

# TERM 2



ST FRANCIS FLEXIBLE  
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



EDMUND RICE EDUCATION  
AUSTRALIA



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

WE ARE PROUD TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND PAY RESPECT TO THE TRADITIONAL AND CONTINUING CUSTODIANS OF THE LANDS ON WHICH WE STAND, WORK AND LIVE.

ST FRANCIS FLEXIBLE SCHOOL IS LOCATED ON THE TRADITIONAL LANDS OF THE MUWININA PEOPLE OF THE SOUTH-EAST NATION IN LUTRUWITA, THE OLD PEOPLE WHO LIVED WITH AND CARED FOR THIS LAND FOR MANY GENERATIONS, WHO ARE NOW NO LONGER HERE DUE TO THE IMPACT OF INVASION.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND RESPECT THE PALAWA PEOPLE AND THE DEEP CONNECTION THAT THEY HAVE TO COUNTRY AND CULTURE. WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND RESPECT THE TASMANIAN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY AS THE CURRENT AND CONTINUOUS CUSTODIANS AND PAY OUR RESPECT TO ELDERS PAST AND PRESENT. WE ARE COMMITTED TO LEARNING AS PART OF THIS COMMUNITY, AND TO SUPPORTING THE CONTINUED SHARING OF KNOWLEDGE AND CULTURE.





# FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear St Francis Community,

As we reach the end of another successful term, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the dedication and achievements of our students, staff, and families. This newsletter is a celebration of our collective efforts and a glimpse into the wonderful moments that have shaped this term.

As we prepare for a well-deserved break, I encourage everyone to take this time to rest, rejuvenate, and reflect on the progress we have made. The next semester brings new opportunities and challenges, and I am confident that, together, we will continue to excel and grow.

Let's look forward to the upcoming semester with enthusiasm and determination. There are many exciting events and initiatives planned, and I am eager to see how our students will rise to the occasion and continue to shine.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish everyone a joyful and restful break.

Warm regards,

Nick McGann  
Principal

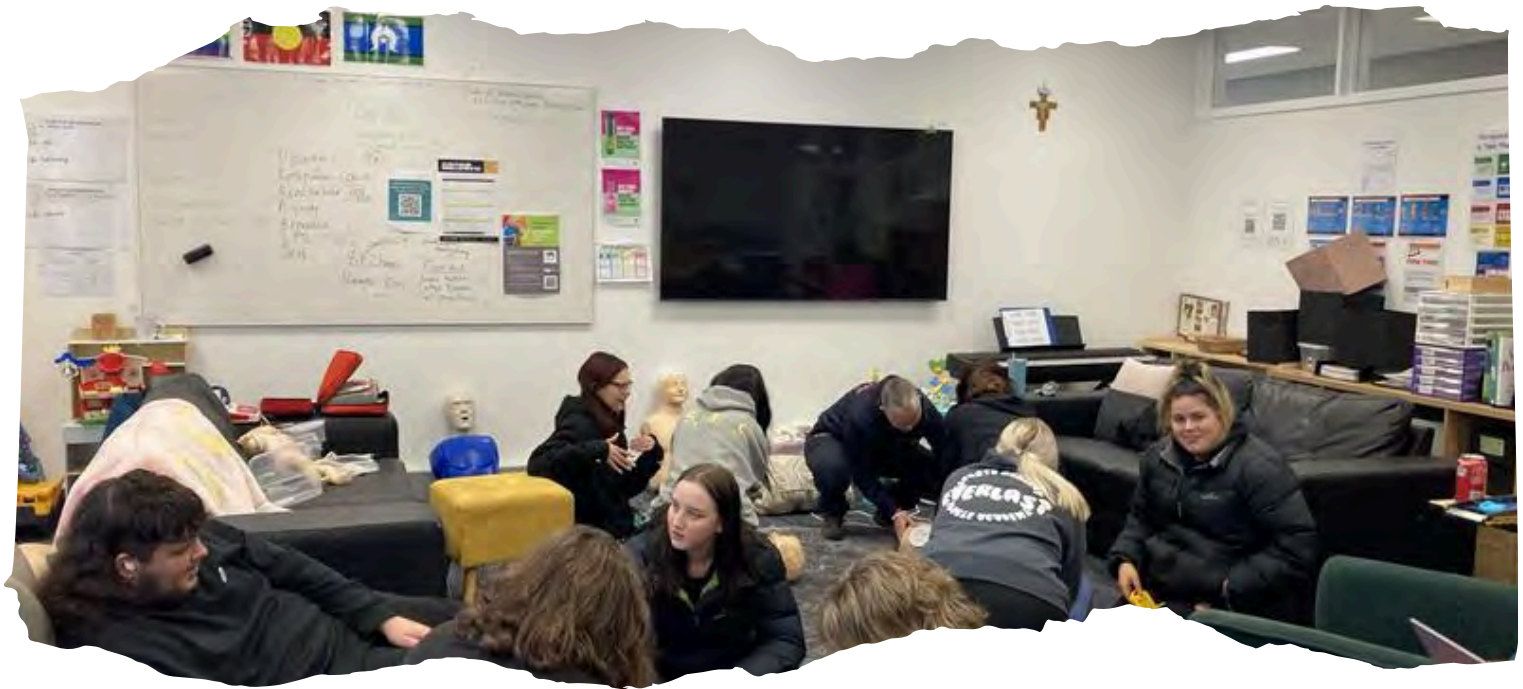


# FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

As the term draws to a close, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on the achievements, challenges and progress made by our community. Our young people have demonstrated remarkable growth in their learning and wellbeing pursuits.

Notable achievements have included young people completing their First Aid course, learning to ride a bike, starting at Build Up Tassie, creating artworks to be exhibited, and baking a multitude of delicious goodies.





We have also had some challenges, including windy days preventing bus runs, leaky roofs, postponing the Athletics Carnival and the strange arrival of the flock of cockatoos! This term has tested us all, but your ability to bounce back and adapt is commendable. You were able to embrace setbacks and continue to grow and learn. This takes great courage, and we are proud of you for this. Take the time during this break to rest, rejuvenate and reflect.

Prioritise your wellbeing and reach out for support when needed. We look forward to welcoming you back at the beginning of Term 3!

Sarah Adams  
Acting Deputy Principal





If you have any questions, or any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of any young people within our flexi, please speak to a trusted staff member on site or contact Jason Haines, Program Director of Child Safeguarding and Education, or the Leader of Safeguarding NSW/TAS, Sonja Marjanovic, on 0474 460 935 or [sonja.marjanovic@ereafsn.edu.au](mailto:sonja.marjanovic@ereafsn.edu.au).

### Complaints for young people and families

At St Francis, we are open to feedback or complaints. You can find our policies and procedures regarding complaints on our website. If you feel comfortable, first talk with your classroom partnership. If that does not suit, contact any member of the leadership team with your concerns.



Scan to make a complaint or give feedback.

### What now?

We will look at the information you have shared and think about how we can best help you. If you agree, we might also try to talk to you so that we can find out more about your concerns. Once we have all the information, we will make a decision and share this with you. If you are not happy with the outcome, you can ask for your information to be looked at again, and a different person will look at your feedback and review the decision.

Thank you for taking the time to fill this out. Your voice and concerns are important to us.

# patrula



Hi, I'm **Safety Duck** and I go everywhere with my patrula class



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OUT & ABOUT  
FUN

Hobart  
Penitentiary





# patrula



At Village Cinemas to see  
'Inside Out'

Caro - Teacher  
Matt F - Youth Worker



# Withi

## Can you believe we're halfway through the year?!

We've welcomed new students into the class and settled into a withi groove. It's been wonderful to see our young people participate in the Push-Up Challenge. We've been discussing the daily push-up challenge statistics and discussing mental health issues as a whole class.

So far, we've completed 886 push ups! We've also completed a lot of vocabulary work, and donated grains of rice to the United Nations World Food Programme.



## Out and About Fun

Withi has had lots of fun for our Term 2 Out and Abouts. Ten Pin Bowling and Pizza Hut were highlights, with students improving on their bowling technique from last term. Kingston Park saw lots of flying fox fun, while rock climbing and tunnels at "Rock It" demonstrated just how much resilience and skills our students have. You guys are AWESOME!



# withi

## Elective Subject Fun

Our withi students have been having a go at trying new activities in our amazing elective subject options; learning new instruments, listening to music and trying a variety of art projects. We look forward to even more fun in exploring new skills in term 3 – watch this space!



# withi

## Friday Game Show Day

Friday has been filled with lots of short challenges – game show style. Young People have chosen to compete in Bingo, domino falls, secret sound, who wants to be a millionaire and lots more. The energy and enthusiasm has been big! Young People have competed to win points and prizes.



**Kate - Teacher**  
**James - Youth Worker**

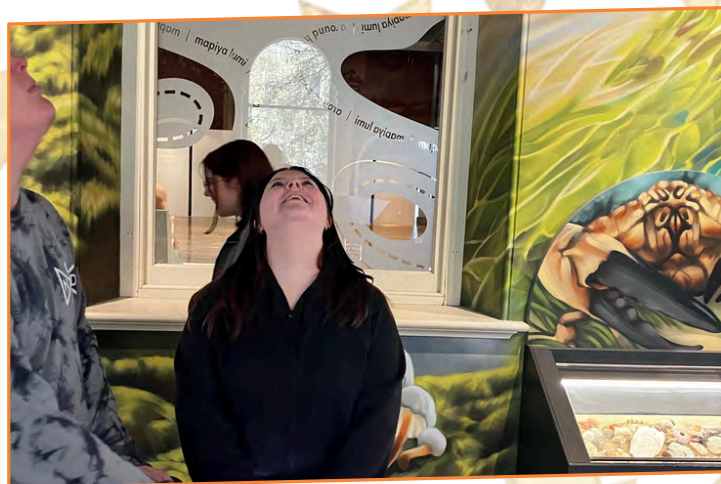


# pulana

We have been doing a lot of fun stuff in pulana in Term 2.

OUT & ABOUT FUN

MUSEUM



# pulana

## Tenpin Bowling

OUT & ABOUT FUN



## PE at the Moonah Stadium



# pulana



## Art Projects



## Cooking Scones



Brad - Teacher  
Sarah P - Youth Worker

performance from the pulana band

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# mungalina

Term 2 was a rollercoaster of highs and lows that come with many of the challenges that life often throws at us.



In mungalina, wordle, world-le, trad-le, numb-le, connections, blossom, free rice and geo-guesser have been the mornings. Literacy, numeracy and geography games for the term have woken up many young people in our space to get their brains firing in session one.

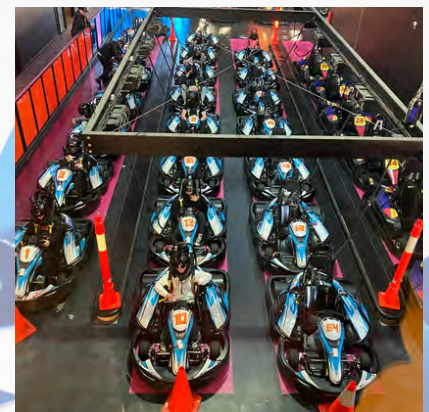
**We travelled to Moonah Sport Stadium to learn how to play wheelchair basketball**



Rock-it Climbing Centre



Bowling

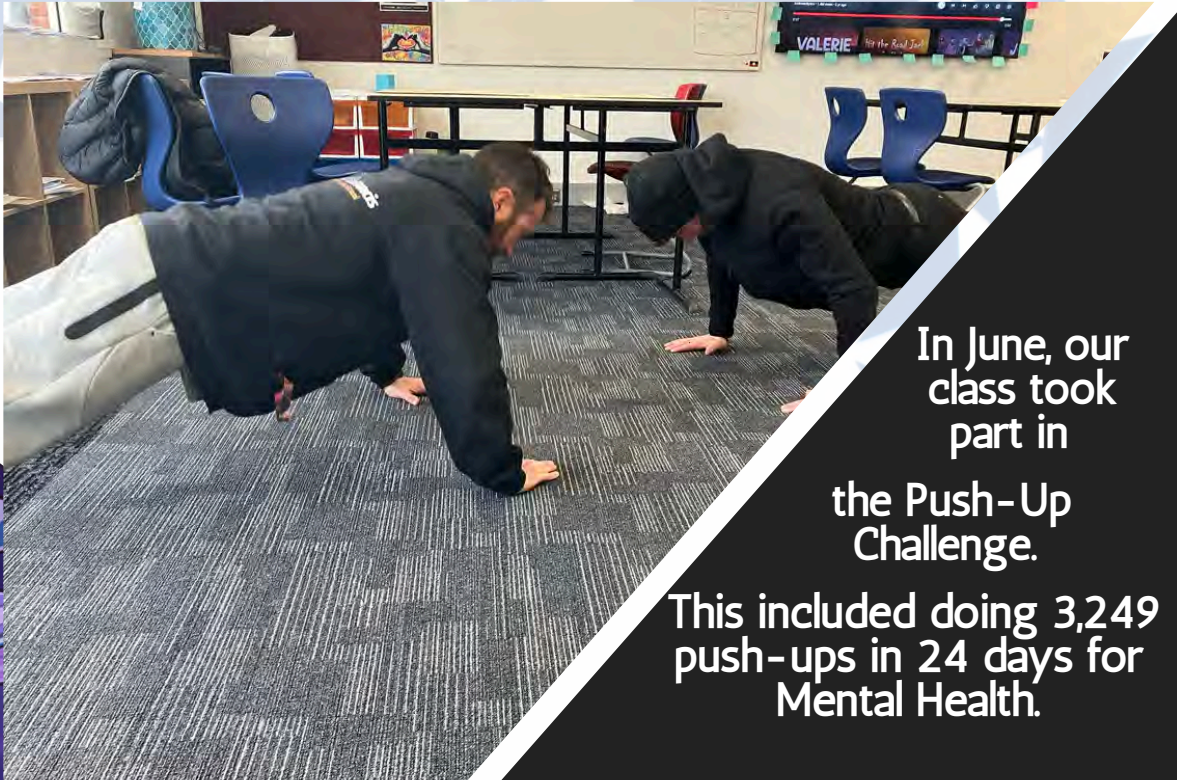


We finished off the term with the annual mungalina Grand Prix at Hyperdrive Go karting

**OUT & ABOUT FUN**

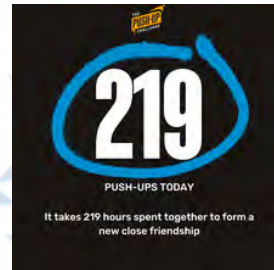


# mungalina



In June, our class took part in the Push-Up Challenge.

This included doing 3,249 push-ups in 24 days for Mental Health.



In Art, we have made sculptures, painted skateboards, and created ink monsters.



In HPE, we have played cricket, golf, and soccer, thrown a discus, shotput and javelin, and kicked the footy and shot hoops more times than we can count!

# mungalina

We have cooked cakes, biscuits, sausage rolls, quiches, bacon toast and pizzas.



The partnership is looking forward to seeing what Term 3 has in store for us all...



Thanks to Liz for all your work with us during Semester 1, and Welcome to Romy, who is looking after us on Thursdays!

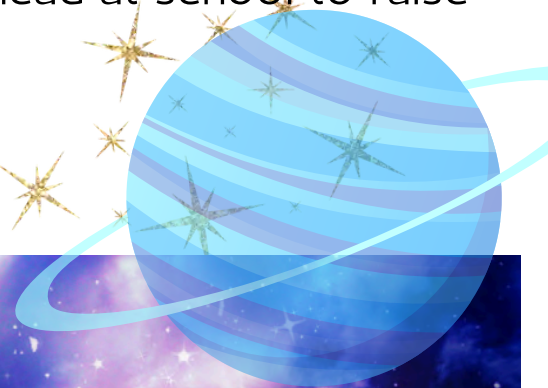


Sam is doing well and is appreciative of everyone's support while he goes through chemo. He is super positive that losing his hair will be the worst of it. Well done to Matt who shaved his head at school to raise awareness for Cancer.

**Cam - Teacher**

**Liz - Teacher & Morgan - support dog**

**Sam - Youth Worker**



# truwala

Term Two has proven to be very busy and productive for truwala young people. They have been actively engaged in their VET courses, focused on workplace skills, micro-certificates, including construction White Cards, First Aid courses and Plates Plus Learner Driver courses.



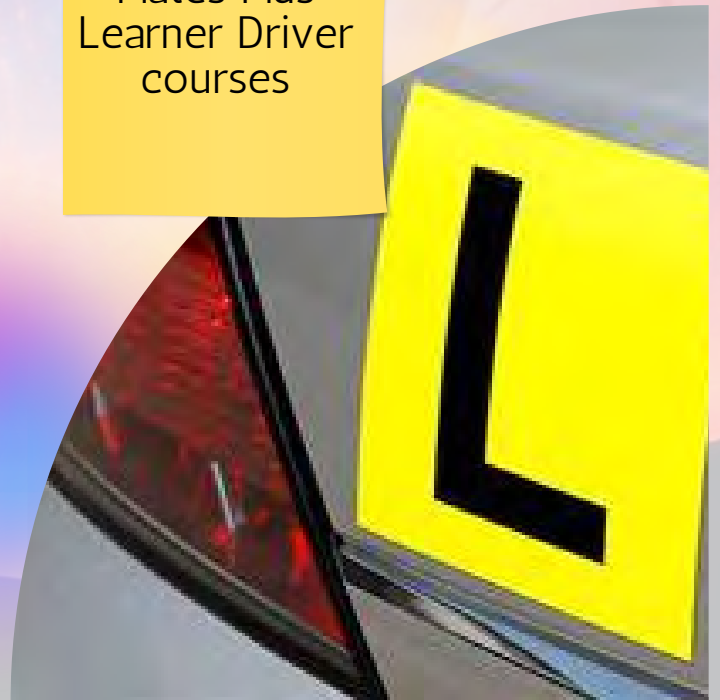
Two of our young people were lucky enough to be picked to participate in the eight-week civil construction pre-employment program, Build Up Tassie.

**Congratulations to these young people.**



First Aid courses

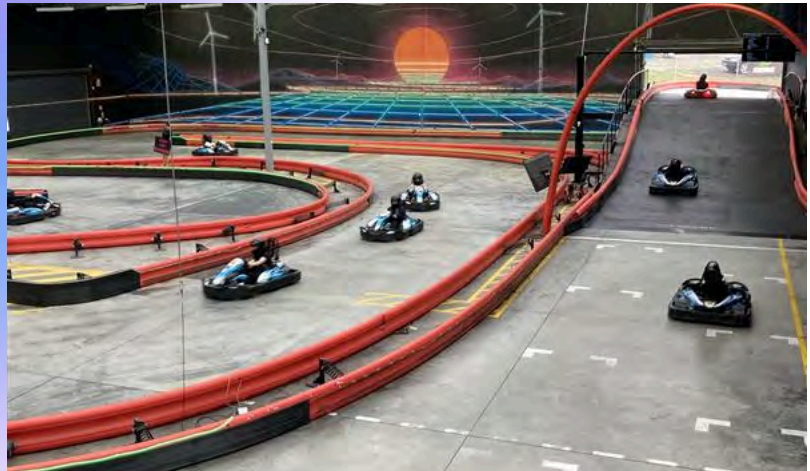
Plates Plus Learner Driver courses





# truwala

Out & Abouts have been popular this term, and as always, Hyperdrive was the most popular, followed by Laser Tag and going to the movies.



Thank you  
all for a  
great  
Term Two



We have been cooking every Friday in the classroom and this has been very popular. Baking cakes, cookies, brownies, and pizzas. We have really enjoyed watching you prepare your ingredients and cook delicious food.

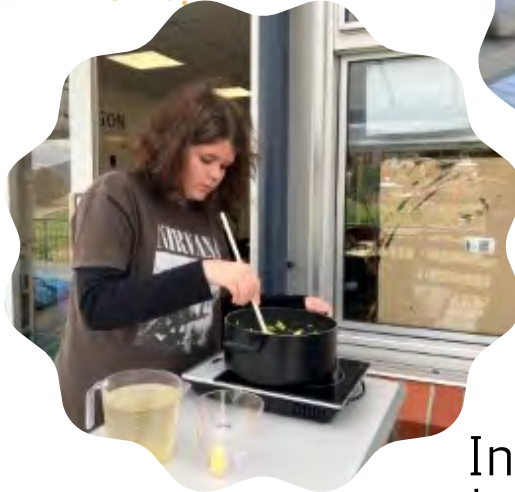
Geoff - Teacher  
Jacqui - Teacher  
Dennise - Youth Worker

OUT & ABOUT FUN

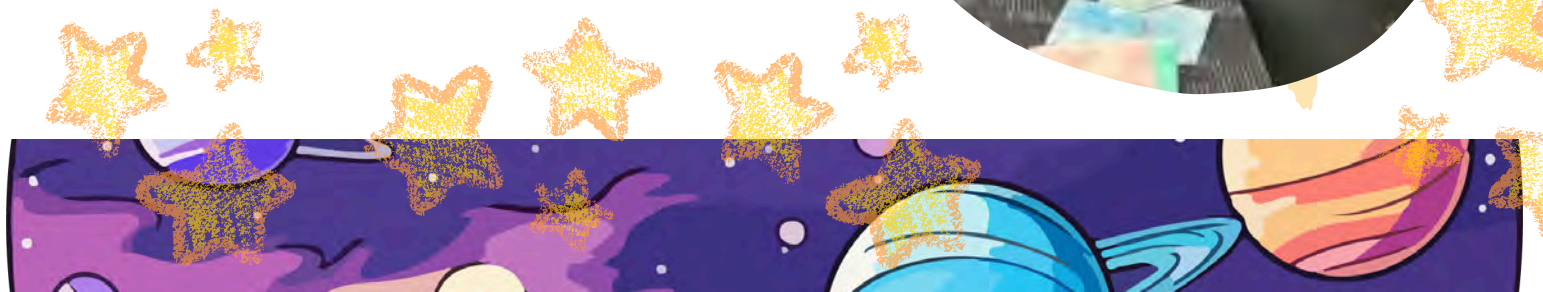
# wayti

We've had a fun and busy term in wayti!

We have been learning about food and nutrition while cooking and making juices. Our sweet corn fritters were judged by staff and young people, receiving an overall score of 8/10 for taste!



In classic wayti style, there have been many creative projects on the go. Young people have been painting, sewing, sculpting, building and more.



# wayti

We have made steady progress on our VET Skills for Work and VET Music tasks and look forward to finishing off more units of work in the next term. We've also been working on micro-credentials such as First Aid Certificates and Learner Driver Licences.



Our class has enjoyed regular Out & Abouts, with visits to the Southern Careers Expo, Village Cinema, Hyperdrive Go-Karting and local cafes. We have also been lucky enough to have regular trips to the gym, learning about the importance of exercise in our lives.



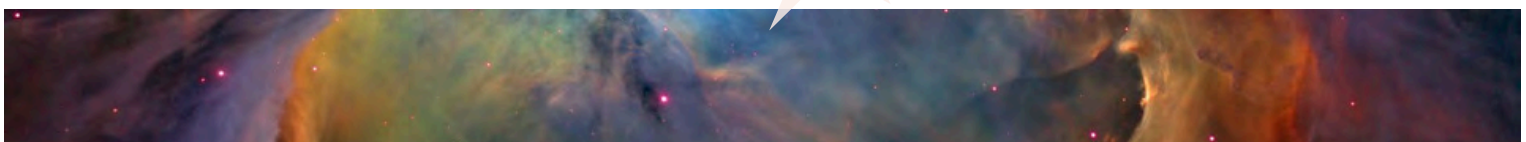
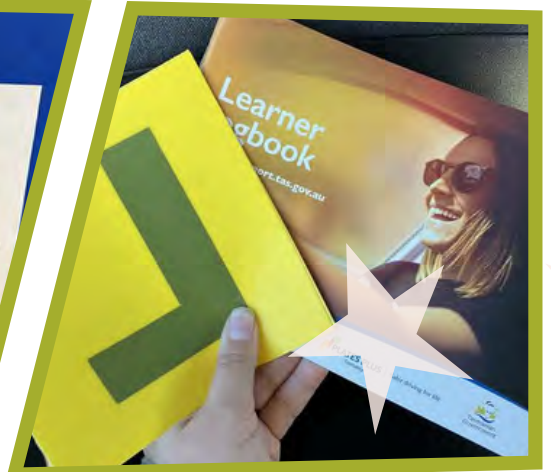
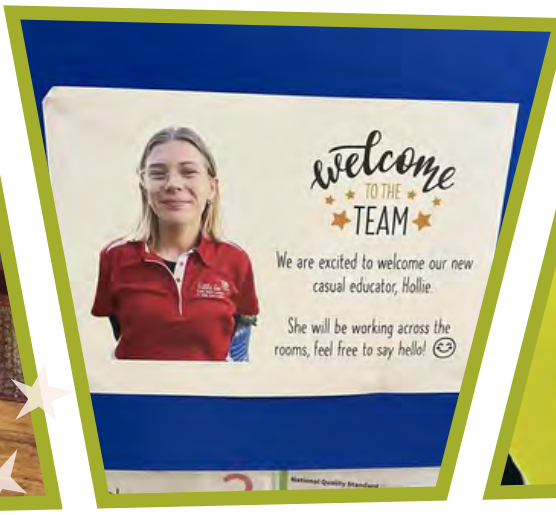
We have developed some of the skills needed to support each other through many social, emotional and academic learning moments. The staff working in wayti have felt truly privileged to spend another term with the wayti crew!

**Kelly - Teacher**  
**John - Teacher**  
**Shane - Youth Worker**



# Layna

We thank all the young people who have braved the weather and still caught up with Kate, Jen and Jeramey this term!



# Layna

Young people have been dedicated to working through their goals and have been showing our principle of participation amazingly. The partnership have been super proud of the stamina, communication and growth of the young people in layna and look forward to what the rest of the year will bring!



Jen - Teacher  
Jez - Youth Worker



# muka

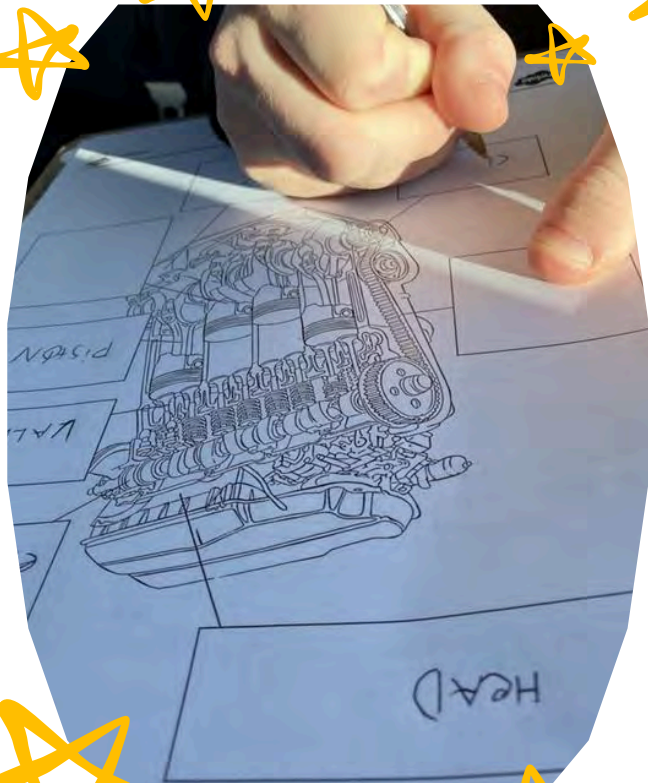
The school year has certainly got off to a busy start in muka class!  
We have, as usual, definitely hit the ground running.

We welcomed teacher Mel to the team at this start of the year. How lucky are we? Her expertise in art, music and photography has been a real asset. We're very lucky to be able to combine staff areas of expertise with the interests and abilities of our students.



# muka

Meanwhile, quite a few of the muka class have signed up to complete their VET Certificate II qualification for TAFE. We are so proud of these young people and all their hard work. Through their VET Certificate, young people are exploring career options in Car Mechanics and Hospitality.



# muka

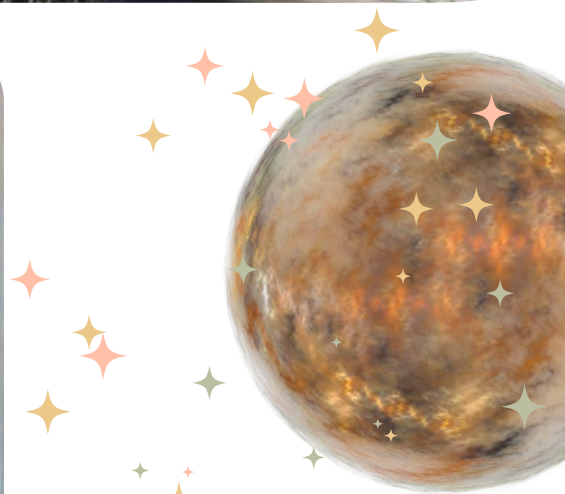
We have a range of budding artists in muka, who worked really hard on their pieces for the Moonah Art Exhibition. Digital prints, animations and a large, sculpted turtle resulted. Other young people have taken a range of stunning photos, with those now framed and currently on public display (July 5th – 28th) at Rosny Barn as part of the Clarence Open Art Competition. We congratulate all these young people for the effort and imagination on display!



# muka

We would like to acknowledge the members of our class who have visited the school site and have been brave enough to take those early steps in returning to onsite schooling in the future. We know that for many of our students this is not easy!

In muka, we attempt to take our class on mini 'out and abouts'. This is driven by the individual interests of young people, whether musical, historical, automotive or perhaps just wanting the feeling of the wind in your hair on a beach headland walk – never knowing quite what you'll find washed up (most recently an emaciated porcupine fish and large South Arm seal).



Mel - Teacher  
G - Teacher  
Jules - Youth Worker

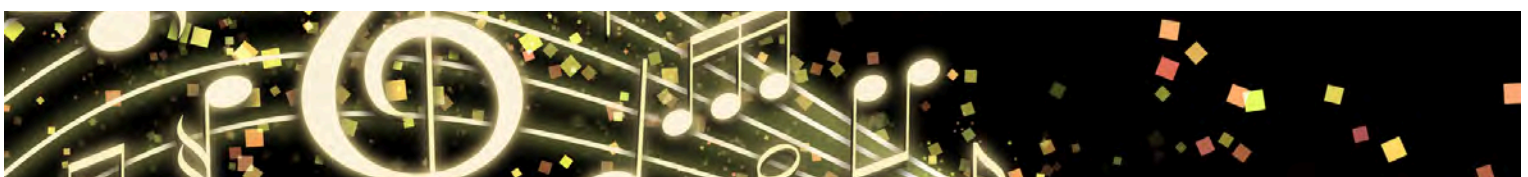
# MUSIC

Music went bold and brash in Term Two!

We hosted ever-increasing karaoke sessions on Friday afternoons (both in young people's numbers and volume); collaborated through rehearsals and group learning in all classes; and VET Cert II Music students Eliza, Monique, Declan and Alexander performed a concert for family and staff – what a great gig!



In class time, young people across all classes developed new repertoire, with favourites including 'Bundle of Joy' from Inside Out (patrula), 'Megalovania' from Undertale (withi), '12 Fractures' by Pierce the Veil (pulana), 'Fast Car' by Luke Combs / Tracy Chapman (mungalina), 'Still D.R.E.' by Dr Dre (truwala), and 'High and Dry' by Radiohead (wayti).

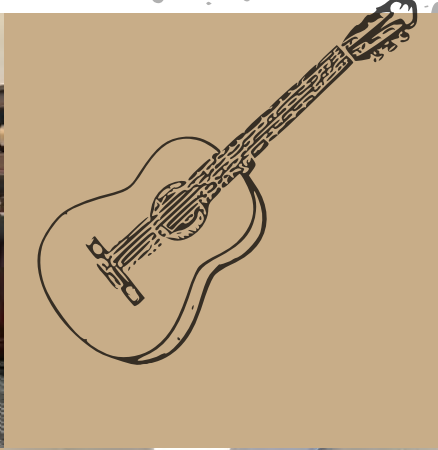
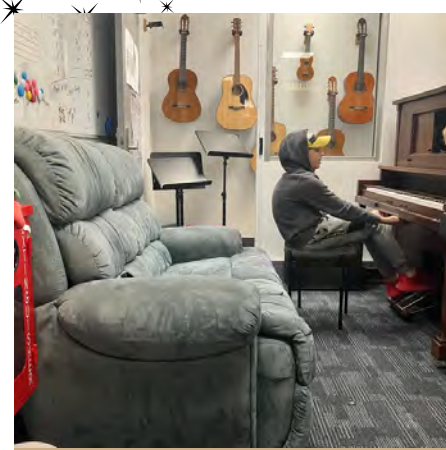


# MUSIC



Whilst the weather prevented the Athletics Carnival from going ahead, students' planning this term should ensure a swift and efficient audio set-up when we get a second chance in Term Four. Next term, we are looking forward to attending the annual Guilford Young College musical (this year it's Legally Blonde) and hosting more VET Cert II Music performances.

Watch this space!



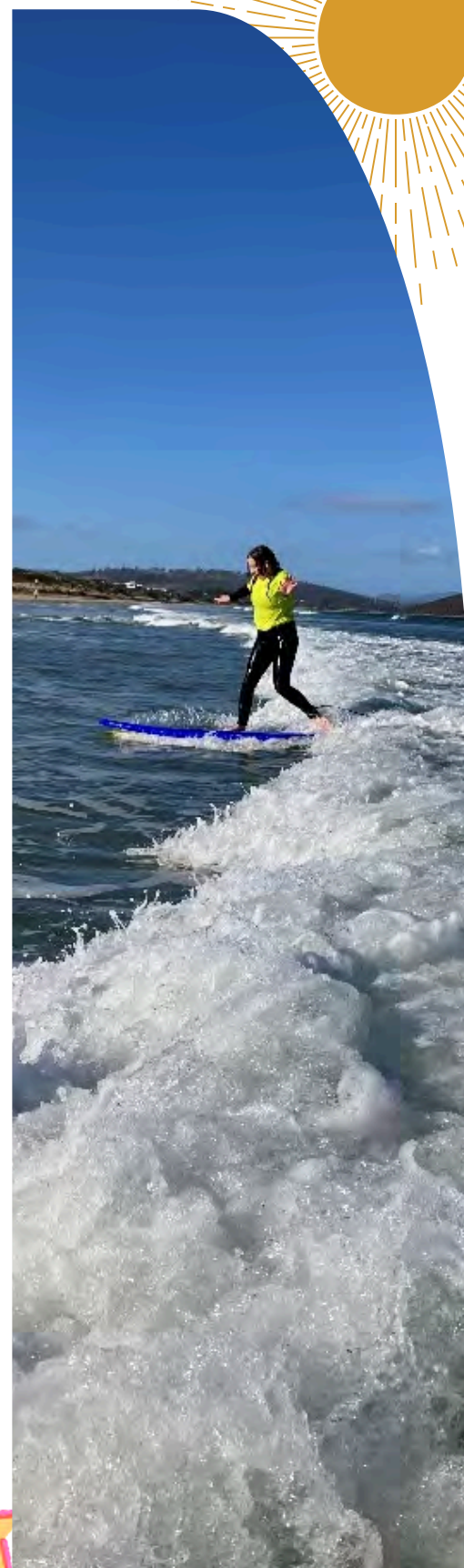
John - Music Teacher



Term two has been an epic term for adventure at St Francis.



We spent the first 6 weeks surfing between Clifton and Park Beach. The young people progressed amazingly and weren't deterred by the weather, surfing in all conditions, rain, hail, and shine. It was so awesome to see them frothing after catching waves.

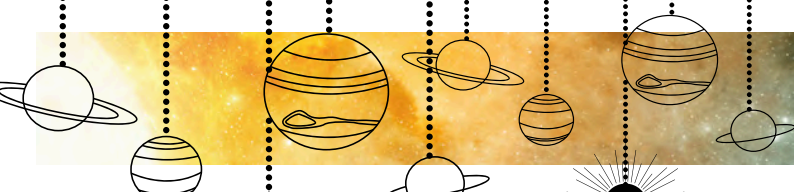


# PE

During our classroom PE, the Seniors continued at the gym pushing our limits and achieved personal bests weekly. In the juniors, we explored the sports of golf, AFL, soccer and pickleball. We also learnt about the field events that take place at an athletics carnival. Unfortunately, our carnival was postponed due to bad weather, but we still enjoyed trying out shot put, javelin, discus, and vortex. Thanks heaps to Cam for bringing in the field event equipment.



We continued to visit bike collective, pulling apart bikes and building new ones. The bike knowledge the crew is learning is so great.

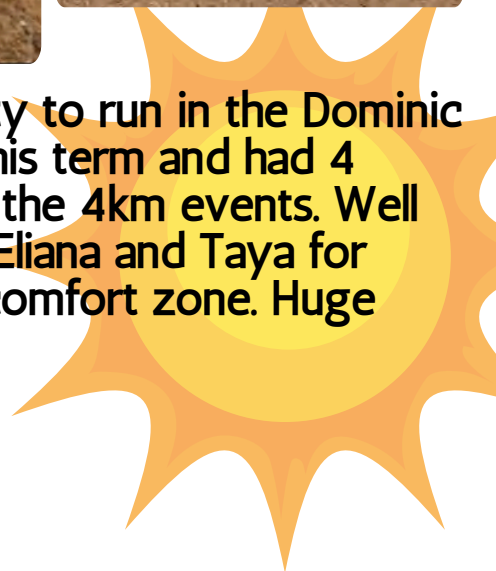




We also rode some pretty incredible mountain bike trails as the crew trained hard for their upcoming camp to Derby. It is so impressive how quickly everyone is improving in skill and confidence.



We had the opportunity to run in the Dominic Cross Country again this term and had 4 young people running the 4km events. Well done to Samuel, Matt, Eliana and Taya for stepping out of your comfort zone. Huge effort!



Romy - Teacher & Cam - Teacher  
 Lance - Youth Worker  
 Loic - Outdoor Education Teacher Assistant

This Term we have been exploring sculpture in the form of abstract pieces made from wire, wood and stocking. Classes from 7 to 10 as well as several senior students have made some very colourful contributions..

ART





We are all looking forward to Term 3 where we will be exploring Textiles and transformative furniture.

Liz Mason - Teacher  
Sarah A - Teacher

