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## Message from Mr Abernethy

Dear Parents/Carers and Friends,

This Sunday, the Catholic Church's calendar, celebrates 'Pentecost'. Pentecost occurred 50 days after Easter Sunday or 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus had already gone back to Heaven so the disciples and new believers of Jesus were waiting to receive the Holy Spirit because that's what Jesus told them would happen.

Just before Jesus was taken up to heaven, he told them that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on them and that they should spread the good news of his resurrection throughout the world.

The bible says *"When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech". Acts 2:1-11*



Something profound happened here at Pentecost. This event started the ministry of many people who are our current day saints. St Peter, travelled to Italy, St Andrew travelled to Iran

& Eastern Europe, St John went to Asia, St James travelled around the Middle East, Mary Magdalene travelled to France, St Phillip preached in Turkey, St Bartholomew travelled to India. The disciples of Jesus spread the word. All faced persecution. Most died being executed for their beliefs, but their belief was unwavering. Their conviction strong. Obviously after receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, their lives were changed and their legacy is a global church.

When we are ready to try to live a life pleasing to God the Holy Spirit becomes part of us, so we have a part of God with us all the time. The first steps in ordinary people doing extraordinary things. The first steps in living the life of a saint.

May God continue to bless you.

Mr Abernethy  
College Principal

## College Uniform and Grooming

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## Junior/Middle/Senior Years Assembly

### Bronze Awards

Congratulations to the following students on achieving their Bronze award at our recent assembly held on the 11th & 18th May:

Year 1  
Jacob H

Year 2  
Samantha C

Year 3  
Violet V  
Joanne T

Year 6  
Belle H

### Silver Awards

Congratulations to the following students on achieving their Silver award at our recent assembly held on the 11th & 18th May:

Year 3  
Charlie C  
Phoebe S  
Zavier B  
Annabelle P  
Grace P

Year 4  
Morris B  
Annabelle P

Year 5  
Luca M

Year 9  
Honey P  
Sebastian B  
Hari S  
Hope I

Year 11  
Vanessa W

### Gold Award

Congratulations to Sienna V on achieving her Gold Award.



### Author Visit

On Tuesday 11th May, students in K-4 attended their fortnightly Junior Years assembly. During this assembly we were accompanied by Jade Chapman, author of the newly-released children's book 'Understanding Oscar'.

Jade read her story to our Junior Years cohort, raising awareness of autism within our college community.

*'Oscar is a little bit different from his brothers, and has a different way of interacting with the world. Sometimes that can be hard on his brothers, but Banjo discovers that a little understanding can go a long way.'*

Jade has written this book from her own experience in order to reach out and help all families with children who have additional needs, as well as wanting to highlight with one and all the importance of acceptance and inclusion.

To learn more about this book, what inspired Jade to write it, or to purchase a copy, please visit the link below:

[www.understandingoscar.com](http://www.understandingoscar.com)



### News from the Junior Years Religious Education Leader

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### Junior Years Numeracy News

Kinder, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 recently finished up their Challenging Maths Tasks journey in Week 3. Watch this space in the next newsletter to see some of the wonderful thinking from these young Mathematicians. We can't give too much away yet as Year 3 and Year 5 have finished their NAPLAN testing and just begun their Challenging Maths Tasks! In the meantime, here is a Mathematical task to complete at home with your family:

*Cadbury have given you the job of designing their next chocolate box for Father's Day in September. The box needs to fit 48 chocolates. It can be one or two layers high. **How many ways** could you arrange the chocolates in the box?*  
(Problem adapted from MANSW Primary and Middle Years PAMphlet No. 93, 2021)

Mrs Jeymour is giving house points away to the families who provide her with their detailed designs and a spotlight section in the next newsletter for a talented family who can make a possible Father's Day chocolate box and send it in to the College.

Kylie Jeymour  
Junior Years Numeracy Coordinator

### Year 2 and Year 8 Japanese Lesson

This term in Year 2, the students have been engaging in a study about Japan. Students have been learning about the culture, cuisine, customs and landscape in class during HSIE time. In order for Year 2 to learn more about the language, all of the Year 2 classes and the Year 8 Red Japanese class got together to participate in a Japanese language lesson.

The lesson was led by the Year 8 Red Japanese students using



Slideshows they had created themselves. They taught Year 2 how to say "Hi, my name is ..." and how to count to 10 in Japanese. Year 2 loved the experience of being able to learn from the older students in the school and Year 8 enjoyed being the teachers!

Sincerely

Mr O'Brien, Miss Kaka, Miss Meli and Miss Figueiras



## CAPA Corner

Hello Parents/Carers,

I have a number of exciting things to share with you in this edition of CAPA Corner. Our College is a very busy place and it is awesome to have so many great items to present to you.

### Ed Square Performance

Congratulations to our Stage 2 choir led by Choral Mistress Eloise Autaud and our Middle Years Choir led by Choral Mistress Jade Weaver. These Choirs were asked to perform at the opening of Ed Square with a very short lead in to allow for preparations. Both groups rose to the occasion and were wonderful representatives of our College. The Stage 2 choir looked and sounded fantastic on screen and did a great job of singing accapela (which is no mean feat!). The Middle years Choir sang two songs including our School song composed by one of our very own music specialists and Creative arts teachers Miss Bugge. Thank you also to Mrs Blunden (also a music specialist and creative arts teacher at our College) for supporting the students by accompanying them on keys. Year 8 student Jamie S played guitar live and had a vocal feature. Well done, singers!

### Performance Opportunity

Drum roll please.....

It is with extreme excitement that I present to you the *SFCC Twilight performance* for 2021.

The 2021 Twilight performance will be the College's first full school performance. It's goal is to give all students involved in CAPA clubs from Kinder to Year 11 the opportunity to perform a short work/s that they have rehearsed with their club teacher. This performance will be an indoor/ outdoor concert utilising the hall, the dance and drama studios, the band rehearsal room and the undercroft. There will be staggered performances over approximately one hour and will take place at 'twilight'.

All CAPA clubs have been invited to perform an item at this event. The nature of this event will be informal and will assist with the development of the students' performance skills. Please put the following information in your calendar!

**Date:** Term 3, Thursday 9th of September

**Time:** Performance will be from 5.30 - 6.30pm

More information about this event will be released in Term three.

### CAPA Clubs

Clubs have now 'closed' for the year. What that means is new members are unable to join as we now have a performance opportunity to work towards. I hope that you have had a talk to your child if they have any interest in getting involved in these awesome extra and co - curricular enrichment opportunities.

### Instrumental Tuition

The instrumental program has been rolled out and it is wonderful to start to see students develop or extend their musical skills in the instruments of guitar, drums, bass and percussion. Nic Dresher is an experienced music tutor and we are thrilled to have him on board. Nic will also offer an instrumental ensemble as an additional opportunity for students to engage in music education in an ensemble setting for students in year 5 - 6. This opportunity is on Monday's during Break 1.

Yours in Creativity,

Ms Allen

## National Simultaneous Storytime

On the 19th May, students in Kindergarten - Year 4 participated in National Simultaneous Storytime. Together, with over one million other students across the nation, students engaged with the text 'Give Me Some Space' by Philip Bunting. This is an annual event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy. Students were able to watch the story being read by an astronaut from the International Space Station! After reading the text, students participated in a range of tasks related to the book. Check out their amazing, astronomical activities!



## Duke of Edinburgh

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## Year 7-11 LIVE

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### Years 7-11 - LIVE #2: Connected - He?

Do you like FREE FOOD?

Do you like SPENDING TIME WITH FRIENDS?

Do you like FRIENDLY COMPETITION?

Do you want a chance to live out our College motto of "OPEN MINDS, OPEN HEARTS"?

Come to LIVE!

In term one we were pleased to have 117 students attend our first LIVE of the year based on the theme "Connected - Be". Term two sees the return of the Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong (CYMW) team to St Francis to hold our second LIVE event of the year, based on the theme "Connected - He".

**Who:** Year 7-11

**What:** LIVE #2: Connected - He

An afternoon of live music, games, food, a talk related to the chosen theme, small group activities, team building and spiritual development.

**When:** Thursday 10th June (Week 8) from 2.45-6pm

**Where:** St Francis Catholic College

**Why:** Why not?

If students are interested in attending, parents/carers need to provide consent via Compass by Friday 28th May.

## Term 2 Week 6 SEALS Newsletter

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## Transitions and Pathways

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