



Important Dates

Semester 2 Begins

Monday 26 June

College Board Meeting

Tuesday 27 June

Term 3 Reception Orientation Visit 2

Friday 30 June

Community Mass

Tuesday 4 July

Last day of Term 2, 3:10pm dismissal

Friday 7 July

Term 3 Reception Orientation Visit 3

Friday 7 July

College Office Closed, 10-14 July

Monday 10 July

Vinnies College Sleepout

Wednesday 5 July

Term 2 School Holidays, 10-21 July

Monday 10 July

College Office Reopens

Monday 17 July

First Day of Term 3

Tuesday 25 July

Upcoming Events

AudioWaves

Date: Thursday 29 June
Time: 6:15pm - 7:10pm
Venue: Performing Arts Centre - St Francis de Sales College - Mount Barker

Parent Community Group Meeting

Date: Tuesday 4 July
Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Venue: Meya Watta Building - St Francis de Sales College - Mount Barker

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Date: Thursday 6 July
Time: 2:30pm - 4:30pm
Venue: Function Room - St Francis de Sales College Community Sports Centre - Mount Barker

July School Holiday Community Sports

Venue: Community Sports Centre - St Francis de Sales College - Mount Barker

Student Free Day, College Office Closed

Date: Monday 24 July
Venue: St Francis de Sales College - Mount Barker

College Tour

Date: Thursday 27 July
Time: 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Venue: St Francis de Sales College - Mount Barker

From the Acting Principal

This week marks the end of Semester 1 within the College, and it is amazing to think that we are almost halfway through the academic year. This is a busy period for our staff and students as they finalise assessments in preparation for Semester 1 Reports. Semester 2 brings a change of electives and/or subjects for some of our year levels and students, and this may also result in a change of teacher for some subjects. Our staff are well skilled at supporting students through this period of change and, of course, will be happy to work parents/caregivers through any questions or inquiries you may have leading into Semester 2 programs.

Recent Student Free Day

The recent Student Free Day provided our staff with opportunities to work collaboratively to develop and document curriculum, units of work and individual student adjustments leading into the change of semester at the start of Week 9 this term. We have four student free days each year, which are usually scheduled around the same dates each year. We appreciate that these days can put some pressure on families, however they represent significant professional learning opportunities for our staff and are directly linked to day-to-day teaching and learning programs, and initiatives aimed at improving student learning and wellbeing outcomes. Provision for Student Free Days is part of the Enterprise Agreement (EA) with the Independent Education Union of Australia (IEUA) and these are applied across all schools under the agreement.

NAPLAN Test Trials

St Francis de Sales College was one of approximately 700 schools around Australia to be selected by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to participate in this year's NAPLAN Item Trial. The purpose of the Item Trial is to evaluate potential NAPLAN test questions ('items') for use in future NAPLAN tests. Here at St Francis de Sales some of our Year 7B and 7Y and 9B and 9Y students were engaged in the trial on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. I would like to acknowledge and thank the students and staff involved, especially since it was only a short time ago that they were involved in their 2023 NAPLAN Tests. I am sure they will gain satisfaction from the understanding that the results from the trial will help ACARA ensure that future NAPLAN tests are valid, reliable and fair for all students.

Congratulations

Year 11 student **Gabriel Cregan** has been in Vichy, France representing Australia at the 6th Virtus Global Games. The games featured swimmers from a wide range of countries including USA, Egypt, Italy, Denmark, Czech Republic, New Zealand, Columbia, France, Iceland, Israel and Australia. Gabe shouldered a very heavy workload throughout the games, competing in six individual and six relay teams during five days of competition. Gabe had an outstanding swim meet, winning individual gold medals in the 50m, 100m and 200m Breaststroke and the 400m Individual Medley (including a personal best) and team gold in the 4x 100m Men's Medley and the 4x 100m Mixed Medley events. Gabe's magnificent efforts have seen him returning home with 6 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze medals. This medal haul makes him the most decorated athlete on the Australian Swim Team. This type of success at an International level only comes about as a result of a huge amount of training and commitment. There is little doubt Gabe has had to demonstrate great resilience and persistence to achieve so well at this level and we congratulate him whole heartedly on his success.

Curriculum and Co-curricular Opportunities

I recently attended the Semester 1 Dance production *Welcome to my Nightmare* which was the spectacular culmination of the work our Dance students from Year 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, and extra-curricular groups Dance Minis, Dance Crew and Dance Squad have been engaged with throughout this semester. All up, there were approximately 160 students involved and their love of performing and their enthusiastic engagement with the dance choreography was clearly evident through each dance sequence. The production was performed to Junior and Middle School classes last week, as well as two 'sold out' crowds of parent/caregivers and friends. Special thanks to the students involved for their passion and commitment to the College's Dance program. I would also like to acknowledge our College staff (Peta Bojanic, Aleks Bojanic, Michele McDonald and Karen Boswell) and current and past students Tayla Ward, Harry Baxter, Max Maher, Kaitlyn Richards and Kyla Martins without whom the Dance program and this performance would not have been possible.

An enormous range of Knockout Sport competitions have been held throughout this term, and I congratulate all students involved for the way they have represented the College in all of these activities. 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 and their willingness to step up and put in the time and effort involved, these learning opportunities would not be available for our students.

Vinnies Sleepout – 5 July

Coming up on 5 July, our students and staff will sleep rough for the night to raise important funds and awareness for the most vulnerable people in our local community through the St Vincent de Paul Sleepout. These St Francis de Sales community members will swap the comfort of a full stomach, a warm bed and a roof over their heads with a night out, experiencing what, unfortunately, is the reality for far too many homeless South Australians on a daily basis. We can support these students and staff by donating on their behalf to the **St Francis de Sales Sleepout for Vinnies 2023**. Your donation will go towards Vinnies Services in Mount Barker region, providing vital access to food, clothing and financial assistance to local community members in their time of need. Please give generously in your support of this wonderful cause, and in recognition of the commitment these students and staff are demonstrating to putting their faith, beliefs and values into action.

End of Semester Exams

Our best wishes our Year 9 to 11 students who are in the midst of their examination period at the moment. We hope these opportunities provide them with a chance to demonstrate the depth and breadth of their learning throughout this first semester and help them prepare for other similar examinations into the future.

Term 3 Reception Transition

We look forward to welcoming 30 new Reception students and their families to start their school journey at St Francis de Sales College next term. Over the last few weeks and throughout the remainder of the term we are running a number of orientation sessions to help the students, and families, with the transition into our College community. I am sure you will join me in wishing these new students, their families, and the staff supporting this transition, well. We trust their journey through to the end of Year 12 here at St Francis de Sales will bring them success and great satisfaction.

Paul Wadsworth

Acting Principal

From the Deputy Principal - Community and Wellbeing

Collegewide Vision for Wellbeing

In recent years, our College has undergone significant renewal and change, which mirrors the ongoing growth of Mount Barker and the Hills region in general. We have opened some state-of-the-art learning facilities, established ourselves as a legitimate Early Learning to Year 12 community and continue to welcome new members to our College – including staff, students, and families – each of which brings a unique set of experiences and skills that add enormous value to our community.

Throughout 2023, we have been reviewing our approach to student wellbeing as a way of ensuring that we continue to meet the needs of our growing and ever-changing community, while also considering the lingering impact of the pandemic on the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities. Through this discernment, we have resolved to establish a Collegewide *Vision for Wellbeing* which will build upon the strength and success of our existing wellbeing philosophy to create a cohesive, integrated, trauma-informed and evidence-based approach wellbeing vision and framework.

Consistent with our shared *Community Commitment*, our *Vision for Wellbeing* will be a community focused vision, centred on developing staff, student and parent wellbeing.

To this end, we are commencing a period of consultation with our community to ensure we have the agency of all key stakeholders in creating this important framework. We invite parents and community members to complete our *Vision for Wellbeing* Survey so that you can help shape our shared vision. Please click on the below link to complete the survey by Friday 30 July.

[> Vision for Wellbeing Survey](#)

Reconciliation Action Plan

The College continues to engage with our community in the development of our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), and once again invite interested community members to join us in dialogue and consultation as members of our working group. We anticipate meeting on four occasions between now and the end of the year with a view to launching our RAP at the commencement of 2024. Should you be interested in being involved in our working group, please contact Jo Matthews (ATSI Key Teacher) at the College by the end of Term 2 in readiness for our next meeting early in Term 3.

As we rapidly move towards the end of Term 2 and the middle of the school year, I encourage each member of our community to take a moment to reflect on the year to date, and to prioritise your own mental health and wellbeing.

James Gill

Deputy Principal - Community and Wellbeing

From the Acting Deputy Principal - Learning

What a joy and privilege it has been to return to St Francis de Sales College this term and continue working with our students, staff and families of the Hills community. It has been wonderful to reconnect, to see the growth in the students since my last visit, and to celebrate their achievements in the second part of this term.

Although there are two weeks to go until the end of term, Semester 1 now comes to an end. Next week we will usher in a 'new beginning' with some different elective subject classes for Years 7 to 9 and some different semester classes for Years 10 and 11. In our Junior School, we are excited to be welcoming a new group of students into our Reception community. Our newest Receptions will take us to four Reception homegroups, which has required some temporary flexibility with learning spaces. We thank the students, staff and families for their adaptability and creativity.

As activities and assessments are being finalised before reports are distributed on the last day of Term 3, we remind parents/caregivers to continue to access SEQTA for ongoing information about your child's learning. 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 your ongoing partnership and support in your child's learning, and encourage contact with the College if concerns arise regarding any academic or wellbeing needs. As usual, the Home Class Teachers are the first 'port of call', but our College Leadership Team are also available to support if required. We endeavour to provide wrap around support for all our students, so they can 'be who they are and to be that well'.

Have a wonderful end to Term 2 and - when you get there - a restful holiday break.

Carla Thomas

Acting Deputy Principal - Learning

From the APRIM

Play life to the full!

I recently attended a funeral of the father of a close friend of mine. They are a Muslim family and therefore the ceremony and burial took place at a Mosque and the cemetery adjacent to it. Being a Catholic I was unaware of the specific rituals, symbols, and expectations of the ceremony, but felt that it was important that I was present for my close friend. I stood at the back of the Mosque just observing the short prayer service. Three rows of men stood shoulder to shoulder facing the front of the mosque, reciting prayers and occasionally getting on the floor to bow down as part of their ritual. I didn't understand the significance of the prayers and ritual being displayed before me, but had a great sense of its importance to the families gathered at the Mosque. I wasn't connected to the ritual.

On reflecting upon this, I naturally pondered the importance of life itself, and making time for relationships and loved ones. However, the contrast that I experienced at the Muslim ceremony to a Catholic Mass or liturgy caused me to ponder the rituals and symbols that have meaning for us as Catholics. What makes them so important to us?! What is it that our Catholic rituals, symbols, prayers, and liturgical celebrations do to assist us to do and 'be' as followers of Jesus? My ponderings then led me to a quote that I had read by Pope Francis, which speaks of our call to live life to the full and be our best selves for others and our natural world.

"...Take the memories you have inherited, look towards the horizon and today, grasp life and carry it forward, use it productively, make it fruitful. God calls you to be fruitful! God calls you to transmit this life to others. God calls you to create hope. God calls you to receive mercy and show mercy to others. God calls you to be happy. Do not be afraid! Do not be afraid. Play life to the full! That is life." (Pope Francis - Message to young people of Brownsville, Texas, July 27, 2016)

This message is especially relevant to the students who recently celebrated their Sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Communion. During the recent long weekend, the students involved in the year long Sacramental Program, celebrated their Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion at our Parish Mass Centres. This is a very special time in the lives of these students and their families. As a College community, we continue to support and pray for these students, as they journey in their faith. We congratulate: Connor Abbott, Mya Dempsey, Caleb Fiora, Savanna Gador, Angus Jones, Fernando Palma, James Ireland, and Massimo Moras. Thank you also to Branden and Emma Hill and Paul Wadsworth for joining me at these celebrations with these students and their families.

Vinnies Winter Appeal

A reminder that for our College, the Friday of Week 9 (30 June) will be the close of the Vinnies Winter Appeal and the last day for people to donate items. Thank you for your support of this Appeal and your generosity.

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
- Clothing

Vinnies Sleepout

The Vinnies Winter Appeal wouldn't be complete without the Vinnies Sleepout. Our College Vinnies Sleepout will occur on Wednesday of Week 10 this term (5 July). Students in Years 6-12 are invited to take part in this wonderful service activity. Students who take part are required to ask people to sponsor them to do the Sleepout, to raise money for Vinnies works.

To donate to this wonderful cause, please click on the link below. Our aim is to raise \$5,000 for people in need within our local Mt Barker community.

> St Francis de Sales Sleepout for Vinnies 2023

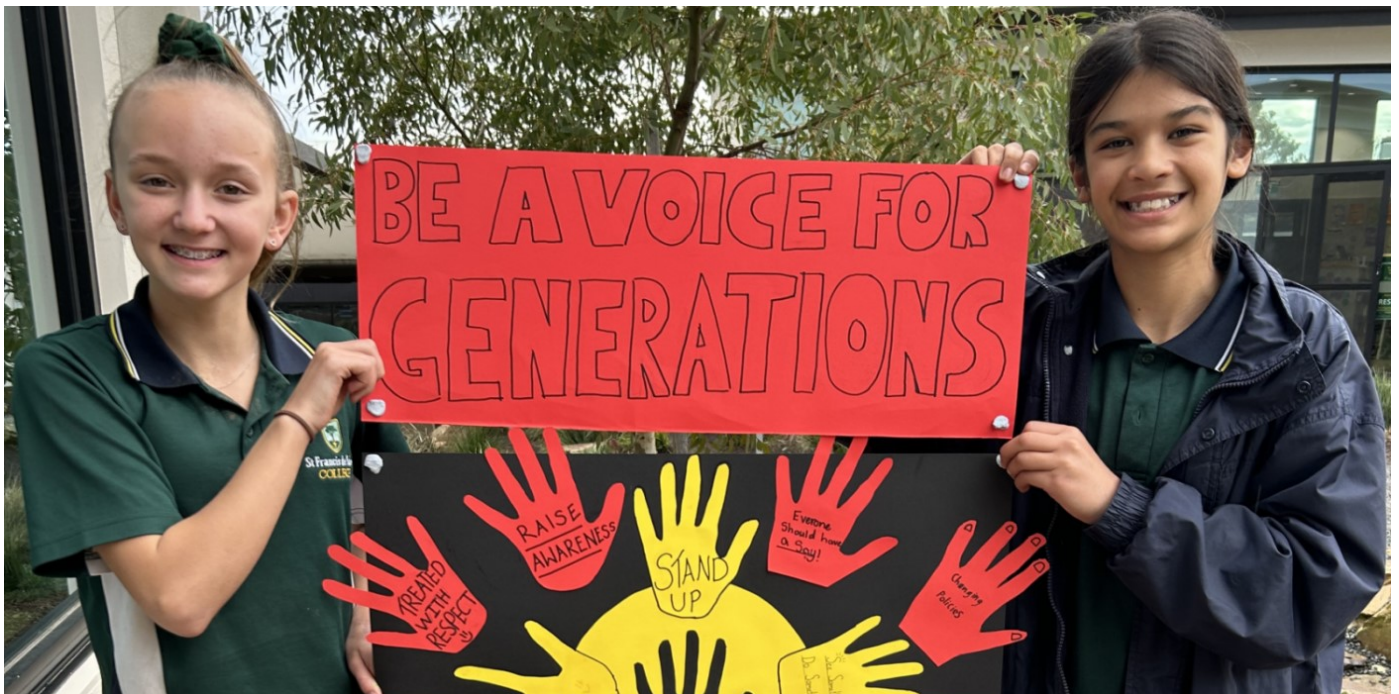
I wish you all well as we enter Semester 2 and then the school holidays not too long after that.

In Peace,

Oreste Farrugia

APRIM

R-6 Highlights



Reconciliation Week

Reconciliation Week, held from 27 May to 3 June, is a time for all Australians to come together and acknowledge the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is a time to foster meaningful connections between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, promoting respect, understanding, and healing.

At St Francis de Sales College, we believe that education plays a vital role in promoting reconciliation and creating a harmonious society. Throughout the week, our students engaged in various activities aimed at deepening their understanding of Reconciliation Week and its

underlying themes.

Reconciliation Week is not just a passive observance; it is a call to action. It is a reminder that we all have a role to play in creating a more equitable and inclusive future for Australia. Our students were encouraged to think about ways in which they can contribute to the reconciliation process, both within our College community and beyond. They brainstormed ideas, such as promoting cultural awareness, advocating for Indigenous rights, and fostering respectful relationships.

Students in many year levels were encouraged to create artworks that reflected the spirit of reconciliation and conveyed powerful messages of unity and inclusivity. It was wonderful to see our students embrace the values of reconciliation through their creativity.

Alice Taylor

R-6 Director of Learning



7-12 Highlights

Stage 1 and 2 Physics Excursion

On Thursday 1 June, our Stage 1 and 2 Physics students made their way, via public bus, to The University of Adelaide to participate in a workshop with OzGrav. OzGrav are a network of Australian universities who all contribute to discovering more about gravitational waves, which were only first discovered in 2015. The researchers and scientists at The University of Adelaide contribute to this global enterprise by experimenting with and developing new laser technology, which can be applied to a global network of gravitational wave observatories, of which there are three, with another under construction.

The students participated in testing a scaled back replica of the gravitational wave observatories, using interference patterns to measure the wavelength of lasers. They also went on a guided tour of some of the OzGrav laboratories and saw firsthand some of the experimental set-ups used to test laser propagation through fiber optics. Students were also able to make use of the OzGrav virtual reality goggles, where they were able to fully immerse themselves (virtually) in a variety of cosmological events that can be measured using gravitational waves, such as the colliding of two black holes, and discussing how this relates to laws of Physics studied in school, such as Newton's Universal Law of Gravitation.

After our workshop, the students were able to make the most of the uni's cafes for lunch, before heading back to the College on the T840. An interesting, rewarding and productive day was had by all, thanks to all the students for their full participation and excellent behaviour, and to Jane Hosking for accompanying the group.

Mark Andrews

Year 9-10 Leader



Drama and Dance



Almost, Maine – Stage 1 Drama Performance

On Tuesday 30 May, Week 5, our Stage 1 Drama students worked incredibly hard to perform a wonderfully heartfelt production of ***Almost, Maine*** by John Cariani. This play provided an opportunity for the Drama students to extend their skills and work in a style of theatre that they have not tackled previously – a series of interconnected vignettes. ***Almost, Maine*** is a play about a town that's so far north, it almost doesn't exist! This is because its residents never got around to getting organised. So it's just... 'Almost'. On one cold, clear night in the middle of winter, while the northern lights hover in the sky above, *Almost's* residents find themselves falling in and out of love in the strangest ways. Hearts are broken, love is lost, and found, and life for the people of *Almost, Maine* will never be the same. ***Almost, Maine*** is a beautiful story about love, community and connection. Congratulations must go to all of the Stage 1 Drama students as they presented their performance of ***Almost, Maine*** – I could not be more proud of the cast – they were amazing!

Again, a huge thank you must go to Aleks Bojanic for his wizardry with the sound and lighting – we are so grateful for his expertise.

Peta Bojanic

Senior Drama Teacher

Welcome to my Nightmare – Live and Streamed Dance Performance

On Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 June, Week 7, our Semester 1 Dance students transported all those who attended the ***Welcome to my Nightmare*** production to a dark, spooky, scary... and incredibly fun place!

Over two afternoons and nights, the Dance students presented their entertaining and fun (albeit a little 'dark') performances, twice 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 ***Welcome to my Nightmare – The Movie*** can be viewed by all those who could not attend.

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. Old scholars Tayla Ward, Max Maher and Harry Baxter, along with current Year 12 Dance student Kyla Martins, put in an incredible effort all semester working with the After School Dance program which includes the Dance Minis (R-2), Dance Crew (Years 3-5) and the newly formed Dance Squad (Years 6-7). Karen Boswell and Michele McDonald deserve much credit and thanks for taking brilliant care of the 'Green Room' (Dressing Room) chaos! Thank you must also go to the wonderful support the 2023 Dance Captains Keeley Smith and Kaylee Hallett.

The streamed production of ***Welcome to my Nightmare – the Movie*** will become available, shortly via a private link. The link will be emailed directly to all parents, caregivers and to the students involved in the performance; however, if you do not receive the link and would like to see the amazing Semester 1 Dance students' performance of ***Welcome to my Nightmare***, 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.

Music



As we head toward the end of Semester 1, it is time for our more senior Music students to share what they have been working on during class, instrumental lessons, and all of the lunchtime rehearsals.

Thursday, 29 June (Week 9) will see us stage our first major concert for 2023, *AudioWaves*, where the Performing Arts Centre will come to life from 6:15pm with performances from our ensembles, bands and vocal groups together with some special guest soloists. This will be a 90 minute program full of hits and classics from musical genres including Rock, Pop, Jazz and Classical... there will be something for everyone and this is not just for families and friends of those performing, everyone is welcome. If you would like to book a seat, please email Aleks Bojanic at music@stfrancis.catholic.edu.au.

On Wednesday, a number of our vocal students took to the Music Deck with the second instalment of *The Music Lunchbox*. Although the weather was cold and chilly, the performances certainly warmed everyone up as our talented students got those in the audience grooving with a selection of favourites. To add to our lunchtime concert this time, Year 10s Harry Lovelock (Saxophone) and Ethan Honner (Electric Guitar) worked their magic with a couple of great performances.

Our Junior Music program continues to give our students a musical experience that will hopefully continue to grow their appreciation of music whilst also playing a pivotal and positive role in their academic studies. Recorders, percussion instruments, saxophones, flutes and clarinets can all often be heard during the school day reverberating around the inner courtyard around the Music Centre.

As we head into Semester 2 we have some limited vacancies within our Instrumental Program. We currently offer private tuition in the following instruments: Piano, Guitar, Voice, Double Bass, Violin, Cello, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Bass Guitar and Drums. If there is an instrument that doesn't appear in this list, we can certainly facilitate lessons in your chosen instrument. For further details and information, please visit our website Music page at [learning/beyond-the-classroom/music](https://www.stfrancis.catholic.edu.au/learning/beyond-the-classroom/music).

We continue to strive to make music a part of College life at St Francis de Sales.

Sarah Dodd, Nicole Moxham, Leanne Mibus and Aleks Bojanic

Music Department



Sports Report



Throughout this term we have had a number of teams across various sports compete in different competitions. It is fantastic to see our athletes representing our College with pride, demonstrating perseverance and outstanding sportsmanship.

9/10 AFL

The 9/10 Boys AFL team played in the second round of competition against Victor Harbour High School (VHHS) and Blackwod High School. The conditions were tough with a strong wind wreaking havoc on the skills of all teams. The boys fought hard against Blackwood but unfortunately went down due to some inaccurate kicking. They then competed hard against VHHS and won the final match. Unfortunately, they were knocked out of the competition but should be very proud of their efforts.

5/6 AFL

Earlier this term the 5/6 Boys AFL team went down to Belair Primary School to partake in the 5/6 Interschool Football competition.

Our first game was against Flagstaff Hill Primary School. Flagstaff had already won a game and keen to win their second. After the first quarter both teams were tied on 13 points. Flagstaff ran away in the second kicking 3 goals 3 to our 1 goal 1. The third quarter saw our boys dig deep, kicking 5 goals 5 to their 1 point. We continued to play good hard football, winning the 4th quarter and the game by 20 points.

The second game was against Belair Primary School. Belair were desperate for a win and played some hard footy with good attack and defense. We won the first quarter with 2 goals 5, to 5 points, the second quarter saw the boys extend their lead with the score being 35 to 19. Belair won the third quarter with their 4 goals to our 3 goal 2, closing the gap slightly. The final quarter saw our boys kick 4 straight goals to their 1 goal. The boys won their second game by 35 points. And will move on to the next round.

A big congratulations to the Year 5/6 Boys AFL team and their Year 9 coaches: Aidan Whitlock, Jasper Rogers, Thomas Vickers, Aiden Sanders and Riley Humphreys. A huge thanks to Dan Peterson for coaching the boys on the day. Goodluck in the next match!

5/6 Soccer

Our 5/6 Boys Soccer team pulled off an amazing sporting achievement on Tuesday when they played in the first round of the Year 5/6 Knockout Soccer Tournament. The first game was against Stirling East and after trailing for most of the game they came from behind and snatched victory due to a last minute goal from Angus Clarke. Score 2-1. The second game was against Belair Primary. In a seesawing battle it was a goal fest and ended up 4-4. This meant we had to go to a penalty shootout. The boys held their nerve and won the shootout 3-2. We now look forward to the next round early next term. Congratulations to Andy Gehling, and our Year 9 coaches; Harry Pardoe and Manny Buik for their efforts.

5-10 Netball

So far this term we have had teams compete in Netball in 5/6, 7/8 and 9/10 competitions. All of these girls played hard and won at least one of their round matches. Our Year 9/10 Girls team were incredibly successful and have made it through to the next round. A huge thanks to our coaches, Stephanie Hocking, Lauren Broadbent and Amanda Fairley for giving up their time to train and prepare these girls. We wish the 9/10s every success as they enter the next rounds of competition. Next term will see our 11/12 Girls team and our 7-9 and 10-12 Boys teams start their competitions so we wish them all the best as well.

7/8 Basketball

Earlier this term we hosted the Division 1 Year 7/8 Basketball minor round competition for both Boys and Girls. Our Boys team were made up of predominantly Year 7s, and fought hard even though their opponents were older and bigger. The experience will definitely set them up well for next year. The Girls team played exceptionally well and won every game. They now progress to the finals day and we wish them all the best in this upcoming competition.

Further Opportunities

Throughout the next two terms we will have an increased number of opportunities for students to trial and play for school representative teams. As these teams are nominated the coaches will communicate the relevant information to students through the classroom teacher, Seesaw and/or SEQTA Notices. Parents can also keep an eye on SEQTA Notices through SEQTA Engage. If there are ever any questions about these activities please email Nadia Honner at nhonner@stfrancis.catholic.edu.au.

Nadia Honner

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



Catholic Schools Parents SA Parent Engagement Evening

Catholic School Parents SA (CSPSA) continues to present the Parent Engagement Program and welcomes all parents and carers of children in Catholic schools to attend.

They are pleased to have **Mark Le Messurier** present their next evening titled ***A diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and its impact on your family***. Mark Le Messurier is a teacher, counsellor, author and public speaker. He works in private practice as a mentor to children, adolescents and as a coach to parents.

Mark will aim to provide facts about ASD, but this isn't his primary goal. The workshop will explore how receiving this diagnosis may feel, what it means, and how parents can achieve connected and respectful behaviours in their children.

The event has online and in person attendance options.

The details of the event are below:

Date: Tuesday 4 July 2023 @ 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Location: St John the Baptist Catholic School, 342 Anzac Highway, Plympton

Cost: Free

Registration: Register via the **CESA Registration Centre**



Alive Early Learning Centre



A common misconception surrounding children playing outdoors in the rain is that it will cause illness. Studies show however quite the contrary. A healthy child's immune system will actually protect them from colds, no matter the weather. Exposure to rain and muddy play may in fact help to strengthen your child's immune system and the diversity of healthy bacteria in the body.

"There is no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing."

At Alive, most days in each of the learning spaces we don our wet weather gear and head out in search of muddy puddles. The children relish in any opportunity to explore outside, particularly when it involves mud and water. As educators we know that the learning and opportunities for investigation are endless when engaging in wet weather play. It is in these moments that children engage with the most genuine form of sensory play as they connect and interact with the natural world around them. It is also in these moments of uninterrupted play that children progress creativity, imagination, independent learning, and teamwork. It can also help develop construction, building, and problem-solving skills as they manipulate and work through the mud and alongside their peers. Most important of all though is that playing outside in the mud and rain is just so much fun, and that of course is the most important work our little learners have to do while spending time at Alive.

Lucy Anderson

Head of Alive ELC Operations Mount Barker



Join our St Francis de Sales College community

We are seeking the following positions to join our community:

Equity & Inclusion Education Support Officer

65 hours per fortnight

Commencing: ASAP – 15 December 2023 (Term Time Only)

Applications to: Mr Paul Wadsworth, Acting Principal | **E:** landrew@stfrancis.catholic.edu.au

Applications close: 4:00pm, Wednesday 5 July

ICT Support Officer

25 hours per week

Commencing: ASAP – 22 December 2023

Applications to: Mr Paul McCabe, Business Manager | **E:** landrew@stfrancis.catholic.edu.au

Applications close: 9:00am, Friday 7 July

All enquiries to Lisa Andrew on 8393 1035.

For more information about these positions and to apply visit the Employment page on our website at stfrancis.catholic.edu.au/about/employment

Last day of Term 2

A friendly reminder the last day of Term 2 is **Friday 7 July** with a normal dismissal time of 3:10pm.

Monday 24 July is a **Student Free Day** scheduled for staff professional development. Our Administration Office will be closed on this day. We look forward to welcoming students for the start of Term 3 on **Tuesday 25 July**.

Camp Australia have bookings open for **July School Holidays Vacation Care** and full-day care will be 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

Save the Dates – Term 3 College Photo Days

Our College Photo Days are scheduled for **Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 August**

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 but can be extended on request.

All students will be required to have an individual photo taken, even if photos are not purchased, as these are used for College purposes such as awards ceremonies, student ID cards and student records.

We will email further important information to families about our Photo Days at the beginning of Term 3.

Lost Property



We recognise it is inevitable that items will be misplaced by students and visitors to the College. We therefore hope to reunite these items

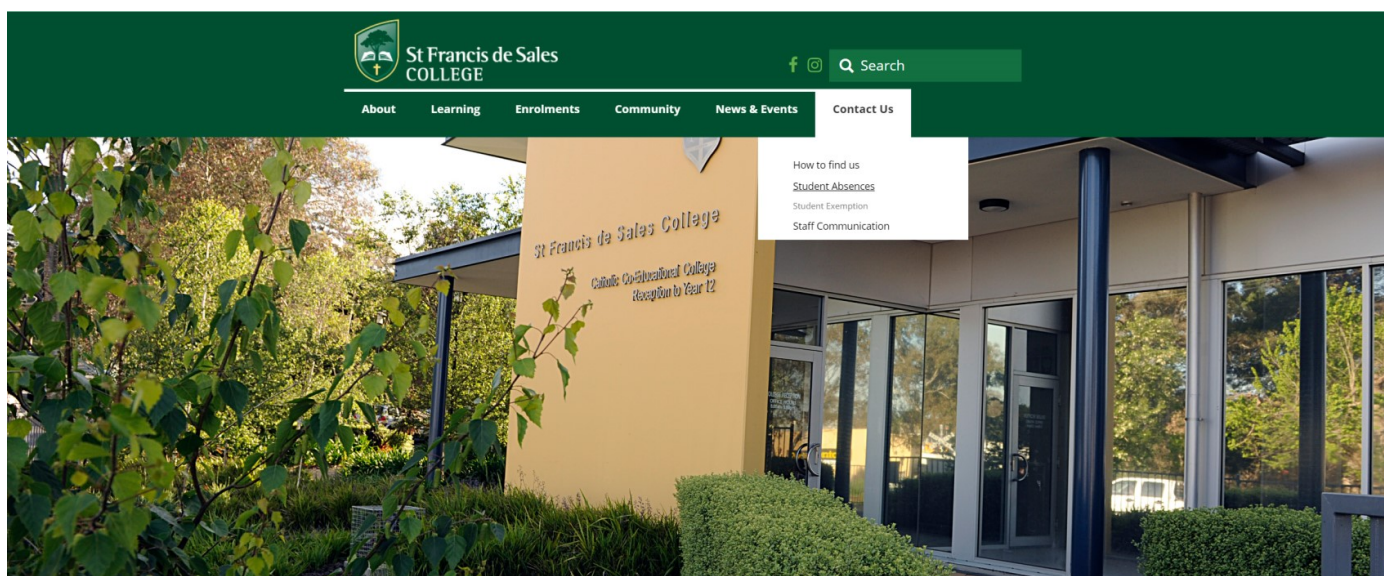
with their owners.

Our central collection point for lost property is located in the entrance of Student Services, Ralston Building, where students can look for missing items.

At the end of each term, unclaimed and unnamed items will be placed in the second-hand uniform sale or donated to Vinnies. All food and drink containers will be disposed of.

To help us return these items in the future we encourage all families to name and label all personal items including clothing, food and drink containers, bags, books and stationery.

Is your child going to be away?



You can 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.

Read more of our eNewsletter online

Click on the below **Read More** link to view articles in full, Calendar Dates, Student Achievements, Community Notices and much more.

Term Dates 2023

Term 1 - Monday 30 January - Friday 14 April

Term 2 - Tuesday 2 May - Friday 7 July

Term 3 - Tuesday 25 July - Friday 29 September

Term 4 - Monday 16 October - Tuesday 12 December

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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.

Enrolments for **Reception and Year 7 in 2024** are filling fast. We strongly encourage families to submit an Application for Enrolment Form as soon as possible for these year levels.

Enrolment forms can be collected from our Administration Office or to download a digital copy please visit the **Enrolments** page on our website.

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Our 2023 Heart Value is...

Respect

“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you.” (Matthew 7:12)



Student Achievements



Congratulations to Elliott, Year 10, who has been selected for the 2023 AFL National Development Championships – U16 Boys South Australian Squad. He will travel to WA to play at 12:00pm this Sunday 25 June in the Western Australia vs. South Australia match.

The match will be lived streamed and can be viewed via **Clutch TV**.

This is a fantastic achievement and wish him all the best!

Project Compassion Appeal

The theme for this years Appeal is *For all Future Generations*. The Appeal officially began at the College on Ash Wednesday, 22 February.



Uniform Shop

Hills Schoolwear are our new uniform supplier. They are based in the Mount Barker Homemaker Centre, and part of the Worklocker family.



Items can be purchased direct from their store during the below opening hours:

Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

Saturday, 9am to 12noon

Online ordering will be available in the coming months with a link to be made accessible via our website.

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LUNCH ORDERS



Place your lunch orders online with Qkr! Simply download the app from the **App Store** or **Google Play** or visit qkr-store.qkrschool.com/store/#/home



Order online at any time or on the day by 8:00am.

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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.



Booking are open for the **July School Holidays Vacation Care** > [View Program](#) for more information.

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.

[Read More](#)

Community Notices



Learn from a 36er!

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

MON 10th & TUE 11th
9am - 3pm | St Clair

WED 12th & THU 13th
9am - 3pm | Springbank

MON 17th & TUE 18th
9am - 3pm | Mount Barker

THU 20th & FRI 21st
9am - 3pm | Seaford

CLINIC INCLUDES

- ✓ HOSTED BY CLUB LEGENDS, PAST PLAYERS, CURRENT 36ERS & COACHING STAFF
- ✓ AVAILABLE 36ERS PLAYER VISITS TO ALL CLINICS WITH SINGING OPPORTUNITIES
- ✓ LEARN FROM ADELAIDE 36ERS PLAYERS
- ✓ CLINIC GIFT PACK | CLINIC GIVEAWAYS
- ✓ 15% MERCHANDISE DISCOUNT VOUCHER

SECURE YOUR SPOT

The Adelaide 36ers July School Holiday Clinics, supported by HomeStart Finance, are back.

Facilitated by Community Coaches, 36ers legends and Current Players, the 2-day School Holiday Training Camps provide the perfect environment for tomorrow's NBL stars to hone their skills and to learn from stars of the game.

Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 July

9am - 3pm

St Francis de Sales College

Community Sports Centre

Book online at [eventbrite.com.au/e/camp-3-adelaide-36ers-july-school-holiday-training-clinic-tickets-645124634147](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/camp-3-adelaide-36ers-july-school-holiday-training-clinic-tickets-645124634147)

July 2023

MOUNT BARKER
COMMUNITY LIBRARY



MONDAY 10TH

Introductory Robotics – \$45
5pm
Book online at techspacelearning.org

MONDAY 17TH

Aboriginal Art with Jade Brook – \$5 –
11.30am
Inky Fingers – \$7 - 4pm
Introductory Robotics – \$45 - 5pm
Book online at techspacelearning.org

TUESDAY 11TH

Animals Anonymous – \$5
10am and 11.30 am

WEDNESDAY 19TH

Nature Objects Set in Resin with Tatty K - \$5
9:30am

WEDNESDAY 12TH

Simple Colourful Candles in Jars with Tatty K
– \$5
9:30am and 11:15am

THURSDAY 20TH

Birdie Story/Parachute Games and Kite
Making with Amelia (Age 4+) – FREE
11:30am

FRIDAY 14TH

Learn How to Face Paint with Sarah from
Sprinkle of Magic (Age 10+) – \$5
11am and 2pm

FRIDAY 21ST

Boogie Bounce - \$5
10am - 5-8 Years
11am - 8-12 Years

Bookings essential - mbcl.eventbrite.com.au

Free Kid's activities

These School holidays, IKEA Adelaide has a huge range of free kid's activities through out the July School Holidays.



Scan the QR code to view IKEA Adelaide's School Holiday activities.





The Outdoor Classroom is an artisan workshop that teaches courses in traditional hand skills in an outdoor setting in Mount Barker.



• Blacksmithing Holiday Classes

Thursday, 06 Jul 2023 - Blacksmithing Basics 5 - Campfire Tripod Course

<https://www.outdoorclassroom.com.au/Enrolment/LandingPage?id=98&source=2>

Friday, 07 Jul 2023 - Artistic Blacksmithing 1 - Leaves Course

<https://www.outdoorclassroom.com.au/Enrolment/LandingPage?id=99&source=2>

Thursday, 13 Jul 2023 - Blacksmithing Basics 1 - Tent Pegs Course

<https://www.outdoorclassroom.com.au/Enrolment/LandingPage?id=100&source=2>

Friday, 14 Jul 2023 - Artistic Blacksmithing 1 - Leaves Course

<https://www.outdoorclassroom.com.au/Enrolment/LandingPage?id=101&source=2>

Thursday, 20 Jul 2023 - Blacksmithing Basics 4 - Fire Tool Course

<https://www.outdoorclassroom.com.au/Enrolment/LandingPage?id=102&source=2>

Friday, 21 Jul 2023 - Blacksmithing Basics 5 - Campfire Tripod Course

<https://www.outdoorclassroom.com.au/Enrolment/LandingPage?id=103&source=2>

Courses for 12 Year olds and older. We suggest students do Blacksmithing Basics 1 class first then choose whatever course they prefer after that class.

Courses costs start at \$90. Safety equipment supplied.

Instructor: Jocelyn Grant (25yrs of experience teaching in Waldorf Schools)

Address: 11 Duffield Ave Mount Barker

Website: <https://www.outdoorclassroom.com.au> Facebook: <https://fb.me/OutdoorClassroomAU>

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KICKS OFF SOON!

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER NOW

For more information visit play.afl/auskick

FREE with the ORSR Sports Voucher

ST FRANCIS DE SALES COLLEGE AUSKICK CENTRE

8 Dutton Rd, Mount Barker
Thursdays at 3:30pm
3rd August - 21st September

All programs run weekly for 45-60 minutes over an 8-10 week period, and each participant receives an Auskick participant pack.
Can't make the above day? Search your suburb in the 'Club Finder' tab to find your next nearest centre.



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.

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