Dear St Francis Community,

I would like to offer a very warm welcome to all students new and old, parents and carers to the 2015 school year at St Francis College. I hope the holiday break allowed for the batteries to be re-charged to tackle a great year of learning.

The HSC class of 2014 achieved excellent results in their exams. Teachers were thrilled with the results as were the students. Dux for 2014 was William Hayward with an ATAR of 99.80. Will achieved the following results; Chemistry 94, Engineering Studies 97 (Equal 2nd in the state), English Standard 93, Mathematics 99, Mathematics Extension 1 47/50, Physics 93 and Studies of religion 1u 48/50. These are outstanding marks and Will, will also be awarded an All Rounder Award for marks above 90 in 10 or more units of study.

Equally impressive were the results of Nimalan Sundaram ATAR 99.65 and Indianna Chant ATAR 99.15. Nim’s marks were; Chemistry 96, English Advanced 93, Legal Studies 94, Mathematics 98, Mathematics Extension 1 48/50, Physics 93 and Studies of Religion 1u 43/50 and Indi followed closely with; Chemistry 92, English Advanced 95, Mathematics Extension 1 45/50, PD/H/PE 93 and Studies of Religion 1u 48/50. Nim and Indi will both also receive Premiers All Rounder Awards.

Another 6 students in no particular order received ATARs in the 90s: Zac Molloy, Matt Wilson, Setelia Turner, Erika Star, Rebecca Bailey band Madeleine Wedesweiler. The College is incredibly proud of this group of students who worked together to push and encourage each other and the result of this team work is the high number of students with ATARs in the 80s and 70s.

I thank the teachers for their hard work, encouragement and sharing their great subject knowledge. To the class of 2014 we wish each one of you every success in her chosen career pathway.

On Monday February 2nd the College Community gathered to celebrate the achievements of the class of 2014.

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Year 7 students have settled into high school very well. The students are happy to chat about their day and most of them have coped well with the bigger school and demands of year 7. If your son/daughter is struggling please don’t hesitate to contact the Year 7 year leader, Mrs Kim Robertson, Mr Spina or myself.

New Staff

We welcome the following new staff to St Francis College for 2015:

- **Meredith Lewis**, Leader of Learning and Teaching and member of the Leadership Team
- **Norbert Narel**, teaching Business Studies and HSIE
- **Haidee Washington**, teaching Japanese
- **Christy Talbot**, teaching English and HSIE
- **James Sullivan**, teaching PDHPE and TAS
- **Michelle Scherret**, teaching Food Tech and TAS (maternity leave replacement)
- **Larry Hulands**, years 9/10 boy’s boarding supervisor

I warmly welcome all new staff to the College. It is also sad to say goodbye this week to Robyn Whittaker, Boarding school nurse and supervisor. I wish Robyn best wishes for the future and I thank her for the care and guidance she has given to students over the last two years.

Congratulations to the Berg Shield Cricket team on their fantastic quarter final win over St. Patrick’s Sutherland in Sydney. We wish the team and coach Mr Doyle all the best for the final in Sydney.

I have included the list of staff in leadership positions to assist you in knowing who to approach should you need to contact staff.
We are all looking forward to the Twilight Swimming Carnival next Thursday 19th February... details below:

**ST FRANCIS TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

The College’s Annual Twilight Swimming Carnival will be held on **THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY commencing at 1.00pm and concluding between 8pm-8.30pm.** The evening carnival will take place of Friday's lessons so **students will not attend school on Friday 20 February.**

The decision to again hold a Twilight Carnival has been made to avoid having students outside all day on what is usually a very hot day. The timing also allows many more parents to be present for all or part of the day.
Students will travel by bus to the Carnival (Leeton Pool) before the 1.00pm start and it should conclude approx. 8–8.30pm. Families may like to bring a Picnic Tea, or buy tea from the facilities available. The College will provide a BBQ tea Boarding Students and Parents.

Students are expected to wear their PE/Sport Uniform to school. Students may wear house “dress up” at the pool. Please ensure all ‘dress ups’ and t-shirts are appropriate. A reminder to all girls to wear a ONE PIECE Swim Suit and remember to SLIP SLOP SLAP and COVER UP!

All students are expected to attend the Carnival. They will receive points for their HOUSE by being present at the Carnival, for participation in events and as place-getters in events.

In recent years, the Points Tally at the Carnival has been very close. All Houses need utmost support from their members. This starts with their presence for the whole carnival.

**BOARDING & DAY BUS VARIATION FOR THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

*There will be no Boarders’ Buses running THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY,* nor will there be Day Buses running in the afternoon, either from the school or from the Pool, as every student is expected to remain at the Pool for the duration of the Carnival and then go home with parents at the conclusion of the Carnival. Normal bus routine will resume on Monday 23 February.

The Pool has been booked as a **CLOSED VENUE** for the Carnival. Only students and immediate family members will be admitted. Students from other local high schools will not gain admission to the pool.

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help on this day, so if you are able to help for part of or all of the day please contact Mr Carl Norman Sport/PE Co-ordinator during school hours on 02 6953 3622 or email him at normanc@ww.catholic.edu.au thank you in anticipation of your support.

**HATS, HATS, HATS**

All students at the College **MUST** wear their Navy Blue Hats for all PD/Health/PE Practical Lessons and Sport. In addition all students must wear hats when playing or sitting outside. This applies to all students in Years 7-12.

Loving God, we pray for your blessing upon each of us. May we approach the beginning of the school year as a new start. Help us form friendships with those who enable us to become better persons. Friendships will enable each and everyone one of us to shine. Help us develop our faith so that we possess courage and confidence to develop the gifts we have been blessed with. Help us be compassionate and loving people so the world may know your love and healing power, O God. May this year be one of great peace and happiness for us and our families. Amen.

*MRS BRENDA KING*
Dear Parent/Caregiver,

As parents/students of the College, we trust you share our commitment to the agreed uniform standards. A problem has emerged with a minority of students at school in the incorrect footwear.

In the interests of safety, the College requirement for students to wear “black leather lace up school shoes” has never included skate style shoes for boys or ballet style shoes for girls. Students who have worn these shoes in the past have been challenged and negotiated back into the correct footwear. Unfortunately, the problem has escalated.

Whilst there is an understanding that school shoes can be expensive, we ask your support in ensuring your son or daughter is always in 100% College uniform.

Below is an example of the accepted styles of shoe. Many manufacturers are now making comfortable and soft shoes that are now being worn by the great majority of students.

Correct

The shoes below are examples of incorrect footwear for the College

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Some students who have presented this year in the incorrect footwear have indicated that the proper shoes are being organised. We trust all students who receive this note will purchase the proper school shoes and continue to meet the agreed standards of the College.

Yours sincerely,

Seb Spina
Assistant Principal
OPENING SCHOOL MASS

Next Friday February 13th the all students and staff will gather at St Joseph’s Church to celebrate Eucharist and induct the 2015 College Leaders. All students must wear full summer uniform. Day Buses have been notified to allow students to alight at St Joseph’s Primary School by 9am. Boarding Students will walk and/or bussed. All students will walk or be bused back to school at the conclusion of the Mass. The 2015 College leaders and their parents are invited to morning tea at The ReTreat Café back at the College.

SFC SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken on Wednesday 4 March 2015 for all students and staff. If a family would like a SIBLING PHOTOGRAPH, please ask your eldest child to call to the College Office and collect an Order Envelope.

YEAR 7 NEWS

Welcome everyone to SFC!! It has been a great start to the year from everyone. We have made it to the end of Week 2 with lots of positive reports and Year 7 settling in to the whole College community this week. The next couple of weeks will be busy with lots of things happening for Year 7. I will keep students and parents as informed as I can.

What’s on in Week 3

Mon 9th Feb – Motivational Media, Yr 7 to

- Further details regarding Mass will be given on Tues or Wed during Religion lessons.
- Please ensure that everything is clearly labelled with your name.
- Boarders - next week is supposed to be hot so definitely pack your swimmers and a towel for Rec time and in case your PE class goes to the pool.

Hopefully everyone is happy with their start to SFC. If there are any questions regarding your son/daughter or things happening at the College please do not hesitate to contact me on 6953 3622 or via email robertsonk@ww.catholic.edu.au

BERG SHIELD CRICKET REPORT

A positive Berg Shield cricket team headed up to Cronulla Sydney on Tuesday the 3rd playing the day after, against an inform St. Patrick’s cricket side! With a delayed departure thanks to Jamo Booth we headed off at 9:00am arriving at 4:00pm. The boys were buzzing with excitement mainly due to the entertaining bus trip as Jake Wood blasted the beats with his speakers! Our arrival into Cronulla brought us to the beach where a few boys where smashed around by the large waves. As the night came to a conclusion we headed back to our accommodation steering away from Andrew McIntyre, who lost a couple of kilos due to several vomiting episodes. On the morning of the match the boys were up bright and early ready to head to Waratah park where super coach Doyle found himself lost. With little panic we arrived at the ground with a positive manner winning the toss and electing to bowl. A total of 67 was scored by the St Patrick’s batsman thanks to the help of Daniel Fisher who absolutely destroyed the strong line-up taking 5 wickets for 12 runs. Other standout performances were from Andrew McIntyre who recovered overnight to take 3 for 7, Hugh Collins who took 2 wickets and Cooper Sharman who conceded just three runs of his three overs..

Our opening batters Tyh Evans and Jack Favell looked edgy early until they found there spot at the crease. The nervous night watchmen Danyan Evans felt the pressure but Tyh and Jack were good enough to finish the job, Jack finished with 39 and Tyh 26 both not out. An excited bunch of boys headed back to the bus for the trip home where some got a well needed rest. We now advance to the State Semi-Finals against Warnerval or Bathurst who play early next week.

Captain Nathan Lanham
HEALTH NEWS

Greeting from the Health Centre and a quick note to fill you in on what is required for this year.

I ask that by Week 2 of your child’s return to school that you send through an updated copy of your boarding child/family’s Medicare card this is sent through to the front office for update to records as I spend considerable time tracking this down when a child needs medical attention. I also ask that if your child has developed any changes to immunisation status, allergies, sensitivities, asthma, medications and medical condition or their current condition has changed please notify me in writing stating:

1. what the medication is and for what
2. Dosage and
3. **is supplied in its original box**
4. **Supply a Medical Plan** so that I am fully aware prior to your child’s presentation to the Health Centre for treatment.
5. A small passport photo needs to be supplied at the beginning of Week 1 or 2 to attach to medication sheets and for identification in case I am not on school ground when action is required.

You will be please to know that we have attained the next three year accreditation for our Asthma Friendly School. If your child is an asthmatic it is imperative that they carry their own ventolin/asmol inhaler (in date) and spacer with them at all times and if in boarding that they have a spare inhaler and Action Plan to follow. If their asthma emergency plan has changed please send in a copy that has been developed by your doctor with a current date. **This has to be updated yearly. Anaphylaxis plans and Epipen’s also need to be in date and Plans updated yearly and a current date year is on the document.**

For any queries do not hesitate to ring me to discuss your child’s medical needs.

Immunisation packs for Year 7, 11,and 12 have been sent home Week 1 and will commence for Year 7 boys and girls on the 18th February, 2015. Please ensure they are returned by Week 2 for collation and numbers. There will be no follow up at the school if immunisations are missed. Wishing you all a healthy start to the 2015 year ahead.

Vonn Gavel RN St Francis Health Centre
BUS SUBSIDY APPLICATIONS

PVC Applications are available through the College Office. All new students to SFC will need to complete an application for private vehicle conveyance or any family who have changed addresses and/or bank account details.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, I request all completed forms TO BE RETURNED to me at the College Office for verification and copying before sending to the Ministry of Transport. This helps me to answer questions on your behalf by the Ministry if I have a copy of your application on hand... thank you, Mrs Deidre Briggs
ONE STOP TRAVEL OFFICE!

All bookings/ travel variations for boarding students must be made through the College Office. All students are requested to submit/advise ALL TRAVEL variations to the College Office (C/- Mrs Briggs) no later than 4pm on a Monday for the following weekend’s travel. A LATE VARIATION to normal routine will be accepted in the case of an emergency only.

We have a duty of care to our students and in conjunction with the support of all families can we ensure that travel arrangements are correct at the time of our students departing and returning to the College on a weekly basis. Therefore it is expected that students and/or parents/carers take the responsibility of notifying the College Office to advise of any changes to the normal routine of weekly travel.

The best method for this is via a written note, Boarding Students’ Travel Variation Notice, either in person, via fax or through email. Phone notifications will be accepted with a written notification to be forwarded.

If a change happens over the weekend for a Monday travel, please email Mrs Briggs at the College Office briggsd@ww.catholic.edu.au If you have a query or you are uncertain of the term “VARIATION TO NORMAL BUS ROUTINE” please don’t hesitate to contact Mrs Briggs at the Office.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM THE COLLEGE WEBSITE

www.sfcww.catholic.edu.au
You will find information about our school, learning and teaching, a virtual tour, Pastoral Care, services we provide, forms and policies, Boarding School information, employment and fee paying options.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

We encourage families to receive the Weekly Newsletter electronically (via email) or view the College Website as we copy a small number of newsletters only each week. If you wish to have the newsletter emailed to your email address, log on to college website and subscribe for newsletter on that page. You will then automatically receive a newsletter each week. If you don’t have internet access please ask your child to collect one from the College Office. Newsletters are available on Fridays.

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ATTENTION CURRENT & NEW PARENTS : CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!!!!!!!!!!

Canteen Volunteers from all families associated with St Francis are urgently needed. The St Francis Canteen is for the convenience of the students and is run by volunteers under the guidance of Canteen Leader, Ms Lyn Vant. Canteen Hours are from 10.30am to 2.30pm (school days only) If you are able to help out for a day a term or even
two days per term please contact Lyn on 02 6953 2901 (AH) or email vantl@ww.catholic.edu.au Or during school hours please contact Lyn Vant directly on 6953 3622, Extension 219.

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LEETON JUNIOR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
AUTUMN COMPETITION NOMINATION DAYS

THURSDAY 5th FEBRUARY (LEETON INDOOR STADIUM 5:00-7:00PM)
SATURDAY 7th FEBRUARY (JARRAH MALL 10:00-12:00 NOON)
THURSDAY 12th FEBRUARY (LEETON INDOOR STADIUM 5:00-7:00PM)

PROPOSED GRADES & TIME SLOTS:

Aussie Hoops 5:15-6:00pm (Kindergarten – Year 3): $70
C-Grade 6:00-6:45pm (Years 4-6): $80
B-Grade 6:45-7:30pm (Years 7-8): $90
A-Grade 7:30-8:15pm (Years 9-12): $90

(Payment MUST accompany nomination and includes all game and registration fees)

Girls play Monday nights commencing 2nd March
Boys play Tuesday nights commencing 3rd March
Competition finishes MONDAY 1st June

(Parents are required to be in attendance when children are playing)

NOMINATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE NOMINATION VENUE
(LEETON INDOOR STADIUM & JARRAH MALL)

For further information, please contact The President, Tracy Fletcher on 0439 483 760

Ian Preston
Secretary

Interested in Playing Basketball?

Narrandera Basketball are about to commence their junior autumn competition.
The association takes single nominations and places children into teams.
Players names and year at school are required please message Lee on 0409443711
Narrandera Basketball has a face book page you can message or email lee.longford@bigpond.com.au.
Or contact the above mobile for more details.
Age groups are Juniors Div Yrs 1,2 & 3, Intermediate Div Yrs 4, 5 & 6 & Senior Div Yrs 7 +.
Junior Div games at 5.00pm, Intermediate Div games at 5.50pm & Senior Div games at 6.40pm concluding at 7.30pm.
Boys will play Wednesday afternoons and Girls will play on Thursday afternoons.
Registration cost is $50 per child and games fees are $3 per week.
Competition will commence Wednesday 25th February 2015.
Names to me by the above methods by Friday 20th February 2015.
Looking forward to a new season of basketball.
LEETON JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

2015 registrations for

Under 7 – Under 15 Rugby League Players

Under 7 - 15 League Tag Girls

Included in Registration is:

1 X LJRL Socks
1 X LJRL Playing Shorts
1 X LJRL Beach Towel

Saturday 7th February, 9.00 am – 12.00 noon @ Jarrah Mall

& Saturday the 14th February 9.00 am – 12.00noon @ Jarrah Mall

New Online Registration is in place. Usernames and passwords will be given at Rego Days.

All enquiries to Allan Jackson 0407 455 346
Or Kelly Pauls 0400 561 810

REMINDER TO YEAR 7 PARENTS AND NEW PARENTS TO THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY ..........

TO ENSURE THAT YOU RECEIVE A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER IN YOUR EMAILS WHICH IS THE EASIEST WAY TO ACCESS THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE LOG ONTO THE COLLEGE WEBSITE

www.sfcww.catholic.edu.au

THEN WHERE INDICATED SUBSCRIBE TO THE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER BY ENTERING YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AND FOLLOWING THE PROMPTS.

THANKS
COLLEGE FRONT OFFICE