

FRANCIS GREENWAY HIGH SCHOOL GAZETTE





Mrs Edwards (Principal)

We Value Your Input

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Calendar of Events		
May 2016		
Monday May 9 – May 20	Dental Bus	
Tuesday May 17	P&C Meeting 6pm Cultural Room	
Friday May 20	Careers Expo	
June 2016		
Monday June 6	NAIDOC Week	
Monday 13 June	Queen's Birthday holiday	
Tues 21 & Thur 23 June	School Musical	

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to what promises to be another fabulous term at Francis Greenway. This will be a busy time with our musical taking place late in the term. The staff and students have been rehearsing since the beginning of the year and will provide us with a high quality performance. Be sure to come along and experience the talents our students will showcase.

This term we welcome some new faces to our staff. Ms George in HSIE, Ms Bell in TAS and Ms McGilchrist. I know they will enjoy being a member of our school. We also have some University Interns working in HSIE and Science.

Our VIVO assembly was as always fabulous, and was well attended by members of our school community. We welcome the opportunity to share with you the achievements of our students. Our VIVO Assembly recognises those students who display our core values each and every day. This is something we take great pride in and thank Beresfield Bowling Club whose support makes this program possible.

Our school community recognised ANZAC day with an assembly. In attendance were representatives of the RSL and Armed Services. This is an important event for our students as it keeps the spirit of ANZAC alive.

NAPLAN has been a focus for both Year 7 and Year 9 students as they prepare for the assessments. The results are provided to parents/caregivers later in the year and illustrate the growth made in both literacy and numeracy. VALID is the Science equivalent to NAPLAN and takes place later in the year. These assessments are the only external "testing" in school other than the HSC making them an important diagnostic tool. Year 7 have attended their first high school camp and from all accounts had a fabulous time. This is an opportunity for them to get to know each other in a relaxed environment. Many thanks must go to the staff who attended. Overnight excursions are an exhausting but rewarding experience for both the staff and the students.

The organisation of our birthday celebrations will be a priority this term. Information will be provided through our newsletter and website and will be advertised in the Maitland Mercury.

Attendance

Students need to be at school ready to begin lessons at 8.35am. Last term many students were arriving late. This does impact greatly on their learning and the other students in their class.

Uniform

As the colder weather approaches we ask that students are prepared with winter uniform by ensuring they have appropriate pants and jackets.

Mrs Jo Edwards Principal

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CAREERS AND VET

Students should check the careers noticeboard in the Library for important dates this term. I advertise these dates in class and through the daily notices, but this is another way to make sure you don't miss anything.

Year 10 Work Experience paperwork was given out in class before Easter. Any student absent from those careers lessons can call in at the Careers Office in the Library to pick it up. All completed paperwork must be handed to me and not left at the office or with other staff members, as I need to make sure it has been completed correctly.

The RoSA Literacy and Numeracy tests may be taken by Year 11 and Year 12 students at school this term. Students need to put their name on the list outside the Careers Office. They will be told later when they are able to take the test as there is only a 3 week window after they have been registered.

The Hunter Valley Careers Expo is on Friday May 20 at Maitland Basketball Stadium. Year 10, 11 and 12 are invited with the expectation that all Year 10 will attend. To find out more about the event go to: www.huntervalleycareerexpo.com.au

Congratulations to the students who successfully completed their White Card Training. There will not be another held at school this year. However, I have information about another course that is run locally every Friday for a slightly higher cost.

A Reminder: I have purchased a new Career Tool, Job Jump, an online career website. Here is the information from Job Jump below. We hope that students, their parents and the staff gain a great deal of benefit from the many services and features of the website www.jobjump.com.au

To use the website, we are also encouraging students and their parents, and staff, that they have the Careers News on the careers that interest them sent to them. Remember, they can select as many careers as they want from the over 100 choices. In particular, for students and parents, they will keep receiving their Careers News all the way through till the end of Year 13.

Type the first couple of letters of your school's name in the first white box on the left hand side and when the name of your school appears on the screen, simply click on it and it will enter into the first box. Then enter email address (preferably their home email address for students, as often their school email is lost at the end of Year 12) and click Login. They put in school password: francis and then answer a couple of brief questions to register.

Did you know?

Year 12 can access their personal HSC timetable through their account at students online on the Board of Studies website. <u>www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au</u> Students who have not yet set up an account (this should have been done in Year 10) can see me in the Library or check out the instructions on the Year 12 careers noticeboard.

Mrs Jennifer Dempsey	Mrs Kate Taylor
Careers Adviser	Career and Transition Coordinator

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT



1. Expands vocabulary

Regular reading exposes students to numerous writing styles and learn new vocabulary. Students become exposed to proper grammar and while looking at the words, their minds are able to comprehend and store the information. Even when they come across new words that they may not understand, students absorb something from the context that may help deepen the understanding of it the next time is it encountered.

2. Boost creativity

Fiction books increases creativity, especially at a young age. It's been widely known that creativity can help solve problems, write books, produce music and spark innovation. Being able to write creatively is also highly beneficial in high school as it is examined in the HSC.

3. Improve writing skills

With an improved vocabulary and increase of creativity, students have a better chance of writing exceptional written work. While reading, students unconsciously absorb the grammar and writing style of the author.

4. Develop analytical thinking skills

Reading enhances knowledge by exercising the brain and causing it to think more, therefore enhancing intelligence. This helps students to study subjects with more ease and retain the knowledge received from the subject, making them more knowledgeable. Studies have shown that reading enhances analytical thinking as readers are able to spot patterns quicker.

5. Enhances memory

Memory and reading are closely linked. Regular reading helps improve memory at a young age as they help you stretch your memory muscles because it requires you to remember details, plot lines, themes, facts and figures and characters.

Mrs Kylie McElwain Head Teacher English

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT



Year 7/8 Mathematics

Term 1 has seen many Year 7 and Year 8 classes learning the real life applications of mathematics with the use of fractions, decimals and percentages. Students have been asked to use their existing knowledge in these topic areas to solve problems and complete set tasks.





This term will see all Year 8 classes commencing the topic of Financial Maths. This is an important area of mathematics which has real life applications for all students. They will learn about Goods and Services Tax (GST), Best Buys, Profit and Loss, Discounts.





Year 8 Gifted and Talented Students - Inquisitive Minds Day

On Thursday May 26, six Year 8 GATS students will be representing Francis Greenway High School by attending the Inquisitive Minds "Problems, Patterns, Pictures and Puzzles" Workshop at our school. They will spend the day working with students from schools all over the Hunter region to solve problems and challenges while engaging with other GATS students. These students will be offered the chance to push their mathematical skills and to collaborate with a wider peer group audience.

Year 9/10 Gifted and Talented Students: University of Newcastle Young Mathematicians Program Session Two -



We are pleased to announce that the **University of Newcastle Young Mathematicians Program** (UoNYMP) will again be running in 2016. This program is a series of mathematics enrichment activities run by The University of Newcastle. This year the program has been expanded, with one set of activities aimed at Year 9/10 students and another set of activities aimed at Year 11 students. There is NO COST to participants in the program. The first set of activities is for the Year 9/10 students and will be run across Term 2 of the school year. Students are welcome to attend one, some or all of the activities across the year, they do not have to commit to the whole program. Any students interested in this program need to reserve a place by Friday April 29, 2016 by contacting Dr Malcolm Roberts from the

School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences at the University of Newcastle via:

Telephone:	49216720 during work hours.
Email:	malcolm.roberts@newcastle.edu.au

Year 10 – Smart Money Management:





On Monday May 30, Year 10 Maths students will be attending the **StartSmart** presentation by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA). The Commonwealth Bank Foundation received an Australian Business Award for Product Excellence for the StartSmart program. The presentation recognises the importance of teaching financial literacy skills to young people as well as changing the way young people learn about money. By making money management interactive, engaging and fun, we give students the confidence and competence to make smart decisions about money.

The presentation runs for approximately 90 minutes and will be targeting common financial issues students may face, from saving and budgeting, getting their first job and controlling impulse spending. Students are given the essentials of smart money management using stories, practical examples and activities.

Year 12 - Board of Studies (BOSTES) Advice for HSC students about examinations

Preparing for exams: HSC examinations are intended to be rigorous and to challenge students of all abilities.

- Looking at previous examinations is a really good way to prepare but don't assume that exactly the same topics or types of questions will be asked every year – question topics and formats may change!
- Practising previous examination questions is useful but remember that you have to answer the question that is asked, not one that you may have prepared for.
- Remember that the Preliminary course is assumed knowledge for the HSC course.

In the examination: Things to remember:

- Questions may be asked that require you to respond by integrating your knowledge, understanding and skills developed through studying the course.
- Read the questions carefully, look for key words and identify the aspect of the course to which these relate.
- The mark allocated to the question and the answer space (where this is provided on the examination paper) are an indication of how much you should write in your answer.
- Be familiar with the key words in the BOSTES <u>Glossary of Key</u> <u>Words</u>
- In the case of multiple-choice questions, read **all** the alternatives first and then choose the best possible alternative. If you change your mind, there are instructions on the multiple-choice answer sheet about how to change your answer.
- Remember, answering only the multiple-choice questions on an examination paper is not considered a serious attempt.
- Write your answers in black pen pencil may be used where it is specifically directed but make sure that it can be read.
 Highlighters may be used to highlight text but NOT during reading time. Liquid paper is not allowed in the examination room. It wastes time and may smudge your work and make it unreadable. If you make a mistake, cross it out so the markers

know not to mark it. It is in your interest to ensure that all your answers are clear, legible and easy to read.

- Remember, making the best attempt you can is a better strategy than not attempting the question at all.
- Where to write your answers
- Examination papers, answer booklets and writing booklets will include instructions on how and where to record your answers. Read all the instructions carefully and write your answers in the appropriate places. Remember, your hard work and preparation will be wasted if the markers cannot find your answers.

Year	Term 2	Topic Areas
Group	Test	
Year 7	Week 9	Length, Time, Data collection and Representation,
		Angle relationships
Year 8	Week 9	Algebraic Techniques, Angles (including triangles
		& quadrilaterals, Pythagoras' Theorem
Year 9	Week 9	Algebraic Techniques, Numbers of any Magnitude,
		Equations, Probability
Year 10	Week 9	Inequations and Simultaneous Equations,
		Financial Mathematics, Properties of Geometrical
		Figures.

Year Group	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Year 11	Week 9	Week 9	Start Yr12
Year 12	Week 6	Trial Week 2 & 3	HSC

Mrs Kylie Burnett Head Teacher Mathematics

WELLBEING TEAM

Wellbeing Team Student Centred – Learning Focused – Wellbeing Driven

Smile and Win! School Oral Health And Dental Care Program



A reminder that the Australian Dental Bus will be visiting our school in **Term 2 Weeks 3 and 4** to provide **free assessments** and one-onone education to every student; they will also provide fully bulk-billed services, including a scale and clean, fissure sealants, fluoride applications and further treatment as required. We also offer prevention packages to students in private health funds who do not qualify for the Medicare CDBS scheme with NO GAP payable. Parents should read and return the information and **parental consent forms** as soon as possible to Student Services. If you have any questions regarding eligibility and what the program offers, please contact the school or AMDC directly on 02 9761 4700.

Stewart House

Stewart House is a charity organisation that has cared for children in need since 1931. Each year 1,800 public school children in need go to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and ACT. During their stay children are provided with medical treatment and emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost self-esteem and promote a healthier lifestyle. Our school will be participating in the Stewart House Donation Drive in 2016 to support this fabulous charity. Early in Term 2 students will bring home an envelope. We request that you fill in your details, insert a donation of at least \$2, seal it and return the envelope to Student Services. We thank you for your support.

H20 Contemporary Youth Church

H20 is a contemporary church full of light hearted believers who do not take themselves too seriously. Services run every Sunday at Beresfield Bowling Club at 10am. H2O has a Youth Group and regularly hold church camps and bonfire nights. Find out more at www.h2o.org.au

Maitland Relay For Life 2016

Maitland Relay for Life will be held at Marcellin Park Lorn, from 10am-10pm on September 10. This event is about fundraising for cancer, with a focus on community and fun, so the more the merrier. Registration information is available at <u>www.relayforlife.org.au</u> Francis Greenway High School will be entering a team for 2016 in support of this fantastic cause.

The Smith Family Saver Plus Program

This program is Australia's first matched savings program that helps families to establish long term saving habits, building their money management skills and knowledge while saving for education costs. Participants can get dollar for dollar matched up to \$500 for education costs as a 'one off' incentive for their school aged children's education, eg. school uniforms, text books, laptops, excursions, camps and tuition.

Who is eligible?? People over 18 years old who have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, who live, work, study or have a child studying in the local area, must commit to attending 4 money minded workshops, have some income from paid employment and have not received matched savings from Saver Plus before. For more information contact Cynthia Culhane (02) 40324703 / 0418 699646

Natalie Conway Head Teacher Wellbeing





Francis Greenway High School

Notification of Student Absence

Student Name:		
	1 st Day Absent:	
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Notifier's Name: N	/ Mrs / Ms / Dr	
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CHANGE OF DETAILS SLIP – FGHS

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(Carer changes tha	at may need to be made to curr	rent records)		
New Carer Phone I	Numbers:			
		Father:		
New Mobile Numbe	er: Mother:	Father:		
New Work Number	: Mother:	Father:		
New Emergency C	ontacts:			
Name:		Name:		
Relationship to stud	dent:	Relationship to student:		
New	medical	conditions/	allergies	etc:
Name of person ma	aking changes	relationship to student		

Best phone/ email if contact is required today

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1-2-3 MAGIC[®] & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behavior in children 2-12 years old

Place of Friends & Beresfield Public School invites parents & carers of dependent children to a FREE three-session program

at Beresfield Public School, Lawson Avenue, Beresfield

on Wednesdays 25th May, 1st & 8th June, 2015

12.15pm arrival for 12.30pm start to 2.30pm

Learn:

- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to sort behaviour
- ✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Parents will receive:

- A 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Workbook
- **NO Registration Fee**

FREE children's group – limited places, bookings essential. Please bring a labelled lunch box and a bottle of water for your child.

Refreshments provided for parents & carers.

Who is running it? The presenter for this course is Cynthia Jenkins, Facilitator, Place of Friends To register for this course contact Cynthia on 49 642174

What people are saying...

What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self-control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go! I realized quickly that the 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child, who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control

For more information contact Cynthia on 49 642 174

 An end to the arguing and yelling!
 It saved our lives
 Simple, sane, effective This course is being run by a Parentshop[®] licensed practitioner. Maitland Family Care Cottage in partnership with Place of Friends presents

Circle of Security Parenting [™] - A Relationship Based Parenting Program[©]

An 8 week group for caregivers of toddlers-4 year olds

What is COS-P? Ever wished your child came with an instruction manual? Children are born with the ability to communicate their needs – they are the instruction manual!

Circle of Security Parenting™

- Helps caregivers understand how children communicate their needs through their behaviour.
- Supports caregivers to meet their child's need whenever possible and take charge whenever necessary, leading to stronger relationships between caregivers and children.
- Is a user friendly visually based approach to helping parents and carers better understand the needs of their children

Facilitators:	Alison Wright (Child & Family Health Nurse) & Margot Rooney (Social Worker) Circle of Security Registered Parent Educators
Dates & Times:	Fridays 6th May – 24th June 2016 10.00am – 12.00pm
Venue:	Place of Friends Woodberry Public School Lawson Ave Woodberry

Places are strictly limited and you must be registered to attend.

Limited FREE children's group available. If you have a younger baby who is not mobile and would like to attend please discuss this with Margo or Alison.

To register contact:

Alison:	Mon. – Frid. 49 392530
Margot:	Tues. – Frid. 49 392530
Cynthia:	Mon. – Frid. 49 642174

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SPECIAL DAYS & EVENTS
ANZAC Day PH
Term 2 begins
TAFE Outreach Navigator & Drop-In
Child & Family Health Clinic resume
Woodberry Playgroup resumes
MyTime resumes
Circle of Security Parenting
Mothers' Day
International Day of Families
National Families Week
123 Magie & Emotion Coaching
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
National Sorry Day
National Reconciliation Week
World Environment Day
Queen's Birthday PH
Term 2 ends

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Place of Friends

Woodberry Schools as Community Centres (SaCC) Woodberry, Beresfield & Tarro

> Woodberry Public School Lawson Avenue, Woodberry 2322 Facilitator: Cynthia Jenkins

Ph. 49 642174

Fax. 49 641148

Email: cynthia.jenkins@det.nsw.edu.au

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Learning Strong Reading Stations

The Learning Strong project is funded by Families NSW and co-ordinated by Muloobinba.

We have a wonderful library of books shared between Mara Boolang and the SaCC which 0-5 year olds are welcome to borrow.

When they first start kids get to keep a library bag full of free stuff. Chat to Cynthia for more information.

Mums and Bubs Sewing Group

Crafty, sewing, morning tea, friendships and FUN! Join Aunty Dawn every Wednesday starting 10.00am in the Mara Boolang Room, Woodberry Public School.

Chat & Chill Out

For the latest information on what's happening at Place of Friends and in your local community please drop in for a cuppa and a chat or ring 49 642174. JP services are available by appointment.



Can Saver Plus assistyou with high school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- · sports equipment, uniforms and lessons music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or studyy ourself.

Contact Cynthia Culhane your local Saver Plus Worker: (02) 4032 4703 / 0418 699 646

or cynthia.culhane@thesmithfamily.com.au Sowr Plus wes develgeed by NET and the Pothershol of St Laurence and is de Brend Broughout Hanc als by The See Di Roma. The program is poded by NET and the Australian Goranowert

Hear what past Saver Plus participants had to say:

"I've had a huge attitude change towards money."

"The money we saved, plus the matched savings, meant we could buy equipment for my daughter's course that we couldn't have afforded otherwise."

"I was surprised that the workshops were as fun and supportive as they were and I learned a lot more than I anticipated about my attitudes towards money, spending and saving."

"I used the program to teach my son about saving and we worked together to save the monthly amounts towards his laptop for high school."



How do I find out more?





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read more at www.anz.com/saverplus
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*Call costs may apply

1 Terms and Conditions and eligibility apply to Saver Pius. Contact 1300 610 355 for more information. Details correct as of 00/07/2013 and may be changed at any time.

2 You should consider if this product is appropriate for you. ANZ recommends that you read the Terms and Conditions before acquiring the product. For more information about the ANZ Progress Saver account please contact ANZ on 131314.

Who is involved?

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society, The Smith Family and other local community agencies.

The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Service and Indigenous Affairs, with ANZ providing matched savings for participants.

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