

FRANCIS GREENWAY HIGH SCHOOL Newsletter



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UP AND COMING EVENTS

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Monday October 12
Students Return
Term 4

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Tuesday October 20
HSC Exam Commence

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Thursday November 12
Year 12 Graduation Assembly
MPC
10:00am

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As another term draws to a close I would like to thank our school community for the support provided throughout this year. As a school we are committed to providing a quality education for every student in an environment that is safe and supportive. This is presenting some challenges as we continue to navigate our way through the restrictions imposed by COVID-19.

As a school we are really missing having events that allow our community to come onsite and share in the fabulous talents our students exhibit on a daily basis. Our students continue to demonstrate success in all areas of the curriculum and beyond. We have recently celebrated a Year 10 student successfully obtaining an Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Scholarship. This scholarship is valued at \$10000.00 for the students to be employed one day each week in a traineeship.

Our foyer is looking much brighter with the installation of the artwork completed by our students for the 'Stories from Wonnarua Country' exhibition at the Maitland Regional Art Gallery. Our Year 12 students have completed their major projects in Visual Arts, Textiles and Design and Industrial Technology with photos shown in this newsletter. Our music and drama students have also worked hard on their HSC performances.

We recognise that Year 12 have had a challenging year while noting that it has been the same for all Year 12 students across the state. I have reinforced to students that the HSC exams will proceed and that the entry into university will remain the same. Students need to be attending class and using the support mechanisms available to them at school if they are feeling overwhelmed. This is not the time for them to be doing extra hours at work. The HSC is a valuable credential that must be earned. Please note that Year 12 students return to school for the first week of Term 4.

The Year 12 Graduation Assembly is on Thursday November 12 at 10:00am and will be livestreamed and recorded to allow students and families to both view and have a copy of the event. Year 12 will have an English tutorial day on Friday October 16 to prepare them for the HSC English exam on Tuesday October 20. As a school we are working to make this day special and memorable for our students. The Formal has been moved back to Term 4 and we are hoping the restrictions are such that we can proceed with it.

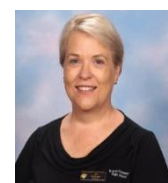
With the Spring weather upon us more students are on the playing fields being active at breaks. This is great to see and provides an avenue for exerting some excess energy. I hope that weekend sport in the summer months provides our students with further opportunities to be active.

This term we have named Monday, Magic Monday. With so much negativity in our world this year, our students have really struggled. A decision has been made to make a concerted effort to flood our school with positivity. Our Positive Behaviour for Learning lessons together with an event each Monday has really been great. We have had a whole school, free sausage sizzle, staff participating in games at break times and a photo guessing competition of staff.

Each week I have been speaking to our students on our virtual assembly about the need to be kind and caring and to remind them of our core values, Respect, Responsibility, Commitment and Cooperation. At Francis Greenway we treat each other with kindness and respect. This means we do not touch each other or use verbal abuse. If we have an issue we work it out with appropriate words with the support of a staff member if needed.

I wish all our school community a wonderful Spring break enjoying the company of family and friends.

Jo Edwards
Principal



FROM THE DEPUTIES

Student Success

It has been great to see the large number of students achieving success in the classroom. Positive points and awards given to students in the classroom, in the playground and through meeting termly attendance and behaviour goals supports our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) approach at FGHS. Beresfield Bowling Club continues to support FGHS with awards for students in the form of gift vouchers and VISA cards. Currently the high achievers in each year are:

Year 7 - Jake Gibson

Year 8 - Aleisha Ryan

Year 9 - Kaitlyn Black

Year 10 - Chloe Mould

Year 11 - Jam Mendoza (273 points and the highest in the school)

Year 12 - Corey Parkes

Year 11 Examinations

Year 11 will have their first formal examinations starting Friday 18 September – Friday 25 September. Students will be required to attend all school days leading to the exams. Students needing misadventure for exams due to illness must provide a Doctor's Certificate to support this application. The following is the examination schedule.

Date	Exam	Start time	End time
18/09/2020	11English Advanced exam	8:35	10:45
	11English Standard exam	8:35	10:45
21/09/2020	11Mathematics Advanced exam	8:35	10:45
	11Mathematics Standard exam	8:35	10:45
	11Business Studies exam	12:20	14:25
22/09/2020	11Community and Family Studies exam	8:35	10:45
	11Mathematics Extension exam	8:35	10:45
	11Ancient History exam	12:20	14:25
	11Chemistry exam	12:20	14:25
	11Modern History exam	12:20	14:25
23/09/2020	11Industrial Technology (Timber) exam	8:35	10:45
	11Investigating Science exam	8:35	10:45
	11Visual Arts exam	8:35	10:15
24/09/2020	11Exploring Early Childhood (Non-ATAR) exam	8:35	10:45
	11Legal Studies exam	8:35	10:45
	11PDHPE exam	8:35	10:45
25/09/2020	11Biology exam	8:35	10:45
	11Physics exam	8:35	10:45
	11VET Construction exam	8:35	10:15

Students are asked to ensure they check carefully the start time of their exams and be at school 20 minutes prior to the start of an exam. All students have been provided with a digital and hard copy of the exam schedule and a rules and procedures document for formal exams. It is important for parents to understand the importance of students attending the exams and making their best efforts, as in most courses this is a large percentage of their final Preliminary Grade. If you would like to discuss your child's current performance at school we welcome your enquiry.

Year 12 – HSC COVID-19 Safe HSC Examinations

HSC exams will be held at the Beresfield Bowling Club this year. Due to COVID-19 restrictions there will be some protocols put in place to ensure student and supervisor safety. Students will be provided with a summary of the protocols, one of which is that students will be required to arrive 30 minutes prior to the official start time of the exam so a health check can be done before entering the exam room. Facebook will be updated prior to October 20 with information. NESAs has guidelines outlined on their website which both students and parents need to be familiar with. Any questions or concerns regarding these procedures can be directed to Mr Brownsmith (DP) 4964 1282. The NESAs site for information is below.

<https://www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/home>

Natalie Conway

Deputy Principal Years 7 & 9

Ben Higginbottom

Deputy Principal Years 8 & 10

Damien Brownsmith

Deputy Principal Years 11 & 12

ENGLISH



What's Happening in English?

Springtime is in full force as is the English faculty. With so many assessment tasks and exams, it can be hard for students (and teachers) to keep up with it all. This term, we were joined by two new staff members: a big welcome to Shannen Holland and Michelle Tolosa Castor!

HSC Trials

Congratulations to Year 12 for having completed their HSC Trial Examinations! The key to success in the HSC is ensuring that time is dedicated to a regular study routine. There are plenty of resources available online to assist with this process. Year 12 students should also be checking Google Classroom regularly for resources and updates. Some other study tips for acing English:

- Read through and use the feedback given by the marker.
- Keep making notes.
- Rewrite responses and expand on them using feedback.
- Check in with classroom teachers.

Junior Assessment Tasks

Students in Years 7-10 will be completing their first formal Assessment Task for English this year due to COVID-19. Tasks are outlined below:

- Year 7 – Narrative Writing (Representations of Asia)
- Year 8 – Narrative Writing (World Literature)
- Year 9 – Imaginative Writing (Gothic Horror)
- Year 10 – Discursive Writing (Transformations of Shakespeare)

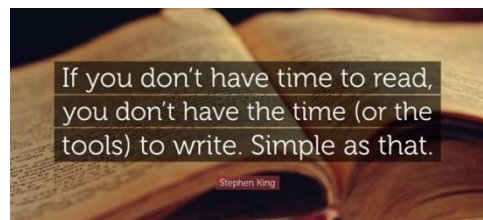
2020 Premier's Reading Challenge

Thank you to those students who participated in the 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge. Results will be announced soon. Remember: just because the challenge is over, doesn't mean you have to stop reading!

The Importance of Reading

Quite simply put: you read to write. Reading can give you more ideas to write about, it can help you learn new words to increase your vocabulary, and it can assist you with communicating or expressing your ideas in a sophisticated manner. Reading is an essential skill to have for school, especially for imaginative writing tasks; however, there are numerous other reasons as to why you should be reading for your own pleasure. From a good book, you can:

1. Learn new things about yourself and the world.
2. Easily empathise with others.
3. Disconnect from the world of social media and technology.
4. Get lost in the wonderful world-building.
5. Broaden your creative and critical thinking skills.



If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning, please contact the English Faculty.

Sariya Tansiri
English Faculty

MATHS

This term the Mathematics faculty has been busy learning new ways to engage and challenge students using technology in the classroom. Several teachers have been learning how to use the online learning platform Desmos, which we have begun implementing in lessons. Our Stage 5 students have enjoyed the opportunity to explore straight lines, parabolas, exponentials and circles in an interactive and informative way.



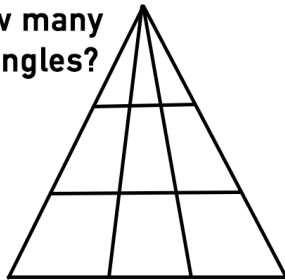
Miss Carson's Stage 6 CEC Numeracy students have been getting their hands dirty in the Japanese garden building garden beds as part of their assessment task. Students worked in groups to plan, cost and build their garden beds. Using their knowledge of area and volume, students crunched the numbers and learnt how useful maths could be in everyday life.



Have a go at the riddle below with your kids. Bring your solution to the maths staffroom for a prize!

Mitchell Howard
Maths Faculty

**How many
triangles?**



WRITE IT RIGHT – Murrook Cultural Activities

Despite a very disrupted start to the year, and significant restrictions placed on schools participating in external activities we have been lucky that Uncle Justin and John from the Murrook Culture Centre have been visiting the school every fortnight throughout Term 3, to share culture and teach the students language, dance, cooking and boomerang throwing.

It has been wonderful to watch all students engage in a range of activities with energy and positivity, which I have tried to capture in the images below.

The students have continued to attend their once a fortnight writing lessons, where we focus on improving writing skills, through a range of engaging activities.

The Write It Right Program will continue for Term 4 but as with Term 3, there will be some changes to the original program. Hopefully, we will be able to have a celebration of student learning in Week 8 of Term 4. Specific information regarding Term 4 will be communicated to the students, by the end of Term 3.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact Samantha Woolnough in the English Faculty.

Samantha Woolnough
Murrook



CAREERS AND TRANSITION



What's happening in Careers and Transition?

It has been a busy month for the Career and Transition Team (CATT). We have started the preparation and renovation of our new Career and Transition Hub which will be located in the Library. The CATT will work from this space and provide guidance to students about career goals and options, transition strategies, develop their employability skills and expand their knowledge and experience of the workplace. Students will also have access to a range of careers resources and learning opportunities. We are super excited to share this space with you once renovations are completed.

White Card Training

On Tuesday September 8, 21 students undertook White Card Training. The course was run by an accredited trainer and students received a Statement of Attainment and a Safework NSW Statement of Training. The students enjoyed the day and are now qualified to work on any construction sites.

Another White Card Training Course will be offered to students in Term 4



Elsa Dixon Scholarship



Congratulations to Killara Drew who with the support of the CATT and members of the Indigenous Support Team has been successful in gaining a school based traineeship in Business Services Cert 2. The traineeship is funded via the Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Grant which adopts a number of strategies to develop and support Aboriginal people through the creation of training and employment opportunities, promoting diversity, innovation and service responsiveness in the NSW workforce. Killara has worked hard to be offered this opportunity and is the first at FGHS to benefit from this funding.

Student Achievements

With the support of the CATT and their teachers, students continue to achieve both academically and personally. A number of students have recently completed traineeships or gained full time employment. Congratulations to the following students: Ryan Warden, Sarah Ingram and Katrina Coppi-Keelan.



Workplace Learning

COVID 19 has placed some restrictions on workplace learning, however we have 10 students engaged with employers who will undertake a work placement in the next 4 - 6 weeks.

Currently we have Kaleb Robertson on a placement at Skinner's Mechanical Repairs. He has been doing very well and is enjoying the experience. Kaleb reports that he has learnt heaps, has been on the tools most of the time and now hopes he can target this area of work as a future career. The owner of the business has stated that Kaleb will always be welcome at his shop.



Willa Kennedy
Career and Transition Team

CAPA

Filming for the CAPA MADD NIGHT is under way with some exciting talent on show. Stay tuned to find out how you can participate in this innovative ground-breaking event and watch our amazing students succeed on stage.

The HSC is well and truly upon us. For CAPA students this means that all practical projects are now due. For Visual Arts, students have completed their Major Body of Work which will be marked in Week 9. For Music, Performances and Viva Voces are ready to be presented in Week 9 to HSC Markers, and Drama has successfully completed all of their HSC practical exam.

Drama: Year 9 and 10 Drama students have been looking at film in drama this term. As part of the unit students were given the opportunity to film around the school and edit a Soap Opera Episode and Short Film.

Music: Year 8 Music are in the process of recording and mixing their Radio Advertisements. Year 9 Music are adding the final touches to their large ensemble piece 'We Are the Champions' by Queen.

Visual Arts: Year 7 Visual Arts students have completed some colourful and creative linoleum prints in the Pop Art style of Andy Warhol. These showcase their abilities to both carve and assemble four repetitive prints to create an A3 work. Students are currently working on their digital comic strip designs using online platform, Pixton.

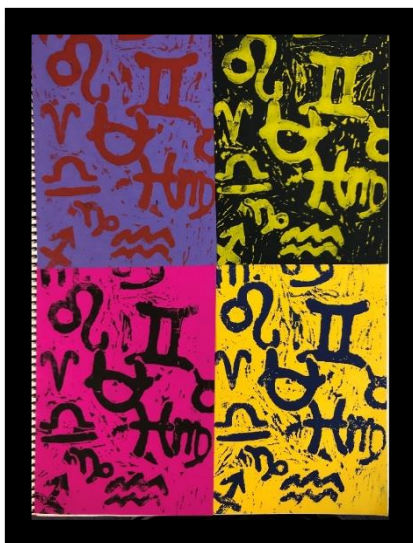
Photography: Year 10 Photographic and Digital Media are in the process of developing their Case Studies on Australian photographic artists Alexia Sinclair, Robyn Stacey and Clare Weeks and editing their Still Life works using the Adobe Creative Suite.

Visual Arts and Photography have some exciting opportunities for students with a range of competitions coming up that deal with social distancing and isolation from a rural and remote perspective for more information please see Mrs Wallace or Ms Newton.

Morag Ayres

CAPA Faculty

Year 7 Lino Prints





WELLBEING TEAM
Student Centred – Learning Focused – Wellbeing Driven

R U OK Day?
 Thursday 10th September was R U OK? Day, providing a valuable opportunity for students and staff to check-in with each other. There are many support services available for anyone needing help - <https://www.ruok.org.au/findhelp>. Remember, it's important to check-in with others not just on R U OK? Day.



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1. Ask
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2. Listen
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3. Encourage action
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4. Check in

Local Events & Resources

The Power of Parenting
 Are you a parent with a young person who requires support with their mental health and wellbeing?



Dr Stephen Spencer presents ThePower of Parenting: Supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing of Young People.

Tuesday September 22nd ,730pm -8:30pm via Zoom
 Cost: FREE however places are limited

To register please go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/power-of-parenting-tickets-120133902737>

If you have any questions or enquiries please contact Byron Williams bwilliams@hunterprimarycare.com.au



Laura George
Head Teacher Learning & Wellbeing

SUPPORT

As part of our recycling program in S5, students have investigated how to repurpose old furniture. Students found an old hutch that was destined for the bin and began planning how it could be best recycled. It turned into a very functional shelving unit made to fit perfectly under our Promethean Board. They were very proud of the result. Well done S5!



Covering the nail holes with putty



The second coat of paint



The finished product



Meet Daniel Hooper from S7 who has dubbed himself 'The Autistic Yoyo Man', a superhero whose special skill is Yoyo tricks. Daniel has recently made it into Francis Greenway High School's MADD Night performance showcase. Soon, you will be able to see his amazing tricks when the production filming has commenced. Well done Dan!

Students and staff recently enjoyed playing a variety of different games together. This allowed students to practice their social skills and linked in with our Semester Two learning theme of toys and games.



Olivia Hay
Support Faculty

PD/H/PE

Vaccinations

Vaccinations were completed last week for Years 7 and 10. Year 7 were offered Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and HPV. Year 10 were offered Meningococcal ACWY. If any student still wishes to be vaccinated through the NSW School Vaccination Program they may return a form to Mrs Bull. Provided the form is returned this year they will be included into the program in 2021. If any student was absent they will also be caught up in 2021.

Jean Bull
Vaccination Coordinator

Sport

With the latest COVID-19 regulations most sports outside school needed to be cancelled. We also need to be conducting sport within specific year groups. This has been accepted well by most students who are abiding by these rules, which have been designed to reduce health risks for all concerned. I am asking parents to reinforce the requirements that all students need to be bringing their own refillable water bottles to school and not share drink bottles or use the bubblers. The bubblers have been sealed off but some students are breaking the seals and drinking directly from the bubblers. Many bottle refilling stations are available at school.

Jean Bull
Sports Coordinator

LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH (LOTE) JAPANESE (日本語)



konnichi wa! This term has been full of fun cultural experiences for both Year 7 and Year 12 students. Summer in Japan is a popular time for matsuri (festivals). During the festival of Obon in August, people of all ages dress in traditional summer kimonos called yukata and participate in bon odori (bon dancing). Our Japanese Assistant, Eri sensei, was keen to teach students the dance from her hometown of Sapporo. Almost all students attempted the dance with great success. We were lucky th at the beautiful winter weather permitted us to visit our Japanese Cultural Garden and to perform the dance outdoors.



The Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony is held each year on August 6 to commemorate the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. The story of 'Sadako and the 1000 Paper Cranes' inspires people all over the world to make paper cranes in memory of those who lost their lives. All students had the opportunity to make an origami crane, a symbol of hope and healing. A crane is quite difficult to fold for those who don't regularly do origami. However, with patience and perseverance, most managed the task and were very proud of their efforts



All Year 7 students and our Year 12 Japanese Beginners students had the opportunity to participate in a free Japanese Calligraphy Workshop with Eri sensei. Students used a brush and black ink to draw kanji characters of their choice and wrote their names in Japanese script. Students enjoyed the experience and created some awesome calligraphy.



Good luck to our Year 12 Japanese Beginners students who will sit their HSC Speaking examination on Saturday September 12.

Sharon Waller
Japanese Teacher





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BYOD 2021

Bring your Own Device (BYOD) 2021

In 2021, all students (years 7-12) will be required to bring a suitable computing device to school every day. Devices can be purchased from any retailer.

Parents/carers are advised to check specifications on our learning hub website:

<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/fghslearninghub/bring-your-own-device-2021>

Our preferred supplier is Harvey Norman Maitland, see here for compatible devices:

<https://www.harveynormanbusiness.com.au/fghs2020portal>

Additional information is available on our website:

<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/fghslearninghub/home>

PLEASE CONTACT DANIELLE WALSH, HEAD
TEACHER TEACHING AND LEARNING, ON
49641282 FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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JUNIOR CRICKET (11's-16's) \$175*

SENIOR CRICKET

ALL GRADES \$360*
SENIOR STUDENT \$250*



*COST BEFORE ANY DISCOUNTS APPLIED (E.G. ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER, SIBLING DISCOUNT)
**AGES ARE A GUIDE ONLY - CONTACT THE CLUB TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION IF YOU ARE UNSURE



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City United Cricket Club Registrations



City United is taking registrations for the 2020-21 season for the following:

- Junior Blaster 5-8 years
- Master Blaster 8-10
- Junior competitions from 8yrs to 16yrs and Senior competitions

All registrations can be completed via

- www.playcricket.com.au or
- Thursday 3/9 4:30-5:30pm at Robins Oval Grandstand, Maitland Park

For further information contact

Andy on 0434211509 or

Paul 0419294033 or

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<http://cucc.nsw.cricket.com.au/>

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 Monday 1.00-3.30pm
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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		



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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.