



Important Dates

Kings Birthday
Public Holiday
Monday 9 June 2025

Information Session
- Parent
Engagement Group
and Community &
Industry Partnership
Group - 5.30-
6.30pm
Wednesday 11 June 2025

MFS Road
Awareness Session
(Year 11 students)
Wednesday 11 June 2025

Parent Engagement
Group and Industry
Partnerships Group
Information Session
5.30-6.30pm
Wednesday 11 June 2025

Year 8 Medieval
Fair (lunchtime)
Friday 13 June 2025

College Board
Monday 16 June 2025

College Board
Meeting
Monday 16 June 2025

Knockout Cup
10/11 Boys Netball
Monday 16 June 2025

Knockout Cup 7/8
Girls Netball
Monday 16 June 2025

Yr 7 & Yr 10
Immunisation catch
up day
Wednesday 18 June 2025

IGNIS Ice Bucket
Challenge
Fundraiser
Wednesday 18 June 2025

Stage 2 Outdoor

Years 7 & 10 1st

Walkathon - Ignis

Year 10 Work

Education Bushwalk
Day

Thursday 19 June 2025

Dose Immunisation
Catch Up Day

Thursday 19 June 2025

Fundraiser (1pm-
3.15pm)

Friday 20 June 2025

Experience: 23-27
June

Monday 23 June 2025

Year 9 High Tea
Excursion

Monday 23 June 2025

Knockout Cup 7-9
Boys Netball

Tuesday 24 June 2025

Year 9 Girls STEM
excursion

Tuesday 24 June 2025

9-a-side Football

Friday 27 June 2025

Stage 2 (Year 11)
Outdoor Education
Bushwalking Camp:
30 June - 2 July

Monday 30 June 2025

Stage 2 Outdoor
Education Bushwalk
Camp (30 June-2
July)

Monday 30 June 2025

Ignis Parish Mass

Wednesday 2 July 2025

Year 9 Retreat

Wednesday 2 July 2025

Whole School
Assembly - 9am

Friday 4 July 2025

School Holidays (5-
20 July)

Saturday 5 July 2025

Term 3 Commences

Monday 21 July 2025

Stage 2 Outdoor
Education First Aid
Course

Tuesday 22 July 2025

Year 8 Retreat

Wednesday 30 July 2025

SACE Parent
Information Evening
- 6-7pm

Wednesday 30 July 2025

Yr 10 Second Dose
Immunisations

Wednesday 10 September
2025

SFOAC Athletics
Carnival

Friday 19 September 2025

SFOAC Swimming
Carnival

Friday 24 October 2025

REMEMBER If you are reading this newsletter from your email don't forget to click '*read more*' to expand your view and access all of our feature photos!

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge that we meet today on Meru Country, and recognise the Erawirung and Ngintait peoples as the Traditional Custodians of this land. We recognise their continuing connection to the earth and waters, and thank them for protecting this land and its ecosystems since time immemorial. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging and extend that respect to all First Nation peoples present here today.



From the Principal

Pentecost: A Celebration of the Holy Spirit

This Sunday, June 8th marks Pentecost Sunday, which stands as one of the most profound celebrations in the Catholic Church, marking the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, as narrated in the Acts of the Apostles.

Occurring fifty days after Easter, Pentecost is often regarded as the birthday of the Church. It signifies the moment when the Apostles were empowered to spread the teachings of Christ to the world, transcending barriers of language and culture.

As we reflect on the meaning of this sacred day, let us remember the values of compassion, community, and love that the Holy Spirit inspires in us all.

On Wednesday Week 6, we came together to celebrate a whole school Mass in celebration of Pentecost with Fr Hau.

Staff Professional Learning Day

On Friday 6th of June, our educators spent a day of professional learning, with a focus on learning and teaching.

The focus of the day included:

- The collaborative moderation of assessment tasks to ensure consistency and alignment with curriculum standards.
- Ongoing development of high-quality assessment tasks that align with Australian Curriculum V9 Performance Standards and SACE Performance Standards.
- Continued development comprehensive unit plans that align with Australian Curriculum V9 and SACE, incorporating engaging, differentiated teaching strategies.

This day aligns to our collective vision for high excellence and equity at St Francis of Assisi College.

2026 Student Enrolments

Year 7 enrolment trends have continued to show significant growth in student numbers year on year since St Francis of Assisi College opened in 2022.

To support the College with planning for 2026 and to ensure your child's position, I invite parents and carers intending to enrol their child to contact our Enrolment Registrar, Claire Smith on 8595 4500, as soon as possible to begin the enrolment process for 2026.

There are also enrolments open in Years 8 – 12 for 2026.

Mr Nathan Hayes, Principal

Catholic Mission and Religious Identity

10 year Anniversary of Laudato Si

Last week, our College community gathered outdoors to mark the 10th anniversary of Laudato Si' - Pope Francis' encyclical on caring for our common home.

The liturgy, led by our students, was a meaningful celebration of this important milestone and a reminder of our shared responsibility to care for creation - a message deeply connected to the values of St Francis of Assisi.

To conclude the liturgy, students received Paper Seed Cards - a special memento symbolising growth, hope, and action for the Earth.

As a College community inspired by Laudato Si', we remain committed to nurturing a culture of ecological awareness, responsibility, and stewardship in all we do.

IGNIS Fundraiser Events – Vinnies Winter Appeal

Get ready to support our IGNIS Walk-A-Thon on Friday Week 8 (20th June) during Lessons 7 & 8! Sponsorship forms have been sent home to families - every step makes a difference, so encourage your child to get involved and raise funds for a great cause. The canteen will be open at lunchtime, so students can grab a bite before the big walk.

In the lead-up to the Walk-A-Thon, don't miss our student-led Ice Bucket Challenge on Wednesday 18th June! Students can vote for which teacher or leader they want to see take the plunge - 1 perishable food item = 1 vote. All donations will go toward Vinnies Winter Appeal, supporting those in need within our wider community.

Parish Picnic Invitation

All are invited to the Olor Parish Picnic at Barmera this year on the 8th June 2025. This is an annual event to come together as a parish to celebrate and connect with those outside our own towns.

A graphic for the Olor Parish Picnic. At the top, there is a banner of various national flags. Above the flags is a logo for 'OUR LADY OF THE RIVER CATHOLIC PARISH'. Below the flags, the text reads: 'Everyone invited to gather as we join together to celebrate our Olor Parish Picnic on Pentecost Sunday : 8th June 2025 beginning with a Multicultural Mass at 11am at St Joseph's School in Barmera'. At the bottom, a blue box contains the text: 'PLEASE BRING REFLECTING YOUR CULTURE: A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE AND A FLAG ALSO BYO DRINKS AND CHAIRS'.

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Pentecost Whole School Mass

This week, our College community gathered to celebrate Pentecost - the birthday of the Church and the moment when the Holy Spirit descended upon the followers of Jesus, filling them with courage and strength. Led by Fr Hau, the Mass was a joyful and prayerful

occasion that reminded us of the power of the Spirit in our lives today. To mark this special celebration, every student and staff member received a mini cupcake, each decorated with a small message of hope - symbols of the seeds of hope we are called to plant in the world through our words, actions, and faith.

Prayer for Pentecost

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful,
and kindle in us the fire of your love.

As you did on that first Pentecost,
breathe new life into us.

Give us courage when we are uncertain,
wisdom when we are confused,
and strength when we feel weak.

Help us to recognise your presence in our lives,
to speak with kindness,
to act with compassion,
and to live as people of hope.

May the gifts of your Spirit guide our community -
bringing peace, unity, and joy to all we do.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Mrs Isabella Trudgian, RE Coordinator



06.06.25

Walk-a-thon - Fundraiser for St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

We encourage students to seek sponsorship donations from family, friends, and local businesses by using the Sponsor Form handed out in Home Group recently. A copy is attached for your reference.

Students can also donate non-perishable items (e.g. soup cans, soup packets, spaghetti, baked beans, pasta, rice etc.) for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. These need to be brought into their Home Group before Friday 27th June.

We invite family, friends, and sponsors to attend our Walk-a-thon to support our students to complete their goal. You are welcome to walk with your child(ren). Before the event, the canteen will be open from 1:15pm with hot and cold drinks prepared by student baristas at our Coffee Café for sale (cash/EFTPOS available). Students will also have the option to pre-order a Hot Dog for lunch (please see order form attached). Orders are due back by Monday 16th June.

Thank you for your support! Please contact the College if you have any further queries.

[Walkathon Flyer](#)

[Walkathon Sponsorship Form](#)

[Can Drive and Donations of Warm Clothing Flyer](#)

[Hot Dog Lunch Pre-Order Form](#)

[Coffee Cafe Menu](#)

Leader of Learning

High Impact Instruction: Engaging Every Learner, Every Lesson

At St Francis of Assisi College, we are committed to delivering high quality teaching that supports the success of every student. As part of this commitment, our staff have recently engaged in professional learning focused on high impact instructional practices. These evidence-based strategies are designed to increase student engagement, deepen understanding, and ensure all students are actively involved in every aspect of their learning.

A key focus of this professional learning has been the use of full participation tactics. These include teaching strategies such as choral response, “track with me,” “I do, we do, you do,” pair-share, and the use of individual student whiteboards. These tools create a highly interactive classroom environment where students are consistently thinking, responding, and participating.

One particularly effective strategy is the use of whiteboards to check for understanding. During lessons, students quickly write responses and hold them up, allowing teachers to assess learning in real time. This immediate feedback helps identify students who may need additional support and allows teachers to adjust their teaching on the spot. It also gives every student the opportunity to contribute—making learning visible and inclusive.

The benefits to your child’s education are significant. Research shows that when students are regularly engaged through full participation, they retain more information, build stronger communication and critical thinking skills, and develop confidence in their abilities.

Our teachers are excited to implement these new strategies in their classrooms. They are committed to creating learning environments where every student is seen, heard, and supported. By embedding full participation into our daily practice, we are not only enhancing learning outcomes but also fostering a classroom culture where all students thrive.

We look forward to continuing this journey and seeing the positive impact on your child’s learning and growth.

Mrs Natalie Meuret, Leader of Learning





College Community Wellbeing

Immersion Days

We completed our Immersion program in Week 5 with visits from St Joseph's Renmark and St Joseph's Barmera who experienced a day at St Francis of Assisi enjoying lessons delivered by our teaching staff.

The next step in the Transition program is for Wrap Around Meetings to occur with students who require additional transition visits or have additional support needs.

If you are interested in a tour or enrolling your child, please contact Claire Smith, Executive Administrator on 8595 4500 or info@assisi.catholic.edu.au.

CyberSafe Workshop

Our Year 7 and Year 9 students were engaged in a workshop led by Todd Murfitt from Cybersafe Families that covered teaching digital responsibility, privacy, and online wellbeing.

The session aimed to upskill our students' digital literacy—giving them practical tools to navigate online spaces safely and confidently. Students were reminded of the importance of using technology responsibly, and taking active steps to protect their privacy across digital platforms.

Todd explored key concepts around Artificial Intelligence (AI), including the rise of DeepFakes and ChatBots, and how these technologies are increasingly shaping the online landscape. Students were encouraged to critically assess the information they encounter and to question the authenticity of digital content, particularly in an age where manipulated images and videos can be easily shared and believed.

A strong message throughout the workshop was the value of working in partnership with parents and caregivers. Students were encouraged to have open conversations at home about their online habits and to share the knowledge they gained. Todd also emphasised that seeking support from trusted adults—whether at home or school—is a key part of staying safe and feeling confident online.

Workshops such as these are vital in helping our young people become informed, ethical, and responsible digital citizens.

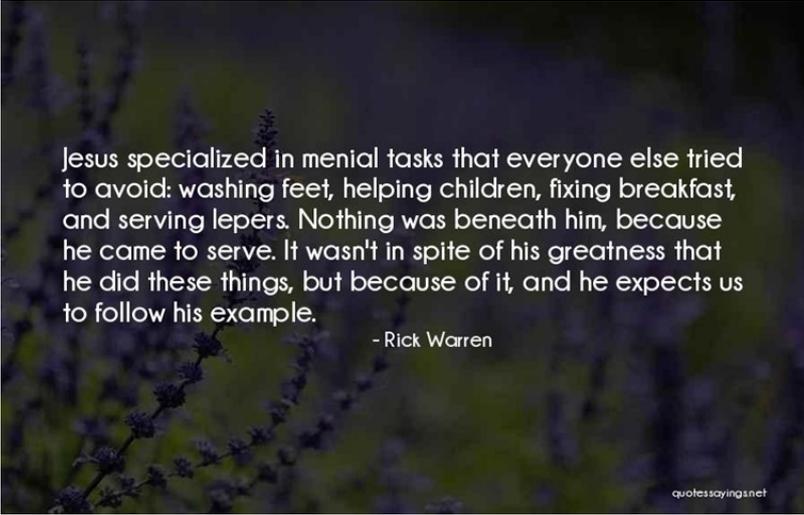


A reminder that if you have any concerns or questions or information to share regarding your child's wellbeing or academics, please contact their home group teacher in the first instance via email or through the College phone number - (08) 8595 4500.

If you have any high-level queries or concerns that are unable to be resolved by your child's home group teacher or subject teachers, please contact Mr. Cotter via email (luke.cotter@assisi.catholic.edu.au) or via the College phone (8595 4500).

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	IGNIS1	Mr. John Lyons	john.lyons@assisi.catholic.edu.au
	IGNIS2	Ms. Amy Hunt	amy.hunt@assisi.catholic.edu.au
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	TERRA2	Mr. Luke Cotter	luke.cotter@assisi.catholic.edu.au
	VENTUS1	Ms. Isabella Trudgian	isabella.trudgian@assisi.catholic.edu.au
	VENTUS2	Ms. Nathan Hayes	nathan.hayes@assisi.catholic.edu.au

Quote of the Week



Jesus specialized in menial tasks that everyone else tried to avoid: washing feet, helping children, fixing breakfast, and serving lepers. Nothing was beneath him, because he came to serve. It wasn't in spite of his greatness that he did these things, but because of it, and he expects us to follow his example.

- Rick Warren

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Mr Luke Cotter, Leader of Wellbeing



04.03.25

2026 Enrolments Now Open

2026 Enrolments Now Open for New Students!

Great news for those looking to join our school community! Enrolments for new students for the 2026 school year are now officially open. If you're excited to start your high school journey with us, now is the perfect time to secure your place.

St. Francis of Assisi College offers a nurturing and dynamic learning environment for students in Years 7 to 12. Committed to academic excellence, the college provides a broad curriculum, including opportunities in technology, sustainability, and the arts, all grounded in Catholic values. With a focus on wellbeing, community, and personal development, the college fosters a supportive atmosphere where students are encouraged to grow academically, spiritually, and socially. Through a range of extracurricular activities, including sport and experiential learning, St. Francis of Assisi College ensures that every student is well-equipped for future success.

If you have any questions or need assistance, or if you are ready to enrol your child, please contact Claire Smith, Executive Administrator for all the information you need. Claire can be contacted via email or phone 8595 4500.

Inside the Classroom and around College: Weeks 5 & 6 Highlights and Happenings

Riverland Cross Country Success!

On Friday Week 5, a team of our students proudly represented the College at the Riverland Cross Country event, held at the scenic Martins Bend in Berri. It was a fantastic day of competition, camaraderie, and community spirit, with students from across the region coming together to challenge themselves on the course.

We commend all participants for their perseverance and team spirit throughout the day. Our students competed with determination and resilience, achieving some impressive results:

Individual Achievements:

- Jack O'Bryan – 1st place, U15 Boys
- Samuel Walker – 2nd place, U14 Boys
- Louis Brown – 3rd place, U15 Boys
- Sarah White – 3rd place, U14 Girls

Team Results:

- U14 Boys – Pennant Winners
- U15 Boys – Runners Up
- U16 Boys – Runners Up

We are incredibly proud of all our runners - your effort, sportsmanship, and commitment were outstanding.

A heartfelt thank you to Riverland School Sport, the event organisers, and the many volunteers who made the day possible. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and we congratulate all placegetters, pennant winners, and runners-up from across the region.

Well done, team!

Cross Country Competitors Represent SFOAC at Oakbank

Earlier this week, a group of our students travelled with Miss Poulish and Mr Goodman to Oakbank to compete in the Cross Country Championships, going head-to-head with students from across South Australia.

It was a cold but fantastic day of athleticism, determination, and school spirit, with our students pushing themselves to compete on a challenging course against some of the best runners in the state.

We are incredibly proud of the way these students represented St Francis of Assisi College, both in their results and in their sportsmanship.

Results from the day:

- ♀ Millie – 41st out of 113
- Sebastian – 18th out of 128
- Samuel – 26th out of 128
- Logan – 136th out of 170
- Matthew – 166th out of 170
- ♀ Isla – 50th out of 155
- ♀ Ninke – 83rd out of 155

Congratulations to all of our runners – your effort, perseverance and pride in representing our College community is truly commendable.

Check out some highlights from the day in the photos below!

Year 9/10 Boys Knockout Football Competition

On Wednesday last week, the school competed in the Year 9/10 KOC boys' football in Eudunda. The boys were to play Balaklava and a combined Burra/Eudunda/Riverton team.

The first game was against Balaklava, who had some strong players. We started the game well and kicked to an early lead at halftime. We came out firing in the third quarter and dominated most of the play however, we failed to convert that on the scoreboard and kicked 1 goal 7. In a tight final quarter, we again couldn't quite get the reward for our hard work, and Balaklava managed to take advantage of

their opportunities and kicked straight to get the win by 1 point.

In the second game, we threw the magnets around, giving everyone the opportunity to play in positions they may not have played before. The boys played well throughout the game and always held a handy lead. By the final quarter, playing two games in a row started to take its toll, but we managed to fight it out and record the win.

Well done to all students who participated and made the effort to represent the school, whether they play football or not, everyone put in a great effort. Special thanks to Mr. Marks for field umpiring both games, Mr. Goodman for organising the event and Mr Anspach for coaching the team.

Results:

Game 1: SFoAC vs Balaklava

Final Score:

SFoAC – 9.8.62

Balaklava – 10.4.64

Best Players: Izac L, Will L-W, Jack O-B

Game 2: SFoAC vs Eudunda

Final Score:

SFoAC – 9.11.65

Eudunda – 5.7.37

Best Players: Hamish P, Harry L, Leeroy S

Stage 1 Outdoor Education Mountain Bike Camp

Year 10 students have spent the last few weeks preparing for their 3-day Mountain Bike expedition to Calperum Station. As their first expedition-style camp, students were guided through managing risks, packing adequate nutritional meals and ensuring their clothing was warm yet was lightweight. Over the course of the 3-days, students clocked up close to 100km on their bikes and are commended for their resilience, spirit and teamwork. As the expedition progressed, staff handed over the leadership reigns to the students who took on roles as Route leaders, front marker and back markers.

A huge thanks to Ivan Smith for his knowledge and expertise as well as being our support vehicle driver. His knowledge bank and engagement with the students was priceless and provided the class with many history lessons about the significance of the areas we visited. We also thank Mr Prokopec and Miss Gibbons for their support and assistance in numerous areas including bike maintenance, wellbeing support and being great role models for the class. As well to Mr. Prentice as a pre-service teacher providing many insightful comments to guide students through tricky situations and to support students with experiencing a successful camp both leading into and on.

A summary of the three days can be read below:

Day 1: College to Windmill Bend, Calperum

Our Stage 1 students kicked off their Mountain Bike Camp with a solid first day, riding from the college out to Windmill Bend at Calperum Station. Despite a chilly night under the stars, the group showed resilience and teamwork as they adapted to the demands of long-distance riding and camping in the great outdoors. They faced a few challenges along the way, but pushed through with grit and determination – supporting each other every pedal of the way. A campfire and dinner was exactly what the group needed at the end of the day.

Day 2: Calperum Loop

We started the morning with a session from Calperum Station educator, Lucy who provided a history of the station to the students and fielded their questions. As we got riding, the students took the lead as they navigated a loop around Calperum Station. With maps in hand and route plans set, they showed fantastic initiative and leadership as they guided the group through diverse environments (including some very sandy stretches!).

We're proud of how they have embraced the experience, learning practical skills and building confidence with every kilometre.

Day 3: Calperum to College

The group packed up efficiently this morning before taking off on our journey home. Although tired, sore and having to persist through some challenging sand and corrugations, the leaders kept the group together and willed each other on. As we approached the final 2 kilometres before reaching the College, our resilient, strong and inspiring teacher suffered a breakdown (of the knees) which unfortunately forced him to the support vehicle. An early arrival back to the College allowed the students plenty of time to clean bikes, sort through tents and reorganise the Outdoor Ed Shed learning valuable skills including resilience, responsibility and accountability. After

a long camp, they did a great job of persisting through these important jobs.

Outstanding Global Success in the Education Perfect International Maths Competition!

We are thrilled to share the exceptional achievements of our students in the 2025 Education Perfect International Maths Competition - a global event that sees schools and students taking part in a celebration of mathematical thinking, problem-solving, and perseverance.

Our school performed incredibly well, earning recognition both nationally and internationally:

- 1st overall in South Australia out of 47 schools
- 17th globally out of 1,373 participating schools
- 8th in Australia out of 939 schools
- 3rd globally in the 101–250 students category (out of 250 schools)
- 2nd in Australia in the 101–250 students category (out of 163 schools)
- 1st in South Australia in the 101–250 students category (out of 9 schools)

These results are a testament to the dedication, focus, and enthusiasm our students brought to the challenge. Several individuals stood out for their incredible efforts, earning top-tier awards:

Emerald Awards (3,500+ points):

Armaan K – Ranked 137th globally, with 4,951 points

Tejdeep S – 144th globally, with 4,700 points

Gurshaan L – 209th globally, with 3,600 points

Silver Awards (1,500+ points):

Sebastian C – 489th globally, with 1,712 points

Jana M – 554th globally, with 1,512 points

We congratulate all students who participated in the competition and celebrate the extraordinary efforts of our award recipients. Their achievements have placed our college on the global stage and are a shining example of what can be accomplished through hard work and a love of learning.

Well done, everyone!

Language Learners Shine on the Global Stage - Education Perfect Languages Championship 2025

Our students have once again made us incredibly proud in the 2025 Education Perfect Languages Championship, an international celebration of language learning that schools and students take part from across the globe.

St Francis of Assisi College achieved some remarkable results:

- 11th overall in South Australia out of 68 schools
- 315th overall globally out of 1,804 schools
- 1st in SA in the 101–250 students category (out of 17 schools)
- 47th globally in the 101–250 students category (out of 416 schools)
- 7th overall in Arabic out of 479 schools

A number of our students earned individual accolades for their outstanding efforts:

Emerald Award

Jana M (Arabic) – Answered an incredible 9,349 questions, earned 5,002 points, and placed in the top 1.5% of competitors worldwide!

Credit Awards (Top 20% Globally)

Imogen N (German) – 1,687 questions | 950 points

Ishmeet K (German) – 2,162 questions | 528 points

Tahlia S (German) – 1,227 questions | 681 points

Noah J (German) – 1,260 questions | 732 points

These achievements reflect not only academic excellence but also a deep enthusiasm for languages and intercultural learning. We celebrate all participants for their fantastic contributions and for proudly representing our college on the world stage.

Bravo to all involved!

Shila Shares Traditional Dance with Year 11 Students

This week, we were honoured to welcome Shila, a local Aboriginal woman, to St Francis of Assisi College. Shila led our Year 11 students in a powerful workshop exploring traditional Aboriginal dance. Set to the song "The Children Came Back" by Briggs, Dewayne Everettsmith and Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu, the dance allowed students to connect deeply with themes of culture and connection to Country.

Through movement and storytelling, students expressed ties to our local river, native animals, and the deep spiritual ties between people and place. It was a meaningful and memorable experience that deepened cultural understanding and respect.

As we mark National Reconciliation Week, this workshop was a timely reminder of the importance of listening, learning, and walking together towards a more united future.

See our Facebook page to watch the video of Shila and our students exploring traditional Aboriginal dance.



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Pictured Left-Right:



Careers and Student Pathways



06.06.25

SFOAC Hosts Inaugural Careers & Pathways Expo

The event was buzzing with energy as students, families, and community members came together to explore a wide range of future opportunities. We were thrilled with the strong attendance and positive engagement throughout the evening.

A standout moment was the engaging live podcast session with Kerrie from The Podcast Station, offering students real-world insights and inspiration. Another highlight was the hands-on medical simulation led by local Dr McLeod of Renmark Medical Clinic, giving students a unique and practical glimpse into the healthcare field.

Thank you to all our stallholders, guest speakers, supporters and the Renmark Lions Club (for their delicious hot donuts and sausages) who helped make the night such a memorable and valuable experience for our students.



20.05.25

July School Holiday Try a Trade

In the July school holidays, St Patrick's Technical College are running TRY-A-TRADE programs.

TRY-A-TRADE offers students the opportunity to participate in an industry program and gain experience, with hands-on practical activities – they are delivered by industry specialists in our trade facilities.

Students will be provided with an attendance certificate which can be used for VETRO evidence.

To register please visit: <https://stpatstech.sa.edu.au/try-a-trade/>

View this article online to read more

23.05.25

Information Session - Parent Engagement Group and Community & Industry Partnership Group

Industry and Community Partnership Group

The aim of this group is to focus on developing sustained community and industry partnerships to create pathways for our students. By joining this group, you will be part of an effort to:

- Help students understand the skills most sought after by local businesses and industries, offering them opportunities to develop those skills in a real-world setting.
- Ensure that both the College and our students are actively contributing to the growth and success of the Riverland region.
- Establish sustainable connections between the school and local businesses, providing vocational pathways for our students.

We believe these partnerships will significantly enhance the education and career opportunities available to our students.

Parent Engagement Group

Our focus for this group is to develop a positive and welcoming school community. The Parent Engagement Group will create opportunities for:

- Parents and families to meet and connect socially with one another.
- Parents to meaningfully engage with their child's education and have a voice in school activities and initiatives.

We want to create an environment where all families feel involved and supported as part of our school community.

Your Involvement

We welcome all parents and caregivers to engage with these groups in a way that works best for you. Whether you are able to attend regular meetings, participate when you can, or offer help on an occasional basis, your involvement will make a difference.

Meeting Invitation

We would like to extend an invitation to all interested parents, caregivers and families to attend an initial meeting to learn more about the work of these groups and hear about the 2025 priorities. The meeting will also serve as an opportunity to register your interest in becoming involved (if you haven't already).

Date: Wednesday 11th June (Week 7)

Time: 5.30-6.30pm

Location: Study Hub, 10-12 Building, St Francis of Assisi College

RSVP: Please email emma.warner@assisi.catholic.edu.au with your RSVP or any questions you may have

We look forward to seeing you there and working together to create a thriving community for our students.

Uniform Buy, Swap, Sell, Giveaway



St Francis
of Assisi College

Laudato Si'

www.assisi.catholic.edu.au

Don't forget we have a Facebook page for parents/caregivers to exchange College uniforms.

You'll need to be a member of the group to access and can then directly communicate with others wanting to exchange uniforms.

The College also keeps a small supply of emergency uniforms that are needed from time to time. If you would like to donate pre-loved uniforms please drop them into the College office. Thank you.



UPDATED OFFICE HOURS

**WEEKDAYS
8:20AM-3:45PM**

The Ways We Communicate



Stay Connected!



SEQTA

SEQTA is used in many ways. Students and Parents/ Caregivers are able to access lesson details, assessment submissions, grades and feedback. SEQTA Engage is great for parent/teacher communications, student timetable details and to keep up to date with the College notices.



EDSMART

Edsmart enables parents to sign and return permissions electronically. Our College utilises Edsmart to send out school policy information and agreements, permission and consent forms, general updates and information around upcoming events.



FACEBOOK

St Francis of Assisi College Facebook page features exciting event updates and general information. We share school sporting results, student achievements, along with many photos and videos of our students and activities both inside and outside the classroom.



NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter is sent out fortnightly via email. You can also find our newsletter link on our webpage. In our newsletter, we share what's happening in the College community, upcoming events and general notices.

Absentees to be notified via: SEQTA Engage, absent@assisi.catholic.edu.au, or call 8595 4500

Don't hesitate to contact the College office on 8595 4500 if you have any difficulty with the various mediums used by the College to communicate with families. Or alternatively complete the form below.

Family Business Directory

We are championing our Family Business Directory and inviting families to be part of the Directory.

The Family Business Directory is an opportunity for families who run businesses to promote their business via our College webpage and Facebook page.

The Family Business Directory gives members of the College community a chance to support businesses from the Directory when making their purchasing decisions.

The Family Business Directory is free of charge for current families of the College.

To be included, send the following information to info@assisi.catholic.edu.au

Family Surname (not for publishing):

Business Name: Sample Family Business

Business Phone Number: 1800 SAMPLE

Business Email Address: sample@familybusiness.com.au

Business Website: www.sample.com.au

And your business logo or photo (small file size is fine).

We look forward to seeing many College families' businesses get involved!

JUNIOR U13 GIRLS FOOTBALL

FRIDAY NIGHTS

JUNE
13
AT 6 PM

6 GAMES. 6 TEAMS . 6PM START

FOLLOWING U9/U11 FIXTURE



ENQUIRES
KAYLA MUDGE
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ROYAL LIFE SAVING
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SISS00132

SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY TEACHER



Alan Coulter Recreation Centre - Renmark



8:30am to 5pm



Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June



FREE - Sponsored by the Inland Waterways Project

- *Certified Instructors with hands-on experience*
- *Real-life simulations and practice sessions*

REGISTER NOW: <https://sa.training.royallifesaving.com.au>



This activity will be delivered by Royal Life Saving SA as part of Inland Communities Water Safety Program with the support of the Royal Life Saving Society - Australia and the Australian Government.



This is a nationally accredited course and will be run by certified swimming instructors at the Alan Coulter Recreation Centre Indoor Pool.

It has been completely funded and sponsored by the Inland Waterways project and is **FREE to attend!**

Students will gain a certification in swimming and water safety teaching.

We are currently looking for swimming instructors to join us at the Alan Coulter Recreation Centre, this course is a perfect way to become a qualified swimming instructor!

Please note, students need to be at least 16 years of age to complete the swimming course, and must be 17 years before they can teach with us at the ACRC.

Shadow teaching hours will be required before becoming an instructor and these can be completed at 16 years old.

Applicants must have or be willing to obtain:

- First aid
- CPR
- WWCC
- National Police Check

Please follow this link for registration into the 'Swimming and Water Safety Teacher' course:

<https://sa.training.royallifesaving.com.au>

Interested applicants for a Swimming Instructor role at the ACRC should send their interest and resume to:

sjames1@belgravialeisure.com.au





Riverland Special School is hosting a

Key Word Sign *Workshop*

Key Word Sign (KWS) is the use of signs and natural gestures to support the communication and language development of children and adults with communication difficulties.

KWS is a widely used strategy that can help people of all ages who cannot communicate by speech alone. KWS incorporates signs from the local deaf sign language (Auslan in Australia), but speech is used with sign, and the signing used is more simplified.

KWS can help people understand what is being said to them, and be a way of sending a message for someone who's speech is unclear or still developing.

Basic Workshop

You will learn:

- 100 signs & gestures
- How signing can improve interactions with children & adults who have difficulties understanding & using speech to express themselves
- ideas to incorporate signing at home and educational & care settings
- small group activities to provide practise

When:

Tuesday 24th June 2025
9am-3pm

Where:

Riverland Special School

Cost:

\$200 per person

All participants receive a copy of 'Getting Started with Key Word Sign' valued at \$30

Please contact Jacey to register your interest in attending:



📍 12A Stadium Drive, Berri SA 5343

☎ 8582 1258

✉ DL.0962.info@schools.sa.edu.au



Key Word Sign
Australia

Secure your spot -
Register Now!




Fire pit & BBQ - RECHARGE+ Youth

CHARCOAL & CHILL

Saturday, 26th July, 6-8pm

Living Waters Church, Edward Street, Loxton
For Year 6 to Year 12 students

RSVP to the event via the Facebook page, fill out on the online consent forms prior or on the night via our Facebook page.

Including an Alpha Youth Life Essentials short video filmed and produced in Australia, designed for teenagers to spark faith convos with friends & to chat about things impacting them today.

Safe For more details contact us via our Facebook page 



Junk Art Sculpture Competition

**START CREATING
NOW!**

**\$3,000
TO WIN!**
ACROSS 7 CATEGORIES

Create a sculpture using only recycled, reused, reclaimed, discarded or salvaged every-day materials. Imagination and innovation are key to transforming plastic, metal, fabric, paper, glass, wood or any old junk into a prize winning piece!



Sunday 10th August 2025. East Terrace Loxton.
Full details at www.loxtonchamber.com.au or scan the QR Code.

 <p>CATEGORY OPEN: OVER 18 METAL Winner: \$800 Merit: \$350</p>	 <p>CATEGORY OPEN: OTHER MATERIALS Winner: \$800 Merit: \$350</p>	 <p>CATEGORY YOUTH: ANY MATERIALS Winner: \$250 Merit: \$100</p>	<p>WINNER PEOPLE'S CHOICE: \$350</p> 
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PLOT TWIST Try & solve the challenges! **RECHARGE Youth**

Saturday, 9th August, 6-8pm

Living Waters Church, Edward Street, Loxton
For Year 6 to Year 12 students

RSVP to the event via the Facebook page, fill out on the online consent forms prior or on the night via our Facebook page.

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Calling **ALL**

Art Groups,
Community Groups,
School Students,
Artists, Designers,
Crafters, Sewers
& Fashionistas

12th & 13th September

RIVERLAND FIELD DAYS

AG ART WEAR

Competition

TWO CATEGORIES:

Up-cycled Wear
Agricultural Wear

TWO AGE GROUPS:

Open
U/18

\$1500

PRIZE POOL
PLUS Vouchers

FREE Entry

AND Free Ticket to the Field Days

Entries close

Friday 5th September

Entry Forms:

www.riverlandfielddays.com.au



Contact Us for More Information