Dear St Francis College Community,

All Saints Day is celebrated on November 1st.

On ALL SAINTS DAY, we are celebrating what Christ has done in and through us, the saints through the ages. Far from living perfect lives, saints have faults and failings like us so that we can identify with them. Nathan Soderblom was rather insightful when he said, “Saints are persons who make it easier for us to believe in God.”

We remember the lives of the Saints on the day of their death, sometimes called their ‘heavenly birthday’. Interestingly, there is no occupation or group or endeavour that does not have a Patron Saint. Some of the more famous saints are ‘naturals’ for a matchup:

- St Francis of Assisi ... Animals
- St Peter ... Fishermen
- St Francis Xavier ... Missionaries

Some less known Patron Saints are:
- St Elmo ... Explosive Workers
- St Herbert ... Drought Relief
- St Roch ... Dogs and Dog Lovers

The following verse offers this little summary of Saints:

“Sisters and brothers in endless variety, each with a marvellous story to share, reach their full stature in Heaven’s society, grown from seed by God’s infinite care.”

Let us pray:

God, our Father,
help us to be aware of the promptings of the Spirit
that call us to goodness and saintliness. Amen

I will be away from school from next Wednesday November 6th due to surgery on an injured ankle. Mr Seb Spina will be Acting Principal, Mr Shane Fuller Acting Assistant Principal keeping his focus of Learning and Teaching and I have asked Mr Paul Werner to take on the role of 3point Pastoral Care Co-ordinator.

Year 12 finish their HSC exams on Wednesday 6th November. I must compliment Year 12 on the mature way in which they have conducted themselves throughout the exam period. Students and staff will gather on Friday November 15 to celebrate Graduation.

“Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, “I will try again tomorrow”.

Mrs Brenda King
PRINCIPAL
DRUGS, ALCOHOL & YOUTH PRESENTATION WITH PAUL DILLON

Paul Dillon is the founder and co-ordinator of “Drug & Alcohol research and Training Australia”. Having worked in the area of drug education for 25 years, Paul has worked with the Australian Olympic Tea and makes regular television appearances on SUNRISE, TODAY and the 7PM PROJECT.

Paul will be speaking to the Community about the myths surrounding drugs and their use. The presentations will give accurate information on current trends around drug use in Australia as well as provide up-to-date research on best practice parenting in this area.

The PARENTS & COMMUNITY FORUM will be held on Monday 4 November 2013 at the Leeton Soldiers Club from 7.00pm-8.00pm with supper provided.

Please if you can spare an hour this is a rare opportunity to hear one of the best educators in the Drug & Alcohol field…. Don’t miss it!

Mr Peter McPhee, Counsellor

LEARNING AND TEACHING REPORT

Students in Year 10 and 11 who are looking to leave school at the conclusion of the year need to notify Mr Morschel of their intention so that they will be able to access their ROSA Credential from the Board of Studies.

Mr Shane Fuller, Learning and Teaching Co-ordinator

EXAMINATION EXPECTATIONS

What are examinations?
Examinations / Exams / Tests are completed by you in order to assess your ability in a subject or a particular topic.

What should I bring to an examination?
You need to bring pens, pencils, sharpener, eraser, ruler and any other equipment you have been told to bring by your teacher (eg. you may need to bring your Bible for a Religion Exam). Place all your equipment in a PLASTIC SLEEVE.
You will not be allowed to bring in any books or pencil cases to the examinations. You may bring a water bottle and tissues.
Where do we wait for an exam?
If your exam is in the Hall, line up outside the front of the Hall in your class groups. If your exam is in a classroom, line up in your class group outside the room. You are to listen whilst instructions are given to you by the teacher(s) supervising the exam. Once you enter the Hall or classroom, there is to be no talking.

What do I do before I start the exam?
You sit in silence and listen to any instructions given. Do not touch the exam paper. Read the instructions on the front page of the exam paper.

What else do I need to know?
During the exam, keep your eyes on your own paper, do not look around. Read a question twice before putting your hand up if you need help. Questions such as “How do you do this?” will not be answered by the teacher, as YOUR knowledge needs to be tested. Examinations are conducted in silence. You must also follow the instructions of supervisors. Examination conditions apply until the allocated time for the exam is completed. Breaches of examination conditions can lead to penalties being imposed.

Can I borrow equipment during an exam?
You can’t borrow items such as pens, pencils, rulers or special equipment while in an examination.

What do I do if I have a question?
If you need a tissue, to go to the toilet or ask a question, raise your hand and the teacher will come to you. Do not leave your seat.

What do I do if I finish early?
If you finish early, carefully check through your exam paper twice. Close the paper. Do not write or draw on the back or front cover (ie. graffiti). Sit silently until the exam is finished and you are given further instructions.

What do I do if I am unwell on the day of my allocated exam?
Examinations are compulsory, absence is only acceptable due to unforeseen circumstances. If you are unwell on the day an exam is to take place you must ring the school office and inform them of your absence. It is also required that you have a Doctors’ Certificate to explain your absence, which must be submitted to the school immediately upon your return.

SRC REPORT
The SRC will be running a 4v4 BASKETBALL COMPETITION starting Monday. We had a great response from students with 52 partners nominating!

Students were asked to nominate themselves with a partner from their year group. The partners were then drawn out of a hat to create mixed teams across year groups. The comp will be a knock-out comp with the grand final being played the following Monday. Watch this space for some pictures of next week’s comp.

Miss Monique Cowled, Staff SRC Rep

LEETON TOWN BAND – OUTBACK SPECTACULAR!
At the end of this newsletter is the flyer for the Leeton Town Band – Outback Spectacular happening the weekend of 8-10 November which features St Francis students: Teresa Aloisi, Claire van Werven, Susannah & Enoch Ratnam, Abby O’Callaghan, Joanne Dixon & Maria Aloisi

WHAT’S HAPPENING?

CONTRIBUTION TO SFC NEWSLETTER
What have you been doing recently? We would love to hear your news!
In addition to stories about our past students, it is important to include what is happening with our current students/families as well as our past so please phone, email or fax any news you would like to share with the College Community to Mrs Briggs at the College Office at office@sfcww.catholic.edu.au

WE LOVE KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH YOU!
At SFC we are striving to maintain an accurate database of contact details for all past students to ensure ongoing effective communication with the thriving wider community. If we do not have your current email address, please email it to us at office@sfcww.catholic.edu.au or pettiti@ww.catholic.edu.au
In what would be a ‘first’ in my memory for the St Francis Boarding House we celebrated Mass as a full community in the ARC on Wednesday with our College Chaplain, Fr Anthony Dunne.

We were wonderfully led by our current senior cohort of 2013, with Year 11’s stepping up to the plate as they embark on their final 12 months here at St Francis.

Our boarding captains Emily Mallon and Jeremy Westblade were responsible for the readings for the Mass while the House Leaders, Bridgette Brown, Abby Molloy, Matthew Gaynor, Matthew Wilson & Billy Gilbert along with volunteer Lucy Molloy read our Prayers of Intercession. The leaders were wonderfully supported by their Year 11 Peers with full and active participation of the liturgy and an all-round positive display of leadership. Our entire congregation was then abundantly blessed with the spirit-filled melodies from the didgeridoo played with great passion after communion by Elijah Moore of Year 8. It is times like these that remind us of the blessings we share in caring for the wonderful young people who live in the boarding house at St Francis.

Special thanks to our Boarding Captains & House Leaders for helping to set up for Mass and packing away. Also thanks to Gabby Bland and Georgia Hogan for giving up their free time to assist the leaders in making sure everyone had a seat!

As our year quickly starts to close with examinations and busy end-of-year assessments; I ask parents/carers to remain vigilant with permission notes to ensure that all information is forwarded for off-campus leave is filled in with venue, date and time out and return to boarding house - Weekly Boarding travel variations can be forward to myself or to the College Office at office@sfcww.catholic.edu.au

A reminder that my email address is hopperj@ww.catholic.edu.au and phone number is 0427 003 187.

Regards, Mr James Hopper,
Boarding Co-ordinator

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SATURDAY EVENING LITURGY AT ST JOSEPH’S LEETON

On Saturday evening, 9 November at 6.00pm Year 7 students are responsible for Mass at St Joseph’s Leeton. Students are needed to read, sing and participate in the offertory procession.

It would be wonderful if all Year 7 students could make an effort to come along with parents/carers & family and share Mass together as a year group. Students/Families from other year groups are also encouraged to come along and participate.

Each year group is expected to lead Saturday Evening Mass once a year and it is a wonderful opportunity to engage in school service. Thanks, Mrs Marni Milne, Year 7 Coordinator

CALENDAR OF EVENTS : Week 5 Term 4 – tt1

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BIDGEE BEATS 2014 – VOLUNTEER EVENT TEAM

The Bidgee Binge Program, Leeton Shire Council and Leeton Youth Committee will be holding an OUTDOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL on 15 March 2014 in Leeton. This will be a large scale regional festival featuring local, regional and national acts.

We are seeking 20 people between the ages of 16 – 24 to be part of the official event team. Their will a requirement from those selected to meet regularly between December 2013 and March 2014 to organise, promote and co-ordinate the music festival.

Key meetings you will need to be available for include:

- November 27 5:00pm-6:00pm
- December 11 5:00pm-6:00pm
- January 15 5:00pm-6:00pm
- February 12 5:00pm-6:00pm
- February 26 5:00pm-6:00pm
- March 5 5:00pm-6:00pm

Successful applicants will receive:

- Opportunity to shape this exciting event
- Event team kit (t-shirt, hat and more)
- Experience in events management and production
- Certificate of Acknowledgement from Bidgee Binge and Leeton Shire Council for your contribution.
- Free entry into music festival (you will be required to do set-up, pack up and event work on the day)

Send an expression of interest to bidgeebinge@itg.net.au and cc jacksong@leeton.nsw.gov.au and outline your response to the following:

- Why do you want to be part of the “Bidgee Beats” event team?
- What skills and experience do you bring to the team?
- Please include your name, age, phone number and email address

Expressions of interest must be received by midnight of Monday November 18th 2013
**SAFER DRIVERS COURSE**

This Safer Drivers Course has been designed by the Roads and Maritime Services (formerly the RTA) to establish safer driving practices for learner drivers under 25 years old who already have 50 hours real driving experience.

It will assist young learner drivers to:
- Improve their own levels of safety when driving, by learning how to manage road safety risks.
- Increase current driving skills and acquire new ones through a combination of classroom learning and practical supervised instruction from a professional driving instructor.

After the successful completion of module one and two of the course the learner will receive a twenty hours reduction in their log book (from 120 hours to 100 hours).

NRMA Safer Driving are facilitating this course on the following dates.  
November 14th and December 5th

The course will be held at the Leeton Shire Library for a total cost of $140. Course numbers are limited to twelve people with a minimum of nine people required to run the course.

For further information and booking visit the NRMA Safer Driving website at:  
http://www.nrmasaferdriving.com.au or visit the NRMA office.

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**BIDGEE BEATS 2014 – LOGO COMPETITION**

The Bidgee Binge program, Leeton Shire Council and Leeton Youth Committee will be holding an outdoor music festival on March 15th 2014 in Leeton. This will be a large scale regional festival featuring local, regional and national acts.

We want you to design our logo; this is a great opportunity to have your design featured on all marketing material for the event. The creator of the winning logo will receive two tickets to the music festival.

- The logo must feature the festivals name “Bidgee Beats” and have reference to the year 2014.
- Entries must be received by midnight of Monday November 11th 2013.

For further information please contact Leeton Shire Council Community Services Division on 69530955

Please send a jpeg copy of your logo to bidgeebinge@itg.net.au and cc jacksong@leeton.nsw.gov.au

**MACKILLOP SHIELD NOMINATION**

It is the time of year again when we ask for nominations for the award of the MacKillop Shield to be presented to the recipient at Speech Night. This award is given each year to a person who has made a significant contribution, over and above the call of duty, to the College Community over the past twelve months. Please complete the RETURN SLIP at the end of the Newsletter, filling in the name of the person you would like to recommend - parent, student, teaching staff, ancillary staff, volunteer worker - and return the form in an envelope marked “MacKillop Shield Nomination” to the College Office no later than Wednesday 20 November 2013.
## JUNIOR EXAM TIMETABLE - OFFICIAL!

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Narrandera’s Farmers Market

Held 1st Sunday of each month

3rd November, 2013

at The Shady Gum Nursery
Car Park 9am - 12noon

Breakfast & Coffee Available

LION TRAIN SHUTTLE
ON THE HOUR (SEE MAP FOR ROUTE)

All produce home-grown by local Cooks & Gardeners
All craft goods handmade

Vendors welcome contact; Annie on 02 69591780

For more information contact:

Event Coordinator Stephanie Taylor:
0269590911
www.narranderaevents.com
www.narranderaevents.com.au

Church Times:

St John’s Lutheran: 8.30am
St John the Baptist: 10am
St Luke’s: 8.30am
St John’s Anglican: 8.30am
St Edmund’s: 9am
St John’s Catholic: 9am

Churches:

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St John’s Catholic

Gold Sponsors:

Celtic Band

Silver Sponsors:

The Irrigator

Bronze Sponsors:

Leeton Town Band

Meet ‘n’ Greet’ from 6.30pm onwards Fri 8th
Music Festival Sat 9th
“The Concert” 7pm Sat 9th
“Brass in the Park” Sun 10th
St Francis De Sales Regional College, Leeton
2013 COLLEGE MAGAZINE

I wish to purchase a **PRINTED EDITION of the 2013 College Magazine**. Please find enclosed $_______ for payment (payable at the College Office) of ____ copy/copies.

Student’s Name: ___________________________________________ Pastoral: _____

Parent/Carers Signature: ______________________________________ Date: __________

RSVP due by 8/11/2013

ST FRANCIS DE SALES REGIONAL COLLEGE, LEETON
~~UPDATE~~

Day/Bdr Students **NOT** returning to St Francis in 2014

Name of Student/s & 2013 Year Level/s who are NOT returning in 2014:

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Print Parent/Carer Name: ____________________________________

Parent/Carer Signature: Date:

ST FRANCIS DE SALES REGIONAL COLLEGE, LEETON
2014 MACKILLOP SHIELD NOMINATION

Name of nominated person: ________________________________

Nominated by: ___________________________ Signature: _________________________

Reason for Nomination:

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Date: ___________________________