Term 3

Date: Tuesday 26 July
Time: 8:30am - 3:10pm
Venue: St Francis de Sales College - Mount Barker

College Tour

Date: Thursday 28 July
Time: 9:00am - 10:00am
Venue: St Francis de Sales College - Mount Barker

College Tour

Date: Thursday 11 August
Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Venue: St Francis de Sales College - Mount Barker

Student Free Day

Date: Tuesday 6 September
Venue: St Francis de Sales College - Mount Barker

From the Principal

As you may have seen on our [Facebook page](#), the College was delighted to be advised last week that a National Award for Excellence in Educational Facility Design has been won by the College for its R-6 and Early Learning Centre development. The Learning Environments Australasia National Award follows two state awards won last year. We are proud to have been the only school from any educational sector in South Australia to be an award winner in the 2022 National Awards. Further details are available on our latest news page stfrancis.catholic.edu.au/news-events/latest-news and to view the Learning Environments Australasia Award Gallery visit learningenvironments.awardsplatform.com/gallery/bavikIly?category=vEmwaBMq.

Most pleasing of all, of course, are the wonderful opportunities for learning that our new facilities are providing on an ongoing basis for our students and staff.

Last week was a big one for celebration and recognition, with one of our College Music Ensembles recognised in Generations in Jazz 2022. Previously held live in Mount Gambier, Generations in Jazz this year was an online event that nevertheless involved the recorded performance of music groups from schools all across South Australia. Our amazingly talented *JazZone* placed third in their division, which is an enormous achievement for these students and our wonderful music staff who lead them. This is the first time in many years one of our College ensembles has placed in this most prestigious of events. Our heartiest congratulations to the brilliant *JazZone* members; Erianne Alexander, Matilda Barnes, Charlotte Ernst, Harry Lovelock, Tilly Lovelock, Max Maher, Charlotte Peacock, Ashlee Peterson, Nathan Sachse and Lauren Watson.

It has been wonderful to have David Booth, a local indigenous artist, in our College across this term working with students from Reception to Year 6. David's *Artist in Residence* role with us during this term has been a wonderful education for our students about Indigenous art and culture. Our students all contributed to magnificent murals which are currently being completed by David and before too long will be on display across our school site.

It has been great to have the *Footsteps Dance* program in the College this term, each Tuesday working with our R-6 students. I know the students have loved participating in the program, and hopefully our families have benefited from having some moves busted out at home! An enormous range of *Knockout Sport* competitions have been held throughout this term, and I congratulate all of our students for the way they have engaged in the program. I also wish to acknowledge and thank those staff who volunteer their time to coach, manage and coordinate our *Knockout Sport* teams, under the coordination of Nadia Honner. Without the generosity of spirit of these staff stepping forward, these great opportunities would not be available for our students.

Our best wishes our Year 9 to 11 students in the midst of their examination period at the moment. We hope these opportunities provide them with a chance to reflect the strength of their learning throughout this first semester. We are looking forward to three key events over the next few weeks; the *St Vincent de Paul Sleepout* next Tuesday 28 June, our Transition Sessions for our new Reception students, and the *Catherine McAuley* performance on Friday 1 July. The sleepout, organised through our Vinnies Faith-in-Action Group, is a wonderful way for our students to show empathy and solidarity for those who are doing it tough in our wider community at the moment. One can only imagine what sleeping rough would be like in Mount Barker over the last couple of weeks! We look forward to welcoming new Reception students and their families to a number of orientation sessions occurring between now and the end of the term. We are excited to have 27 new students joining us in Reception for our mid-year intake. The *Catherine McAuley* performance for our students will provide an opportunity for us all to connect with the story of the Mercy Sisters, who started the St Scholastica School here onsite in 1902, through having a deeper understanding of the story of the founder of their order, Catherine McAuley.

Gavin McGlaughlin

Principal

From the Deputy Principal - Community and Wellbeing

Had enough of winter? Here is some good news

The bad news is that winter is in full flight. The good news is that it is only temporary and following the winter solstice, the days are getting longer again. In a year that has proffered more than its fair share of challenges, it is comforting to know that we are over the hump for dark mornings and early evenings. Crisp winter mornings and cold, clear, dark nights do also reveal amazing night skies. This conjures memories of camping trips and bonfires, beanies and hot drinks. Something to look forward to for the upcoming July school holidays.

Being a kid these days has its challenges. Issues in society seem to be getting worse by the day and in turn, this is taking a toll on the mental health of our young people. Statistics shared recently with staff at the College suggest that as many as 40% of young people are experiencing trauma in childhood. It seems too as though more and more children and young people, with little or no history of trauma, are experiencing big emotional reactions to challenges of everyday life. Given that trauma is what happens IN us and not TO us, it is a very individual experience and there is no 'one size fits all' approach to fixing it. Research from Beyond Blue indicates that half of all the mental health conditions we experience in our life have started by the age of 14. We have a crisis on our hands and our health system is not coping! Accessing professional care and support is stressful and difficult often with long waiting lists for appointments. Loneliness is a big problem in society; ironically at a time, with technology, we are more connected than ever before. Recent political promises offer a glimmer of hope but we also know that there is no quick fix.

Back to the good news. Building capacity for self-help during childhood is vitally important in helping shape the lives of young people. School communities are taking action by investing more heavily in wellbeing and imbedding initiatives that link wellbeing with learning. For parents and caregivers, the work never stops and while access to health professionals can be a grind, access to self-help resources is easy. Below is a list of wellbeing resources to check out this winter:

> abc.net.au/radio/programs/parental-as-anything-with-maggie-dent/episodes

> raisingchildren.net.au

> smilingmind.com.au

Paul Fairlie

Deputy Principal – Community and Wellbeing

From the Deputy Principal - Learning

Winter weather seems to have found us as we head towards the end of Term 2! Although we have two weeks to go, Semester 1 finishes today, signaling some new elective subject classes for Years 7 to 9 and some different semester classes for Years 10 to 11. For Reception to Year 6 families and students, be aware that although subjects remain the same, there may be some movement of specialist lessons. Please refer to SEQTA to view the timetables for the new semester. As activities and assessments are being finalised before reports are distributed on the last day of Term 3, parents and caregivers are encouraged to continue to access SEQTA for ongoing information about their child's learning journey. Reports will again be distributed via the SEQTA platform, so if you are currently having

any issues with SEQTA Engage, please contact the College for support.

We thank families for their ongoing flexibility and understanding as we all manage the complexities caused by the pandemic. We encourage you to stay in close contact with the College if your child is ill or if there are concerns about their academic or wellbeing needs. As usual, the Home Class Teachers are the first 'port of call', but certainly there are other leaders and staff who are also keen to ensure the best outcomes for each student.

My best wishes for a successful end to Term 2 and a great holiday break in a few weeks!

Sonia Nelson

Deputy Principal - Learning

From the APRIM

Celebrations

Over the last few weeks we have been fortunate to experience many celebrations. Firstly, we welcome Sr Shiji back to our College community, after she spent a number of weeks with her family in India. Wonderful to have her back!

With COVID-19 restrictions easing, we have been able to bring back *Breakfast Club*, the fortnightly Community Mass shared between the College and local parishioners, and celebrate our year level Masses at Our Lady of Mercy Church instead of at the College. These events have allowed people to reconnect and it has made a noticeable difference to the wellbeing of all involved.

On Sunday, 5 June, we celebrated 'Pentecost'. This day acknowledged the time after Jesus' ascension into heaven, when his followers were filled with the Holy Spirit. They were given the ability to be able to communicate to people from all nations, and spread the Good News message of Jesus Christ. It is viewed as the birthday of the Christian church. From this day, we are now in the Church's Ordinary Time, symbolised by the colour green.

Speaking of birthday celebrations, this week Fr Richard celebrated his 75th birthday! We wish Fr Richard well on this very special occasion and hold him in our prayers. He is a much appreciated support and guide for our community.

Recently, students involved in the year long Sacramental Program celebrated their Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Mt Barker. We congratulate: Johnmarc Alexander, Sasha Alexander, Sienna Anderson, Lewis Bullivant, Chloe Deans, Elizabeth Deans, Miakoda Hrovat, Chris Kurian, Clementine Mead, Bree Oxspring, Willem Oxspring, and Nathaniel Peters. As a College community, we continue to support and pray for these students, as they journey in their faith.

Honouring World Environment Day

Each year, the 5 June is *World Environment Day*, where we have an opportunity to reflect on our actions and strive to do what's right for the natural world. Our College continues to refine its systems in order to assist our community to look after the natural world.

As a result, from the beginning of next term, we will be implementing a new *Eco-Zone Program*. The outdoor areas of the College have been zoned and allocated to particular year levels, according to where their Homeroom classrooms are and where they spend their break times. During the course of each term, the College Leadership Team will monitor how clean and tidy these areas are and also check that the colour coded bin stations are being used correctly. At the end of each term, a *Eco-Zone Award* will be presented to the year level who has most consistently kept their area and bin stations tidy. The aim of this program is to help students take more ownership of their actions that have an impact on the natural environment, and have fun whilst doing it! I thank all of the students who have been involved in our recycling program over the last few years, by emptying and sorting our recycling bins. Their time and effort is appreciated.

Last week, an R-6 Assembly was held to promote this *Eco-Zone Program* and several students took part in a bin relay to help our community remember what each bin is for, and the importance of using the correct bins at all times. I thank student leaders Lucas Rutter and Nathan Sachse for their assistance at the assembly. We also introduced a new composting system for our Junior School. The Mt Barker Council has given our College a kitchen caddy bin for each R-6 class. Each class will collect their food scraps in this kitchen caddy instead of putting it in the general waste bin. This has the potential to divert huge quantities of food scraps from landfill and making it into useful compost. One of our Senior School teachers, Thomas McClean, will collect the food scraps on a regular basis from all of the Junior classes, and take it home for his compost system.

The Fathering Project and Parent Community Group

On Sunday, 26 June, the College's Dad's Group (Fathering Project) will be hosting their Term 2 gathering called *Trails, Tucker, and Tinkering*, involving dads (or father-figures) and their children. This will be a fun activity-based afternoon, including orienteering, camp cooking, and bike maintenance. Lunch ingredients will be provided and cooked as part of the camp cooking activity. Participants are welcome to bring their own bike to learn how to service and maintain it. I'm sure it will be an enjoyable event for all who attend.

The Parent Community Group (PCG) is another parent based group we have within the College community. As we get ready to move into Semester 2, the PCG is preparing to focus on two main activities. Firstly the Father's Day Stall will be held on Thursday 1 September on the Junior School Deck, and provide gift items for \$5 each, for student to purchase. More detailed information will be presented soon. Secondly, Frankie's Café is also ready to be re-opened due to eased COVID-19 restrictions. The PCG aims to arrange for PCG members to be trained to use the coffee machine, so that the café is able to function and be used as a community gathering place straight after school drop-off time. This is a much welcomed initiative, and more information will be sent out soon. If you are interested to assist with making coffees for the café on a rostered system, please contact Kristy How (secretary of the PCG) via email at PCG@stfrancis.catholic.edu.au

The Chair of the PCG, Emma Petersen, has done a terrific job in her role this year. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Emma has decided to step down from the role of Chair, but will still be a member of the group. If you are interested in nominating for the position of Chair of the PCG, please contact Oreste Farrugia via email at ofarrugia@stfrancis.catholic.edu.au

Vinnies Winter Appeal

A reminder about the Vinnies Winter Appeal being held this term. The Appeal assists Vinnies to provide emergency relief to people at risk and experiencing homelessness. Your donation will help the Vinnies volunteers to rebuild lives. Thank you for your generosity thus far.

All items that are donated will be welcomed by Vinnies, however they have asked the College to specifically focus on the following items:

- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fruit
- Meal bases
- Rice Cream
- Peanut butter
- Vegemite
- Cake mixes
- Sweet biscuits
- Muesli bars
- Cereals
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Ladies sanitary products
- Toothpaste
- Tooth brushes
- Hand soaps
- Tea
- Coffee

For our College, Friday 1 July will be the close of the Vinnies Winter Appeal and the last day for people to donate items. Thanks again for your generosity.

Enjoy the last few weeks of Term 2!

Oreste Farrugia

APRIM



Meet members of our Student Leadership Team



Meet Aimee Brooks - Senior Student Leader

As a leader I describe myself: as passionate and caring. I am caring in the way that I am willing to support all my fellow peers and other students in the College. I hope to show happiness and ability to inspire happiness in others and my goal is to be an inclusive, fair and approachable leader.

The best thing about attending St Francis de Sales College is: the community. I love and admire the fact that students regularly come together to participate in activities and games. And our House Teams are a great way of showing this. During the year each House Team has many chances to gain points for their team, which go towards the House Cup.

I started at St Francis de Sales College in: Reception

My goal for this year is: to do well academically, I'm hoping that I am able to achieve my best grades in 2022. Another goal for me is to get the best out of my student leadership role. I'm hoping that I can help anyone that needs it to the best of my abilities and be a leader that the younger students can look up to. And I hope as a leader and part of the leadership team we can have a great 2022.

What extra-curricular activities/hobbies do you enjoy outside of school? I really enjoy playing sport, I play Cricket, Tennis and Football. I really enjoy the social aspect, and the fact that I am able to get to know heaps of new people while playing sports I love. I really enjoy going to the beach whether its going for a swim or just a walk. Whenever I'm not doing homework or sport I try to get to the beach as often as possible.

Meet Joesph Schembri - Senior Student Leader

As a leader I describe myself: as motivated and committed to providing an environment/community that accepts everyone where I can receive and act upon feedback from others. As a leader I am equal to those around me. I am a means through which others can feel heard and included.

The best thing about attending St Francis de Sales College is: the sense of community that I have felt throughout my time as a student. St Francis de Sales College has offered me the opportunity to both get involved in the community through a range of extracurricular and in class activities, while also developing personally to become a capable and confident member of the community.

I started at St Francis de Sales College in: Semester 2 of Year 8

My goal for this year is: to take every possible opportunity to learn, both academically and personally so that I am best set up for the rest of my life. I am also hoping to make meaningful lifelong connections with all my peers.

What extra-curricular activities/hobbies do you enjoy outside of school? I spend most of my time with friends or family. I have a love of learning that transfers from school into my personal life and I enjoy occasional physical activities such as Basketball, Swimming and Rock Climbing.

Meet Matilda Lovelock - Senior Student Leader

As a leader I describe myself: as a good listener, a compassionate peer and a positive role model.

The best thing about attending St Francis de Sales College is: the friendliness of the student cohort and the great support of the staff. People are always willing to help and listen to everyone, and I always feel welcome here.

I started at St Francis de Sales College in: Reception

My goal for this year is: to have fun and to try to do the best I can.

What extra-curricular activities/hobbies do you enjoy outside of school? I enjoy playing Netball and Softball, and I love singing and playing in music ensembles.

R-6 Highlights



Term 2 has certainly been a lively term full of many different learning opportunities for students in our R-6 community.

Some sporty highlights over the last few weeks have included the *Footsteps Dance Program*, where all R-6 students have been participating in a series of fun lessons aimed at developing coordination, movement, and confidence with dance. The children have all had a ball! Our students have also attended Rugby Clinics run by NRL SA, where students learned some new skills in TAG Rugby.

Over the last few weeks students in Year 2 enjoyed a visit to Monarto Zoo as a part of their Science curriculum and the Year 5s enjoyed a trip to Adelaide Zoo and Himeji Gardens as a part of their Japanese studies. The Year 2s also embarked on a local walk around Mt Barker as a part of their learning in HASS. We have all enjoyed being able to attend Mass in person this term and the R-2, 3-4 and 5-6 communities were all able to celebrate their Masses with Fr Richard at Our Lady of Mercy Church and at the College.

Staff working in R-6 recently completed a masterclass training in *What's the Buzz?*, a social-emotional learning program created by renowned psychologist Mark LeMessurier. Some classes have already started working with the program, and all year levels will begin or continue this excellent program in Term 3. Tahlie Jones, our College Social Worker, has been working with some classes in rolling out the program.

You may have seen the beautiful *Sea of Hearts* as you enter the College in front of the Meya Watta (Reception/Alive ELC) building. This was a joint project between the preschool students at Alive ELC and our Year 1 classes who collaborated to create the display as part of our Reconciliation Week celebrations. All students across R-6 were also lucky enough earlier this term as part of our Reconciliation Week program, to work with local First Nations artist David Booth. Students in each year level created some lovely Indigenous inspired murals which will be displayed in each of the R-6 buildings. During the sessions, students were treated to David playing the didgeridoo and they used Indigenous symbols to create individual artworks as well as work on the year level murals.

We look forward to the last few weeks of Semester 1 and the learning still to come this term. Your child's Semester 1 Report will be available to you on Friday 8 July.

Alice Taylor

R-6 Director of Learning

R-6 Literacy Leader



7-12 Highlights

We are well and truly into the school routine with all students engaging in their learning.

Exams in Week 8 have seen students in Year 9, 10 and 11 having an authentic experience regarding exam expectations and consolidation of the work they have been doing across the semester.

Students in Year 7 and 8 are working diligently and experiencing learning through different pedagogies in subject areas. The integrated learning within HASS, RE and English has seen students learning about Ancient China and festivals celebrated. Our Year 8 RE classes, through Project Based Learning, are finalising their bench seat designs and presentations for Our Lady of Mercy Church Garden and continuing their learning through integrity with Vinnies Winter Appeal tasks.

Teachers are starting to result and complete reports, which will be released in Week 10, indicating student achievement across their subjects.

Year 12 students are over half way through their final year of schooling and with Research Project finishing I am certain there are a few sighs of relief. Well done to all the students for maintaining a massive effort to complete and also to their Research Project teachers who have assessed, moderated and prepared samples ready for submission to SACE.

Teaching staff have begun work on Student Agency and supporting students to become agents in their own learning. Students have also started work in this area. Moving in to Term 3 will see students having clear success criteria and learning intentions in classes. As a College we support students becoming more responsible in their learning journey and we are excited to be working in this space.

Yours in Learning

Kim Bathe

7-12 Director of Learning

Congratulations to School Based Apprentice Simon Barton



We are very proud to have yet another Year 11 student who has been successful in obtaining a School Based Apprenticeship. Simon Barton, recently employed by [Murraylands Training and Employment](#) (Group Training Organisation), has commenced a four year apprenticeship in Wall and Floor Tiling with [Bathroom Renovation Solutions](#) as the host employer. Simon will work with his host employer 1-2 days per week and 3-4 days at St Francis de Sales College, where he will continue working on his SACE.

Simon is very happy with his career opportunity and was very excited to start his first day of work. He thoroughly enjoys working on out-of-date areas (bathroom, laundry etc) and turning it into something beautiful.

We wish Simon all the very best with his career pathway.

Branden Hill

VET Coordinator

English Happenings

Rostrum Voice of Youth

On Saturday, 14 May Year 9 student Cara Parker-Thomas represented our College at the Rostrum Voice of Youth Public Speaking Competition. This event is open to students from Year 7-12 and is hosted by Immanuel College. It attracts students from schools across South Australia and the Northern Territory with the finals being held at Parliament House.

Cara delivered a prepared speech of seven minutes and a short notice speech to her audience and panel of judges. Whilst Cara did not advance to the semi-finals she enjoyed the experience. When asked about the event she said, "I was put out of my comfort zone, but it was in a relaxed way. It wasn't scary, but fun and it gave me an opportunity to build confidence in my abilities and develop relationships with other students with similar interests."

If public speaking is an activity of interest for students and they would like to participate or develop skills in, I invite them to speak with their English teachers and come along to future meetings.

Shadow Judges

It is with great excitement that I announce our College's involvement in judging this year's CBCA Book of the Year for Older Readers. We have put together a diverse panel of discerning readers from Years 9-11 who will embark on the challenge to read, discuss and judge

against specific criteria, the six shortlisted books for 2022. Our judges will work together to produce creative responses to their reading experience of each book as well as cast their all-important vote for the ultimate Book of the Year. A fantastic opportunity to have young people's voices heard!

Year 7 English Theatre Experience: *Rella*

On Thursday, 26 May, Year 7 students attended Windmill Theatre's original production of *Rella*, a fractured version of Cinderella. The performance took place at the Dunstan Playhouse and we were fortunate enough to attend the premiere. It was a loud, vibrant and powerful story which explored the themes of cultural diversity, the importance of family and most importantly being true to yourself.

Nicole Elding

Learning Area Specialist - English



Dance



The Mix Tape – Live and Streamed Performance

On Wednesday and Thursday of Week 5 the Semester 1 Dance students transported all those who attended *The Mix Tape* production back to a time when listening to the radio and pressing play and record on a cassette deck when you heard your favourite song was considered an incredible achievement – until the machine ate your tape – who knew a cassette could hold that much tape! Any child of the '80's, that's who!

Over one afternoon and two nights, Semester 1 Dance students presented their entertaining and fun performances, once for the Junior School students (who are a brilliant audience, and a performance we always look forward to) and another two evening performances for an enthusiastic, 'family and friends' audience. At the same time the production was filmed so that a streamed version of **The Mix Tape – The Movie** can be viewed by all those who could not attend.

For the first time we were fortunate to have several previous Dance scholars perform with the current Year 12s – Tayla Ward (2018 Dance Captain), Aaliyah Ferreira (2020 Dance Captain), Dawson Bojanic (2021 Dance Captain) and Kaitlyn Richards and Harry Baxter (2021 Dance graduates) all returned to our stage and entertained us with their expertise – thank you! A huge thank you must go to Aleks Bojanic who continues to work his magic with the incredible light and sound production and for once again adding his immense talent to the post-production work. I am also incredibly lucky to have Tayla Ward, Aaliyah Ferreira and Kyla Martins working with the Dance Minis and Dance Crew and Karen Boswell and Michele McDonald for taking care of the Green Room (Dressing Room) chaos! Thank you also to Trinity Kyriacou for her work thus far as the 2022 Dance Captain.

The streamed production of **The Mix Tape** is now available, via a private link, until the end of the term. The link has been emailed directly to all parents, caregivers and to the students involved in the performance; however, if you did not receive the link and would like to see our amazing Semester 1 Dance students' performance of **The Mix Tape**, please email Peta Bojanic at pbojanic@stfrancis.catholic.edu.au to have the link sent directly to your email. I am truly blessed to work with such amazing students and I am so incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

Peta Bojanic
Dance Teacher

Sports Report



Physical Education at St Francis

This term has seen the students across the College participate in a variety of activities in their weekly PE lessons. In R-6 we have had the *Footsteps Dance Company* come in to take sessions in a variety of dance genres, as well as the NRL SA Tag Rugby group come in to lead some clinics. Early next term we will also be holding some AFL clinics as a lead in to Auskick.

In Years 7-9 all of the students have been involved in our Sport Education Badminton unit where participants take charge of the season. All students have been involved in the various aspects of running a club. Whether it be as a fitness or skills coach, an equipment manager or a media personnel, students have taken on the organisation and running of all aspects of the unit.

Our Year 12 students have been preparing for an Interschool Volleyball Competition. This SACE Assessment Task involves the students taking on a coaching role and then evaluating their impact on the team. The students have been training hard and were successful in winning their matches against Mount Barker High School.

Spotlight on SAPSASA

As we near the half way mark of the year I thought it would be timely to reflect on our students who have made it to a representative level for the Barker District. The SAPSASA teams are made up of students in their senior years of Junior School (usually Years 5 and 6) who then represent the Barker District in various statewide competitions. Some of these athletes are chosen from District Carnivals such as Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country, whilst other teams are selected from trials that students nominate for and then attend. A huge congratulations to all of these students who have excelled in their various fields.

- Softball – Lindsay Butler and Zara Peterson
- Swimming – Chelsea England, Lachlan Gardener, Kiara Gleeson, Erin Irudayaraj, Eric Liemareff and Sarah Morley
- AFL (Boys) – Mitchell Wray
- AFL (Girls) – Lily O’Hara, Lindsay Butler, Kiara Gleeson, Ellie Jones and Scarlett Ashurst
- Netball (Girls) – Kiara Gleeson and Chelsea England
- Cross Country – Zara Newman, Bridie Rogers and Chelsea England

Information for the various sports and how to nominate and trial are usually posted on *Seesaw*, so keep an eye out.

Interschool Sport

This term has continued to see a number of teams compete in the various rounds of sports. Our 7/8 and Open Girls Netball Teams have won through to the next round, as well as our 7/8 Boys and Girls Basketball Teams. We wish them every success as they prepare for the next stages of the competitions.

A few weeks ago we also had a number of students compete in the State Cross Country Competition at Oakbank. A massive congratulations must go to Zara Newman and Aaliyah Fox who ran exceptionally well and will now trial to represent the State in a National Competition later in the year.

Recently we also had a group of individual swimmers compete in the School Sport SA Individual Swimming Competition and two of our students have made the School Sport SA State Team. Leni Newham and Gabriel Cregan will swim in a National competition later in the year. Well done and best of luck!

Over the course of the year we are always looking for parents and volunteers to assist with the various teams. If you are interested in volunteering at the College find out more via our [Volunteering page on our website](#).

For all sports related information parents and caregivers can keep an eye on daily notices through SEQTA Engage. If there are ever any questions about these activities or other sporting related opportunities please email [Nadia Honner](#).

Nadia Honner

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



Music

The Music Department has certainly been a busy place since our last *Link Up* article... our Instrumental Program has been growing and we have been able to welcome a number of new students to the 'Music Family'. If any students are looking to learn an instrument, now is a great time to get going as it is the start of a new semester and we have a number of exciting music events happening in the second half of the year. Visit our [College website Music page](#) where you will find all of the details together with a registration form.

Last week we were so excited to have one of our fantastic Vocal groups, *JazZone*, recognised at the national Generations in Jazz Festival where we were awarded 3rd place in the ANZ Vocal Ensemble Awards – Division 3 Mixed Voices. This is amazing recognition for our group of students who have worked extremely hard.

Bookings via Consent 2Go are now open for the exciting *Guess Who's Back?* Semester 1 Music Concert to be held on Thursday 30 June from 6:15pm in the Performing Arts Centre. Finally, after all of the COVID restrictions, our array of musical talent will be on full display when *deGroove*, *Musaic*, *VoCo*, *Heart 'n' Soul*, *Mixed Bag* and our award winning *JazZone* take to the stage for a night of melodic harmony and soulful tunes.

Bec Page, Amy Waters and Aleks Bojanic

Music Department



Mother and Daughter Breakfast



Our Mother and Daughter Breakfast was a lovely start to the day on Thursday 9 June. The breakfast was catered for by our Stage 2 Food and Hospitality students as part of their assessment, and the food was amazing.

It was wonderful to welcome Amelia Tripodi, 2018 Old Scholar and former College Captain, back to the College as our Guest Speaker.

Amelia was inspirational and an excellent role model for our students. Amelia spoke about her journey after school and some important life lessons she learnt along the way.

> [Click here to read Amelia's address](#)

Thank you to all in attendance, Alice Taylor for being our MC, College Captain Sophie McCallum, Maintenance, ICT, Mikaela Thomas, Jodie Marafioti, Michele McDonald, Rose Ward, Kate Thomas, Lisa Andrew, Denise Bergamin, Janet Megaw and Sarah Sims.



Last day of Term 2

A friendly reminder the last day of Term 2 is **Friday 8 July** with a normal dismissal time of 3:10pm.

Monday 25 July is a **Student Free Day** and we look forward to welcoming students for the start of Term 3 on **Tuesday 26 July**.

Camp Australia will have full-day care available on the Student Free Day, to book please contact Camp Australia direct on: **T: 1300 105 343** | **E: info@campaustralia.com.au** | **W: campaustralia.com.au/schools/764B**

New Canteen Services commence from Term 3

Further to communication sent to families earlier this month, *Rory's School Lunches* will commence canteen services at St Francis de Sales College starting from Term 3.

We thank our current Canteen Manager, Annie Bushten, for her great service over the last 21 years. Annie will be retiring to spend more time with family. She has worked to provide the highest quality and best value service to our students and their families. We acknowledge Annie's contribution to this community and thank her for her work over so many years.

To prepare for the new service, we suggest to download the *Qkr! App* as per below ordering information. The menu is not currently available via the app but will be made available soon.

Ordering

Use the *Qkr! App*. The details on how to download and set up the app can be viewed via the below link. Their full range menu will be available to order on *Qkr!* and is a guaranteed way to receive the favourite lunch options as well as meeting dietary requirements. Orders can be placed two weeks in advance until 8:00am on the day the order is required.

> [View instructions on how to download and set up Qkr! App](#)

Menu

Great care is given to Rory's menu design to cater to many health and dietary requirements. They keep menus fresh and updated, keeping it exciting for students, encouraging them to try a different range of wholesome foods.

> [View a sample menu](#)

Term 3 Photo Day



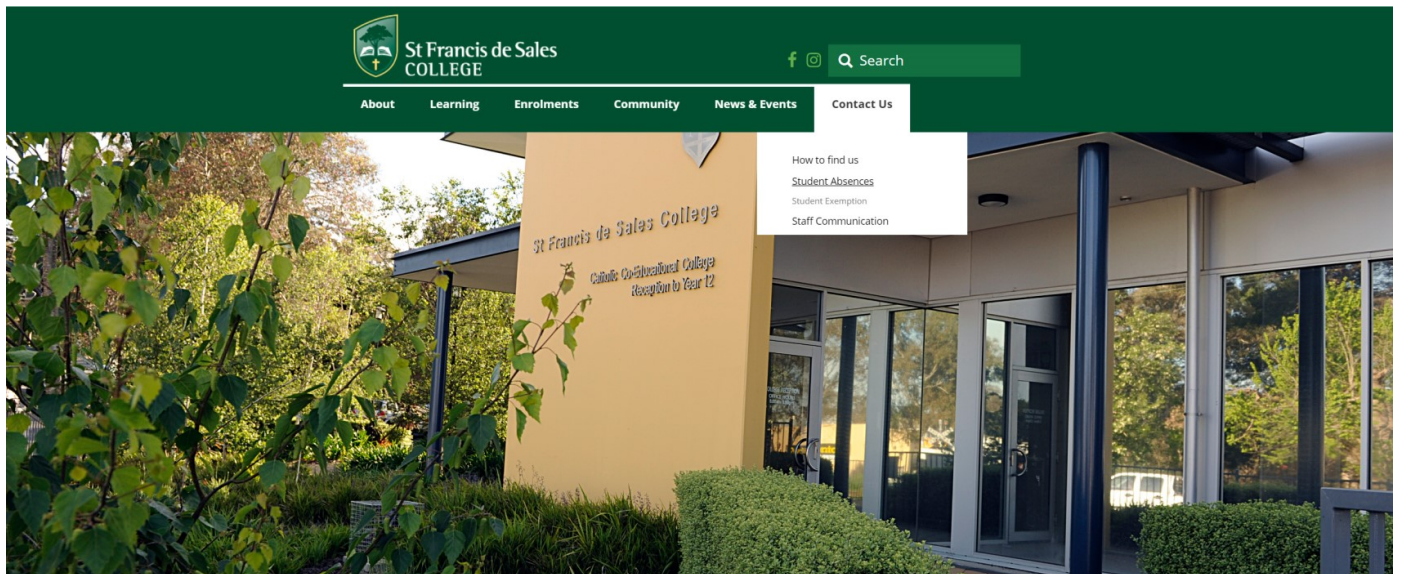
Our Photo Day is scheduled for: **Wednesday 10 August**

Students in Reception to Year 6 are asked to wear the sports uniform with the official College polo shirt. Year 7-11 students are to wear full winter uniform, including tie and blazer. Year 12 students can wear Senior Jackets as part of their full winter uniform.

This year MSP have introduced paperless ordering, replacing the printed envelope that was previously distributed to each student. Parents/caregivers will receive an email from MSP with ordering instructions and their child's unique shoot key. Family photo orders are also to be placed online; a family shoot key will be emailed directly to parents/caregivers for ease of ordering. Online ordering closes the day before photo day to assist in Family orders, but can be extended on request.

All orders will be delivered to the College for distribution. Parents/caregivers (i.e. for Mum/Dad orders) can request to collect from our Administration Office by letting MSP know by phone or email.

Is your child going to be away?



You can now notify the College of your child/ren's absence via our Absentee Form on our website. To lodge a form go to stfrancis.catholic.edu.au/contact-us/student-absences. Alternatively, call the **Absentee Line** on **8393 1001**.

Both the Absentee Form and Absentee Line are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If a student is away from school for more than three days an Exemption Form must be completed. This form is also available via our website, refer to stfrancis.catholic.edu.au/contact-us/student-absences/student-exemption.

Our website Absentee Form replaced the SkookBag Absentee Form, as SkoolBag has now ceased.

Term Dates 2022

Term 1 - Monday 31 January - Thursday 14 April

Term 2 - Tuesday 3 May - Friday 8 July

Term 3 - Tuesday 26 July - Friday 30 September

Term 4 - Monday 17 October - Tuesday 13 December

[Read More](#)

Enrolments 2023 | 2024 | 2025

A friendly reminder to current families who have children that are commencing at St Francis de Sales in 2023, 2024 or 2025 and are yet to submit an enrolment form please do so as soon as it is convenient.

Enrolment forms can be collected from our Administration Office or to download a digital copy please visit the [Enrolments](#) page on our website.

[Read More](#)

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Give your child a great start.

FREE Term 3 & 4 Tuition
for Mid-Year Reception starters.

ENQUIRE NOW



Our 2022 Heart Value is...

Integrity

"In everything set them an example by doing what is good." (Titus 2:7)



Uniform Shop

Devon Clothing opening hours:

Tuesday 8:30am - 11:30am

Thursday 2pm - 5pm

Saturday 10am - 1pm

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.



To find out more about the service click on the below Read More link or call Camp Australia on **1300 105 343** or email **info@campaustralia.com.au**.

Community Notices



**THE AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE
CADETS RECRUITMENT EVENING
ADELAIDE HILLS**

Here at the Australian Air Force Cadets you will have the opportunity to explore areas such as:

- Aviation
- Field craft and survival
- Weapons training
- Security & Intelligence
- Cyber security
- Aeronautics
- Engineering

Service
Courage
Respect
Integrity
Excellence

If you are 12 to 16 years old and want to learn to fly before you learn to drive whilst gaining additional S.A.C.E. points

Join us at the
Woodside Army Base
1st July 2022
1930hrs
226 Neirve Road
Woodside



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INSPIRING TODAY - LEADING TOMORROW

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**Foster care
information session**

Drop in and chat about foster care and
have your questions answered

Mount Barker Community Centre
6pm-7pm
Thursday 16th & 30th June

*Your care has the power to
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Find out more about becoming a long-term, short-term,
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COME & TRY JOEY SCOUTS

with Balhannah Scout Group

Monday nights from 5:45 - 6:45pm



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<p>MONDAY</p> <p>27 June</p> <p>DINOSAURS & CHOCOLATE</p>	<p>MONDAY</p> <p>4 July</p> <p>NERF WARS & GAMES</p>	<p>FRIDAY</p> <p>8 July</p> <p>CAMPFIRE WITH CUBS</p>
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First 3 sessions are free!

Joeys is for ages 5-8
 *learn new skills *have fun *make friends

Contact Kaleb James to find out more
 0498 092 045
 gl.balhannah@sa.scouts.com.au



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS FOR GIRLS

8-11 YEAR OLDS

STRENGTHS GRATITUDE EMPATHY

Hectorville Sports and Community Club ★ New City Location
 July 19th: 'Sense of Self' - What makes me, me?
St Francis de Sales Sports Centre, Mount Barker
 July 21st: 'Our Relationships' - Respectful relationships.
 July 22nd: 'Our Community' - How can I give to others?

Book Now!

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Become a Knight

The Knights of the Southern Cross are seeking new members. Membership is open to all men 18 years or older.

As a service organisation, Knights assist our local community and those in need.

If you are interested in becoming a Knight of the Southern Cross (a fraternal Brotherhood recognised by the Vatican), find out more at a meeting that is held the second Wednesday of each month, 7pm-9pm.

For more information call Mike on **0414 572 840** or view <https://youtu.be/vIVQYNkSGlw>. We hope to see you at our next meeting.



[Read more](#)

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