Dear St Francis Community,
This week, Brother Michael Green wrote the following food for thought about the season of Lent in his Marist Schools Australia Newsletter........

A week after the powerful symbol of ashes was traced on our foreheads, and how are we doing in our time of Lenten renewal? Perhaps we might heed some advice from St Marcellin. The story goes that, just after Ash Wednesday one year at the Hermitage, some young trainee Brothers, full of youthful fervour for what they might do for Lent, came to Father Champagnat to request permission to join in the full fasting of Lent (something that was not usually allowed for any Brother under 21 years of age.) They were pleased when the Founder agreed, but rather surprised by what he said next. Yes, he told them, they could have permission to fast but only if they allowed him to determine the parameters for their fasting. What he then set out for them had little to do with skipping lunch, as they had imagined.

He proposed a three-way fast. First, he said, they should have their eyes fast. By that he meant that, rather than engaging with every stimulus which came their way, they should make time and space to disengage, to be quiet, to be recollected. Second, he suggested that they should have their tongues fast, to listen rather than to speak. Third, they should fast from acting insensitively or impulsively, and being victim to every little whim or emotion. Additionally, he counselled the young Brothers that there was something from which they should never fast: they should not allow their souls to fast, never to neglect to nourish their inner selves. He explained to them, in case they didn’t get his meaning, that this meant they should never starve themselves of prayer, of meditation, of Eucharist, or of a time of examen at the end of each day. He went further on this point, using some typically earthy figurative language: “Don’t give mouldy bread to your souls,” he told the young men. “Mouldy bread” for him meant prayers that were rushed, meditation that was distracted, or an attitude to their spiritual lives that was shallow or merely perfunctory. Give your souls the very best bread, he told them, and generously.

I think St Marcellin gave his young brothers some very good advice which holds true today. We do need to slow down and make more time to nourish our spiritual lives.

School Attendance

Government legislation requires students to attend school regularly in order to meet course requirements. Attendance is recorded each day. Parents/Carers are responsible for students’ daily attendance unless the student:

- has an unavoidable medical/dental appointment
- has an urgent family circumstance
- is sick or has an infectious illness

If students are absent from school for any reason please explain by phone, email or a written note as soon as possible or within 7 days. Students are asked to give their absentee note to their pastoral teacher when they return to school.
New guidelines issued by the Catholic Schools Office under Section 25 of the Education Act 1990 notes that students travelling during school terms are not to be exempt. Parents/Carers wanting to take students out of school for travel purposes must complete an application for extended travel (leave between 10-100 days) form A.1 If the principal accepts the reason then leave is granted, consistent with the implementation of National Standards for Student Attendance Data and Attendance Register. Please contact the College office for form A.1

Parents will now be contacted if a student is absent for 5 or more days in a term.

**School Photos**

School photos will be taken next Wednesday 4th March. All students must wear full summer uniform. Photo costs are included in school fees.

**Year 11 Parent/Student Information Evening**

I look forward to welcoming all year 11 students and parents to an Information Evening next Tuesday 3rd March commencing at 7.00pm in the college hall.

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**SFC TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

A dominant display of swimming was on display at the SFC Twilight Carnival by Champagnat. With the weather being kind, Champagnat set the tone early by taking a commanding lead after the morning 200m events and never were headed for the rest of the day. It ended as it begun with Champagnat also taking the ‘5-minute-of fame’ trophy over Henschke.

**SFC SWIMMING CARNIVAL AGE CHAMPIONS**

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The BISSA swimming carnival is on the 5th March in Wagga
Another busy week at SFC and we are officially halfway through Term 1. I would like to congratulate Champagnat (the best house) on their success at the Swimming Carnival and to Mitchell Cooper, Mikayla Jones & Josh Thomas on being named Age Champions at the Carnival. Good luck to all the Year 7 students competing at the BISSA carnival in Wagga on Thursday.

Yesterday each student in Year 7 received paperwork regarding their new laptop. The paperwork is due back to the Front Office by Monday 9th March. Students will be receiving their laptops on Tuesday in Period 1 and on Wednesday morning during Period 1 will be having a tutorial with Mr Tom Pulver on how to use their laptops. A very exciting time for students and a time where they will need to be super organised to remember books and laptops and remember to charge their device at home.

Students have got an Assessment Task to be working on at the moment. The Religion task on Initiation and Belonging which is due on the 19th March and students will receive their English task on Monday during the Year Assembly.

Today during Period 5 all of Year 7 are involved in Clean Up Australia Day. This is a great initiative which will see Year 7 beautify the school. Nice work Year 7!

Friday 6th March (next Friday) will see Year 7 at their ConneXions Arvo. Students are to wear their SPORTS UNIFORM all day. Normal classes for Periods 1-3 and then Periods 4 & 5 will be the ConneXions afternoon. On Friday we would ask all Year 7 to bring their afternoon tea and a water bottle as access to the Canteen may be limited. This will be a good opportunity for Year 7 to spend some time together as a group.

Next week
Wednesday 4th March School Photos
Thursday 5th March BISSA Swimming Carnival
League Tag, Griffith
Friday 6th March Yr 7 Connexions Arvo, P4/5 – SPORTS UNIFORM ALL DAY

Please don’t hesitate to contact me at the College for any enquiries on robertsonk@ww.catholic.edu.au or 6953 3622.

SFC P & F NEWS
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 (Pasta) will be served at 6.30pm with the Trivia Night to commence at 7.30pm. Dinner will be $15 per head and Trivia $10 her head. Bookings at College Office.

Hope to see you all there!!

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
This week Project Compassion focuses on Niger, where life is very tough. Many live in extreme poverty, often unable to afford or access food and water.

This week we meet Mariama who is raising her daughter in Niger, a country that suffers widespread poverty. When her little girl became malnourished, she received life-saving food and care at a Nutrition Centre, supported by Caritas Australia.

Your donation to Project Compassion 2015 helps save the lives of people living on the brink of survival in Niger, giving them access to nutritional support and essential food for life.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion   1800 024 413

YEAR 12 DRAMA

Year 12 Drama students are currently studying Australian Theatre and Drama in preparation for their HSC. This week students designed sets and performed excerpts from their core texts, Jack Davis’ ‘No Sugar’ and Dorothy Hewitt’s ‘Chapel Perilous’.

Alanya Skewes

HEALTH NEWS

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

I ask as a matter of urgency 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 pleased 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.

Vonn Gavel RN  St Francis Health Centre

YEAR 8 NEWS

Year 8 started the week a little excited after receiving their laptops on Tuesday. A big thanks goes to Mr Tom Pulver who led the students through a tutorial on Wednesday. It is important, however, that students still take their books to class with them as written work will still be done in most subjects. Forms are due back to the office by Monday 2nd March. If your child is away from school for any reason, please ensure you send a note explaining their absence within 7 days. If this note is not received it will be marked as an unexplained absence on their report.

Reading during Pastoral on Tuesday’s will continue til the end of the term. Please ensure your child has their accelerated reader book packed every Tuesday.

School photos will be held next week. Full summer uniform needs to be worn please.

What’s happening next week? Week 6, Week 2 of Timetable

- Wed 4th March – School Photos
- Thurs 5th March – BISSA Swimming Carnival (Wagga)
  - Girls League Tag (yrs 7-9) @ Griffith

* Assessments coming up: Visual Arts Task due – 16th March

Clare Vant
Year 8 Leader 2015

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY - 2015

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of Australia’s National Clean Up Australia Day. On Friday 27th Feb, students from year 7 represented our school and rolled up their sleeves to participate in this nation-wide event.

Every year, over 25,000 tonnes of rubbish is produced and disposed of incorrectly. With the help of the Clean Up Australia organisation, an estimated 572,406 volunteers cleaned up 15,708 tonnes at 7,140 sites across Australia last year.

St Francis is only one of many sites registered for the day – to put yourself in the picture, join a clean-up site in the Leeton area. You can search for registered sites on their webpage [http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/join/](http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/join/)
PENNY PANIZ ART COMPETITION INCLUDING WESTERN RIVERINA ARTS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Remember to get your entry form in by 9 March for the art competition for the opportunity to share in the $4,200 of prizes on offer for talented artists from the Leeton Shire area. Please note that actual artworks do not have to be handed in until Monday 30th March 2015. Nine categories are on offer. Entry Form attached.

For budding photographers of all ages entries for the photographic competition close 5pm Monday 9th March, and must be submitted digitally by email to: rado@westrivarts.com.au refer attached guidelines.

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 Module One of this course on Wednesday March 11th.

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 contact the Leeton NRMA office Ph. 6953 3600.

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.

CLAIM THE DATES

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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 vanl@ww.catholic.edu.au Or during school hours please contact Lyn Vant directly on 6953 3622, Extension 219.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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LEETON SHIRE NOTICES

GLS Workshop
When: Tuesday the 3rd March 2015 6.30pm-8.30pm
Description: Leeton Shire Council is conducting a free workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers. The two hour course, Helping Learner Drivers Become Safe Drivers, offers parents and supervisors hands-on advice on how to provide the most effective driving practice for learner drivers.
Location: Leeton Shire Library
Contact: Council’s Road Safety Officer on 0448 623 049

Child Restraint Checking Day
When: Saturday 28th February 2015 9.00am-12noon
Description: Leeton Shire Council is conducting free Child Restraint Checks at Leeton Market Plaza. Parents and carers of young children are invited to come along and find out more about the child restraint laws and to get their child restraints checked for correct installation by qualified Roads and Maritime Services approved fitter on site.
Location: Leeton Market Plaza
Contact: Council’s Road Safety Officer on 0448 623 049

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.

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC, OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS?

Would you like to learn something about the Catholic Faith?
You are welcome to come along to the

RCIA INQUIRY NIGHTS
Beginning THURSDAY 19 March, 2014 at 7.30pm – Madonna Place

Ph: Fr Anthony Dunne 0269532099, leetonparish@gmail.com
Mary McPhee 0409 748 872, mary.mcgrath@bigpond.com

JOHN O’BRIEN FESTIVAL BINGO NIGHT

WHEN: Friday 13th March – Doors open at 6.00pm for a 7.00pm start
WHERE: John O’Brien Hall – Larmer Street Narrandera
PRIZES: $200 Guaranteed jackpot plus $50 Final Whinger’s Special. Cash prizes each house

Refreshments and light supper available at a small cost.
Children welcome
REMEMBER 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

Fun Interactive Musical Workshop and Concert
Saturday 28 February 2015 from 2pm
at the Multipurpose Community Centre

This Saturday (28 February 2015) from 2pm the Leeton Town Band will be conducting
a Free, Fun Interactive musical workshop and concert as part of the Featured
February Programme in the Multipurpose Community Centre

From 2pm members of the band will introduce various Orchestral and Band instruments showcasing the
different sounds and ways to play and instrument.
At 3pm there will be Instrument Try Outs – ‘What Instrument are you?’ this is a chance to have a blow (or a
screech) upon different instruments.

Afternoon will be served at 3:30pm followed at 4pm by a Mini Concert.

Please feel free to come for all or drop in for part of the afternoon.
All ages are most welcome.
Career News

Discovery Days

On the 4\textsuperscript{th} and 5\textsuperscript{th} of February Seb and I took 50 students to Wollongong for the discovery days.

We stayed at International House which gave the students an opportunity to be experience being a university students under some SFC rules for a day and night.

All students had registered into interest areas and attended workshops on the Thursday. They had lots of opportunities to ask questions and seek advice. We left around 2.30 for a long trip home.

All students were an absolute pleasure to take away. A big thanks to Seb Spina who assisted with the excursion.

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Year 12:

Tuesday week one of the timetable Mrs Ryan and I have time to spend with all year 12’s together. During this hour we have opportunity to bring in presenters and assist all year 12’s with their career pathways.

The first week we had 4 past year 12 students come and speak to this year’s group about scholarships, early entry and available options in different states.

This week we had Andrew O’Connell come in and talk to the students about all CSU campuses. He also touched on the University Admission Centre (UAC) and Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS).

I look forward to working with all year 12 during this time frame.

All students needing an appointment time are encourage to come and see me during a recess time to make an appointment. I see all students during lunch, free or after school. If any parents would like to see me please give me a call or an email. I am more than happy to accommodate especially if you have to travel large distances.

I am encouraging all students who are interested in University to start visiting campuses and exploring accommodation options.

Year 10:
Work experience weeks will run in term 4.

The dates are as follows

Compulsory Week 15\textsuperscript{th} to 20\textsuperscript{th} of November

Optional Week 23\textsuperscript{rd} to 27\textsuperscript{th} of November.

I will present about Work Experience to all year 10 in the next couple of weeks.

\textbf{Art Impression}

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\textbf{Level:} High School Age \\
\textbf{Monday:} 3:30 -5:30 \\
2/3/15 – 30/3/15 \\
5 week course for term 1 \\
Leeton Multipurpose Centre – Old CWA Hall \\
\textbf{Cost} - $200 \\
(\textit{Includes most supplies e.g. paint, paper, pencils, pastels, ink, charcoal, medium etc. brushes, palettes, palette knives etc.}) \\
(\textit{Canvases will be available to purchase at an extra cost.})
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This is a fun and informal class where you are guaranteed to loosen up your mark-making and discover many and varied techniques in drawing, painting and mixed media.

Expect to get your hands dirty and lose all inhibitions.

Paint as though no one’s watching!

- Colour combinations and how to put them together so they work
- Tone and line – free mark making
- Achieving different textures with paint, mediums and mixed media
- Creating your own impression from a photograph
- Producing your own unique artwork with the techniques shown

\textbf{What now?}

1. Please email me:
2. Ring with queries.
3. Payment to confirm a position.

\textbf{Payment details:}

BSB 062692 Account no: 22820743
Reference: First and last name only

\textbf{Email:} annray2705@gmail.com
\textbf{Ph:} 0409215107