



St Francis of Assisi College - Term 4 - Week 1 - 2022

Important Dates

Relay for Life - Team
SFoAC

Saturday 22 October 2022

College Board
Meeting

Wednesday 26 October 2022

Year 8 Vaccinations

Thursday 27 October 2022

Whole College
Assembly - 9am

Friday 28 October 2022

Monday 31 October
- Friday 4 November
- PAT Testing

Monday 31 October 2022

Rowing Program
Excursion at West
Lakes

Sunday 6 November 2022

Yr 8 Outdoor
Education Camp - 9-
11 Nov 2022

Wednesday 9 November 2022

Yr 7 Transition Day -
Day 1

Thursday 1 December 2022

Yr 7 Transition Day -
Day 2

Friday 2 December 2022

CBC and Nazareth
Music Concert

Friday 9 December 2022

Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 13 December 2022

Student Free Day

Thursday 15 December 2022

Student Free Day

Friday 16 December 2022

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



Make Hunger History

God, Giver of Life: You made the earth and everything in it to flourish and live to the full.

But today, in the Horn of Africa, waterholes run dry, desert locusts swarm, crops wither and people look for food.

After years of drought, conflict and COVID-19, farmers struggle to save their livelihoods, families leave home in search of water and over 18 million people face extreme hunger.

Help us bring the world back to life.

Amen.

World Food Day is observed every year on 16 October to mark the founding of the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations, founded in 1945. The aim of the day is to reduce global hunger and strives to eradicate global hunger.

This year the theme is 'Leave NO ONE Behind' meaning we need a sustainable world where everyone has access to regular nutritious food. National Food Day is slightly different to World Food Day and is celebrated on the 24 October, it focuses on healthy and nutritious food.

The second of the UN's 17 SDGs is to "End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture." Since 2015 the number of people suffering from hunger has increased and the world is not on target to achieve zero hunger by 2030.

The main drivers of hunger are climate change and conflict, however there are also economic and political causes. Sadly, there has been a confluence of factors in certain countries; conflict, the pandemic, rising costs and climate change. It is more important than ever to make communities resilient to climate shocks or natural disasters caused by climate change.

Student Awards Ceremony

The College's student awards will be presented at an end of year ceremony held at the College on Friday December 9th, beginning at 9am. Further details will be provided early Term 4 to students and parents outlining the specific awards that will be presented, and the criteria for each.

Parents and family are very welcome to attend, and parents / carers of students receiving an award will be personally notified by the College prior to the ceremony.

Riverland Flood Updates

With the impact of the Victorian floods having an imminent impact in areas of the Riverland with rising river levels, we are keeping up to date with the most accurate information, and advice through pursuing the appropriate channels.

Please be assured we are scenario planning, ultimately to ensure quality learning can continue for individual students in the event some families may not be able to access school periodically.

Uniform Reminder – Extreme Hair

I remind families of the College policy in relation to uniform, and particularly students' hair.

The policy indicates:

Must be neat, clean, and tidy always at school.

Navy headband or navy ribbon.

Hair colour must be within the normal range of colour for people.

All hair longer than collar length should be tied back.

Students cannot shave their head and hair length should not be shorter than a hairdresser's Number 2 cut.

Students can expect that they will have to correct any issue with their hair as required by the College, and therefore, may miss time from school to have this done.

We recommend seeking advice from the College before undertaking a radical hair change as any hairstyle classified as 'extreme' is not permitted.

Students are not to have dreadlocks, rat's tails or other extreme styles.

All students are expected to be clean shaven.

I further clarify that in a practical sense the College Leadership determine that hair which touches the collar of either the school shirt or school dress, would normally be tied up. This satisfies our duty of care, hygiene and Work Health and Safety obligations. I have a strong belief that attention to detail of clear and safe boundaries ensures that the larger issues do not eventuate in a school community.

Nathan Hayes, Principal

Leader of Learning

MathsPathway

We are very excited to offer year 7 students this term the opportunity to use the MathsPathway program in their Maths classes. Traditionally in schools, it has been extremely difficult for one teacher to cater to the learning needs of 20 individual students. As a result, not every student has experienced success in maths, with many students finding it particularly stressful or difficult. Our teaching team is now working very hard to change that, by changing the structure of our Maths curriculum. Maths Pathway uses comprehensive diagnostic software to determine the current level of mathematical understanding. The program allows students to work on skills and concepts tailored to their level of learning. This means that every student can experience success in maths. Approximately 50% of students' work will involve MathsPathway with the remaining 50% dedicated to targeted instruction, mini lessons, rich tasks and projects. This structure has been proven to increase student learning and engagement in mathematics.

Our maths team will be sending home further communication to parents about these changes. In the meantime, we encourage you to chat with

your child about about what it means to have a growth mindset (you can find out more about this at <https://www.mindsetkit.org/growth-mindset-parents>).

PAT Testing

In week 3, all students will complete the Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT). There are two tests: PAT-R (reading) and PAT-M (Numeracy). These are diagnostic assessments conducted to measure student's growth throughout the year. They provide valuable information to teachers about your child's learning strengths and needs. The tests will indicate what skills students have mastered, what skills they are consolidating and even more importantly what skills they need to be educationally stretched. It will also provide teachers with objective information for setting realistic learning goals and enables them to better plan learning programs as students' progress through the college.

If you have any questions about PAT Testing, please contact the College.

Mrs Natalie Meuret, Leader of Learning

School Community Wellbeing

St Francis of Assisi Feast Day

**Friday 28th October
Casual Day
Gold Coin Donation**

Supporting Relay for Life Fundraising

**Liturgy from 8:55am
Fun activities to follow**



Next Friday, we will be celebrating the **Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi** with a liturgy and a range of activities for students to engage in during Pastoral Care. To mark the day, students are welcome to wear casual clothing* and are invited to donate a gold coin to support the

fundraising efforts of our Relay for Life Team.

*** College Expectations on Casual Attire:**

- Enclosed shoes suitable for P.E.
- Clothing attire that allows for full participation in physical activity
 - Shirts and tops that cover the shoulders and chest - i.e. no singlets and no scoop t-shirts
 - Shorts that extend past the mid-thigh
- Clothing that is free of obscene language or images
- Clothing that is SunSmart
- The college hair and make-up policy remains in place

WHAT CAN I DO

To find a healthy digital balance?



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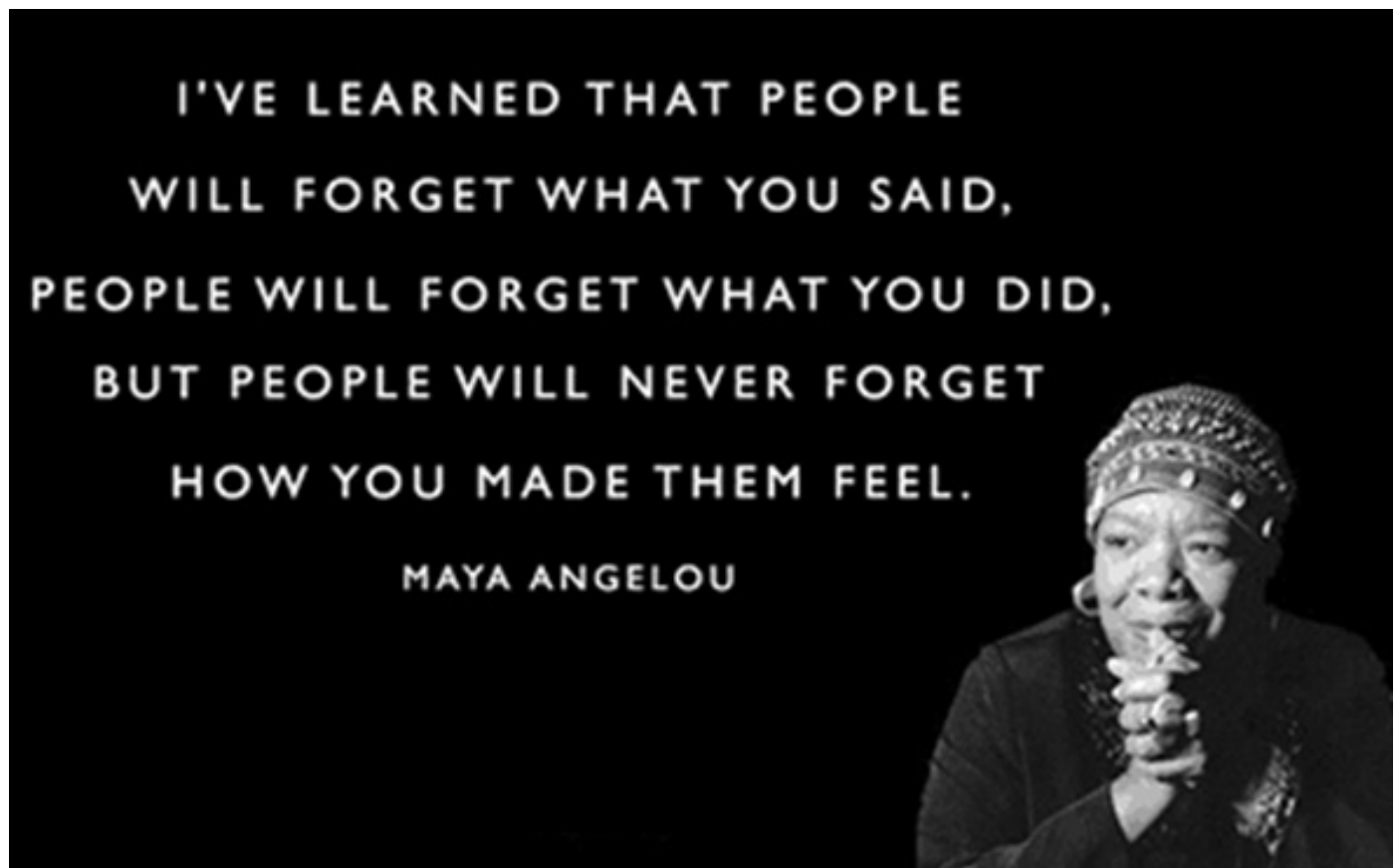
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CYBER
SAFETY
PROJECT

This term, we will share an article each newsletter that may be of benefit to our parent and caregiver community in raising a teenager in a digital world and economy.

In this edition, you can access an article from the Cyber Safety project to give ideas on how to help your teenager find a healthy digital balance.

[Parent Guide: Empowering Your Teen To Tame Their Screen Time - Cyber Safety Project](#)



Maya Angelou was an American civil rights activist as well as an author, actor and dancer throughout the 20th Century. She is known for overcoming her fair share of hardships during her extraordinary life to become a prominent figure for marginalised communities across the world.

You may find a link in these words to our College value of Compassion – showing concern and genuine interest in the lives of others.

Luke Cotter, Leader of Wellbeing

Rowing Update

Rowing Program students started the term off on the water thanks to much milder winds. While we are experiencing a high river, causing an increase in debris and fast flows, students continue to manage the conditions exceptionally well. And an added bonus is it's great resistance training rowing against the flow!

Stephanie Turnbull, Rowing Coach



Riverland Rose and Garden Festival

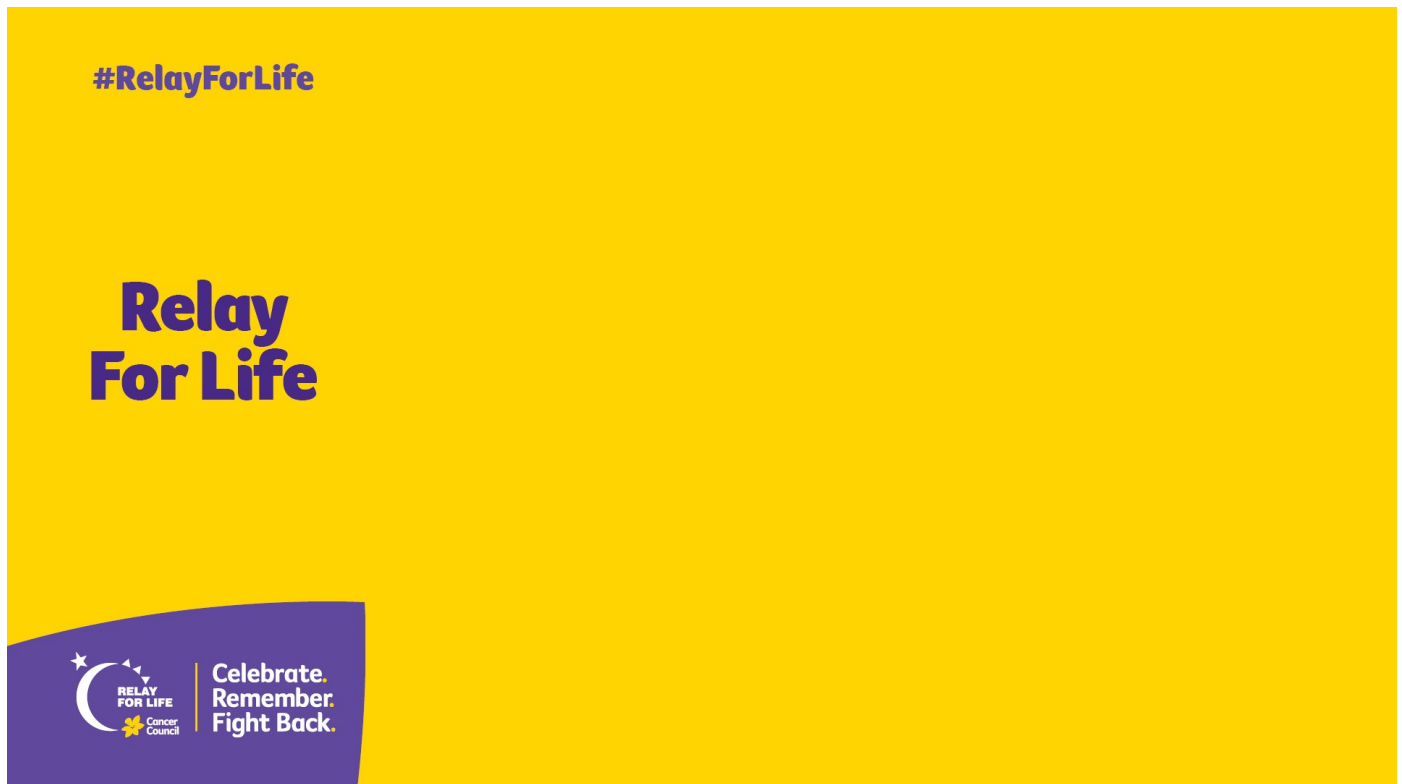


The College had a presence during the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival with a stall at the Festival Fair (Saturday 15 October) selling biscuits that were made by students, and distributing College information and promotional materials. Our students proudly represented the College at the stall, and at entrances to the Fair, and to the Renmark Institute Rose Display, on Friday 14 October. Students were encouraging

visitors to complete a QR visitor survey to assist the Rose Week organising Committee.

Big thank you to the students and teachers involved. It was a considerable commitment from both given the events were held during school holidays.

Relay for Life - TEAM SFoAC



Mrs Burgess is organising a College Team for Relay for Life

We're relaying because

We're relaying to recognise and celebrate local cancer survivors, honour those going through a cancer experience and their carers, remember loved ones lost and raise money to help save future lives.

Please help us reach our fundraising goal! Below is a link to our Team. People can donate or sign up to participate on Saturday 22 October 2022.

<https://www.relayforlife.org.au/fundraisers/TeamSFoAC>

www.relayforlife.org.au

Yr 8 Textiles Students visit St Joe's Receptions

Our Year 8 Textiles students have spent the last term perfecting their hand sewing skills and using the Design-Make-Critique process to come up with a toy that was interactive and suitable for young children.

This afternoon we were able to share our Softie Toys with the receptions at St Joseph's in Renmark. It was a lovely experience watching all students be connected through play and having fun. Thank-you Mr Hooper, Mrs Luxton and the reception students for having us.



Yates Menswear - New Uniform Stocks

Yates have received more stock and sizes of the College uniform, especially in the boy's formal short sleeve shirts and girl's sports shorts.



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**19TH OCTOBER, 26TH OCTOBER, 2ND NOVEMBER
6:00-7:00PM
ALAN COULTER REC CENTRE**

PLEASE EMAIL VITORRENMARK@GMAIL.COM
FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER INTEREST



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Purchased fruit in school lunchboxes – fruit fly update

<https://fruitfly.sa.gov.au/outbreak-map> Fruit fly outbreaks are still in place throughout the Riverland, however recent changes were made to ease restrictions on the movement of store-bought fruit and vegetables.

Fruit and vegetables purchased at a Riverland shop can now move freely across the Riverland, with a receipt. This means you can once again safely add store-bought fruit and vegetables into your school lunchbox. You do not need to supply a receipt with lunchboxes, but please retain your receipt at home as proof of purchase for fruit and vegetables bought at recognised retail outlets.

You still cannot bring any restricted home-grown fruit to school if you live in a red outbreak area. It is a high risk for fruit fly and has not had agreed treatments applied like shop-bought produce.

Please visit fruitfly.sa.gov.au to see what home-grown fruit and vegetables are at risk from fruit fly and are therefore restricted.

Our school is currently in a red area. See map for full details: [Check the fruit fly outbreak map - PIRSA](#)

This means if you live in a yellow or green area, home-grown fruit and vegetables can be brought to school but must not return home. All fruit waste, including fruit not grown at home, must be disposed of at school.

Riverland Hymnfest 2022

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Join us for an afternoon of hymn singing and musical items at St Peter's Lutheran Church Loxton.
An offering will be taken on the day to support the work of Bible Society Australia

Sunday, 30th October 1-30pm Prelude 2-00pm Start
St Peter's Lutheran Church
64 Bookpurnong Terrace,
Loxton SA

Afternoon Tea to follow in Peace Hall



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Renmark Lions Club - Social Justice Fund

Renmark Lions Club has established a Social Justice Fund. The fund has been setup to support disadvantaged students and families through schools to ensure particular students have access to the same programs and experience at school as other families. Support requests can involve funds for (but not limited to):

- Uniforms
- Food
- Camps and Excursions
- Carnival participation
- Sport programs (for example the College Rowing program)

The Renmark Lions Club looks at each submission from schools on a case-by-case basis.

If you would like more information contact Mr Luke Cotter, Leader of Wellbeing

Family Business Directory

St Francis of Assisi College is establishing a 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 through our College community, via our College webpage and Facebook page.

The Family Business Directory is also an opportunity for members of the College community to consider supporting 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!

Check out our Family Business Directory: [listings so far!](#)