

FRANCIS GREENWAY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Successful Learners ~ Supportive Environment

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UP AND COMING EVENTS

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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11
END OF YEAR AWARDS
PRESENTATION IN MPC
6:30PM – 8:00PM

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MONDAY DECEMBER 16
END OF YEAR CELEBRATION
EAST MAITLAND POOL

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TUESDAY DECEMBER 17
HSC RESULTS & ATAR LUNCH
1:15PM – 2:18PM

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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18
LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS



UNIFORM SHOP OPENING
HOURS THROUGH HOLIDAYS:
20 JANUARY 9:00AM-2:00PM
24 JANUARY 9:00AM-2:00PM

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TUESDAY JANUARY 28
STAFF RETURN FOR 2020

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WEDNESDAY JANUARY 29
YEARS 7, 11 & 12 COMMENCE

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THURSDAY JANUARY 30
YEARS 8, 9 & 10 COMMENCE

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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 4
SWIMMING CARNIVAL

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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7
WELCOME & PBL ASSEMBLY
10:00AM – 10:40AM

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MONDAY FEBRUARY 10
SCHOOL PHOTOS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to begin our newsletter with introducing and congratulating our students who were successful in gaining school leadership positions for 2020.

Captains: Emmy Blanch and Mackenzie Whiting
Vice Captains: Lachlan Scott and Joshua Tabone
Prefects: Aden Young and Bentley Titmuss, Jam Mendoza and Indiana Crimston

These students were nominated for a leadership position and then undertook a rigorous interview following the presentation of a speech to the school staff. They have done themselves, their families and their school proud. I am pleased that they are the face and student voice of our school as they represent our core values of Respect, Responsibility, Commitment and Cooperation.

In the first week of term we held our VIVO assembly, recognising students who consistently display our core values. As a school we are committed to providing opportunities for students to develop as active citizens of society. Our core values reflect what our society expects and we teach this through our Positive Learning for Behaviour program.

The HSC examinations at the Beresfield Bowling Club have been completed with our students performing to the best of their ability. The exam supervisors mentioned on many occasions how responsible and lovely our students were during the exams. We will have a results lunch on December 17 to celebrate the successful completion of the HSC for our students.

Term 4 is always a busy term as classes complete assessments and teachers write final year academic reports. It is important for students to attend every lesson every day to provide them with the opportunity to learn and succeed, and to prepare for the following year of school. Students should only be absent from school if they are unwell or there is a family emergency. Attendance is one aspect of the school report that employers look at closely.

Year 10 are undertaking a four week alternative program to support students in the preparation for the senior school and/or the world of work. The program includes, Lovebites, Elevate, Roadwhyz, All My Own Work, Minimum Standards Test, Authentic Assessment, HSC subject preparation, Barista Course, Whitecard, Finance Management and car maintenance.

Authentic Assessment panels are taking place this term for Years 7 to 10. Throughout the year students complete reflection sheets on the work they have completed in their assessment tasks. This process encourages students to think about their learning and supports them in becoming lifelong learners. Their tasks and reflection sheets are collated into a folder and then discussed with a panel that consists of teachers, students and community members. It is lovely to listen to students talk about their learning and show the pride they have in their achievements. I encourage you to talk to your child about the Authentic Assessment experience.

Our end of year Presentation Evening on December 11 is when we recognise and celebrate the achievements of our students. Our entire community is welcome to attend so please place this date on your calendar.

Jo Edwards
Principal





JAPANESE (日本語) and VISUAL ARTS EXCURSION

konnichi wa! In Week 7 Mrs Wallace, Mrs Waller and seventeen Year 12 students from the Beginners Japanese, Visual Arts and Photography classes travelled to Sydney by train to view two exciting exhibitions. The first was 'Japan Supernatural' showing at the Art Gallery of NSW. This exhibition features over 200 wildly imaginative works by Japanese artists past and present. Students learning Japanese practised asking and giving directions as they enjoyed an interesting walk through Sydney's beautiful Domain.

After another short trip on the subway, the group arrived at the Japan Foundation. Here students viewed a second exhibition called 'Retro Horror: Supernatural and the Occult in Post War Japanese Manga' which explores the horror manga of Post War Japan.

Students represented our school well and enjoyed the experience.



Sharon Waller
Japanese Teacher

Teliece Wallace
Visual Arts Teacher





GREENWAY GOES GREEN!

National recycling week aims to raise awareness of the waste we create and inform and encourage people to dispose of it in a sustainable way. Nationally we have generated 700 thousand tonnes of eWaste this year alone. As we are continually upgrading and using more electronic devices this number continues to rise.

Year 9 Science 4 challenged themselves to be part of the solution. They focused on eWaste recycling and encouraged the school community to bring in old phones and their accessories, batteries and used reading glasses. Students also organised a 'Green Day' on Friday November 15 to encourage students to think about our waste and recycling options.

After a week of collecting they have a total of 13 kg of eWaste to recycle.

This is made up of:

- 28 old phones and ipods
- 30 chargers and cables
- 208 batteries
- 2 pairs of glasses

A big thankyou to everyone who brought in their old devices and contributed to this effort. These recycling boxes are available year-round in our community for you to continue recycling.

The Mobile Muster phone boxes can be found at local phone shops such as Telstra & Optus. The battery recycling box can be found at Battery World Maitland and reading glasses can be recycled at SpecSavers or the Lions Club.

Thank you for the community support from Kate at Battery World Maitland, David from East Maitland Lions Club and to the Mobile Muster team.



Sarah Young
Teacher Education Student (TES)



WELLBEING TEAM

Student Centred – Learning Focused – Wellbeing Driven

The Wellbeing Team would like to like wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe holiday. It has been another massive year of providing quality wellbeing initiatives and programs to our students with some student highlights being:

- Playground Sounds – Silent Disco
- LOVEBiTES
- #FRIENDS (LOVEBiTES Junior)
- RAGE (Re-negotiating Anger and Guilty Emotions)
- Drumbeat
- Seasons for Growth



A massive thank you to the amazing Learning and Support staff that consists of Year Advisers, Student Learning and Support Officers (SLSO), Learning & Support Teachers, Counsellors, Student Support Officer (SSO) and a Defence Force Mentor, who consistently provide both academic and social support to our students.

Pre Loved Uniforms

Has your child grown out of their uniform? Left school? The Francis Greenway High School Wellbeing Team welcomes any pre-loved uniform donations from the community. Donated uniform items are used to support families in need. Donated items can be dropped off at the front office during school hours.

End of Year Celebration

Monday December 16 (Week 10), will provide an opportunity for students and staff to relax and celebrate the year at Beresfield Pool. See Poster in this Gazette for further information.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2020!

Laura George
Head Teacher Learning & Wellbeing



SUPPORT UNIT

What a year 2019 has been for the support unit at Francis Greenway High School. We expanded our unit, welcomed additional teachers and students, said goodbye to our year 12 graduates and enjoyed every minute of the ups and downs of the year together as a team.

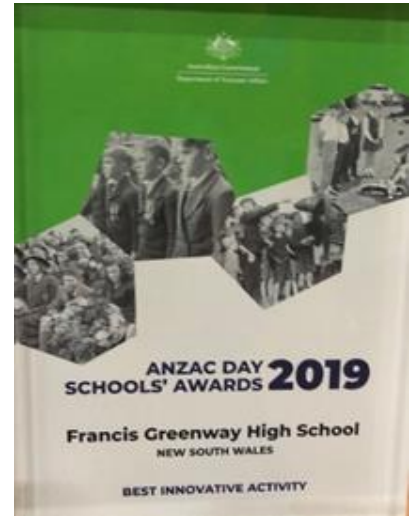
Our latest adventure saw us exploring the Hunter Wetlands to complement our Science & Geography Studies this semester. We braved the heat to engage in scientific explorations both indoors and outdoors at the Wetlands. We used microscopes and magnifying glasses to take a look and investigate insects. We also went 'catch and release' net fishing for tadpoles and algae in the lagoon. We had a wonderful day and are grateful for the opportunity.



WE WON yet another competition. The Support Unit of FGHS entered a national competition, run by the Federal Department of Veteran Affairs, which asked schools to demonstrate their innovative Ways of Teaching the ANZAC Spirit. During Semester 1 our students studied the significance of ANZAC Day and participated in a range of activities including analysing primary sources, writing letters to veterans, and working with HSIE to design and build their own wreath. This learning culminated in our excursion to the Newcastle War Memorial where we ran our own ANZAC Day service. Upon return to school we entered the competition with an accompanying PowerPoint including pictures and student voice overs that explained our learning. We are so proud of ourselves. What a way to end the year! Below is the announcement from the Federal Department of Veteran Affairs website:

Francis Greenway High School – Best Innovative Activity

This entry included a broad range of learning activities which focused on the Gallipoli Campaign, the concept of mateship and the importance of remembrance. Students participated in activities including collages, drawing, painting and constructing visual representations of the landing of Gallipoli through dioramas. Students engaged in research through interviews with veterans, ex-members of the RAAF and multi-media publications. The judges were really impressed with the community involvement in sending care packages to current serving members. It was evident that the interests and strengths of students were considered in the planning of these activities. The judges commended the level of student participation.



Next year, 2020, we welcome a whole cohort of new students into the support unit, bringing new teachers along with them. All new additions are welcomed with open arms and we are sure they will fit perfectly into our team here at FGHS. Thanks to all who have supported us as a unit throughout 2019. Have a safe and happy holiday. See you in 2020.

Shelby McPherson
Support Faculty

Merry Christmas

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT/ HEALTH/ PHYSICAL EDUCATION

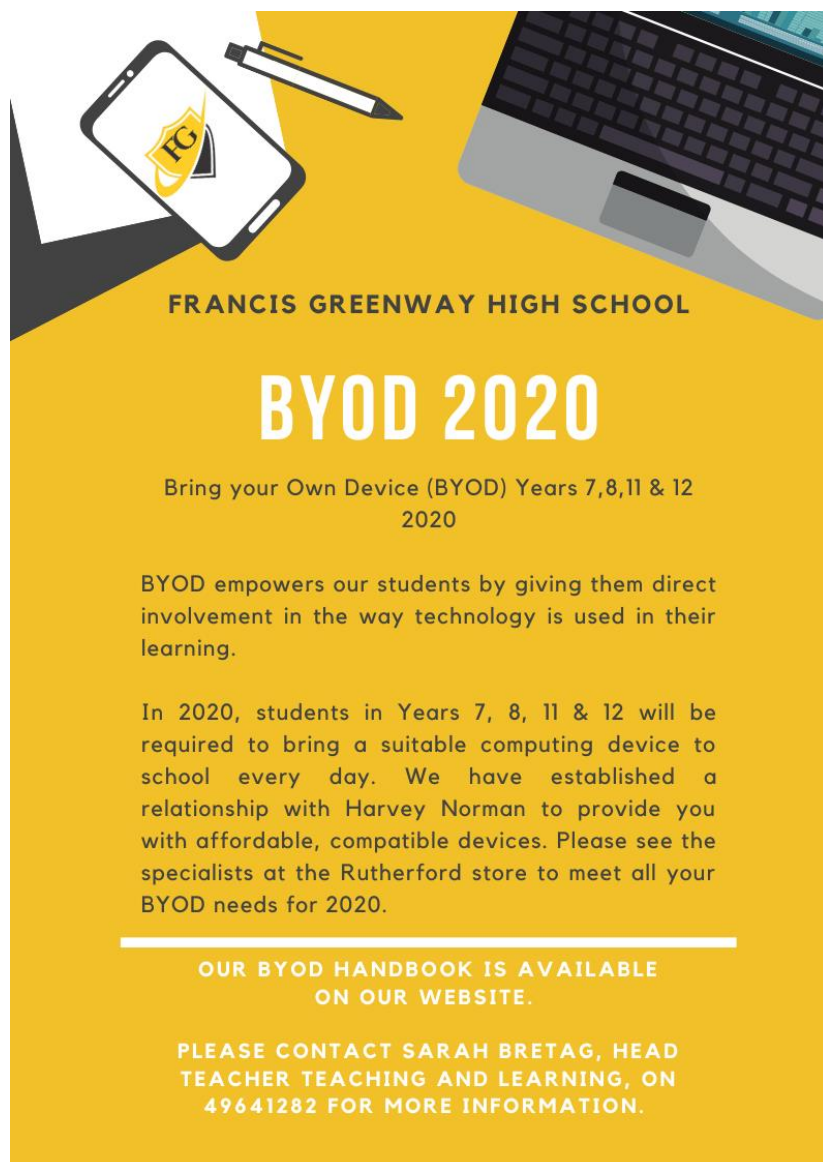
As always, the year in PD/H/PE has been an exceptionally busy one. Students and staff have been involved in a variety of programs, activities and extra-curricular learning experiences. We have attempted to provide our students with the most effective learning experiences, whilst also delivering sporting experiences in and out of the classroom.

The staff and students have been fortunate to be involved in the following programs below:

1. Olympics Unleashed – a visit from a Bronze winning Australian athlete
2. Sexual Health Year 9 Program – to facilitate sexual health knowledge on consent and contraception
3. ACHPER Year 12 Study Day – senior students engaged in the program to support them in the HSC
4. First Aid Training – students were offered the chance to complete their first aid certificate
5. Rugby League Gala Days
6. Knock-Out sports teams for touch football, soccer, netball, basketball and cricket
7. Athletics Carnivals – assisting at Tarro Public School
8. Swim School – year 7 and 8 engaged in this program to improve their swim survival skills
9. School and Zone Carnivals – Athletics, Cross Country and Swimming where we had a number of students representing our school
10. Hunter Representatives – Athletics: Jarryd Morrissey, Logan Morrissey, Regan Fitzpatrick,
Baseball: Dylan Bartlett

We are privileged to work with such incredible students who are always eager to be involved in extra-curricular activities and we look forward to what the following year will bring inside the classroom as well as in the sporting contexts.

Harmonie Attwill
PD/H/PE



FRANCIS GREENWAY HIGH SCHOOL

BYOD 2020

Bring your Own Device (BYOD) Years 7,8,11 & 12
2020

BYOD empowers our students by giving them direct involvement in the way technology is used in their learning.

In 2020, students in Years 7, 8, 11 & 12 will be required to bring a suitable computing device to school every day. We have established a relationship with Harvey Norman to provide you with affordable, compatible devices. Please see the specialists at the Rutherford store to meet all your BYOD needs for 2020.

**OUR BYOD HANDBOOK IS AVAILABLE
ON OUR WEBSITE.**

**PLEASE CONTACT SARAH BRETAG, HEAD
TEACHER TEACHING AND LEARNING, ON
49641282 FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION 2019



WHEN: Monday 16th December (Week 10)

Roll call at the pool at 8.35am (meet at the pool)

Buses will drop off and pick up from the pool

WHERE: Beresfield Swimming Pool

WHO: Whole school – Years 7-11

COST: Pool entry is \$2.20

THE DAY: The End Of Year Pool Day is being held to celebrate a great year of learning at FGHS. The inflatables will be hired for 3 hours for students to enjoy. A range of other activities will also be held including various relay activities and novelty events.

CLOTHING/FOOD: Full school uniform, hat and sunscreen, protective sun gear, swimmers and towel. Students need to supply their own food and water or bring money for the canteen.

WET WEATHER: For cancellations due to wet weather, there will be a message on your school email and on the school Facebook page.

In the event of cancellation, a normal school day will occur.

Any other queries please contact Laura George on 4964 1282.





Shop Hours
 Monday 1.00-3.30pm
 Wednesday 8.00-9.30am

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Girls Uniform: Yr7-Yr12	Size	Price	Size	Qty
S/S Blouse Yr7-Yr10	J8-L20	\$41.00		
Formal Polo Yr7-Yr10	J8-3XL	\$46.00		
S/S Blouse Yr11-Yr12	J10-L20	\$41.00		
Tartan Skirt	J8-L20	\$71.00		
Formal Shorts	J8-L20	\$49.95		
Fitted Pants - On Sale	J8-L20	\$39.00		
Boys Uniform: Yr7-Yr12	Size	Price	Size	Qty
S/S Shirt Yr7-Yr10	J8-3XL	\$40.00		
Formal Polo Yr7-Yr10	J8-3XL	\$46.00		
S/S Shirt Yr11-Yr12	J8-3XL	\$40.00		
Formal Shorts	J8-3XL	\$49.95		
Formal Trousers	J8-3XL	\$55.00		
Sports Uniform	Size	Price	Size	Qty
Sports Polo	J8-3XL	\$46.00		
Sport Shorts Stretch MF	J8-3XL	\$41.00		
Sport Shorts - On Sale	J8-3XL	\$38.00		



Order Form Details

Date: _____
 Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Contact Number: _____
 Email Address: _____

Pick up from shop
 Delivery to above address \$7.95

Payment Options

Visa Mastercard Cash (enclosed)

Name On Card: _____
 Credit Card Number: _____
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 Expiry Date: ____/____
 CVC: _____
 Signature: _____

Outerwear	Size	Price	Size	Qty
Kitted Jumper	10-16	\$55.00		
	18-24	\$55.00		
Super Fleece Jacket	J10-2XL	\$66.95		
Cotton Cardigan	10-20	\$40.00		
Rugby Jumper	J10-2XL	\$45.00		
Accessories	Size	Price	Size	Qty
Leather Belt	All Sizes	\$17.50		
Tie		\$24.00		

- Note:
- Sizes not carried are available by custom order (SMU). During peak times it may take up to 3 month lead time. An additional \$10.00 is applied to custom orders.
 - Online orders are distributed from the Uniform Shop the next opening day of the shop. A postage charge will occur for all orders marked for delivery.
 - Payments can be made by Cash, Credit Card or Debit Credit Cards only.

Prices Effective from 1-09-2019 and are subject to change without notice.