



Newsletter

From the Principal....

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

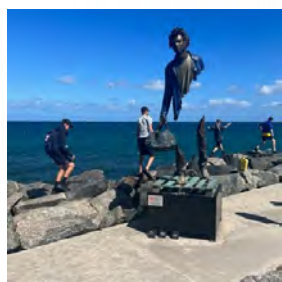
As we approach the end of Term 1, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to everyone in our school community for making me feel so welcome. It has been an incredible first term, and I am privileged to lead such a dynamic and supportive team of staff, who work hard to support students and engage with parents.

Events and Excursions

It has been a busy term with plenty of activities and events for our students. At the start of the term, we welcomed our new families with a morning tea. This event provided an opportunity for new families to get to know each other, the staff, and the school community.

Our students have participated in several excursions such as Stand-Up Paddle Boarding, Sculptures by the Sea, and the twice weekly sport sessions. I would like to thank all the staff who work

so hard to provide experiences beyond the classroom for our students. It is their dedication and commitment that makes our school such a wonderful place for students to learn and grow.



In Week 7 we welcomed representatives from the National Education Commission, Catholic Education Commission Western Australia and CEWA to the School. St Francis' School was chosen as the CARE school for CEWA to showcase the great work which happens in Catholic CARE schools.

The visitors had lunch with the students and spent time in classrooms speaking with staff and students, to gain an understanding of the impact our school has on engaging young people in education.

City of Gosnells Education Scholarship

Each year, the City of Gosnells provides an Educational Scholarship of \$500 for a student who lives in the City of Gosnells and is enrolled at St Francis's School. The scholarship is awarded to a student in either Year 11 or Year 12 and acknowledges the importance of education and the students' dedication to their education. The recipient of the Scholarship for St Francis' School for 2023 was Ordacia Glindemann. Congratulations to Ordacia.

Term 2 Dates

Looking ahead to Term 2, I would like to remind you of some important dates.

Monday 24 April - Staff

Wednesday, 26 April – students return (***Please note that this is a change to the calendar published date of 27 April***)

Wednesday, 10 May – parent teacher student meetings

Friday, 2 June - student-free day

Monday, 5 June - WA Day

Friday, 30 June – Excursion with St Clare's School

As we approach Easter, I would like to remind our Catholic School Community about the importance of this time of year. It is a time for reflection, renewal, and hope. Let us take this opportunity to reflect on the message of Easter and remind ourselves that the resurrection of Jesus can provide us with hope and joy.

Finally, I would like to wish all our families a safe and blessed holiday break. Please take the time to relax and enjoy this special time with your loved ones. We look forward to seeing our students return for Term 2, rested and ready to learn.

Warm regards,
Sara Jennings



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If your son or daughter is absent, please contact the school on 9262 4421 before 9:30am.

A medical certificate is required for absences of 2 or more consecutive days, or when requested by the school.

If you are picking up your son/daughter during school hours, please notify the school prior to your arrival.

You must come to Reception to sign them out. We will not allow them to leave school grounds without written or verbal permission.

Our Address:

10 Alloa Road
Maddington WA 6109

Phone: 08 9262 4421

Fax: 08 9262 4411

Absentees:

absentee@stfs.wa.edu.au

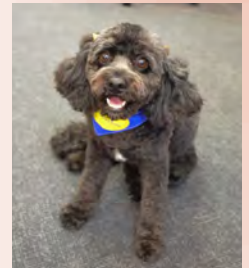
Email:

admin@stfs.wa.edu.au

Website:

www.stfs.wa.edu.au

Around the School in Term 1...



Let us always meet each other with a smile, for a smile is the beginning of love.

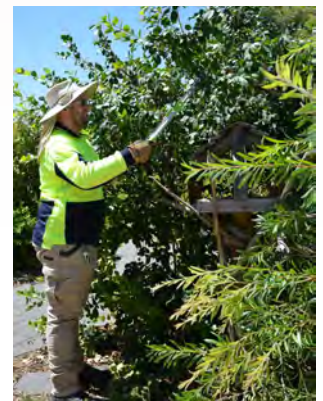
Mother Teresa



Thank you to our Groundsperson Matthew for everything he has done for St Francis' School.

Sadly, Matthew is moving to another school so we won't be seeing him at STFS anymore.

We wish him all the best for the future and we hope he enjoys his new position at Santa Maria College in Attadale.



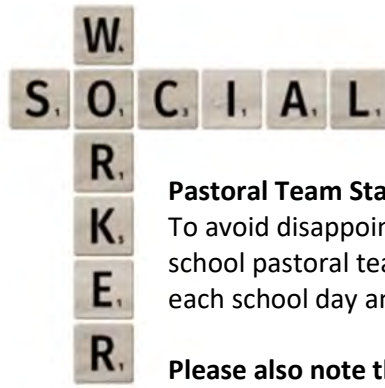
IMPORTANT DATES

Interim Reports posted.....Apr 6
Last Day Term 1 Students.....Apr 6
Last Day Term 1 Staff.....Apr 6
Good Friday.....Apr 7
Easter Sunday.....Apr 9
ANZAC Day.....Apr 25

First Day Term 2 Staff.....Apr 24
First Day Term 2 Students.....Apr 26
Parent/Teacher/Student
Meetings.....May 10
Road Safety Week.....May 15 - 19
National Sorry Day.....May 26
National Reconciliation
Week.....May 27– June 3
Service Day #1.....May 31
Staff PD (student Free Day)....June 2
Public Holiday - WA Day.....June 5

Last Day Term 2.....June 30
(Staff and Students)

First Day Term 3 Staff.....July 17
First Day Term 3 Students.....July 18



By Debbie Iacozza



Pastoral Team Staff Hours

To avoid disappointment please be advised the school pastoral team are unavailable after 4.30 pm each school day and on weekends.

Please also note that the Pastoral Team will not be available during the school holidays

If assistance is required please contact the relevant 24 hour support numbers below.:

Emergency 000 or go to any Hospital Emergency Department
Crisis Care: 9223 1111

Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467

Lifeline: 13 11 14

Mental Health Emergency Response Line: 1300
555 788

Youth Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636

Kids Help Line: 1800 551 800

Health Direct (information/advice): 1800 022 222



Respect Responsibility Belief Belonging

- The principles of St Francis' School -

Our School Prayer

St Francis,

*Help me to jump into this
day, full of joy and hope.*

*Help me to see every
problem as a learning
opportunity.*

*To myself and others, let
me show respect, act
responsibly, believe in
myself and learn to belong
to our school community.*

Amen

What are you thinking?

We have between 12-60,000 thoughts a DAY. This is 2,500 thoughts each hour or 42 thoughts each minute.

85% of these are negative

"I can't do this" "I look silly" "I'm not good enough"

95% of these thoughts are repetitive thoughts from the previous day

"I can't do this" "I look silly" "I'm not good enough"

Thoughts, feelings and behaviours are connected. It is our thoughts that create our feelings which influence our behaviours.

Our mind can be the biggest challenge and obstacle, yet we create these for ourselves with our thoughts. You will never speak to anyone more than you speak to yourself in your head. Be kind to yourself.

Practice on focusing on creating positive thoughts.

If we consciously catch a negative thought and say the opposite of what's in our head (even out loud) – "I can do this, I'm great, I'm good enough".

OR

If we commit to a small change in our behaviour we will challenge negative self-talk, create new patterns of thinking and feeling in our brain, encouraging belief and possibility for ourselves.

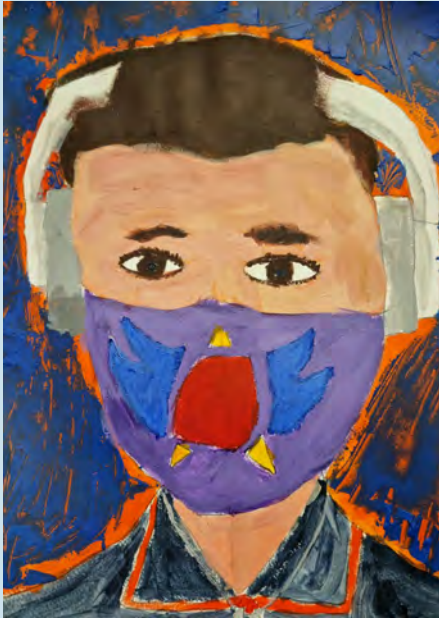
What better excuse than a Harmony Day celebration to make two big fat pavlovas?! Yes there's debate as to whether it's an Aussie tradition or Kiwi, but seeing as though we have both here at school, we covered all bases!

Pavlova is basically a big, gooey-centered meringue, made complete with generous dollops of fresh cream. Finally decorated by all of your favourite fruits

Beautifully decorated by our year ten boys Tyler and Liam. Splendid job boys! They tasted as good as they looked.



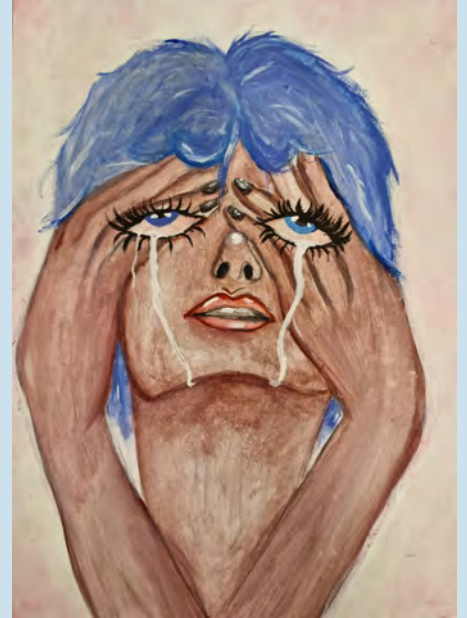
Term One in the Art Room is all about trying new things, getting out of our comfort zones and experiencing new processes. Here we see art made with charcoal, ink, textured paint and lino ink. Students are to be congratulated for having a go and they have achieved great things.



Self Portrait Archer Yr12



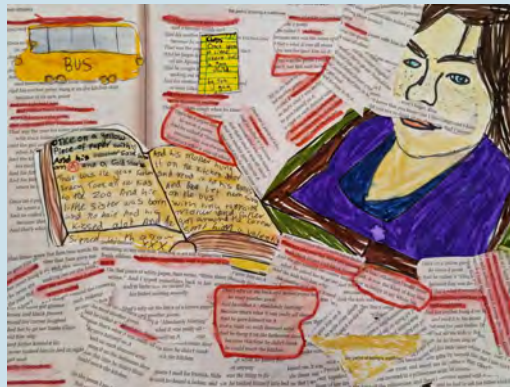
(Text in Art) Charlie Yr11



(Ink) Cassie Yr11



(Still Life in Charcoal)
Year 10s



(Text in Art)
Matilda Yr12



(Lino Ink) - Taj Yr11

In The Workshop

by Mr David Willock

Workshop

A new project to the Certificate II Engineering Pathways programme is the junior hacksaw. Students showcased their hand skills using a variety of tools and machinery. A number of these hacksaws were completed this term; well done to Archer, Taj and Jeremy as their practical skills were excellent.



As part of the Certificate II Engineering Pathways programme, students design and build a project of their own choice. Ordacia's project was started last year and had a few finishing touches to be completed this year. A lot of planning goes into the final work piece, researching ideas, selecting materials, drawing plans and writing production processes. Ordacia challenged herself, building a complicated shelving unit and this project is turned out to be a very impressive piece. Well done, Ordacia.



Y10 Service

The Year 10's have been building outdoor benches for two group homes, one out in Swanview and the other at Mariginiup. The Year 10's created a record as we have never completed two benches in a term and are now working on the third. Between them over 50 hours of service was completed and this will appear on their statement of results when they finish Year 12. Thanks to Tyler, Ethan, Micky, Samara, Liam and Taj for their efforts.



ABILITY
is what you're capable of doing

MOTIVATION
determines what you do

ATTITUDE
determines how well you do it



Religious Education

At St Francis' School, spirituality is part of every day life. It's in the decisions we make, the standards we uphold for ourselves and it is also underlying our School Principles -

Respect, Responsibility, Belief and Belonging

During Year 10 Religious Education in Term 1, we focused on practical ways that people participate in God's creations from social justice to sustainability to appreciation of creation. Students had some great ideas and there were some really fantastic class discussions.

Term 1 is also the time where we celebrate the most important time of year for Catholics - Easter.

On Ash Wednesday, the school held a liturgy to commemorate the beginning of Lent and the 40 days leading up to Easter. Our Groundsman Matthew facilitated the liturgy and many students and staff took part in receiving ashes.

During the liturgy, we heard a passage from the Gospel where Jesus reminds us that change is not for show or to gain approval from others. We live in a world of attention seekers who constantly seek approval from others to feel better about themselves.

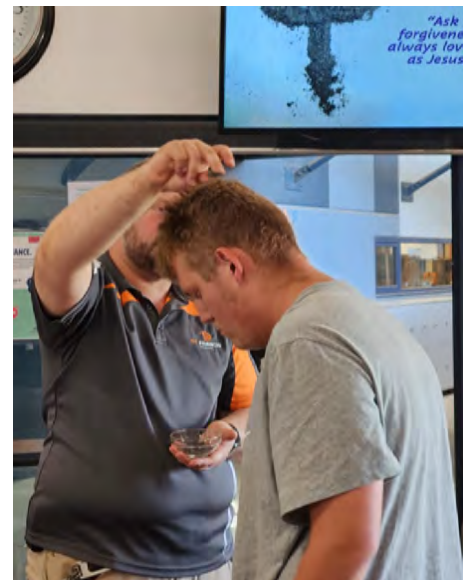
Matthew reminded us that change comes from inside of us and Lent reminds us that we need to think deeper about our lives and what we can do for others.

He challenged us to, instead of giving something up for Lent (as many people do), try and do something nice for each of the 40 days leading up to Easter. It could be something as simple as holding a door open for someone or telling someone they look nice today, to cooking a meal for your family or spending time with someone you don't see often. You could donate that change in your pocket to Project Compassion or even pick up a piece of rubbish as you walk to school.

WHERE DO THE ASHES COME FROM?

The ashes come from THE BLESSED PALMS used during the PALM SUNDAY celebration of the previous year.

Be the positive change you want to see in the World.



From the STFS Admin Team...

STFS Administration will be closed from 4pm Thursday 6th April reopening on Thursday 20th April 2023. Should you have any queries during this time, please call and leave a message or alternatively, please email admin@stfs.wa.edu.au

Take some time for yourself, get outside and enjoy this beautiful weather.

Have a safe & Happy Easter.

Kate & Jodi
STFS Admin



The word 'School' in a large, black, cursive font above the word 'FEES' in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. The letters 'F', 'E', 'E', and 'S' are each on a separate wooden block.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT SCHOOL FEES

Full payment for school fees are due now unless you have an Approved Payment Arrangement.

If you are unable to pay your fees by the end of April, please contact Jodi at Admin to arrange a payment plan as soon as possible.

A huge **Thank you** to those parents who have paid their 2023 fees or have organised a payment plan. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Students Leaving Early

At STFS, we encourage our students to take responsibility for themselves and their actions. At times, we have students calling or messaging parents during classes or break times asking to be picked up or to leave the school and go home.

Should students feel the need to go home (for whatever reason), we ask that they speak to their Advocate Teacher or a member of the Pastoral Care Team who will try and provide support and encourage them to stay at school.

If a student needs to go home or be picked up, parents will be contacted by a member of staff who will advise of the situation and seek approval for the student to be dismissed from school.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school when you receive a call or message from your son/daughter. We are happy to work with them so they can remain at school for as long as possible.