

## FEBRUARY

Fri 1st	St Francis Feast Day Picnic 6pm—8pm BYO picnic dinner
Sat 2nd	Mowing Roster
Thu 7th	Parent Information Night / Reading Night 6.45pm—Juniors 7.50pm—Seniors
Fri 8th	Opening School Year Mass at 2pm in LS3
Mon 11th— Wed 13th	Grade 5 / 6 Camp Portsea : Information envelope going home today
Fri 15th	Assembly at 2.40pm in LS3
Sat 17th	Mowing Roster
Wed 20th	District Swimming
Wed 20th	School Advisory Board 6pm P & F Committee Mtg 7.15pm

## MARCH

Fri 1st	Assembly @ 2.40pm in LS3
Tue 4th	Shrove Tuesday
Wed 5th	Ash Wednesday—Mass at 2pm in LS3. All welcome.
Mon 11th	Labour Day Public Holiday No school today
Wed 13th	Divisional Swimming
Wed 13th	Workshop—Sacrament of Rec- onciliation @ 7pm
Thu 14th	School Photo Day

The measure of love is to love without measure.

*St. Francis de Sales*

## From the Principal

Dear Parents,

### A Flying Start!!

A very BIG welcome back to St Francis de Sales to all our children, families and staff. We hope you have had a wonderful summer and are just as excited as we are to start the 2019 school year. We warmly welcome all our new families and children who have joined us at St Francis de Sales this year.

On Thursday we had 64 very excited Foundation students arrive for their very first day of school. They all looked fabulous in their new school uniform. There was a quick goodbye to the many parents, grandparents and even great grandparents who arrived to see them start their school journey. We are very proud of each one and the way they quickly settled in to school life at St Francis de Sales. There was however a few little tears shed by some parents while others had a big smile as they walked out to new adventures after seeing their last child start school!

A huge welcome to all our new staff. Each of them have completed a little profile so we hope you enjoy reading a little bit about them in this newsletter. As a result of extra funding we have been able to employ three Learning Support Officers and welcome Kathy, Evadne and Peacelyne to this role. We now will have two LSOs in each learning space.



**YEAR 5 / 6 CAMP FEE:** Payment of \$330 for Camp is now due. Please arrange to have this paid. Look out for the Camp Envelope with important forms inside to fill in and return. Coming home today. Please check your child's school bag.

## CONTACT US

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# From the Principal

Welcome to our 2019  
Foundation students





# From the Principal

## SWELL WEEK

Each year we commence the school year with a week full of fun, fitness and relationship building. SWELL Week is a great way for staff, students and our parent community to form friendships and relationships that strengthens the St Francis de Sales community. The week focuses on students being involved in activities including our school values, code of cooperation, relationship building and fun.

This year as part of SWELL week we had an incursion with Proactivity running team building activities with students from Year 3-6 in the morning and students from Yr 2-F from 11:30am. The activities were a lot of FUN and were thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff. We all got to learn more about each other, build friendships and practice important skills like collaboration and values like perseverance, responsibility and respect.

Everyone was very impressed by the behaviour and spirit displayed by our children. A wonderful way to begin and a great way to reinforce all that we believe and love about the St Francis de Sales school and students.

*"The kids were so well behaved. They really got involved in all the activities. It was really great to see."* Proactivity staff member.

*"I am so impressed with the children at this school. I thought my children's school did a great job. However this school has amazed me."* New staff member

*"There is such a vibrant feeling amongst the children. I love the way they encourage one another and have beautiful manners."* Staff member.

**I hope you are able to join us as we celebrate St Francis de Sales Feast Day with our annual twilight picnic tonight from 6pm -8pm. We look forward to meeting you at the Parent Information Night next Thursday 7th February.**

It has been a flying start to 2019 and we are excited about the learning adventures that lie ahead, the many opportunities to build connections and pride in our school community as we enjoy a sensational year together.

Christine White  
Principal





# SWELL WEEK





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## Safety – Lead by Example!

We now have over 400 students enrolled which means increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic around the school. Please be vigilant and careful (particularly near the Pedestrian Crossing).

A permanent 40kph speed limit applies to both Paterson Drive and Aylmer Road adjoining the school. Cooperation and courtesy are paramount.

1. 'Drop Off' arrangements - Drive through the designated lane and allow your child/children to alight on the path adjoining the Car Park.  
They will enter the school through the **RED** entry.
2. 'Pick Up' arrangements - Parents/Grandparents/Siblings/Carers using the 'Drive -Through' will not be permitted to enter the Car Park until **3.25pm**

**The children are dismissed at 3.20pm.  
It can take them up to 5 minutes to get to the Waiting Area.**

Please observe the following expectations:

- Keep the round-a-bout clear at all times. There will be traffic officers from the City of Casey monitoring the flow of traffic.
- Drive as close to the portable classrooms end of the 'drive through' as you are able even if there are no cars behind you when you enter the lane.
- Instruct your children to wait for you on the path near the portable classrooms after school (it is difficult to locate them on the Adventure Playground and time spent doing so delays everyone).
- There is a one (1) minute limit on stopping in the 'drive through' so **DON'T ENTER** the lane before 3.25 pm and just park there.
- There are two (2) signs at the **EXIT** of the Car Park indicating times that **ALL** vehicles are expected to **TURN LEFT**. These are meant to apply to everybody. There are **NO EXEMPTIONS** for a select few. **BE COURTEOUS PATIENT.**
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## CAR PARK ARRANGEMENTS

### PARENT PARKING NOT PERMITTED FROM

**8.20am - 9.00am : 3.00pm - 3.40pm**

**Please observe left turn only exit at the designated times -  
this is a safety issue**

# From the Principal

## Communication

The newsletter is our main form of communication and will be distributed every Friday via Flexi Buzz. We try to make the newsletter as explicit as possible but sometimes we may presume prior knowledge so I will say, particularly to new parents that no question is trivial. Please ask if unsure at any time. Teachers would normally be the first contact.

We also use the Flexi Buzz App to provide updates/reminders etc. I would therefore encourage all families to download this App. It is also important that you select the Home group teacher for your child/children as sometimes specific notes are sent to just a section of the school or to an individual home Group.

The Flexibuzz App provides us with the most immediate method of informing parents so I encourage those who have not registered to do so by following the instructions in this newsletter. ALL PARENTS who own a Smartphone (Android or iPhone), Tablet (Android or iPad) or a PC are asked to download the Flexibuzz App. It is FREE!!! Details of how to do this are provided below.

The Flexibuzz App will allow you to access the weekly Newsletter, notifications, reminders and urgent messages to all parents or be targeted to the parents of children in particular groups. This can also work like a convenient information line so that you can easily keep up to date about school activities.

**You can also use the App to inform us of your child's absence from school.  
We receive the notification by email and you don't have to make a call.**

Once you have downloaded the App open it and register. Once this is done click on 'Find'. Then type in St Francis de Sales Lynbrook, click enter and you will see a range of boxes that can be ticked. All parents should tick the 'Whole School' box and then tick the boxes Senior and/or Junior plus the box (es) for your child's/children's' group(s).

You will be asked for a password. It is **sfscomm**

You will only need this password for access on the first use of the app. In most case the notices are sent to the whole school but there will be occasions where notices apply to specific groups only.

**This App is a MUST.** Please download it if you have the capacity.



# From the Principal

## Attendance/Absent

The roll is marked twice daily. If a child is late, they need to come to the office to be signed in. If leaving early they need to be signed out at the office.

**If a child is absent please ring the office before 10am.**

## Medical Updates

The school uses Care Monkey for communication about excursions/incursions. This App is also a way for parents to keep the school updated on any changes to a student's medical information. Parents are reminded to check the medical information and contacts currently being shared via Care Monkey. Please update the information as required. Children with medical conditions may require an updated plan. If you are new to the school please ensure you have shared this vital information with the school.

## Working with Children

Parents wishing to assist in the classroom, on excursions or any Parents & Friends Association events etc are asked to obtain your Working with Children's Check. This can be located by going onto this link <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

## Yard Supervision

Yard duty commences at 8.30am and you are requested not to drop students off before this time. After school duty finishes at 3.45pm.

Kharisma Kids is a Before and After School Care Service that operates at the school in Learning Space 1. Parents who are working and cannot drop or pick up children within the supervision times are encouraged to use this service.

## Car Parking

The car park in front of the school is just for the use of staff. Parents need to park their cars outside the school boundary fence when they visit before or after school. The drop off Zone in the front of the school is a drive through zone to make drop off and pick up safe. Parents are asked not to get out of their cars to maintain a smooth flow of traffic. During school hours the drop off zone is available for parents assisting teachers/school or attending meetings.

## Station Underpass

Children who ride bikes and scooters to school and travel through the underpass at Lynbrook Train Station, need to be aware that this is a shared space with pedestrians. Please speak to your children about dismounting from their bikes or scooters and walking through the underpass for everyone's safety.

## School Community

Encompassing: Parents, Parish, School Board, Enrolment, Social Justice, Accessibility and the Wider Community.

**Please welcome our new staff to 2019  
Check out some interesting facts about them.**

### **Imasha Hewavasam**

**Position at SFS:** Group Teacher - Juniors  
**My footy team is:** Hawthorn (go Hawks)  
**Interests/Hobbies:** cooking, reading and walking my dog  
**Fun Fact:** I was once trapped in an elevator with Roger Federer

### **Rachel Lenko**

**Position at SFS:** Student Wellbeing  
**My footy team is:** Richmond  
**Interests/Hobbies:** singing, listening to music and spending time with my 2 boys  
**Fun Fact:** My birthday is Christmas Eve and I was born tongue-tied

### **Anthony Preston**

**Position at SFS:** Group Teacher - Seniors  
**My Footy Team is:** Essendon  
**Interests/Hobbies:** Fishing, RSL Service member at Dandenong  
**Fun Fact:** I enjoy creating memes and Gifs for a laugh

### **Patrick Pawlukowski**

**My position at SFS:** Group Teacher - Juniors  
**My Footy team is:** Western Bulldogs  
**Family:** I am Polish. Dzień dobry  
**Fun Fact:** I play soccer



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### Peacelyn Ceraman

**Position at SFS:** LSO  
**My footy team is:** none  
**Interests/Hobbies:** cooking Sri Lankan savoury food  
**Fun Fact:** I am a country girl from Wodonga and only recently relocated to Melbourne.  
I play piano for leisure.

### Kathy Christodoulou

**Position at SFS:** LSO  
**My footy team is:** my family insists that I support the Hawks but secretly I barrack for Collingwood.  
**Interests/Hobbies:** I love spending time with my family and relaxing with a large puzzle or movie  
**Fun Fact:** I am famous for my fabulous card trick

### Evadne McNeill

**Position at SFS:** LSO  
**My footy team is:** Carlton (by default — only because my husband does)  
**Interests/Hobbies:** beach, golf, tennis  
**Fun Fact:** I've met Bono from U2 and he said he loved my name!

# Education in faith

Encompassing: Prayer, Liturgy, Sacraments, Icons/Symbols

## Mini Vinnies Action Team

Below is an article which appeared in the Cranbourne Star News written by Brendan Rees.

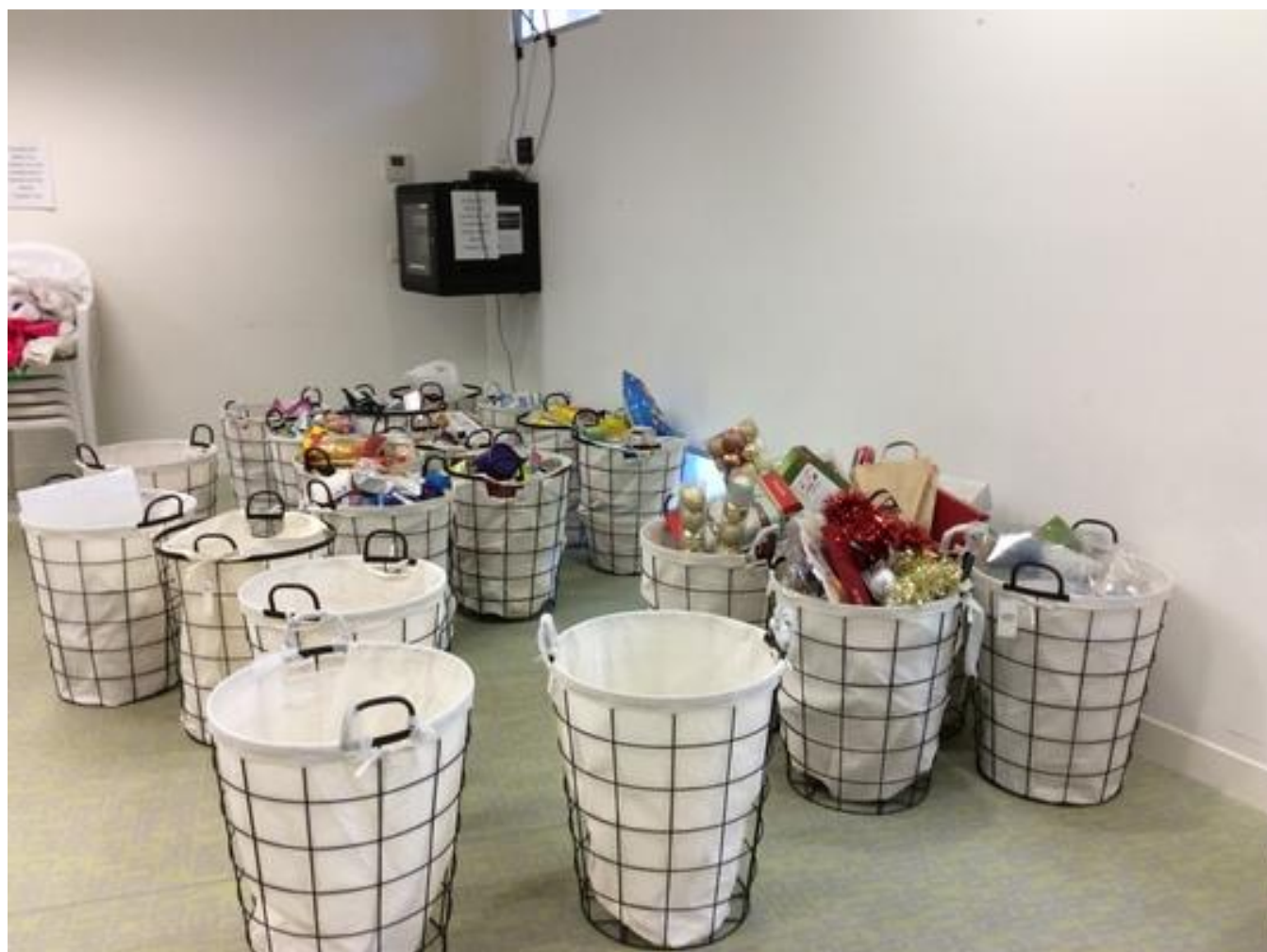
### SCHOOL DIGS DEEP TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Over the Christmas season, students from Lynbrook's St Francis de Sales Primary School gathered food hampers and gifts to bring Christmas joy to those in need. Grade 5 and 6 students of the Pastoral Care Action Team, also known as the Mini Vinnies collected gifts, food items and toiletries from the school community which were placed under a Giving Tree.

Eighteen classes had the task of filling a hamper which were donated to St Vincent de Paul at St Kevin's Parish in Hampton Park on 18th December for distribution to the community.

Teacher, Giuliana Faiola said "Congratulations to the St Francis de Sales community and the Mini Vinnies group for all their efforts in collecting hamper items and Christmas gifts to help all those less fortunate to celebrate Christmas.

The school also held a Socktober Day last October, where students donned their favourite colourful socks to raise \$650 for the Catholic Mission to help build a school in Myanmar (Burma).





## Student Well-Being

Encompassing: Student Engagement, Student Connectedness, Classroom Climate, Inclusion and Prevention to Intervention.

We have had a busy and exciting 3 days of activities for SWELL week. On Wednesday, our focus was on getting to know you games in the morning and establishing a code of conduct of behaviour. We also explored the values of Wisdom, Integrity, Care and Compassion, Respect, Belonging and Enthusiasm through lots of games and co-operative activities.

The children worked on making a symbol of one of the values, to be placed on a tile and displayed around the school. Each learning space made a prayer tree of hopes and dreams. The children drew a symbol or wrote a word or phrase to represent what their hopes were for the year on a piece of paper. These were added to a tree branch planted in a pot.

**This activity was planned to tie in with our theme of Growing young in Christ.**

On Thursday, the children participated in fun activities planned by Proactivity. These activities included circus skills, the giant parachute, partner and team games, water games and meditation/mindfulness. I worked with all the junior classes teaching them about deep belly breathing and being aware of our body and how we are feeling.

We also reflected during the week on the activities and what skills they taught us and insights we have gained. Some children read their reflections at the SWELL week liturgy and assembly.

I personally have had a wonderful first week being a part of the SFS school community. I have had a chance to meet and get to know lots of the children and I have been most impressed with their behaviour and attitude. I have found the children to be polite, friendly and cooperative students who have actively participated in all activities with enthusiasm. I look forward to meeting the rest of the school community and thank the students, staff and parents for welcoming me.

Rachel Lenko  
Student Wellbeing



# Office News

## **MOWING ROSTER Team 9 Saturday 2nd February 9am—11am**

Please remember to sign the attendance sheet on arrival AND departure.

Brad on 0400 410 289

Anto Perappadan	Sourbah Gosain	Jocey M John
Fabrice Bissessur	Ryan Cole	Roger Allen
Mathew Joseph	Jose Plackal	Ashley Vella
Hiranya H.	Chin Perera	Moe Grep

**HERE ARE THE REMAINING DATES FOR MOWING FOR THE REST OF THE 2018/19 ROSTER.  
IF YOUR DATE WAS CANCELLED DUE TO BAD WEATHER OR YOU COULD NOT ATTEND YOUR  
ROSTERED DATE—PLEASE FEEL FREE TO JOIN ANY OF THESE DATES.**

**REMEMBER TO SIGN IN AND SIGN OUT.**

Saturday, February 2nd 9am—11am

Sunday, February 17th 9am—11am

A NEW ROSTER FOR THE 2019 / 2020 YEAR WILL BE PREPARED SOON.  
LOOK OUT FOR THE NOTICE COMING HOME SOON.

## **YEAR 7 — 2021**

- ◇ **29 January, 2019 — Applications open for students in Year 5 in 2019 —please contact the relevant Colleges for Open Days and School Tour information.**
- ◇ **Applications will close on 23rd August, 2019 for most colleges—please check with each individual College**
- ◇ **October, 2019—Offers posted to prospective Year 7, 2021 applicants**

## **SALESIAN COLLEGE INFORMATION EVENING**

An information evening will be held on Tuesday 5th March for all families interested in sending their son to Salesian College in Year 7, 2021.

To register your attendance, please visit their website:

Monday Tours—Guided by the College Registrar and students, you are able to see the school in action. To register your attendance, please visit their website.



**SALESIAN  
COLLEGE**  
CHADSTONE EST.1957



## **ST JOHN'S REGIONAL COLLEGE, DANDENONG**

### **Open Day**

**Thursday, 21st February @ 9.15am**

**5—11 Caroline Street, Dandenong**



## Office News

### CSEF — Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund

### Do you have one of these cards?



If you do, you may be eligible for \$125 for each of your children from the government to go towards your camp fees, swimming fees or excursion fees.

It's easy—just fill out the CSEF form available from the school office and present your current Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and we will do the rest for you.

Applications should be completed and lodged with us as soon as possible in term 1. This allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

# Parents and Friends Association

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## Welcome to the 2019 school year!

The St Francis de Sales Parents & Friends Association (PFA) is an active part of our wonderful school community. The PFA host special events for our students, fun lunches, raffles, morning teas and various other fantastic events! Our fund-raising activities are used to directly to benefit the students and the school.

## Get involved!

The success of our events relies on the support and participation of parents, carers and the school community. You can get involved by joining the PFA committee, attending our monthly meetings or volunteering to be a parent helper. Working together allows us to foster a great school community spirit and the students love seeing their parents/carers at school events. Our first event of the year will be Pancake Day in March so stay tuned for more information!

## Parent Helpers

During the year, we will need the assistance of parent volunteers to help us run various events. We couldn't run PFA activities without your support. **Thank you in advance** for your help, donations and sharing your time with us. Please make sure the office has a copy of your Working with Children Check.

## Icy Poles/Popcorn & Chips

Every Friday we sell either Icy Poles (terms 1 & 4) or Popcorn and Chips (terms 2 & 3). The cost is 50c per item. We need volunteers who are available between 10:55-11:25am. Volunteers work on a roster to ensure the children are offered this opportunity each week, and we are very grateful for your time. If any parents are available on a Friday morning to assist, please see Natasha Pizzimento or email [sfspfa@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sfspfa@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au).

## Fortnightly Morning Tea

The PFA will be hosting a fortnightly morning tea on Fridays following morning gathering. Come join us for a coffee and a chat.

## Second Hand Uniforms

The PFA run a regular Second Hand Uniform Shop. These uniforms have kindly been donated by families who have moved away or when students have outgrown their uniforms. All items are \$5. Dates will be listed in the newsletter throughout the year. If you can donate uniform in good condition to the school, we would be very grateful as the funds raised go directly back into the school community. Donations of laundered uniform can be made at the school office.

## Upcoming Events

8 February – Morning Tea & Second Hand Uniform Shop  
20 February – PFA Meeting at 7:15pm (Community Room)  
5 March – Pancake Day  
Every Friday in Term 1 – Icy Poles for sale

## The 2019 PFA Committee

President: Elena Senise  
Vice-President: Nadine Hawes  
Secretaries: Raquel Netto and Mandy Admiraal  
Treasurer: Shivanthi Perera  
General Members: Daniela Peirano, Laura Peirano, Jennis Kumar, Natasha Pizzimento, Harpreet Kaur, Jenny Witherden, Brooke Mole, Kara Mills, Angela Lehmann, Kirsten Peterson and Courtney Thursfield.

We thank the members of the PFA Committee for volunteering their time and talents so that we can enrich the school experience of every SFDS student.

If you'd like to get in touch with the PFA, you can email us at [sfspfa@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sfspfa@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au) or join us at one of our monthly meetings held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7.15pm in the Community Room.

We hope that 2019 is a memorable year for our students and the SFDS community.