

WEEKLY NEWS



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AS ONE IN FAITH WE LEARN AND GROW

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MARCH

Fri 22	Icy Pole sales every Friday at first lunch
Fri 22	P & F Afternoon Tea @ 2.45pm
Sun 24	Mowing Roster—Team 7 1pm—3pm
Tue 26	Student Banking Day
Wed 27	Parent Teacher Interviews Group SR and Group CC ONLY
Fri 29th	mConnect— What you can do with your children on school holidays 9am—10am
Fri 29	Icy Pole sales every Friday at first lunch
Fri 29	Pizza Fun Lunch
Fri 29	Interschool Sport
Fri 29	Assembly @ 2.40pm

APRIL

Tue 2	Student Banking Day
Thu 4	Parent Teacher Interviews Booking information went home this week.
Thu 4	Hot Cross Bun Treat—proceeds raised from the raffle will go to The Monash Children's Hospital
Fri 5	Free Easter Egg for students Easter Raffle drawn
Fri 5	CUA Fun Run, Easter Activities
Fri 5	Last Day of Term 1 Early Dismissal at 2.30pm
Sat 6	Family Portrait Fundraising - only a few places left

Growing Young in Christ

Twilight Sports Night



What a fantastic event our Twilight House Sports was!! We had fantastic weather and a great community atmosphere.

Once again we congratulate Teresa House for winning the House Sports Shield for 2019 and MacKillop House for winning the Spirit Award Shield. Well done to both Houses!! We also congratulate the other Houses for their efforts in competing and cheering!! Well done SFS students and staff! Final scores for the evening were:

Teresa	216
Bosco	200
Patrick	197
MacKillop	186

We would also like to congratulate Shane Thomas for being the first SFS Grade 6 Gift winner!!! Well done Shane! Your name will be the first on our SFS Grade 6 Gift Shield and will be there forever!! You will definitely be coming to District Athletics as will the other Grade 6s who were involved in the Gift Race.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their support. The night was a group effort and without their support we wouldn't have been able to run the evening. A big thanks to Parents & Friends and in particular Elena the President who I liaised with consistently. For students alone they provided approximately 350 sausages or vegetarian options!! And they willingly gave up their time to come and help us set up the House tents. Once again a big thank you!! Thanks also to Kara Castello who took photographs for us. I am sure you will see them in the newsletter at a later stage. And last but not least thank you to you, all the parents who gave up your evening to support and bring your child to our Sports Night and make it the success it was.

Giuliana and Lulli
P.E. Department



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Education in faith

Encompassing: Prayer, Liturgy, Sacraments, Icons/Symbols

Luke 13: 1–9

In ancient times, people thought death was the result of wrongdoing. The crowds asked Jesus if that was true. He replied that it was no more true than the contrary: People lived because of righteousness. The point Jesus did make, however, was that repentance was necessary and necessarily immediate. Jesus then gave the people an illustration of a fig tree that had not produced fruit for three years. The vineyard owner wanted the tree cut down, but the gardener promised to aerate and fertilize it for one more year. If, by then, it did not bear fruit, the gardener would cut it down. Some scholars think the three years of no yield correlate with Jesus' three years in ministry, but the main point is that with nurturing, all may come to bear fruit in the Kingdom.



Some children worry whether or not their parents will live as long as the child needs them — basically forever! But often, parents worry more that they will someday be a burden to their children. Once in a while, parents know they only have a short period of time left with their children and they quickly take stock of what is truly important and act accordingly. Even without this notice, it would be good to evaluate each day and be grateful for each moment we have with each other.

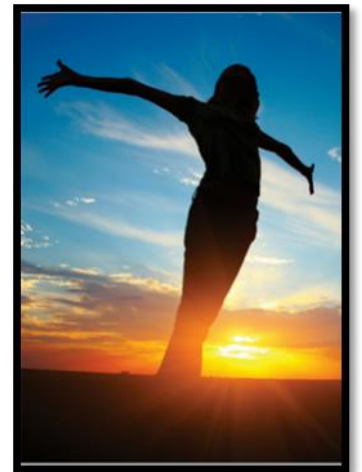
As a family, make a Lenten “fruit bowl” by writing down on strips of paper simple tasks that can be done during this season of Lent that “bear fruit” for God’s Kingdom. Ideas might include praying for someone who is sick, or sending a cheerful greeting to someone who is alone. Perhaps you could visit an elderly relative or do something kind for a family member. Each day, everyone in the family takes a “piece of fruit” from the bowl and tries to accomplish the task written on the strip. (*Hint: If you want to make sure the suggestions are age-appropriate, you can use different colours of paper for the children and adults.*)

Peace and blessings!

Elisabetta Micallef
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Sacramental News:

Thank you to all the parents and children who attended the reconciliation Parent Workshop last Thursday night. It was wonderful to see you all reflecting on what it means to be part of a loving family that always forgives no matter what. The words that each family listed was truly a sign of the love you each have. We now look forward to the celebration of the sacrament on:



Thursday 2nd May at 6 pm at St Kevin’s Parish, Hampton Park

‘Reconciliation Sacrament’

*“Let today be the day you
give up who you’ve been for
who you can become”.*

HAL ELROD



Project Compassion:

100% DIGNITY

Peter is thrilled to now have clean water on tap at his boarding school. Long walks to unsafe water sources were tiring for Peter, who is living with a disability. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with a brighter future.

Remember to keep giving during this time of Lent – let us help make a difference!

Learning and Teaching

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

Senior Art

In art this week the senior students have been working on shading techniques and learning about where light and shadow fall on an object. They worked on these techniques drawing a piece of fruit and some of these fabulous drawings are up in the spaces for you to take a look at.



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PE NEWS



GRADE 5/6 INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

Last Friday the students and staff played their first Home Interschool Sports match against Tulliallan Primary School. The students had a great time and displayed fantastic sportsmanship. They will continue training this Friday and we wish them all the best next week in their first away game against Rangebank Primary.

Good luck Seniors!

GRADE 3/4 BASKETBALL CLINICS

Today our Grade 3/4 students will complete their 3rd Basketball Clinic. They will have one more left next week and hopefully we'll have news of additional Clinics next term in a different sport. We hope that by providing the students with these opportunities they may find a new sport they are interested in and develop further both their physical and cooperative skills.

Have fun Grade 3/4!



CUA FUN RUN

When:

Friday 5th April (Approximately 9.00 – 11.00am)

Where:

Banjo Paterson Park

Students will have the opportunity to compete in the Fun Run and as well as getting sponsors and being able to earn prizes if registered online we have the House Cross Country Shield to award to the House that gets the most points.

Students who come in 1st to 10th place in their event will be given points for their House. The Grade 4 to 6 students who come in 1st to 10th place will also be given the opportunity to represent SFS at Divisional Cross Country next term. In addition individual trophies will be engraved with the child's name who comes first in their level or age group event for this year.

Keep an eye out on Care Monkey for the permission slip to be posted so you can give your consent for your child to be involved.

We will also require parent assistance on the day to be at various check points along the route. If you can assist please contact Giuliana at gfaiola@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au

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ITALIAN – SENIORS

The Senior students have been exploring various Italian celebrations and their significance to Italian people. They have compared Australia's National Holidays to those in Italy. Students have discovered that many of the Italian celebrations are related to Religious events. They have also practiced asking and answering questions related to birthdays.

This week the students worked in groups to explore in detail a specific celebration that takes place each year in Italy.

They have been using verbs and adjectives to describe these celebrations.

Some of these included,

- ⇒ the Umbrian Jazz festival,
- ⇒ La Regatta in Venice,
- ⇒ Infiorata (flower art festival) in Sicily and
- ⇒ La festa della Madonna (The feast of our Lady) in Rofrano.



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ITALIAN – SENIORS

This term the students have also been focussing on using functional language (everyday language of communication) during class time.

To encourage students to have a go at speaking in Italian to each other, they are able to earn pegs during the lesson. A peg is awarded to a student if they use incidental language.

At the end of the lesson the pegs are exchanged for a raffle ticket which goes in a class draw. Twice a term a raffle ticket is drawn. Students receive a certificate and a lucky dip prize for their efforts.

It has been great to hear the students really trying hard and having a go at speaking the language.

Silvana Pansino
Italian Teacher



Production News – Week 8

LEAD / MINOR ROLES IN THE 2019 PRODUCTIONS

Well done to all the students who auditioned for the lead/minor roles in the 2019 Junior and Senior Production.

All students who auditioned did an amazing job.

All students will be involved in a group dance regardless.

Junior Production – Beyond the Sea

Main Characters:

Michaela	Michaela (JW)
Piper	Piper (AM)
Lucas N	Lucas (MJ)
Christen	Christen (RJ)
Missy (Dog)	Sadie (PP)

Minor Roles (*not all Home Groups will have minor roles*):

<u>PP</u>		<u>MJ</u>	
Shark 1	Samarrah	Captain	Charisma
Shark 2	Mia R	Male	Ashton
Shark 3	Finn	Female	Tshia
Shark 4	Stanford		
Shark 5	Isabella A		

<u>EM</u>		<u>SR</u>	
John	Thao	Sailor 1	Isabella S
Paul	Lucas	Sailor 2	Harrison
George	Livinia	Sailor 3	Jaydan
Ringo	Bhavya	Sailor 4	Layla R

<u>RJ</u>		<u>IH</u>	
Chief Islander 1	Orlando	Captain Jack	Emmanuel
Chief Islander 2	Aimee	Captain Sparrow	Chanel

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Senior Production – Jukebox Jive

Main Characters:

RA

1930s Girl	Shenise
1930s Boy	Kaidan

AP

1940s Girl	Alexis
1940s Boy	Gurshaan

MF

1950s Girl	Eden
1950s Boy	Daelan

CC

1960S Girl	Brooklyn
1960s Boy	Carlos

AG

1970s Girl	Vaiga
1970s Boy	Orlando

CW

1980s Girl	Keava
1980s Boy	Tyson

MB

1990s Girl	Aesha
1990s Boy	Ajeeve

GA

2000s Girl	Sofia A
2000s Boy	Riley

SD

2010s Girl	Chloe
2010s Boy	Nate

Student Well-Being

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



BeYou

At Saint Francis de Sales, we are a **BeYou** school. That means as a learning community of teachers, students, parents and other school community members, we are committed to the mental health of all members of the community. As a school, we are going to sign a commitment statement reinforcing that we are prioritising mental health. The statement is as follows;

We are committed to supporting the children, young people, staff and families within our learning community achieve their best possible mental health. Through our focus on continuous improvement and our policies and practices, we work towards building and maintaining a positive, inclusive and resilient learning community for all.

Each week, we will continue to include a fact sheet from the **BeYou** website in the newsletter which you may find helpful.

FACT SHEET

Opportunities and challenges of social media

Much has been written and reported about the potential risks of social media, so it's helpful to consider both the opportunities and challenges.

Opportunities

- Promote positive norms about health and wellbeing and enhance health promotion initiatives.
 - Foster identity formation, community-building and creativity.
 - Support the self-directed learning and aspirations of marginalised children and young people. Extend formal and informal knowledge networks and social support for children and young people generally.
 - Online networks and resources that promote responsible attitudes to financial wellbeing may help to build young people's consumer and financial literacy.
 - Promote proactive approaches to issues of risk and safety. These approaches empower children and young people to develop resilience and support their wellbeing.
- Support family and intergenerational relationships.

Different generations of people will bring different skills and knowledge to social media. When children, young people and family members use technologies to collaborate

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and socialise, they can find new opportunities to connect, utilise each other's strengths and can be watchful for each other's safety.

Challenges

- The range of content and culture of social media provides low-level exposure to a range of risks. However, experiencing some level of risk is necessary to build resilience online and offline.
- Across these positive developmental processes, children and young people may also experience upsetting and potentially harmful content and practices, which can have serious effects on their wellbeing.
- Poor integration of social media in formal and informal learning
- environments can reinforce social exclusion.
- More research is required to understand the multiple influences which can foster harmful consumption and financial practices.
- Social media may also amplify risks to physical and emotional safety.

Social media may also be perceived as a barrier to traditional family relationships.

Common myth: technology isn't healthy for children and young people's development or wellbeing – they're losing their skills to communicate face-to-face

Technology can support children and young people's learning, development, social networks, mental health and wellbeing. It can provide access to opportunities to connect with others, and gain support, through the development of new skill sets to complement and build on their existing social and emotional competencies. There is emerging research which highlights the benefits of technology and in which circumstances children and young people can benefit.

M Connect Mother's group

mCONNECT at SFS- Matters Uniting Mums

We have our next M connect mother's group happening next **Friday 29th March , 9am until 10am**. This group is for any mothers of children who attend school at SFS who would like to connect with the school and other mothers. We will run a couple of these each term. The topic for our next group will be school holidays and what activities to do with your children to keep them busy and what free or low cost events may be available in the local area. If you would like to come along to this session, please email me as soon as possible so that I can cater for numbers. Toddlers are most welcome and there will be activities for them to keep them busy. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please rsvp to rlenko@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au

I will keep you posted for future meetings after your feedback as to what activities you would like to be involved in. Please come and speak to me if you have any questions or ideas. Holly from Wellsprings is also organising a free excursion in the holidays for parents to attend with their children. More information on this to come shortly.

Wellsprings also offers a free study support group to assist children with completing their homework. This happens on WEDNESDAYS 4PM - 5PM (SCHOOL TERM ONLY) at Wellsprings, **79 Langhorne street** in **Dandenong**. Please find the attached Flyer in the newsletter for more information if you are interested.

Rachel Lenko
Student Wellbeing Leader



Office News

MOWING ROSTER—Team 7	Sunday 24th March	1pm—3pm
Ajay Pal Singh	Buddhika Kondasinghe	George Babu
Kulwinder Pal Singh	Roger Allen	Glenn Munro
Gobinath Devendram		

2019 / 2020 dates

HERE ARE THE DATES FOR THE REST OF THE 2019/2020 ROSTER.

**IF YOUR DATE WAS CANCELLED OR YOU COULD NOT ATTEND YOUR
ROSTERED DATE—PLEASE FEEL FREE TO JOIN ANY OF THESE DATES.**

REMEMBER TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE SHEET ON THE DAY

March	1pm—3pm	Sunday 24th	
April	1pm—3pm	Saturday 6th	
	9am—11am	Sunday 28th	
May	Working Bee # 1	Saturday 4th	9am—12noon
June	9am—11am	Sunday 9th	Queen's Birthday long weekend
July	9am—11am	Saturday 20th	
August	1pm—3pm	Sunday 11th	
Sept	9am—11am	Saturday 14th	
Oct	9am—11am	Sunday 6th	Day light savings begins
	Working Bee # 2	Saturday 19th	9am—12noon
Nov	1pm—3pm	Saturday 2nd	Melbourne Cup long weekend
	1pm—3pm	Sunday 17th	
Dec	9am—11am	Sunday 1st	
	9am—11am	Saturday 14th	
Jan 2020	9am—11am	Saturday 18th	Term holiday
Feb 2020	1pm—3pm	Sunday 2nd	
	9am—11am	Saturday 15th	

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.



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 NOW. 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.

PRIVACY POLICY AND COLLECTION NOTICE

We have updated our school Privacy Policy and Collection Notice in accordance with the CECV.

Copies of these can be found on the school website under Enrolment Information/ Policies or viewed at the School Office.

School Community

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

Parents, Grandparents and community members

Our Senior Environmental Action Teams are looking for some helpers in our kitchen, garden and chook shed.

If you love to garden, cook or are a bit of a handy man and are available to help with our Action Teams on Monday Afternoons from 2:20 to 3:20pm we would love to have your assistance.

If you are interested please leave your name and phone number at the school office for Louise and Sandi and they will get back to you.



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A promotional banner for Entertainment Book. It has a dark blue background with the text 'LAST CHANCE!' in white. Below this, it says 'Pre-order to enjoy these bonus offers' and 'PRE-ORDER NOW' in a blue box. The main part of the banner shows three vouchers: a purple 'Early Bird Vouchers' voucher, a green '\$20* VOUCHER' from Woolworths, and an orange '\$50* VOUCHER' from Cellarmasters. There are plus signs between the vouchers. At the bottom, there is fine print: '*\$20 off your total shop when you spend \$220 or more at Woolworths online. *\$50 off your total shop when you spend \$120 or more at Cellarmasters online. **Terms & Conditions apply.'

Hurry!

Bonus Early Bird Offers

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/9g12847>

Your support really helps our School, so we're thrilled to let you know about special bonus Early Bird Entertainment Membership Offers for loyal supporters.

Pre-order the NEW 2019 / 2020 Entertainment Membership and receive bonus offers you can use right away.

A promotional banner for Melbourne Entertainment. It features a smartphone displaying the Entertainment Book app and a physical copy of the 2019/2020 Entertainment Book. The text reads 'Melbourne Entertainment', 'SEE WHAT'S INSIDE', '2019 | 2020 Membership', and 'Just \$70'.

A promotional banner for 'New to Entertainment 2019 | 2020'. It features four logos in colored boxes: Virgin Australia (red), Cellarmasters (orange), Entertainment Traveller (teal), and Lorna Jane (pink).

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CROSS COUNTRY FUN RUN

There are only TWO WEEKS to go before the Cross Country Fun Run. What a fantastic way to celebrate the end of Term 1!!

Keep up your amazing fundraising efforts!

We have been so impressed by the outstanding fundraising efforts of our SFS kids. Keep up the great work. Remember that every student who raises \$10 or more will receive a prize - *so get involved!*

An update on the class leader board:



1st: IH

2nd: GA

3rd: MJ



Just a reminder that **ALL** students need to register online to:

- Record how much they have raised - both cash and online donations
- Order fantastic prizes!!

Register online at <https://schoolfundraising.com.au/> and make sure you enter your child's home group correctly – for example Maddison Jewiss' class is "MJ".

We need your help!

As this is a P&F run event, we need lots of parent helpers (with Working with Children Check) from 8.45am – 12:00pm to supervise the track and cheer the children on! If you would like to be a part of this terrific day, please return the Parent Helper slip to the office or email sfspfa@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au.



Upcoming Events

- 29 March Pizza Fun Lunch
- 4 April Hot Cross Bun Treat
- 5 April SFS Fun Run & Easter Festivities
- 6 April Family Portrait Fund Raising Day
- Every Friday Icy Poles for sale

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Easter Festivities

We can't wait for Easter Festivities to begin at SFS. This year we are supporting **The Monash Children's Hospital** with all profits from the Hot Cross Bun day and the Easter Raffle – so please help us make a big difference!

Hot Cross Buns – Thursday 4th April

Nothing says Easter like hot cross buns! We are offering three types of buns for \$1.00 each, with a limit of 2 buns per student. Order forms were sent home yesterday. Please return all orders with correct money by **Friday 29 March 2019**.



Chocolate Eggs – Friday 5th April

The P&F have spoken to the Easter Bunny and organised a free Cadbury egg for each student!! An allergy friendly option is also available. A notice will be published on Care Monkey shortly or you can advise your child's teacher of any dietary requirements for your child/children.

Easter Raffle – Donations Needed!

We are asking each family to donate Easter chocolates or other Easter-themed gifts to our raffle. We will use your donations to make raffle prizes.

**The more donations we receive,
the more prizes on offer!**

Donations can be left at the school office.
Your donations are greatly appreciated!

