



T3 Week 3 EDITION 2022 EMBRACE. In the spirit of reconciliation **FSA** acknowledges the First Nations People of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. Our schools are honoured to work, play and connect.

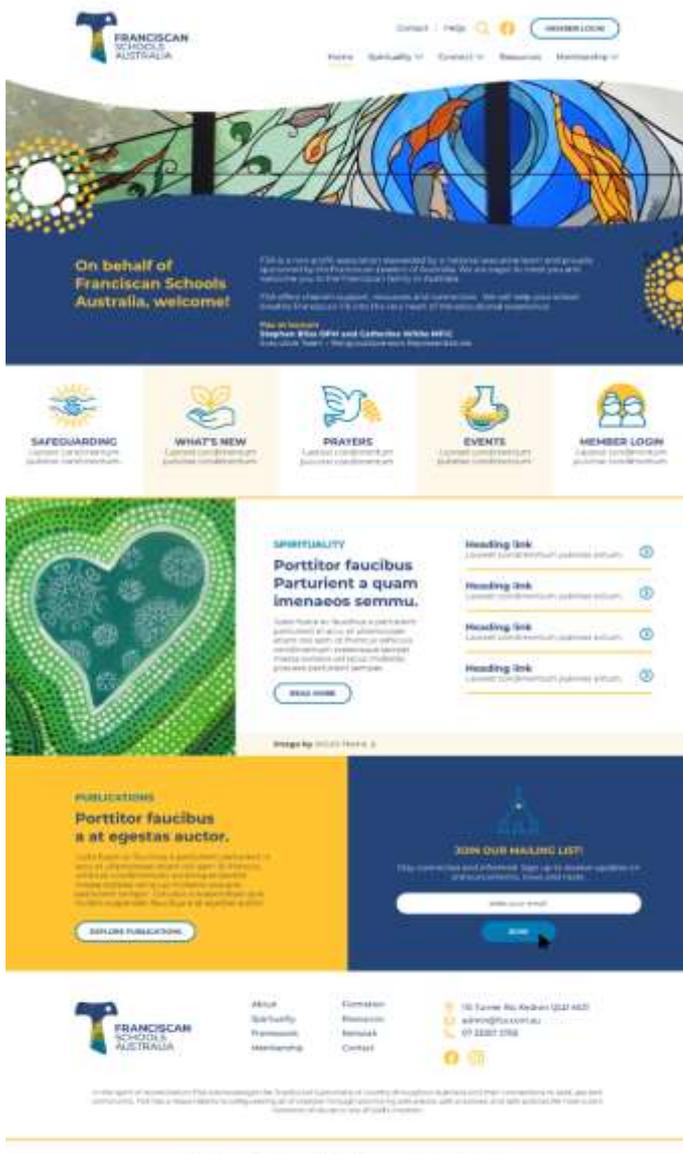
New term and franschools.au is LIVE

Dear Friends, welcome to the refreshed Franciscan Schools Australia (FSA) website. We will be regularly adding to what is available for you so that the pages become a living and working 'creation'. We sincerely hope that what you and your school find on the site will enable your community to grow in your awareness and love of our Franciscan Story.

I am reminded of some words uttered by St Bonaventure in a homily ***"Every creature is a divine word because it proclaims God."***

Some powerful thoughts from Bonaventure and a reminder to all of us that in our encounters with colleagues, students and parents we are in fact encountering God.

As you draw on the information and resources contained on the FSA website, remember that they will help you to 'proclaim God' in your community. *Stephen Bliss OFM*



Clare – light for the world

Within each of us is the potential to be a light focusing attention on God's presence in our world. Clare of Assisi's life reveals just how much light she shed. As a friend and as cofounder of the Franciscan movement, she supported Francis as he discerned God's message for himself and his followers.

Feast of Saint Clare of Assisi August 11



FOCUS ON SAINT CLARE

With the support of Saint Francis, Saint Clare found the order of Franciscan women who became known as the Poor Clares, or simply Clares. Discover more about our Australian Poor Clares on the [FSA website](#) .

Here is an opportunity for schools to support our wider Franciscan Family.



Reach Out Across the Blue Project during Term 3, 2022.

The Missionary Franciscan Sisters invite **FSA** schools to help resource their early learning centre in Aitape, PNG in 2023.

There is information for schools who wish to be involved on our website [HERE](#)

Resources provided include:

- PPT **Thanks** to Aimee Bodley at St. Anthony's School, Kedron
- Letter from Sr Catherine White mfc
- Sample Newsletter Insert
- Details for donations

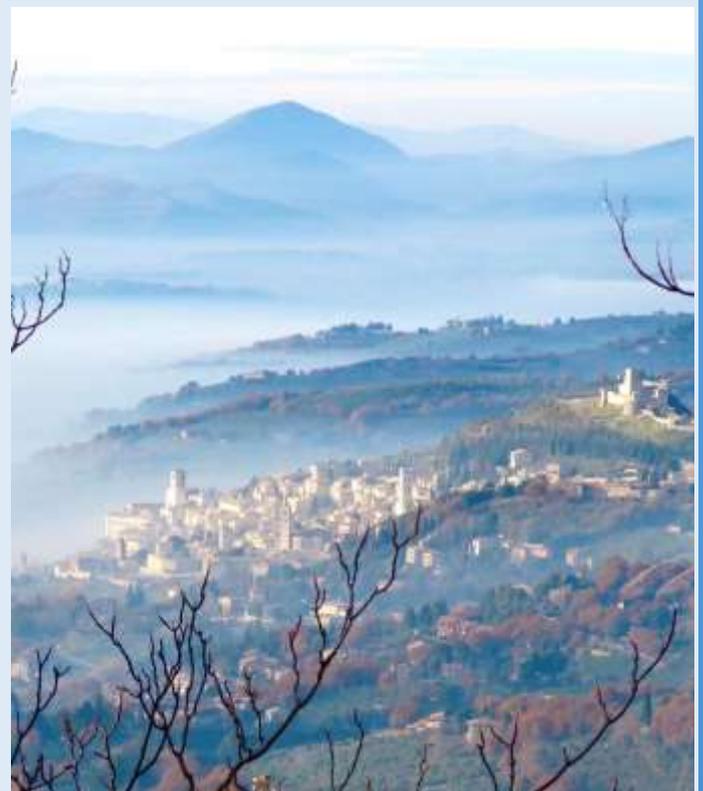
We understand that the demand on schools to fundraise is high and there is great need in our own communities. However, here is a chance for **FSA** schools to help another **FSA** school. Reach out if your school can get involved globally.

Prayer is another powerful way for your school community to be supportive.

A PRAYER FOR PRESENCE

Let us be present to the now. It's all we have and it's where God will always speak to us. The now holds everything, rejects nothing and, therefore, can receive God too. Help us, God, to be present to the place we most fear, because it always feels empty - like it's not enough. Help us find some space within that we don't try to fill with ideas or opinions. Help us find space so you, loving God, can show yourself in that place where we are hungry and empty. Keep us out of the way, so there is always room enough for you.

—from *The Wisdom Pattern: Order, Disorder, Reorder* by Richard Rohr, OFM



Assisi Soft Blue

Let FSA help your school find some space within.

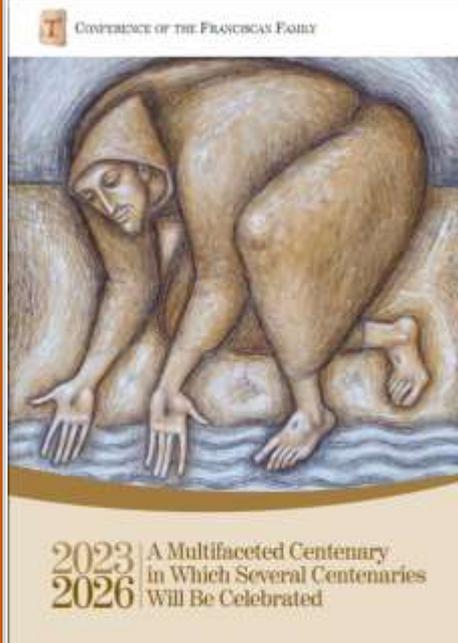
FSA is taking formation bookings for this semester and 2023.

Send us a message via the [website](#) | Email direct astone@franciscans.org.au

In our Franciscan tradition **EMBRACE** invites us to accompany those who are the 'poor, little ones' of the world. Open the door of your heart to listen to the voice of Jesus so that we may flourish as Easter people.

The next few years will be at time for us to recall some important events from the last years of Saint Francis' life. **2023- 2026** which is being referred to as a single Franciscan Centenary, will be held around the Holy Year 2025. Different stages will commemorate the 800 the anniversaries of the Rule, the Christmas at Greccio (2023), the Stigmata (2024), the Canticle of the Creatures (2025), and the Easter of Francis (2026). Schools may like to mark these important stages in a special way. **FSA** will continue to keep you informed about the Franciscan Family events.

Read the document [HERE](#)



**May the Lord
give you peace!**

Franciscan Connect

Connect with Franciscans for the
TRANSITUS OF SAINT CLARE.



BRISBANE

AUGUST 10, 2022. 7pm start

St. Philip's Anglican Church
115 Cornwall Street,
Annerley QLD 4103
Tel 3391 3915

The Franciscan Federation of Australia invite you to join members of the Franciscan family as we celebrate the life of St. Clare of Assisi with Transitus Liturgy followed by supper.
Be part of this!

Contact Br Donald Campbell SSF
brdonald@franciscan.org.au

Education. Never stop being curious. Every day offers discovery. Explore the world. God is everywhere you look.



PLENARY COUNCIL & EDUCATION

Snapshot from Fr Joe McKay OFM – Plenary Council

The call issued to us as once to St. Francis: **“Go** and rebuild my Church that is falling into ruins”. The **FSA** Living Stones Framework is deeply connected to this time. Schools should seek out the motion about Education – *Called by Christ...* (See Decree 3 Article1). It advocates consultation, building partnerships, dialogue, support of formation, critical reflection and discernment of the vocation of Catholic Education.

PART8: Integral Ecology for the Sake of Our Common Home

The Pope's Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'* (2015) featured highly. There were 2 motions directed at implementation (See 8.1,8.2) The decree is that educational institutions commit to join the *Laudato Si'* platform and by 2023 establish their own *Laudato Si'* Action Plan.

How will your school respond?

FEAST DAYS IN AUGUST

Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula - 02 August
St Dominic - 03 August
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - 08 August
St Clare of Assisi - 11 August
St Beatrice da Silva- 17 August
St Louis IX, Patron of the Secular Franciscan Order - 25 August
Social Justice  8 August

Prayer for Holy Discomfort

Lord, make me an instrument of your holy discomfort

Where there is privilege, let me sow equity,

Where there is violence, let me work for peace,

Where there is division, let me seek unity,

Where there is racism, let me pursue racial justice,

Where there is environmental degradation,

let me care for creation,

Where there is political discord, let me seek the common good,

And where there is economic inequality, let me seek justice.

O God of Justice, grant that I may not so much seek comfort,

as to welcome hard truths,

To be heard, as to listen,

To hold power, as to empower,

To seek control, as to follow,

For it is in humility, that we learn,

It is in seeking forgiveness, that we are reconciled,

And it is in dying to self, that we are born to new life.

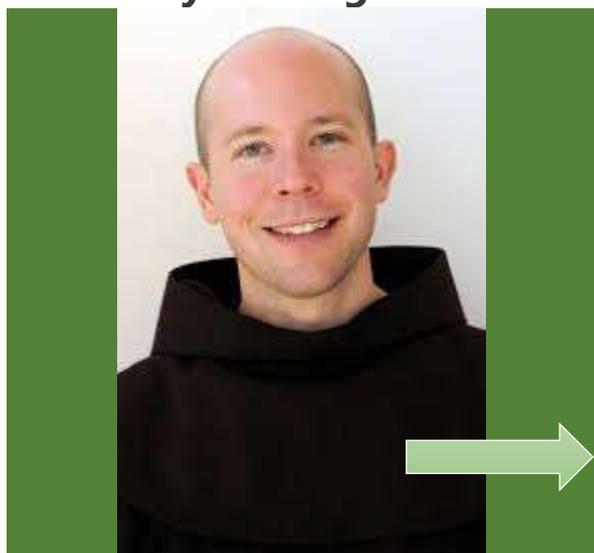
Amen.

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Fr Dan Horan OFM in Australia 2023

Travelling Scholar Dates

20 July–10 August 2023



HOLY DISCOMFORT

Friar Dan Horan OFM - invites us to delve deep into our Franciscan spirit and to ask questions that respond to the here and now.

We may be uncomfortable with the HOLY DISCOMFORT but Pope Francis is calling us to the demands, and inspirations.

What here and now questions do you and your school have for Fr Dan in 2023?

Formation: SEQ

Come to the periphery
EMBRACE EVENT
WE is stronger than them or those



A PD opportunity that focuses on HEALING & HOPE
Open to all staff in FSA schools in SEQ.

DATE - Mon 22 July 2022
TIME - 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm
VENUE – Padua College, Kedron
COST- \$10- for programs assisting people who are refugees and seeking asylum.

REGISTER ON HOMEPAGE - EVENTS or HERE.

If your school is interested in hosting your own event or a network event featuring this documentary film contact Alison. astone@franciscans.org.au

View trailer and find out more [HERE](#).

The FSA website is live.
Thank you to [Tondo Design](#) and [JB Studio 360 Creative](#)

