

February

Tue 26 School Banking Day

March

Fri 1st Cultural Infusion Incursion

Fri 1st Icy Pole Sales—50c

Fri 1st Assembly @ 2.40pm

Sat 2nd Mowing Roster

Tue 5th Shrove Tuesday (Pancake)

Tue 5th School Banking Day

Wed 6th Ash Wednesday
Mass @ 2pm in LS3

Fri 8th P & F Morning Tea—
after morning gathering

Mon 11 Public Holiday
School Closure Day

Tue 12 School Banking Day

Wed 13 Sacrament of Reconciliation
Family Workshop @ 7pm

Thu 14th School Photo Day

Fri 15th Assembly @ 2.40pm

Wed 20 6pm School Advisory Board
7.15pm P & F Committee

Thu 21 Twilight Sports Night @ 5.30pm

Fri 22nd P & F Afternoon Tea @ 2.45pm

FOUNDATION 2020

Current families : please collect an Application for Enrolment form from the School Office for your younger child and complete and return by 15th March.

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Growing Young in Christ

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

After 10 years, and several times as runners up, we are delighted to announce that St Francis de Sales swimming squad are the champions of the Hampton Park District Primary Schools Sports Association (HPDPSSA) !!!!

I would like to congratulate our swimming squad not just on their great achievement in the pool but also on the great sportsmanship I witnessed. It was great to see our children congratulate their opponents as they got out of the water. They were also gracious winners. It was a great day for the two Catholic Schools in our Parish with St Francis de Sales coming first and St Kevin's coming second. On return to school the children were delighted to receive an icy-pole to celebrate their achievement. However it was even more special for the squad to welcomed back with great cheers as they entered the learning spaces back at school.

Nearly our entire squad goes on to compete at the district level as they either won an individual event or were part of a winning relay. Congratulations to our swim squad we are all very proud of each one of our team.

The news of the win was even heard in Romania!

"I want to congratulate you all on your efforts at the district swimming, what a result! I heard you all put in a super effort and you can be proud of your individual efforts and as a team. To the year 5 and 6's, you have seen a number of second place finishes and now the big one! To all the first time competitors, the future looks bright for you guys! Well done again all, so super proud of you!" from Andrew



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From the Principal

Sporting School Grant

This year we have been successful in obtaining the Sporting Schools Grant for the second time. Last year in term 4 we were able to provide golf clinics for our Year 3 and 4 students. This Term we are able to offer basketball clinics. The clinics will be run by Matt from Casey Basketball Association for our Year 3 and 4 students. The clinics started today and will be held on alternative Fridays for the rest of this term. We hope to introduce clinics in a different sport each term if we continue to attract this funding. We have aimed the program at Year 3 and 4 as our Year 5 and 6 students participate in Interschool Sports.



Celebrating our Cultures—Friday 15th March

As a result of funding from Wellsprings we are excited to announce that we have a special event for parents to celebrate Cultural Diversity Week and leading up to Harmony Week. This event is also during Catholic Education Week. We are inviting parents who are not at work or have the flexibility to change their times to come and join us for a fun event.

Come dressed in colours or clothes to celebrate your cultural background. Bring a plate of food to share for a pot luck lunch. We will be having various activities for you to enjoy from Henna painting, reflexology and make-up tips. There will be music, door prizes and plenty of fun. This is a great way for parents to relax and connect. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun. Share your ideas of other FUN things we can do during 2019 with the special funding we have been able to access to meet parent needs. As space is limited we do need you to let us know if you will be attending and it would be helpful to know what food you may bring to share.

Please email Rachel rlenko@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au to let us know if you are coming. We will also be sending home an invite via Care Monkey. RSVP by 8th March 2019. On the 15th March we will also be holding a Junior School Assembly in LS3 starting at 2:40. Parents can stay for lunch and FUN and then join the school for our assembly in LS3.

Christine White

Principal

Sibling Enrolments for 2020 are due now!

It is time for any family currently at the school with a child who will be turning five before the 30th April 2020 to submit an Application for Enrolment. Applications for siblings are due by the 15th March. After this date remaining places for Foundation 2020 will be made available to new families wishing to enrol their child into St Francis de Sales. It is great to hear that many families have already picked up an Application Form. Please drop off the completed form into the Office to Lorenza or Vivienne as soon as possible.

CELEBRATING OUR CULTURES

FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2019
12 PM TO 2 PM



Event includes pot-luck lunch, henna painting, reflexology, make up tips, door prizes, raffle, music and fun

Please bring a plate to share in a pot-luck lunch and wear something that reflects your culture



Education in faith

Encompassing: Prayer, Liturgy, Sacraments, Icons/Symbols



Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!'

Luke 6: 17, 20–26

In this week's gospel Luke gives us his version of the "Beatitudes." Jesus preaches about the blessings that come from doing what is right and good. We call these blessings the Beatitudes. Jesus tells the disciples how "blessed" are the poor, the hungry, the sad, and the persecuted, for they will be rewarded in heaven. Jesus' sermon brings great hope to the poor and mistreated. They are promised happiness in the kingdom of heaven. The Beatitudes tell us about the happiness that God wants for every person.

Children trust their parents to take good care of them and give them direction. That's a lot of responsibility for a parent. Similarly, we all are challenged by these beatitudes to trust completely in God. When we trust and serve God, we know clearly from this reading that God will take care of us in the Kingdom.

This week, spend time reading the Beatitudes carefully again as a family. Suggest ways that people might be "poor" that don't relate to economic class. What ways can people be hungry and still have enough food to eat? What kind of sorrow would we experience without God in our lives? With a broader understanding of these terms, create a mobile or booklet where family members illustrate what the beatitudes mean for your family today. You might conclude by suggesting ways your family will practice living out the beatitudes you have illustrated.

God Bless!

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School Liturgies:



Wednesday 6th March

'Ash Wednesday' Whole School Mass
LS 3 at 2.00pm.



Sacramental News:

A few dates to add to your calendar!

Rozeta will send out further information closer to the event.

Reconciliation Family Workshop Wednesday 13th March at 7.00pm.

Reconciliation Sacrament Thursday 2nd May at 6.00pm.

Eucharist Family Workshop Tuesday 6th August at 7.00pm.

First Eucharist Sacrament Saturday 24th August at 7.00pm

Sunday 25th August at 9.00am

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Office News

MOWING ROSTER

Saturday, March 2nd

9am—11am

Adam Gibson

Rajesh Janaradhanan

Shibu James

Thomas Antony

Simon Boliiancu

Mina Youssf

Fabrice Bissessur

Jose Plackal

Anto Pereppadan

Bertrand Martingale

Brad Scicluna

Thank you to all families who have returned their mowing roster forms. While we have had an excellent response for Saturdays—we could do with a few more people to join the Sunday teams both for mornings and afternoons.

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.



SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE OAKLEIGH

ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7 IN 2021

Closing date: Friday, August 23rd

Open Morning Dates for 2019 at
9.30am

- Tuesday 26th February
- Thursday 14th March
- Friday 17th May
- Tuesday 25th June

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**

Student Well-Being

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

This week we had our first lunch time social skills group for the year. We had a great turn up and it was wonderful to see children interacting with each other in such a positive way, while having fun at the same time. The children were very excited to open up the new games and play them.

Our focus for the session was on using positive words or phrases when talking to others, when playing games. We also developed our understanding of respect, when learning to pack away the equipment without losing any of the pieces. The lunchtime social skills club will happen every **Tuesday**, during the second lunch break, outside the art area in learning space 3. This group is open to all children, but particularly those children who find lunch times difficult and find it hard to make friends.



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Student Wellbeing and Performing Arts Lessons

During our specialist Junior classes this week, our focus has been on exploring the value of **enthusiasm**.

The children played a game called “the dancing circle” where we had to copy each other’s dance moves. They were asked to play this showing enthusiasm.

The children told me enthusiasm means “having fun”, “enjoying yourself” “having a positive attitude” and “trying your best”.



School Community

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

Garden Party for East Timor



Sunday 3rd March from 2-5pm

Friends of Ermera are raising funds for the
English Language Study Centres in Ermera

5 Palmerston
Street
Berwick

Adults \$15
Students \$10

For more information please contact Jean Lyon - 0431 106 667



This event is organised by Friends of Ermera, a community based group in the City of Casey and beyond, aiming to help the people in the East Timor District of Ermera to rebuild their lives and communities.



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Before and After School Care

PLEASE BE ADVISED that that we have child ratios and a limited number of places for children who can attend each day. Educators work according to the number of children booked into care. It is therefore necessary for PARENTS to book children, who are enrolled casually, into care at least 24 hours in advance so staffing can be arranged as required.



ANY BOOKINGS made to our booking number (0411 295 273) received on the day will be subject to availability. Children booked on a permanent basis have priority.

IN THE EVENT of children arriving when we are fully booked, will be sent to the school office. We will inform parents that we are full and cannot accept the children.

DUE TO GOVERNMENT CHANGES in administration all children must be 24 hours in advance by completing the enrolment forms so as family details can be added to the computer system.

A NEW electronic Sign In /Out procedure which requires family, children and authorised nominees details to ensure the safety of your child/ren so they can only be picked up by those on your child's enrolment forms.

THANK YOU for your continued support and ask that you assist us by following the above procedures.

REMEMBER: Term Bookings are charged at a cheaper rate than Casual Care., both casual and booked care where children do not attend will be charged accordingly.

If you have any questions please come and have a chat with one of our team members.

Vacation Care

We will not be offering Vacation Care over the Easter Period. For Vacation Care programs in the area please visit <https://www.childcarefinder.gov.au/>

Kind Regards.

Kharisma Kids Team.



St. Francis de Sales Primary School

BEYOND THE SEA

Junior Production



FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2019 • 7:00 PM

River Gum Performing Arts Centre
58 Fordholm Rd, Hampton Park VIC 3976
Tickets on Sale Monday 12th August
(\$10 Adult, \$5 Child)



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES
PRIMARY SCHOOL

JUKEBOX JIVE

SENIOR PRODUCTION

FRIDAY OCTOBER 11TH, 2019
7:00 PM

RIVER GUM PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
58 FORDHOLM RD, HAMPTON PARK VIC 3976

TICKETS ON SALE MONDAY 12TH AUGUST
(\$10 ADULT, \$5 CHILD)

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

2019 PRODUCTION UPDATE

St. Francis de Sales is very excited to announce that the 2019 Junior Production is called 'Beyond the Sea' and will be held on Friday 13th September. The Senior Production is called 'Jukebox Jive' and will be held on Friday 11th October.

We're looking out for the following items as donations used as props for the productions:

*Extra Large Cardboard from white-goods (sturdy, in good condition)

*Old beach towels

*Large beach balls

*Buckets and spades (sand castle tools)

*Sun-baking chairs

*Large Shells

*Pirate paraphernalia e.g. eye masks, hats, flags

*Disco ball

*Extra Large empty hairspray cans

*Hairdressing head model/foam head

*Afro/curly wigs

*Disused CDs

*Disused Vinyl Records

*Old technology (doesn't have to work) e.g. dial up phone, radio, DJ decks, typewriter, old record player etc.

If you would like to donate any of the following, please drop them off to Kristy (LS2 office or Music Room).



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Term 1 Events

The P&F Association had their first meeting on Wednesday and we are excited about the fantastic activities we will be hosting in Term 1!

Pancake Day We will be serving up over 400 pancakes, hot and fresh, to the students on Tuesday 5 March. If you'd like to volunteer as a parent helper, please contact the P&F.



Twilight Sports Carnival P&F will once again be hosting the sausage sizzle and we will have drinks and icy poles for sale so you can enjoy a yummy treat while cheering on the kids in McKillop, Teresa, Bosco and Patrick!



Pizza Fun Lunch

Our first fun lunch for the year will be on Friday 29 March and we are having Pizzas!! Flyers will be sent home shortly.



CUA Fun Run The cross-country fun run will be held on the last day of Term 1. It's always a huge day and the kids enjoy racing around Banjo Patterson Park and are rewarded with an icy pole treat on completion. The kids get to earn great prizes as they raise money – so it helps the school while also rewarding the kids! This is our major fund raiser for the year and we greatly appreciate the support of all families.

Easter Raffle Our annual Easter Raffle will also be held on the last day of Term 1. We will be looking for donations of eggs, bunnies, plush toys and other goodies to create our hampers for the raffle prizes.



Aver & Line Family Photography sessions Following the huge success of our previous family photo day, we are excited to again be able to offer Family Photo sessions with Aver & Line. This is a fantastic opportunity to update your family photos! More details will be provided shortly.

Upcoming Events

5 March	Pancake Day
8 March	Morning Tea & Second Hand Uniform Shop
21 March	Twilight Sports Carnival
29 March	Pizza Fun Lunch
Every Friday	Icy Poles for sale