



## Important Dates

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**R-6 Awards and  
Hearts Presentation**  
Wednesday 18 August 2021

**Years 7-12 Awards  
and Hearts  
Presentation**  
Wednesday 18 August 2021

**R-6 Book Week  
Parade**  
Friday 27 August 2021

**Years 7-12 Learning  
Reviews**  
Wednesday 1 September  
2021

**Years 7-12 Learning  
Reviews**  
Thursday 2 September 2021

## Upcoming Events

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**Parent Community  
Group Meeting**  
Date: Tuesday 17 August  
Time: 6:30pm  
Venue: MS Teams -

**Student Free Day**  
Date: Friday 3 September  
Venue: St Francis de Sales  
College - Mount Barker

**College Tour**  
Date: Thursday 16  
September  
Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm  
Venue: St Francis de Sales  
College - Mount Barker

**R-12 Photo Day**  
Date: Monday 20 September  
Venue: SFdS Community  
Sports Centre - Mount  
Barker

**Last Day of Term 3**  
Date: Friday 24 September  
Venue: St Francis de Sales  
College - Mount Barker

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## From the Principal

As we have moved through a hectic and somewhat unpredictable first few weeks of term, there are some details regarding new staff, new staff appointments and new Board appointments I'd like to share with you. We have this term welcomed a new Reception Teacher, Rebecca Stewart, to work with our newest young people in the College, our Reception mid-year intake. Kerry Gray has also begun work with us in Year 5 replacing Brian Horan who is on leave for the remainder of the year. We very much welcome Rebecca and Kerry to our community; as we do Annie Steven on placement with us from the Flinders University Masters of Social Work Program, and a number of practicum teachers working with staff across our College community.

Most of our R-6 families would be aware of some of the changes in Leadership positions brought about when Rowan Thomas left us on secondment to St Joseph's Murray Bridge. Rowan's appointment at Murray Bridge has now been extended by the Director of Catholic Education through to the end of this year. We have been grateful to have Alice Taylor working in the role of Acting Director of Learning R-6, and to have been able to welcome Liz Stewart into our College community, on leave from Sacred Heart College, to fill Alice's Year 3-6 Leader role and teaching position. I am delighted that both Alice and Liz will be able to continue in their acting positions during Rowan's absence through to the end of the year.

The College Board has also welcomed two new members at its most recent meeting, co-opted until next year's AGM. We welcome Thanuja Hiripitiyage and Mark Rogers, both parents of students in Reception. We congratulate Thanuja and Mark on their appointment to Board and thank them for their service to the community.

The building project being undertaken to complete the extension of our Reception learning neighbourhood was complicated by the state-wide lockdown and some procurement issues, but we were delighted to be able to move our youngest students into their new, expanded Learning Neighborhood during Week 3. Some external and finishing works to this project will continue over the weeks ahead.

As the final weeks of last term held many key events for us as a College: Year 7 to 12 exams in Week 8, our Year 4s away on camp in Week 9, our Faith in Action led Vinnies Sleepout in Week 10, along with the wonderful celebration of our music students at the 1st of July "Nocturnal Grooves" concert, the immediate weeks ahead in Term 3 also hold some major events. Key amongst them, delayed due to the lockdown in the early weeks of term, will be our Semester 1 Awards ceremonies and presentation of Heart Badges to our new students. We are very much looking forward to these great gatherings of celebration this Wednesday 18 August, which will be filmed for parents to be able to engage with, given the current restrictions under which we continue to operate.

Sunday week ago was the celebration of the feast day of our Australian saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, was a reminder to us all of her great call to respond to need wherever we see it around us, emulating the "roll up the sleeves and get on with it" approach she exemplified in the establishment of her schools and her Order of the Josephite Sisters. That celebration was also followed last weekend by the Feast of the Assumption, honoring Mary, mother of Jesus. Mary is a source of inspiration to the Sisters of Mercy, the founders of our College. Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, Catherine McAuley, told her sisters that they "should always have the warmest and most affectionate devotion to Mary", and that they should "regard Mary in a special manner as their Mother and the great model they are called to imitate". As we celebrated the Feast Day yesterday (Sunday 15 August), we also ask the Blessed Mother to be with us in our community focus on our 2021 Heart Value of *Compassion*, as we are called to live a life of service to others, by what we choose to do every day.

**Gavin McGlaughlin**

Principal

## From the Deputy Principal - Community and Wellbeing

### **CITIUS, ALTIUS, FORTIUS – COMMUNITER**

The Tokyo Olympic Games were marvelous to watch and a reminder of the incredible ability of athletes who commit to their chosen sport. We witnessed tears of elation and despair, a plethora of personal bests and amazing feats of athleticism in a complete range of endeavors. Our Australian athletes were magnificent in their performances but also in their humility and there is so much inspiration that can come from these champions. The showcase that was beamed from Tokyo made for compulsive viewing and it was hard to believe that the whole event was staged during the pandemic. In spite of the heavy burden of COVID, the Tokyo Games will be remembered as much for the determination of the Japanese government and IOC to stage the Games as it was for the achievements of the athletes.

Steven Bradbury, Australia's first ever Winter Olympics Gold Medalist, has an extraordinary story. His gold medal at Salt Lake City in 2002, was achieved in the most unusual of circumstances and remains perhaps the most unique victory in sport. However, the backstory to his success highlights the personal commitment, dedication, persistence and good fortune needed to make it at the highest possible level. Encouraging high performance is what teachers hope to achieve for all of their students. The same qualities of commitment, dedication, persistence and some good luck are needed for young people to be the best that they can be. Our path through the pandemic is littered with hurdles that impede the steady progress towards the achievement of goals but at least in 2021 we can be inspired by the Tokyo athletes who have performed faster (*citius*), higher (*altius*) and stronger (*fortius*) together (*communiter*) over weeks of the Games.

Our wellbeing is being tested like never before and as we limp through the final weeks of winter, we seek solace in the impending warmth of the Spring sunshine in the hope that our avoidance of the ills of the pandemic is sustained. As a community we are showing incredible resistance and cooperation with the government leaders. Let this too be an inspiration to our young people to become positive, informed and gracious role models for one another and may our learning community at St Francis de Sales continue to prosper throughout 2021 in spite of the obstacles in our way.

## From the Deputy Principal - Learning

It is wonderful to be writing this *Link Up* article while looking at our St Francis students from my office window. It reminds me of the gratitude that so many of us feel about actually being back at school after the snap lockdown earlier this term! This sentiment was shared by students, staff and families alike as we recognised the value of the Online Learning Program, whilst also acknowledging that it could not replace the face-to-face connections at school. Thank you to everyone who pivoted swiftly and flexibly to the need to learn from home and to the families who responded afterwards to the survey about the online learning experience. We hope and pray that, unlike our eastern counterparts, we can remain out of lockdown, but can be reassured that structures are in place should the need arise.

We look forward to celebrating the Semester 1 achievements of our students with the Awards Assemblies finally happening this week. Although current restrictions do not allow families to join us in person, we will again be recording the events and making the videos available via links for a period of time for you to enjoy. A special part of the ceremony will include welcoming new students and staff (who have joined since the beginning of the year) with a St Francis de Sales Heart Badge. Welcome to our family!

As the term progresses, we also look forward to sharing your child's 2021 progress during the upcoming Learning Reviews (7-12) and Tours of Learning (R-6). These are significant opportunities for teachers, students and parents to collaboratively discuss successes, challenges and areas for growth and we encourage all parents to book for these events as the information is sent out to the various communities.

I, like many of the students, have had enough of the winter weather and am looking skyward in hope of more blue skies and sunshine! I send my best wishes for the weeks ahead and for the safety and wellbeing of our St Francis de Sales community as well as those in other states and countries.

Go gently in these turbulent times and God bless.

**Sonia Nelson**

Deputy Principal Learning



## **Feast Day of Mary Mackillop**

As a Catholic Church, we recently celebrated the Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop on Sunday 8 August. Being our first Australian saint, we acknowledge the great example that Mary MacKillop is for us today, and thank her for the work she did to begin Catholic education in Australia. Her work, mission, and legacy continues with the Sisters of St Joseph and their associated schools and agencies.

## **Vinnies Winter Appeal**

Thank you to all families, students, and staff for your generosity in the Term 2 Vinnies Winter Appeal. As a community we donated 28 large baskets full of donated food and toy items and seven wheelie bins full of clothing. A splendid effort, which Vinnies and the College greatly appreciates.

## **Vinnies Sleepout**

Last Term, on Wednesday 30 June the Vinnies Sleepout was held, and it was a great success! The participants had an opportunity to learn more about homelessness in our communities, and to experience a glimpse of what it might be like to sleep outside in the cold. We are grateful to have had Umes Acharya join us to give a presentation and facilitate a giant board game, based on the challenges that many people struggle with in our community. Umes is an employee of St Vinnies, and his job is to work with schools and Vinnies youth groups.

I congratulate the following students who participated in the Sleepout. They are: Eva Hoelscher, Jasmine Henderson, Lainie Jackson, Asha Newham, Alya Wamayi, Rachel Morris, Holly Paech, Caitlin Batge, Lucy Carrol, Joseph Schembri, Nathan Sachse, Alyssa Virgara, Courtney Cram, Alaska Mules, Jacqueline Voltz, Max Maher, and Sophie McCallum.

A very sincere thank you to the staff who were able to be at the activity sessions for the Sleepout. They are: Sr Shiji, Carol Jarell, Sam Sachse, Alisha Foyle, Tahlie Jones, and Gavin McGlaughlin. Special thanks to Tahlie and Sam who were able to sleepover and also assist with Breakfast Club the next morning. We were fortunate to have Kayla Riddle, Molly Wheatley, Madeleine Lipscombe, and Amara Rourke assist in cooking a pancake breakfast at 7:30am as the participants woke up. Thank you to the Maintenance Team who assisted in the set-up of the sleepout space. We appreciate it!

The participants of the Sleepout raised \$403.50 as sponsorship for their efforts, which has gone to Vinnies.

## ***'Hungry No More'***

Each year the Year 11 and 12 students and College staff are given the opportunity to volunteer service to the Mount Barker community through '*Hungry No More*'. The *Hungry No More* program is run by the Mount Barker Uniting Church, and our College has been involved in it for a number of years. It allows several different organisations and groups to provide a warm home cooked meal to the those doing it tough every Sunday night. As senior students we are privileged to have the opportunity to volunteer our time and offer service, food and smiles to these families and individuals.

During the July school holidays, three Year 12 students, along with our mums were able to help by assisting in preparing and serving meals with the local church volunteers, of whom have been doing meals every Sunday for the past 20 years. This is a great experience and I have had the opportunity to volunteer twice this year. It provides the chance to get to know the larger Mount Barker community as well increase our desire to serve and help those in need. Everyone shows such gratitude and we have met many friendly people through offering our service to this caring program. We were grateful for the warm appreciation that was shown by many who we served and are thankful that the college provides such great opportunities to serve and show compassion to those within our community.

**Kayla Riddle**

College Captain

**Year 8 Reflection Day**

This week, our Year 8 students experienced their Reflection Day. The focus was our College Heart Value theme for this year – *Compassion*. Students had the opportunity to be involved in physical activities which highlighted the value of compassion, and discussed their reflections in small groups as well as larger group settings. Through these activities and others, including a meditation, we assisted the students to journey through being compassionate to self, compassionate to others, and living compassion to fulfil what God desires for us. I thank the staff who attended the Reflection Day and assisted in the facilitation of it. They are Sr Shiji, Morven Henderson, Adam Schembri, Amy Ashley, and Sarah Hoffman.

**College Day and International Mercy Day**

This term, our College community has the opportunity to celebrate our achievements and celebrate who we are. College Day is a wonderful way to do this!

College Day is being held on Wednesday 22 September of Week 10, and will follow a similar format to previous years with an Opening Liturgy, House based outdoor activities and stalls, and concluding with the Talent Show. This is also our main fundraising opportunity this term, with all money raised going to *Catherine House*, which is an organisation that provides accommodation and support services for women experiencing homelessness in south Australia. We have chosen this charity to fundraise for, as it too was founded by the Sisters of Mercy, as was our College. On the day, each student is asked to bring a gold coin to add to our fundraising drive and to also come dressed in the College Day theme, which will be announced shortly. Students will also have the opportunity to buy items or experiences through Stalls on the day, with all money collected from the stalls also going to *Catherine House*.

On the last day of this term (Friday 24 September of Week 10), we celebrate International Mercy Day. On the day all students will experience a drama performance in the Sports Centre by external group, Starr Productions. The play is about the life of Catherine McAuley and how she began the order of the Sisters of Mercy. As well as being entertaining for the students, this will provide a tangible insight into the life of Catherine McAuley and into the heritage of our College.

**Oreste Farrugia**

APRIM



## R-6 Highlights



### Welcome!

This term we warmly welcome two new staff to our R-6 community. Rebecca Stewart and Kerry Gray have joined our Reception and Year 5 communities, respectively. We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to the many new students who have started with us this term right across our R-6 community. It has been particularly lovely to see all of our very new Reception students begin their schooling journey with us.

It has been a very exciting time for both students and parents in our Reception community to see our new learning space taking shape over the last few weeks. It was fantastic to see our new Receptions settling into their beautiful classroom space within the Reception Learning Community in the Meya Watta Building last week after a much-anticipated completion of the build. We know that these facilities will enrich many learning opportunities for our students, and we look forward to seeing lots of learning and play take place, utilising all the different modes of learning that these spaces allow us to provide for our students.

### Year 4 Camp

In Week 9, Term 2, our Year 4 students attended the Mylor Baptist Camp in the Adelaide Hills. Despite the wet and chilly conditions, the students had an amazing time challenging themselves and building resilience and teamwork skills. Some of the activities students had the opportunity to participate in were the flying fox, giant swing, raft making, archery, bridge building and a very wet and muddy challenge obstacle course. In the evenings, we were lucky enough for the weather to hold out so that we could toast some marshmallows around the campfire and enjoy the many talents of our Year 4 students with the talent show. A great time was had by all!

"I liked the Challenge Course because we had to work as a team to get to the end. One of the obstacles I enjoyed was the mud pit, but it was cold." - *Georgia Vickers*

"I liked the Giant Swing because I could challenge myself and I could build up my confidence by going as high as I could. My favourite bit was when I pulled the blue bead, I felt an exhilarating adrenaline rush!" - *Spencer Leonard*

"The Flying Fox was fun. It was very high and long. I spun around when I was going down." - *Joel Smith*

"We had a Talent Show. I liked seeing everyone's talent in the performance. My group did the Baby Shark song." - *Zara Peterson*

### Alice Taylor

Acting R-6 Director of Learning

E-6 Literacy Leader

## 7-12 Highlights



On Thursday, 1 July our Year 5 classes had the exciting opportunity to join with the Year 4 and 5 classes from St Catherine's School for our annual Celebration of Learning day.

This was a great opportunity for our students to make new friends, try new subjects, and to explore the learning spaces of the College that they might not necessarily have the chance to visit.

A number of teachers from Years 7-12 coordinated a series of workshops for their subject, to engage the curiosity and interest of our younger students. These including Japanese, Dance, Science, Art, Basketball, and Design and Technology. The engaging workshops also provided a great opportunity for our Year 7-12 students to show leadership and connect with their younger peers:

"The morning as a whole was an enlightening experience as we were able to work with younger students and introduce them to the concept of lights in science. I enjoyed it a lot." – *Alana Adams*

"It was a very enjoyable morning helping the younger students with their endeavours." – *Macy Fox*

All of the students involved represented their school and our Heart Values with pride.

An enormous 'thank you' to all those involved who helped us to celebrate learning at St Francis de Sales.

### **Jacob Robson**

7-12 Director of Learning

HASS Learning Area Specialist



## Senior LitBooster

Students from Year 7-10 are invited to be a part of the College's Senior LitBooster Program. These sessions, while based on the LLI program, are not intended as an intervention, but rather an enhancement and extension of the child's own literacy skills. We would like to support students with additional tools and strategies to comprehend and compose texts as they continue their senior schooling. Students

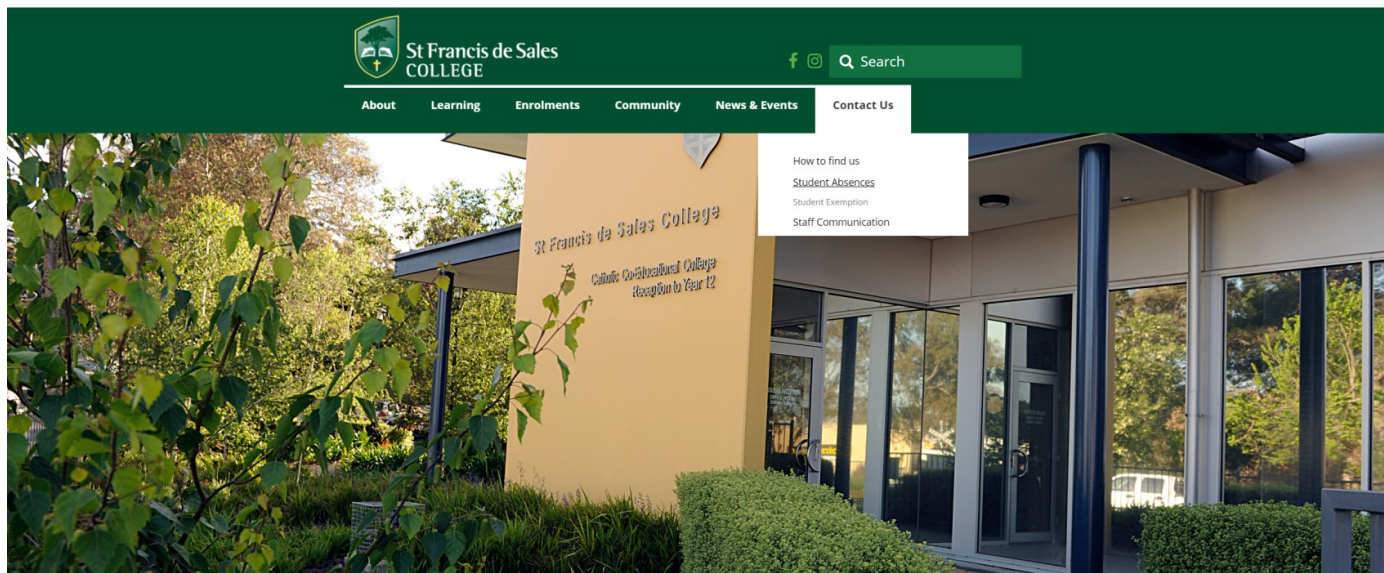


may also undertake the program to enhance their skills in analyzing and completing assessment tasks.

The sessions are facilitated by Emily Lovelock, who has specific training and expertise in this area. Sessions are small-group and are run intensively over the school term for three lessons a week. Lessons are cycled to minimise the impact on regular classes and are fully supported by the College teaching staff. Students are benchmarked for literacy prior to entry, to gauge how best to assist them.

To learn more about the program, please email Emily at [elovelock@stfrancis.catholic.edu.au](mailto:elovelock@stfrancis.catholic.edu.au) or Jacob Robson, 7-12 Director of Learning at [jrobson@stfrancis.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jrobson@stfrancis.catholic.edu.au).

## New Online Absentee Form



We have added a new **Absentee Form** on our website for parents/caregivers to notify the College of your child/ren absence. To lodge a form go to [stfrancis.catholic.edu.au/contact-us/student-absences](https://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](https://stfrancis.catholic.edu.au/contact-us/student-absences/student-exemption).

Our website Absentee Form will replace the SkookBag Absentee Form as we will be phasing out the SkoolBag app in Term 3. SEQTA Engage, *Link Up* and email will continue to be our main form of communication with families.

College Photo Day is back on!



Following the postponement of our College Photo Day originally scheduled for Wednesday 4 August, photos will now be taken on **Monday 20 September**.

Order forms were sent home during Week 1 and 2 of Term 3. If you have not received a form please contact the College. Family envelopes are available for collection from Student Services upon request and need to be ordered before or on photo day. Please make your child/ren aware they are having a family photo.

MSP Photography offer online ordering, where you can select your preferred package making it much easier for you to order. If you pay with cash, please place the correct money in the self-seal envelope provided as change is not available on the day. Cheques, credit card and money orders are also accepted.

Previous online payments will still be valid for the new date. If payment is yet to be made, the new payment date is **Friday 17 September**.

# Sports Report



## Auskick

Week 3 of this term saw the beginning of our St Francis de Sales Auskick Program, which runs on Thursdays from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. Over 30 Junior School students participated in a range of AFL drills and activities, all expertly coached by a number of senior student coaches. These sessions will continue for the rest of the term and we hope the competitors will continue to have fun and learn new skills. If anyone else is interested in joining in for the rest of the program then please email Nadia Honner at [nhonner@stfrancis.catholic.edu.au](mailto:nhonner@stfrancis.catholic.edu.au)

## Knockout and Interschool Sport

The beginning of Term 3 has seen a disrupted to start to Knockout and Interschool Sport with a number of competitions and events being postponed. We wish our teams all the best as the games commence later this term, and I want to especially thank all the coaches and managers for their assistance in the many events. Keep an eye on our next *Link Up* for results and photos.

Continuing throughout the year we will have more 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 for all the latest sports information. If there are ever any questions about these activities please email Nadia Honner at [nhonner@stfrancis.catholic.edu.au](mailto:nhonner@stfrancis.catholic.edu.au).

## Nadia Honner

E-12 Learning Area Specialist - Health and Physical Education and Specialist Sport Coordinator

## Dance

Semester 2, 2021 has started with great excitement, enthusiasm and a really good 'vibe' in all of the Dance classes despite the challenging situation that the lockdown presented for a practical subject!

Our Year 8, 10, 11 and 12 Dance students have started working through some of the intense technique that is associated with the genre of Commercial Jazz taught at the College. However, they have also 'got their groove on' as we start to develop a funky dance feel to the choreographed routines as our 2021 Semester 2 theme for Dance is developed.

We will be presenting our Dance performance at the end of the semester – keep an eye out for further information regarding times and dates! How this is done will be dependent upon what the current restrictions are at the time, but rest assured 'the show must go on', and that is will – one way or another! Our Dance students promise to deliver a fun, and exhilarating production in Term 4.

## Peta Bojanic

Dance Teacher

## Drama

Term 4 will see our Stage 1 Drama students take to the stage to perform the intense verbatim dramatic play of *Scattered Lives* by Sally

McKenzie. The highly emotive and politically provocative play was rightfully nominated for a prestigious AWGIE writing award in 2002, due to its significance in sharing the lives of refugees (Writer Performer, 2016). *Scattered Lives* tells the stories of the thousands of people who seek refuge in Australia each year. 'Refugees flee political and religious persecution. They come to reunite with their families. They come for many life threatening reasons. Most often, they come because they have no choice. These are people's scattered lives.' (McKenzie, 2000).

Please keep an eye out for further information about the profound production of *Scattered Lives* coming soon.

### **Peta Bojanic**

Drama Teacher

## Music



### **Semester 1 Music Concert – Nocturnal Grooves**

On Thursday 1 July, our Music Department held their annual Semester 1 Concert, this year named “Nocturnal Grooves”.

This group of talented students from Years 5-12 were amazing, many of them performing in multiple ensembles and a number on multiple instruments. Each year, they get better and better.

Almost entirely student-run, this event is an opportunity for our ensemble members and our Senior Music Class to celebrate their learning and achievements over two terms.

Huge congratulations to Bec Page for her work with all the vocal ensembles and for her guidance with the band ensembles, and to our Band Leader, Karen Redman, who works tirelessly arranging spectacular pieces, tailored to each student, for our students to play and experience great success with.

Congratulations to all on a fabulous evening; we've never sounded better! We're exceptionally proud of this special group of students.

Our special thanks go to:

- Bec Page and Karen Redman – they're amazing!
- Lucas Rutter – lighting, promo and much more
- Joseph Schembri – sound desk
- The R-12 Music Captains - Bella Jenke and Lucas Pantano
- The Ensemble Music Captains – Lucas Rutter, Nathan Sachse, Max Maher, Tilly Lovelock and Harry Lovelock
- Nadia Honner and Karen Boswell for front/back of house assistance
- Gavin McGlaughlin for making his day even longer to help out
- Property Maintenance and the ICT team
- Our parents, friends and families for their support.

As always, please direct any questions about Music, instrumental lessons, and ensembles to [music@stfrancis.catholic.edu.au](mailto:music@stfrancis.catholic.edu.au)

A reminder that there are vacancies within our Instrumental Program. Please head to our **Beyond the Classroom** webpage for more information.

Yours in Music,

**Emily Lovelock**

Music Support



<p><i>Welcome</i> Bella Jenke &amp; Lucas Pantano R-12 Music Captains</p> <p><i>Mixed Bag</i> Skyfall Respect Livin' On A Prayer</p> <p><i>Mosaic</i> Rise Up Believer</p> <p><i>Tilly Lovelock</i> I Am Changing</p> <p><i>Nathan Sachse</i> Beyond the Sea</p>	<p><i>Bella Jenke</i> Take Me Home Crawling Up A Hill</p> <p><i>JazZene</i> The Waters of March Lullaby of Birdland Blue Skies</p> <p><i>Volo</i> I Gotta Get How Deep Is the Ocean Can You Feel The Love Tonight</p> <p><i>Stage 1 Compositions</i> Tilly Lovelock - <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> Lucas Rutter - <i>Storm Boy</i> Max Maher - <i>Bright Star</i> Louisa Creane - <i>Beneath Hill</i> Charlotte Ernst - <i>Romeo and Juliet</i></p>	<p><i>Lucas Pantano</i> I Wanna Be Your Lover Striped Shirt</p> <p><i>Max Maher</i> La Fille Aux Cheveux De Lin (The Girl with the Flaxen Hair)</p> <p><i>de Groove</i> Funkystrustra Cheesecake Watermelon Man Baker Street</p> <p><i>Heart 'n' Soul</i> Kyrie Man In The Mirror Don't Stop Believin'</p>	<p><i>Ensemble Members</i></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Erianna Alexander</td> <td>Tilly Lovelock</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Louis Amos</td> <td>Max Maher</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lachlan Andersson</td> <td>Sophie McCallum</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Matilda Barnes</td> <td>Lucas Pantano</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Toris Bynoe-Kinsley</td> <td>Charlotte Peacock</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Neil Cregan</td> <td>Ashlee Peterson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Josh Engelhardt</td> <td>Anthony Pham</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Charlotte Ernst</td> <td>Lucas Rutter</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ethan Honner</td> <td>Nathan Sachse</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bella Jenke</td> <td>Dylan Watson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Harry Lovelock</td> <td>Lauren Watson</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Special Thanks</i></p> <p>Rebecca Page - R-12 Key Music Teacher Emily Lovelock - Music Support Karen Redman - Band Director</p> <p>Nadia Honner - Backstage Support Karen Boswell - Learning Area Specialist - The Arts</p> <p>R-12 Music Captains (Bella Jenke and Lucas Pantano) Ensemble Music Captains (Harry Lovelock, Tilly Lovelock, Max Maher, Lucas Rutter and Nathan Sachse)</p> <p>Joseph Schembri - Technical Support Property Maintenance and ICT Support</p>	Erianna Alexander	Tilly Lovelock	Louis Amos	Max Maher	Lachlan Andersson	Sophie McCallum	Matilda Barnes	Lucas Pantano	Toris Bynoe-Kinsley	Charlotte Peacock	Neil Cregan	Ashlee Peterson	Josh Engelhardt	Anthony Pham	Charlotte Ernst	Lucas Rutter	Ethan Honner	Nathan Sachse	Bella Jenke	Dylan Watson	Harry Lovelock	Lauren Watson	<p>St Francis de Sales College Music presents</p> <p><i>Nocturnal</i> <b>GROOVES</b></p> <p><i>Semester 1 Music Concert</i></p> <p><b>Thursday 1 July 2021</b> Performing Arts Centre   6:15pm</p> <p><b>Event Program</b></p> <p> St Francis de Sales CATHOLIC COLLEGE WATERLOO PLACE BELL ST</p>
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## Parent Community Group

The Parent Community Group (PCG) continues to meet monthly, busily organising upcoming events and continuing to work on ongoing initiatives.

Our last meeting was again thrust back to online with the latest COVID restrictions. The weather had taken a turn for the worst during that week, so it was good we could all stay indoors and stay safe at home.

Frankie's Café has been open fortnightly on a Friday throughout the term and has been successfully attended. Due to its success, we have had discussions around opening weekly. Frankie's Café relies solely on volunteers, and it is a wonderful way to catch up, meet new families and enjoy a specially brewed coffee. However, we require extra volunteers to support extra open days and to help maintain the success of the café. If you are available and would like to volunteer at Frankie's Café, please contact us via the email below for more information.

Due to the current restrictions and the recent lockdown, Frankie's Café has been unable to open - we are still planning in readiness for when we can. We will advise of upcoming dates when restrictions allow.

We welcome new members at any time throughout the year and are always looking for new ideas. We value all contributions. Our next meeting will be held Tuesday 17 August at 6:30pm. If you would like to join us for this online meeting, please email Sue Werts at [PCG@stfrancis.catholic.edu.au](mailto:PCG@stfrancis.catholic.edu.au).

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

**Sue Werts**

Chair of the Parent Community Group

## Alive Mount Barker Catholic Early Learning Centre

Much anticipation led to our Staff Closure Day that was held on Monday 19 July. This was an opportunity for staff from all three of our Alive Centres to come together, network, learn from and with each other and reflect on and offer meaningful contributions to our draft philosophy. Prior to this day staff at Alive Mount Barker spent a lot of time unpacking the four pillars of our philosophy, identifying what we believe and how this is informed by current methodologies, research and practice.

Our day begun with an address from Dr Neil McGoran the Director of Alive Catholic Early Learning and the Director of Catholic Education South Australia. Gemma D'Angelo the General Manager of Operations for Alive led us on a journey of reflection as we unpacked our draft philosophy statement. We also had a presentation from Barb Murray who is a consultant working in schools, preschools and early learning Centres to transform pedagogy and practice. Barb's enthusiasm for documentation was clear as she emphasised the importance of documenting the learning process for children, families and educators. She also shared with us examples of excellence in practice as we strive to offer the very best program and opportunities for our children and families. Claire Crew an Alive Educator and sessional academic at UniSA introduced us to the Move to Learn Program. Claire is a trainer in Move to Learn and as part of her session she got us up and moving. Claire demonstrated the many benefits of this program and how it can support improved brain function and concentration as well as developing balance and motor skills. We look forward to working with Claire more in the near future.

### **Liz Schembri**

Head of Early Learning



## 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

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## 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 collected from our Administration Office or for a digital copy please email **Helen Dimech**.

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## Student Success



Well done to Zara and Paxton who recently represented Mount Barker District Athletics at the Coles 2021 SA State Cross Country Championship.

Paxton (Year 1) competed in Under 7s and placed 2nd (out of a group of 13) and Zara (Year 3) competed in Under 9s and placed 2nd (in a group of 18).



Well done to our Year 6 students who represented Barker SAPSASA. The team finished 5th overall.





Congratulations to Leni on her selection to the Swimming SA Age Flippers Squad.

Selection to this squad is an important component of the pathway program offered to the best young swimmers in our state, and is based on a swimmer having achieved a top 16th placing or better at the 2021 Australian Age Championships held in April (Leni placed no less than four times in the top ten at these championships).

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## Uniform Shop

Devon Clothing opening hours:

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**Thursday 2pm - 5pm**

**Saturday 10am - 1pm**

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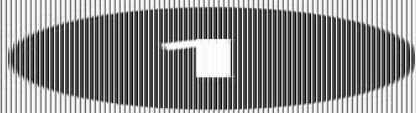
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'Naturally Smart Coffee' products are available for purchase to families. Part proceeds of the sales will go towards St Vinnies.

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!