Dear St Francis Community,

This morning students, staff and parents gathered at St Joseph's Church to celebrate our opening College Mass for 2015. We gathered to celebrate the beginning of a new school year, to welcome new members to our College, to acknowledge the Student leadership Team of 2015 and to give thanks to God for all we have. The theme for our Mass was “leaving our nets behind” and in the gospel reading we heard the story of the disciples being asked by Jesus to commence something new, totally new. The disciples lived with their families and they worked along the lake, fishing for a living and they make the decision to follow Jesus and venture into a completely new environment. Many of us have the dream of doing something different and exploring new horizons. Why, at this moment and with this person, the carpenter from Nazareth, did the disciples see their life changing moment and seize it? At the start of this school year we too come to a particular moment of choice. How did we get to this school, New Year group, new position, new colleagues and new classmates……that is everyone’s own story. But it is the now: the moment and how we make our decision to grab an opportunity, take a risk, walk with one another, challenge ourselves, leave behind obstacles and hindrances, that is going to be the story of this new school year. Enjoy the year and work and learn with “courage and perseverance”!

Thank you to Father Anthony, Father Neru, Miss Drew and all of the musicians and singers for making our opening Mass a special celebration.

At the conclusion of Mass the 2015 Student leadership Team was inducted. Mr Spina and I have already had the pleasure of working with this great team of young leaders during term 4 and we look forward to the year ahead as they put their stamp on activities at St Francis College.

We are all looking forward to the Twilight Swimming Carnival next Thursday 19th February… All of the House Groups have been hard at work preparing for the “5 Minutes of Fame”. The creativity and preparation of the students is amazing and is a wonderful way to conclude the carnival.

**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.

**OPENING SCHOOL MASS - Leaving our nets behind**

This week at our opening school mass the theme was ‘Leaving our Nets Behind’. Students and staff were invited to reflect on the story of the first disciples, called to start their lives anew, not on fishing boats on the Sea of Galilee, but as travellers spreading the word of God’s love on the dusty tracks of Palestine. We too this year are called from our holidays to start a new journey and a challenging commitment. Ours is the call to live as followers of Jesus Christ as we study, learn, teach, share, play, and live together in peace and understanding.

At the start of a new school year, we too come to a particular moment of choice. How we got to this new school, new grade, new position, new subjects, new colleagues and classmates…well that is everyone’s own story.

But it is the now, the moment and how we make our decision to grab an opportunity, take a risk, walk with another, challenge ourselves, leave behind obstacles and hindrances, that is going to be the story of this year.
One constant is going to be the presence of God with us. Really! The Breath of life that sparked time and space, is amazingly dwelling within. Is that brilliant or not?

Even if you are not too sure about it, tuck this information away in your heart and bring it to mind when things are….. well, difficult, and make the gracious presence of God with you your app for the year.

Enjoy 2015

Janice Drew

A Prayer for the New Year

God, you give us a new day, a new year, a wonderful future from the depth and breadth of your love. Help us as we step forward into this year. May we learn to know you better? May we learn to know ourselves in wisdom, facing our difficulties, and realising our strengths. May we understand those who go alongside us, respecting them, helping them, and being disciples-in-friendship with them.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

YEAR 9 AND 11 SUBJECT CHANGES

Students and parents are reminded that the deadline to change subjects is next Wednesday February 18, 2015. If students are considering changing elective subjects they must have a conversation and receive a form from Mrs Milne. This form must include a parent signature. If any parents have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact Mrs Milne through the College Office.

Thanks,
Mrs Marni Milne - Leader of Curriculum

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 8 NEWS

- Welcome parents & students to the start of the school year. We welcome five new students to the Year 8 cohort; Callum Ryan, Declan Ryan, Ryley Richards, Camryn Andracchio & Amber Lightfoot

  We hope they have settled in well and adjusted into their new environment.

- We started the term with a Year assembly where the following items were discussed;
- The Year 8 Facebook page is still operating. If you have a Facebook account please “like” this page to keep up to date with exam and assessment information, events, photos & anything else related specifically to Year 8.
- There is also a Year 8 calendar. The link to this calendar is below. This is a live calendar which will be updated frequently. This is another way to keep up to date with the happenings of Year 8.
- All students in Year 8 will receive a laptop during Term One. More information will be available later on in the term.
- Students were reminded about the importance of RESPECT – respect for themselves, their peers and their teachers. If we are all able to respect each other we will have an enjoyable year.

Link to Year 8 calendar:
https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=ww.catholic.edu.au_a64l3o3fdiwr0g2t54s02trj0%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=Australia/Sydney" style="border: 0" width="800" height="600" frameborder="0" scrolling="no"/>
What’s happening next week (Week 4, Week 2 of Timetable)

Wed 18th Feb – Ash Wednesday (Year 8 Liturgy during Period 2)

Thu 19th Feb – Twilight swimming carnival.

Fri 20th Feb – Day off in lieu of swimming carnival.

If you have any concerns about your child please do not hesitate to contact me at the College via phone (0269533622) or email (vantc@ww.catholic.edu.au)

Mrs Clare Vant
(Year 8 Leader, 2015)

CCC CRICKET REPORT
Mitchell Hardie attended the Boys Under 19’s CCC Cricket Trials in Wollongong on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th March 2015. Mitch played in the southern half of the state team which played a Sydney south side on day 1 in a 50 over aside match.
Day two they played two twenty/twenty matches against Sydney North and Northern Half of the State.

Mitch bowled fast and economically and also showed he was quiet capable with the bat and fielded extremely well and was rewarded by his efforts to be named in the NSW CCC Under 19’s Cricket Team to play in Tamworth at the state championships in March. He was the only student chosen from the west side of the Divide!!!

YEAR 12 DRAMA
Year 12 Drama ventured to Sydney to watch ‘Onstage 2014’, the very best of last year’s HSC group Devised and Individual Projects. This was followed by workshops at Australian Theatre for Young People on Tragedy and Monologue Performances. The students were inspired by the level of excellence, precision and creativity in all that they saw. Thank you to Mr Spina for giving up his time and travelling with us.

Alanya Skewes

WELCOME TO ENGLISH AT SFC, 2015
To encourage a love and appreciation of reading, and benefit from increased comprehension skills, the English Department has decided to begin each lesson of English with quiet, independent reading time. Each student is required to select a novel the school Library, town library or bring in a novel from home for the ‘reading time’ of the English lesson.

It would be wonderful if parents and carers could encourage their son or daughter to read at home to complement our reading practice at school.

Please, a reminder to all students, Year 7 to 10...Bring your novel to every English class!

Another initiative in our department is the introduction of a multi-level literacy and language approach offered in the ‘Essential English’ text program. This text series, purchased for Year 7, 8 and 9, addresses the fundamental aspects of language and literacy to support students’ learning. The program also addresses key aspects of the Naplan test and the requirements of the new Australian Curriculum.
Like past years, we will continue with our Accelerated Reader program for Year 7 and 8, which takes place once a fortnight in the SFC Library.

Thank you for your ongoing support of student learning in English.

Renae Pettit
English KLA Leader

**SFC P & F NEWS**

Welcome to the St Francis Community for 2015! For the new students/families to our College, our P & F Meetings are held on the THIRD TUESDAY OF MOST MONTHS, commencing at 6pm in the Boardroom of the College Office. Everyone, old and new are most welcome to attend, and be part of a hardworking, but worthwhile Committee, all striving for one cause – our children!!

Due to the swimming carnival falling the same week as our scheduled P & F Meeting, there will be NO P&F MEETING IN FEBRUARY.

Please note that our first fundraiser for 2015 will be a TRIVIA NIGHT, to be held in the College Dining Room on Saturday 21st March 2015. Dinner will be held at 6.30pm with the Trivia Night to commence at 7.30pm. Dinner will be $15 per head and Trivia $10 her head. **Hope to see you all there!! More details over the next few weeks!!**

**Golden Apple Dockets**

Please keep the Golden Apple Supa IGA dockets coming into school! For the new families, this is a very easy way for the P&F to make money: simply send your dockets into the College office in an envelope clearly marked GA Dockets: the dockets are then totaled and the P & F receives a percentage of the total of the dockets given to the GA each year!

Keep an eye out for the P & F News in the newsletters!

Liz Lane
P & F Secretary

**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 9.30am 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 0407 205822 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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ST JOSEPH’S PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT: Get a group of friends together for a fun night out to celebrate the first official function in Madonna Place with the NEW KITCHEN! Sat 28th February 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. To book a table, please ring June Di Lorenzo on 0429 017493 or the Presbytery on 69532099. All proceeds to Madonna Place.
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 facebook 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.

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LEETON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB
(SOCCER)
LOCAL JUNIOR COMPETITION
Saturday, May 3, 2014
No 2 Ovals Palm Avenue
10am start:
A grade (11 years & up) 6/7 years
11am: 4/5 years & 8/9/10 years
Can all players and parents arrive 15 minutes before game. Teams are on display at Mick’s Bakehouse and Sportspower.
Inquiries for registration please call
Shane Dunn 0428 649 481,
Lena Porcu 0418 652 075,
Rod Harrison 0417 450 546
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 – 12.00 noon @ 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