

WEEKLY NEWS



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AS ONE IN FAITH WE LEARN AND GROW

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FEBRUARY

Mon 11th— Wed 13th	Grade 5 / 6 Camp Portsea
Tue 12th	School Banking Day
Fri 15th	Assembly at 2.40pm in LS3
Sat 17th	Mowing Roster—Team 3
Tue 19	School Banking Day
Wed 20	District Swimming
Wed 20th	School Advisory Board 6pm P & F Committee Mtg 7.15pm
Fri 22	P & F Afternoon Tea 2.45pm
Tue 26	School Banking Day

MARCH

Fri 1st	Assembly @ 2.40pm in LS3
Tue 5th	Shrove Tuesday
Tue 5th	School Banking Day
Wed 6th	Ash Wednesday—Mass at 2pm in LS3. All welcome.
Fri 8th	P & F Morning Tea 9am
Mon 11th	Labour Day Public Holiday No school today
Wed 13	Divisional Swimming
Wed 13th	Workshop—Sacrament of Reconciliation @ 7pm
Thu 14	School Photo Day
Fri 15th	St Patrick's Day Mass (Cathedral)
Fri 15th	Assembly @ 2.40pm in LS3
Wed 20	School Advisory Board 6pm P & F Committee Mtg 7.15pm
Thu 21st	Twilight Sports Night 5.30pm
Fri 22	P & F Afternoon Tea 2.45pm

Growing Young in Christ

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

200th School Crossing



We are very excited to have the 200th School Crossing in the City of Casey!!

We are delighted to have returned from holidays to our new manned 'School Crossing'. This week the City of Casey photographers were at St Francis de Sales to take some promotional photos and make a short video.

Our school crossing is a result of many people raising a concern over the years. Last year because of some of our student's writing to the Council, we have had a positive result.

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2019 school fee statements going home on Monday.

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KHARISMA KIDS

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From the Principal

A survey of the traffic and volume of pedestrian traffic proved there was a need. Changes occurred over the holidays to turn the zebra crossing into the marking required for a school crossing.

Now that we have our school crossing, we all need to be extra vigilant to follow our road rules to ensure safety and courtesy on our roads. Parents are asked to be mindful of the following safety rules to ensure the smooth flow of traffic.

- Keep the roundabout area clear of traffic.
- Remember that it is only a left turn into the drop off zone before and after school.
- Remember it is only a left turn out of the school gates before and after school.
- Please drive at a safe speed 5kmh in the school carpark and 40kph on the roads around the school zone.
- Cars are not permitted into the school carpark till 3:20pm. Please do not line up outside the gates before this time. There is ample time to come to the drop off and pick up your child/children. A teacher will be on duty till 3:40pm. Please do not enter the carpark gates when someone leaves before this time.
- Parking in the carpark before and after school is only for the use of staff cars. Please park in the roads beside the school and enter through the various pedestrian gates before or after school.

It would be great if we can all work in partnership to support these safety rules so that all our children are safe and we display exemplary conduct and are good role models for all our children. I have been told that there will be an increase in Police presence around the crossing and I hope that no one needs to incur an unnecessary and costly fine.

Christine White
Principal



Education in faith

Encompassing: Prayer, Liturgy, Sacraments, Icons/Symbols

'And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips'.

Luke 4: 21 - 30



Welcome as we begin this new school year with a focus on entrusting to God all that we will do this year, and asking God to be with us through our shared journey. We recognise that we live and move and have our being through the grace and light of God in our lives. As we move through the Year of Youth, we are invited to focus on Growing Young in Christ embracing what this looks like for us as a school community, deepening our understanding of how we grow in faith together.

The theme for yesterday's Gospel is about baptism and how we are called to be prophets. A prophet stands up for what is good and right. Jesus went to Nazareth and taught in the temple. At first the people were amazed at his knowledge but then it occurred to them, he was one of them - a carpenter in their own village! They became very angry with Jesus and planned to throw him bodily from a nearby mountain top. Jesus simply walked through them and left. Some scholars say that the crowd's reaction and Jesus escaping them to continue his teaching and preaching is a foreshadowing of Jesus' death and resurrection and the mission of the Church to continue spreading the Good News.

How many times do we react to what appears to be the situation? A few times of being wrong slows us down and teaches us that things are not always as they seem. It takes time and often forces us to eat humble pie (or at least laugh at ourselves), but very often, by the time we get the story we recognize that we have come to the wrong conclusion, that the evidence is misleading. As parents, we need to show our children that we trust and have faith in them. If our first impression turns out to be correct, then we can take necessary disciplinary steps, but at least children recognize their parents' faith in them as our first response.

When the people of Nazareth had no faith in Jesus, Jesus could not work any miracles. He had to leave the area and go where people believed in him. This Gospel reveals that sometimes it is difficult to do what is right. Jesus spoke the truth even when the people did not accept what he had to say. Jesus was brave and he went on his way continuing to do God's work. As children of God and followers of Christ we are called to do what is right even when it is difficult. This is the baptismal call of the prophet. And we can rely on God to give us strength. During the week, share together as a family places in your own lives where weak faith prevents Jesus from working in your lives.

What steps can you take to allow Jesus to enter?

What can you do to help one another develop a stronger faith?

What does it mean to live as a child of God?

Who helps you to live as a child of God?

God Bless!

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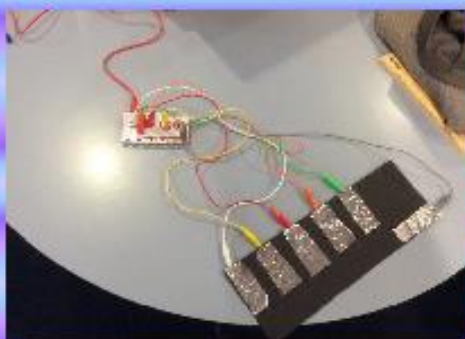
'The greatest good you can do for others is not just to share your riches but to reveal to them their own'.

BENJAMIN DISRAELI

Learning and Teaching

Encompassing: Student Outcomes, Policy, Assessment, Reporting, Principles and Pedagogy.

Digital Technologies MAKEY MAKEY



This week the school was lucky enough to have borrowed a set of Makey Makey's from the University of Adelaide. The students programmed code into Scratch and connected the circuit to an aluminium foil piano. Students were able to play the piano by touching the keys.

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SECOND HAND SENIOR CHOIR TOPS

If your child will no longer be partaking in the Senior Choir in 2019 and you would like to sell their Choir top, could you please see Kristy (in person in LS2 office before 8.30am) or send an email to

kgalea@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au

with the following information:

- * attach a photo of the shirt
- * the size of the shirt
- * the price you would like the shirt to be sold for



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.

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**

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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.



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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 reminder 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 operate 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.

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.

Office News

MOWING ROSTER Team 3 Sunday, 17th February 9am—11am

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

Brad on 0400 410 289

Diego Acevedo	Suresh Felix	Sanj Samarasekera
Anthony Estrada	Andrew Pavloff	Brad Carey
Robert Alessio	Pablo Maidana	Alex Arevyan
Clifford Karghoo	Chaminda Ariyaratna	Chris Peterson
Poonam Aggarwal	Michael Flechsig	Bijo Baby

**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.

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

YEAR 7 — 2021

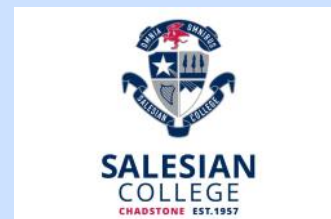
- ◇ **29 January, 2019 — Applications open for students in Year 5 in 2019 —please contact the relevant Colleges for Open Days and School Tour information.**
- ◇ **Applications will close on 23rd August, 2019 for most colleges—please check with each individual College**
- ◇ **October, 2019—Offers posted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



ST JOHN'S REGIONAL COLLEGE, DANDENONG

Open Day

Thursday, 21st February @ 9.15am

5—11 Caroline Street, Dandenong

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Morning & Afternoon Tea

Based on your feedback, the PFA will be hosting both morning and afternoon teas this year – we hope more people are able to attend. Please see the invitation on the next page for details regarding our first Afternoon Tea which will be held on **Friday 22 February**.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

The second hand uniform shop will be open on Friday 22 February from 2:30-3:30pm in conjunction with Afternoon Tea. All items are \$5. Come and grab a bargain! Remember, all funds raised go directly back into the school.

Icy Poles Every Friday, the PFA have Icy Poles available for students to buy for 50c during first lunch.

If any parents are available to help with icy pole sales, please see Natasha Pizzimento or email sfspfa@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au.

*Save
the Date*

Pancake Day is on Tuesday 5 March.

We need lots of volunteers to help us cook and serve warm, fluffy pancakes to the students and staff.

It's always a fun day so please keep the morning free and look out for the flyer which will be sent home in the coming weeks.



Inspire a Love for Reading

Reminder that Scholastic Book Club orders are due by **15 February 2019**. Books start from \$2! Every order earns points which our school can use to purchase more books and other educational resources.



Upcoming Events

20 February – PFA Meeting at 7:15pm (Community Room) – All are welcome!

22 February – Afternoon Tea & Second Hand Uniform Shop

5 March – Pancake Day

Every Friday in Term 1 – Icy Poles for sale

Parents and Friends Association

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St Francis de Sale Parents and Friends Association
invites *you* to join us for



Afternoon Tea

Come along and enjoy tea, coffee and cake whilst
chatting with other parents and friends.

Friday 22 February

at **2:30pm**

Meet us in the Community Room. Enter via the gate
near the rainbow playground.



Second hand uniform shop will be open

