Hello everyone,

A great deal has been achieved already this term. I am inspired each day by the respectful and responsible manner with which the students engage in their learning. Staff continue to seek ways to constantly improve. Thank you to the parent body for your continued support of the College.

Confirming recent staffing adjustments. Mrs Jane O’Geary will replace Mrs Clare Vant on maternity leave in PE/RE from Easter. There will be some adjustments to teaching loads to ensure all classes are adequately covered. Brendon Greatz has been appointed Year 9 leader from that time. Brendon brings a wealth of leadership experience and will do a fine job. Congratulations.

Mrs Marni Milne will be Acting Principal from March 21st for the last 3 weeks of term, whilst I’m on Long Service Leave. Ms Meredith Lewis will be Acting Assistant Principal during this time. Generously, both ladies will retain their teaching loads. Whilst on leave, my wife and I have the great privilege of visiting my eldest daughter who is currently studying in New York City USA.

Prior to this leave, I have been asked by the CSO to attend an Emerging Principal’s Conference next Wednesday to Friday.

All teaching and non-teaching staff this week have received notification that they are required to attend a “Whole of System Conference” in Wagga Wagga on April 26th and 27th. This will mean that classes for all students in term 2 will commence on Thursday 28th April. The theme of the conference is Nourish2Thrive and will focus purely on staff well-being for Body or Mind or Spirit. A number of our music students have registered for a camp in the 2nd week of the April holidays and then will perform as part of the liturgical celebrations at the staff conference.

The College teaching staff will work to embed the “PEEL” model into student paragraph writing. I would ask parents to familiarise themselves with this model. We believe this will be of great assistance to student writing outcomes, an area identified from NAPLAN scores as requiring particular emphasis.

Let us continue to challenge ourselves to make significant contributions to Caritas Australia through Project Compassion donations in the lead up to Easter.

Thanks. I’ll see you all next term

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Seb Spina
Principal
IMPORTANT NEW ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

The Education Act (1990) requires parents to ensure that children of compulsory school age attend school each day that the school is open for instruction. If children are absent from school, parents/carers are required to provide the school with an acceptable explanation within seven days of the absence.

Due to recent changes to government policy, commencing Term One 2016, there are now new, more stringent regulations regarding student absences from school. All parents are asked to take note of the following information:

- Should a total of 5 absences be recorded, your child’s teacher will notify the principal.
- In the event that a child is absent for 10 days in any calendar year, parents/carers will be contacted regarding the absences.
- If a child is absent for a total of 12 days in any calendar year, a letter is sent to the parents/carers to arrange a meeting. An attendance plan is developed. It is signed by all involved (Principal (delegate), teacher/student welfare, parent/carer and student). Copies of this plan are distributed to all.
- If absences reach 20 days in a school year, a meeting will take place with the student, his/her parents and the principal. This meeting will take place with the student, his/her parents and the principal. This meeting may be attended by representatives from the Catholic Schools Office, Wagga. Legal proceedings may commence.

From the Assistant Principal

Uniform and Appearance
Most students continue to wear their College uniform with pride. Piercings, other than a single piercing in each ear, are also not permitted at the College. If parents have any questions surrounding these expectations, please feel free to contact me through the College Office.

Lockdown and Evacuation Drill
All students and staff will participate in a Lockdown and Evacuation drill on the Thursday of week 9, Thursday 24 March, during period 5. The procedures for this drill will be explained to all students at a full school assembly.

Student Faith Formation
The College has been very fortunate to have Fr Anthony present at Saint Francis this term to promote student faith formation. Year 7 and 12 have participated in Year Masses in the Chapel and all of Year 8 participated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation yesterday. Students in year 8 will engage in a Year Mass next Tuesday. Students in years 9, 10 and 11 will also have Year Masses this term.

Next Friday, March 18, all of Year 8 will be attending a FULL DAY SEMINAR in the Hall periods 1 - 4 and then in single sex groups for period 5. The seminar is entitled Love and Life and is presented by an organisation called Real Talk.

Real Talk is an organisation that is all about getting REAL on the topics of sex, relationships and personal identity. Based on Catholic Christian values, Real Talk provides up-to-date resources, presentations and programs that help young people to understand God’s amazing plan for love and life.

Year 8 may wear sports uniform on this day.

Kind Regards,
Marni Milne
Welcome speech by Mary Sandral – School Captain

Good morning/afternoon, parents and students

My name is Mary Sandral, I am a boarder from Oaklands and have attended St Francis since Year 7. It is my great pleasure to be able to welcome you to St Francis College and I would like to extend my thanks for your attendance today.

Firstly, I would like to reassure you that six years ago I sat in the same place as each and every one of you. The eldest in my family, I sat nervous as the only student from my school and wondered how I was ever going to find my way around after glancing around at the sheer immensity of the college. However, I can assure you that almost immediately the inclusive St Francis community became my family, the school, my home away from home.

As students, we feel a sense of pride in being members of the St Francis College community. Whether it be pulling on the school Guernsey for representative sport, immersing oneself in the creative arts through our annual ‘Showcase’ or simply the multitude of activities involved in day to day college life – this immense sense of pride is manifested through every aspect of life at St Francis.

St Francis College offers a quality education for all students, which provides them with the opportunity to reach their academic goals. But, further than this, I personally feel the inherent sense of belonging that the caring environment of St Francis fosters among its students provides a nurturing and supportive atmosphere for the personal, academic, social and spiritual growth of all students.

Led by a team of dedicated staff who go above and beyond the call of duty, St Francis places importance on the learning of all students.

Furthermore, our inclusive school community also seeks to instill core values of respect, service and compassion among students through an emphasis on pastoral care. Students are encouraged to live their faith through social justice and become active members not only in the school community but also in the wider communities that the college encompasses – from the Leeton community itself to the many towns from across the Riverina that make up the tight-knit boarding community.

And perhaps that is the special thing about our school; we are more than just a school, more than simply just classrooms and curriculum. St Francis possesses a unique culture:

It is who we are and what we represent.

It is the belief that each and every person at our school is important.

It is the endless opportunities available at our fingertips and the ‘have a go’ attitude embedded in our school motto, ‘courage and perseverance.’

It is the positive relationships students forge with teachers centered on mutual respect and the common goal to improve the learning outcomes of students.

It is the friendships formed and the identities shaped.

Identities shaped by an environment conducive to the formation of well-rounded and respectful individuals.

Looking back on my own time at St Francis, this school has shaped the person I am today and I am forever grateful for the life-long friendships I have formed here and the opportunities the school has presented me with. I can therefore say with confidence that whoever you are and wherever you want to go, St Francis will provide you with the opportunities and support to enable you to achieve your goals.

Thank you again for your time and hopefully we will see you at St Francis next year.

Welcome speech by Thomas Dore – School Captain

Good morning/afternoon everyone, and welcome to the Saint Francis College Open day for 2016. Firstly I would just like to start by sharing my experience of coming to St Francis. I grew up in Urana, which for any of you who may not know, it’s about 100 k’s that way. I attended the Catholic Primary school in town, along with about 20 other students, so the prospect of coming to St Francis for me was daunting, but predominantly exciting… mainly because I would have a few more people to kick the footy with.

As I have come to discover, St Francis is a diverse community where likeminded young people can be found and every student can feel as important as the next. This inclusive culture is fostered throughout the entire schooling body, particularly through programs such as Peer support and mentoring, in which older students assist those in younger year groups to find their feet within the schooling community.

This inclusive culture is showcased at what is undeniably the highlight of the school year- the swimming carnival. When the whole school comes together, with everyone feeling as though they are a valued member of the community, and expresses such immense school spirit, it makes us all proud to be students of St Francis.

Furthermore, St Francis offers opportunities for everyone. We as students are privileged to have teachers who are so dedicated to their work, giving everyone the opportunity to learn and reach our academic potential; whether that be a very academic student scoring a 99 ATAR, or the student who has always struggled at school, but finishes year 12, and goes on to university.

Along with academic opportunities, students are able to partake and achieve in an array of extra-curricular activities. These include the arts, including drama and music, sports, including Aussie Rules, League, Soccer, Netball, Cricket, athletics, swimming and more, and other activities including debating, mock trial and chess club.

Above all though, those who come through St Francis become better people for the experience, as the St Francis atmosphere allows everyone to grow into respectful, responsible, socially aware and friendly individuals.

Again, thank you for making the effort to visit St Francis today, and we look forward to hopefully welcoming you into the St Francis community in 2017.

"Celebrating 60 years of Excellence in Catholic Education"
Welcome speech by Chloe Buchanan – Boarding School Captain

Good morning everyone, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all and thank you for coming today to visit our wonderful school. It is my absolute pleasure to talk to you today about the Boarding House here at St Francis College. Our boarding community is a caring environment in a country atmosphere where we are encouraged to be compassionate in recognizing and responding to the needs of others with generosity and integrity.

As a boarding student, you become part of a very special community. This community will ultimately become your family away from home, who will always be there to support you through all obstacles life may throw your way and the good times as well. Not only will you build numerous friendships, you will form unbreakable bonds that will, without a doubt, last entire lifetimes.

As a 12 year old, high school was a daunting new experience that I was not entirely confident about. However, the boarding school community enabled me to develop independence, tolerance and strengthened individual characteristics. Life lessons such as making my bed, cleaning up after myself and being on time, offered me a chance to take responsibility of myself and developing my sense of self and individuality.

The boarding community does not only provide the opportunity for personal, social and spiritual growth but also physical and academic opportunities. Here at Saint Francis College, the study regime for boarders of both junior and senior is one of envy amongst the day students. The 1.5 hour time allowed for juniors and 2 hours for seniors, guarantees students with an opportunity to complete their daily homework, assessment tasks and study. The mandatory study periods will ensure that students will complete every bit of work, whether they like it or not! We are very fortunate to have the assistance of numerous resources, such as the Library, teaching staff, boarding staff and classrooms that are provided for your child’s educational benefit. Boarding students have the opportunity to take part in extra curriculum activities outside of the boarding community, such as the many local sporting and cultural community organizations, music and singing tuition and many more.

Throughout the past 5 years of being a boarder at St Francis, I am proud to say that I have enjoyed every minute. I am so grateful for the endless opportunities and the education both academically and individually that St Francis has provided me with.

Thank you very much, have a lovely rest of the day.

Welcome speech by Matthew Kelly – Boarding School Captain

Welcome everyone: today I’ve been given the privilege on behalf of the boarding school to welcome you and give you an understanding of what’s it is like to be a boarding student at this great school.

Our country based school holds great influence on all students who attend. The Community that drives this great school is something you cannot understand until you experience it yourself. Often, as students we hear Mr Hopper talk about the ‘family’ our community holds, which I would definitely agree on. Personally the year 12 cohort that I am a part of, I certainly see as my family. I can talk to anyone about anything and always feel welcomed and respected by my peers.

The daily life of a boarder begins when school finishes, afternoons as a boarding can be pretty well anything, with numerous sporting and academic options available or just to play with your friends, kicking the footy or going down the street for the afternoon. Collo, the bus driver will take you pretty much anywhere, you name place and time and he will make sure you get there. For dinner you can expect a variety of good satisfying meals from Cheffy.

Next would be the study regime which the boarding school prides itself on. Each student has access to the library and help from the trusty supervisors. As seen with last year’s boarding students excelling in their HSC, with many achieving top marks, proving the study regime is beneficial. After study, a bit of free time in the boarding rooms is allowed with the recreational rooms providing a positive meeting environment with various games available such as pool or table tennis. Lights out occurs at various times across the boarders depending on the year levels. Morning wake up is at 7:00 am with breakfast at 7:30. Back upstairs after breakfast to prepare for the school day gathering books and computers.

Altogether, myself only coming to Saint Francis in year ten, was a big decision and wasn’t sure of doing so, but honestly making the move to this school as a boarder is one of the best decisions I made in my life. Saint Francis Boarding school has provided me with a family and mate ship and education that I am sure will last a lifetime. I’m proud to say I attend Saint Francis and have loved every minute of it.

Thankyou
I would like to congratulate Year 9 on the way they have begun the first seven weeks of the term. Although there are some who can still show improvement there has been a positive atmosphere amongst the Year 9 cohort. Let’s continue this positive vibe as we start to head towards the end of Term One.

Congratulations to Crack’s Champions who took out the Year 9 basketball competition on Wednesday morning (see picture.)

Unexplained lateness is starting to become a bit of a problem amongst some students. A reminder that the school day commences at 9:00am every morning with Pastoral. Pastoral is a time where students pray, listen to the messages and build relationships with other members of that pastoral including the teacher. It is disappointing to hear some student’s reactions of: “It’s only Pastoral, I’m not missing out on anything.” Those students who are continually late to school without an explanation may be placed on a Co-ordinator detention and/or after school detention.

What’s happening next week? (Week 8)

- Religion & English Task due this week
- Tuesday 15th March: Year 7-9 League Tag (Griffith)
- Wednesday 16th March: St Francis vs Leeton High, No. 1 oval (League Tag & Rugby League) 5:30pm
- Thursday 17th March: Diocesan Soccer (Griffith)
  Shakespeare presentation (period 5)

If you are having concerns please do not hesitate to contact myself via email: vantc@ww.catholic.edu.au or phone: 69533622.

Mrs Clare Vant
Year 9 Leader

Year 9 HSIE excursion to Jindabyne, Mt Kosciusko and Canberra is Tuesday 29th November to Thursday 1st December. Please put this on your calendar. All Students are expected to attend and booking have been made, If for any reason your child cannot attend please contact Mrs Preston as a matter of urgency.

URGENT MESSAGE FOR BOARDING PARENTS REGARDING MEDICAL/DENTAL/PHYSIO APPOINTMENTS

It would be appreciated if any appointments requiring transport from school NOT be made during the period of 11.45am and 1.15pm.

Thanks
Hi All

Heaps of things happening in the Careers Department this week. A big reminder about our annual Careers University Expo night to be held next Thursday starting at 6pm for year 12 students and their parents in the ARC.

Riverina TAFE:

Josie from Riverina TAFE presented to all our students about TAFE options/pathways and short courses. We had many students attend.

FUTURES R US:

We are into our 5th week of our work ready program. The students were fortunate to have Sue Molyneaux from Casella’s Winery to come in and present about how to plan and present yourself in an interview. Sue also talked about how to go about applying for a job. I would like to thank Sue for her time and professionalism. Our Futures R Us students will be attending their interview in 2 weeks.

SBAT sign up:

Congratulations to Andrew Woodham on his Information Digital Technology School based traineeship sign up. A big thank-you to all involved in the process. (Vanessa Creece VET COORDINATOR SFC/ Sharree McCormick CSO/ Jodie Ryan VERTO/ Josie Marks RIVERINA TAFE/ Graham Heffer- Business Management and Seb Spina SFC PRINCIPAL.)
Before enrolling in the Mondulkiri Community Health Program, supported by Caritas Australia, young midwife Sreymom lacked the practical experience necessary to safely assist childbirth. Now, with the skills and knowledge gained through the program, Sreymom is a trusted midwife who is helping to improve the health of indigenous women and children in her region.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help healthcare workers in isolated areas of Cambodia gain vital training to improve the health and wellbeing of the region’s indigenous women and children. You can donate through School boxes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.
AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK CENTRE

St Francis College AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK CENTRE is open from 3.30pm to 5pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the ARC (from Week 3, Term 1 to Week 9, Term 1). All students are welcome to participate (with parental knowledge and permission).

The Homework Centre has two SFC teachers running it with a staff of eight that will work on a rotational basis. Students are required to sign in and out and be responsible in organising their transport home at 5pm.

Students are required to bring homework and/or assessment tasks to the Homework Centre to work on. The room is one of the computer rooms on campus and students will be able to access these resources. If you require more information about the Homework Centre please contact the College Office or Mrs Creece, Homework Centre Co-ordinator on 02 6953 3622 or via office@sfcww.catholic.edu.au

Want help with Maths?

Maths teachers are available in the homework centre to help you.

Come to the ARC from 3:30pm-5:00pm on the days below.

Bring along your Maths books.

For help with:
- your homework,
- work you have missed
- work that you don’t understand fully.

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**BUSD 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 if I have a copy of your application on hand… thank you, Ms Denise Campton

**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/- Ms Denise Campton) 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 Ms Campton at the College Office camptond@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 Ms Campton 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.

**Week 8 – Term 1 TT2 Calendar of Events**

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**Canteen Roster Week 8: Term 1**

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"Celebrating 60 years of Excellence in Catholic Education"
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 10.00am 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.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER RETURN

Name: ................................................................. Student’s Name: .................................................................

Phone Number/s: ................................................................. Pastoral/Year: .................................................................

I am able to help at the St Francis Canteen [ ]

Please CIRCLE the DAY you would prefer:

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

Times per TERM: Twice a Term [ ]

One per Term [ ]

I do not wish to serve on the Counter. [ ]

I am willing to help in an EMERGENCY YES [ ] NO [ ]

Signed: ............................................................................. Date: .................................................................

If out of town Volunteers wish to travel together please indicate below:

NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE

ST JOSEPH’S DEBUTANTE BALL

Friday, June 10th 2016

INFORMATION EVENING

for interested debutantes and a parent will be held

7.30pm on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at

Madonna Place

To discuss arrangements. Names will be taken at that time.

Girls must be in year 12 or 17 years old by June 30, 2016.

Enquires: Polly Greatz 6953 4023
## YEAR 12 MID COURSE EXAM TIMETABLE 2016

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- **BACK TO NORMAL CLASSES PERIOD 3 WEDNESDAY (6th April) AFTER THE MATHS EXAM**
- **STUDY MAY BE DONE IN THE NEW LIBRARY**
- **YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED ON CAMPUS IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN EXAM.**
- **STUDENTS STUDYING THROUGH DISTANCE EDUCATION WILL HAVE THEIR EXAM TIMETABLE FOR THOSE SUBJECTS NEGOTIATED WITH MRS HAMMOND, UNLESS THEY APPEAR ON THIS TIMETABLE.**

"Celebrating 60 years of Excellence in Catholic Education"
Dear Parents/Guardians,

RE: ‘Love and Life’ Seminar/Reflection Day (Years 7-8)

We have been invited by your school to come and facilitate a seminar or reflection day. This will be on the topics of self worth, personal identity, good decision-making, love and relationships. Appreciating the important and irreplaceable role you play as parents, we would like to share with you a little about Real Talk and the content we present.

**Real Talk is an organisation that is all about getting REAL on the topics of sex, relationships and personal identity.** Based on Catholic Christian values, Real Talk provides up-to-date resources, presentations and programs that help young people to understand God’s amazing plan for love and life.

It is important for young people to know that they are of great value, that they have a purpose and also for them to have an understanding of the topics of relationships and sex. Young people today receive countless mixed messages about these topics, and can be unaware or confused about the precious gift they hold. *(Cf: Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1632; Sacred Congregations for Catholic Education, 1997, 18)*

**We appreciate the importance of the role of parents in the education of their children.** Our aim is to complement and not replace, the present instruction of your children. *(Cf: Familiaris Consortio, 37)*

**Real Talk’s Love and Life Seminars/Days** are an opportunity for young people to hear from trained outside presenters about these topics. Real Talk presents this topic in a fun, interactive and contemporary way whilst being real and honest with the students. We seek to encourage and empower students to make positive choices that show respect for others and for themselves.

**Please be reassured** this day focuses on topics that are relevant to this age group. In specific, our middle school ‘love and life’ sessions include the following elements and topics:

- Being created in the image and likeness of God
- Self worth and appreciating diversity (others and ourselves)
- Making good choices based on respect and love of self and neighbour
- The impact of the media on how we see ourselves and how we act
- The importance of our bodies the value and meaning of sexual body language
- The beauty of healthy relationships and the biblical teaching on sex and marriage
- Fun activities and games
- Personal sharing from the presenters
- Multimedia, reflection and discussion

Valuing your role as parents, the purpose of informing you is in part to allow for pre and post discussion with your child. If you have any queries about your child’s suitability or the content of the seminar, please contact your school or check out our website at [www.realtalkaustralia.com](http://www.realtalkaustralia.com).

It is a great honour to speak into the lives of the young people we present to. We look forward to meeting your child / children soon!

Kind regards,

Paul Ninnes (Managing Director, Real Talk Australia)
Leeton Shire Council invites you to:
Harmony Day Event 2016

Sunday 20th March ...... 12:00 – 3:00pm
at
St Francis College, Yanco Ave, Leeton

Come and enjoy the food from different cultures,
the fun of the activities
and the pleasure of meeting new friends

The colour for Harmony Day is orange.

Harmony means friendship, peace, unity, understanding,
compatibility, cooperation.....

Harmony Day gives us a chance to think about our acceptance
and respect for the differences of others around us.

Harmony Day gives us an excuse to celebrate the diversity and
differences within our Australian multicultural society.
Each of us can embrace our own culture and traditions while
coming together in unity to appreciate those of others.

For more information please contact - Nateaka Blake,
Leeton Shire Council - phone 6953 0951

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Urana Community Inspirational Event

**Topic:** The Inspirational and Entertaining Show!
Welcome to an uplifting, inspiring and fun SHOW that will have you laughing out loud, and feeling great about who you are today while feeling challenged about who you can be tomorrow! You can expect to be taken on a lively, fun and spell binding journey that will stir your emotions, revive your spirit and empower you to take action on the messages from the event. Julie shares powerful real life stories in her down to earth, unique and sometimes, comical style reminding the audience about the impact they have on the people around them and how we lead ourselves to success and happiness.

**Date:** Saturday 2nd April 2016
**Time:** 7:30pm
**Venue:** Urana Memorial Hall

**Your Investment:** $40
(includes entertainment, finger food, complimentary drink on arrival & lucky door prizes)

**Your support:** Help Emma cross the Simpson Desert and raise funds for JDRF

This AWESOME EVENT is being brought to the community to Fundraise for the Born To Run Foundation-raising funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund. The Big Red Run is a 250km, 6 day Simpson Desert Ultra Marathon. The foundation seeks to raise money for research into finding a cure for Type 1 Diabetes, as well as raising awareness of the disease with an emphasis on leading an active and healthy lifestyle as an important component of managing diabetes and reducing its long term complications. Greg Donovan was the Urana Shire 2015 Australia Day Ambassador and is the founder of this fantastic foundation.

So please, do yourself a favor (and bring a friend or two) and come and see this FANTASTIC SPEAKER deliver a message that will send you home with a different outlook on life and a new energy to take on anything and everything. From the everyday tasks and demands of family, work and life in general to that something big that has been sitting at the back of your mind……

For tickets & info please contact Emma Jones on 0269208466 or 0429208464 before 1st April 2016
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Research Participants Needed

Conscious and unconscious attitudes: Do you know your own attitude?

Did you know that there is often a difference between people’s conscious and unconscious attitudes? We want to find out more about this!

You are invited to participate in a study of Australians’ attitudes to different ethnic groups. You will complete a questionnaire about conscious aspects of your attitude to one group, and you will also complete a test of your unconscious attitude. After doing the test, we will give feedback on your unconscious attitude to that group.

This is a computer-based test. All you need is a computer and an internet connection. Oh, and your own attitude.

To find out more and do the survey, please visit our site at:

http://tinyurl.com/attitudes2016

This research has been approved by the Human Ethics Research Committee at the University of New England (approval number HE16-0111, valid to 22/02/2017).

It takes 15 minutes, and all participants are entered in a draw for one of three $50 Coles/Myer vouchers.
Festival Bingo
John O’Brien Hall

Friday 18th March at 7pm
Doors open at 6.00pm

$200 guaranteed Jackpot
$50 final Whinger’s Special
Cash prize each house

Refreshments & light supper available at a small cost from 6pm on onwards
Children very welcome

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