

WEEKLY NEWS



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AS ONE IN FAITH WE LEARN AND GROW

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APRIL

Tue 2	Student Banking Day
Tue 2nd	Sacramental Levy—\$15 now overdue. You would have received a letter re this levy
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
Sat 6th	1pm—3pm Mowing Roster Team 3
Sun 7th	CUA prizes need to be ordered online
Thu 25th	ANZAC Day—Public Holiday No school today
Fri 26	Inter-school Sport
Sun 28	9am—11am Mowing Roster Team 5
Tue 30	School Banking Day

MAY

Fri 3rd	P & F Morning Tea after morning gathering & Uniform sales
Fri 3rd	Interschool Sport
Sat 4th	Working Bee # 1
Tue 7th	Student Banking Day
Wed 8th	District Cross Country for those who qualified

Growing Young in Christ

From the Principal

Last Friday's shooting of innocent people in two Christchurch mosques is an event that has shaken people to the core worldwide.

While we'd like to protect our children from such events, in reality it's impossible, as the news coverage is so widespread and the event itself has impacted so many people.

The personal nature of this particular tragedy makes it even harder to stomach than some recent natural disasters that have made the news, as awful as they have been. So how do you approach this with your children? There is no easy answer, but be assured that your child will benefit from talking to you.

These ideas may help:

- be available
- Let your child or young person know that it is okay to talk about the events in Christchurch.
- Listen to what they think and feel—by listening you can find out if they have misunderstandings, and you can learn more about the support they need

You do not need to explain more than they are ready to hear, but be willing to answer their questions.

This information is from Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas. He is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He is the author of 10 books for parents including: Thriving, Why First Borns Rule the World, and Last Borns want to Change It and his latest release Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children.

YOU CAN FIND THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER ON OUR NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE UNDER NEWS AND EVENTS

GO TO <https://www.sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au/>

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Education in faith

Encompassing: Prayer, Liturgy, Sacraments, Icons/Symbols



'Your brother here was dead and has come to life'.

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

This weekend's Gospel is the well-known story of the prodigal son who begged for his share of the family inheritance. He took his fortune to a far away place and quickly spent all he had on his personal pleasures. He was completely broke when a serious famine struck the area and he was forced to tend pigs, an occupation prohibited to Jewish people. As he tended the pigs, he hungered for their scraps and realized that his father's slaves lived better than he did. It was then that he decided to return home, not as a son, but as a hired hand. So happy was the man's father when he saw his son return that he celebrated with all sorts of signs of honour. The father's older son, however, was very displeased with the way his father treated his brother, claiming that he had always been there working like a slave for his father. Never once had the father celebrated with this son. The father explained that the older son had always been with him and obedient. It was cause to rejoice, however, that his other son had been lost but now was found.

Parents try to divide the world into equal pieces for each of their children, but they know how very different each child can be. There are really no "one-size-fits-all" sets of expectations for families with more than one child. This Gospel helps us remember that we need to recognize the virtues of obedience and faithfulness, while we still love unconditionally and forgive the child who challenges us.

Both brothers in this story considered themselves slaves; a feeling we work hard to prevent in our children.

This parable about the prodigal son is a story about families filled with emotion. Over the weekend, spend some time gathering all your loose family photos and organize them into an album. (If you're lucky enough to be up to date, go through your photo albums.) As you arrange the photos, talk about your memory of that picture and the emotions that you associate with its circumstances. When you have finished, decide which emotion most characterizes your family. Are you pleased with this defining emotion or is this a good time to work on some changes?

Yours in Christ!

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*"Hope is patience
With the lamp lit".*

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Sacramental News:

Thank you to all the families who have already paid for the Sacramental Levy. If you have not yet paid, could you please place \$15.00 in a clearly labelled envelope with your child's name, home group and Sacramental Levy title. Thanking you in advance!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 2nd May

6pm at St Kevin's Parish, Hampton Park



Project Compassion



100% DIGNITY

Michaela is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis center in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.

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.



This week the Juniors in art did a fantastic job on drawing and painting their bunnies. After listening to and looking at the images in the picture book *Harris Finds His Feet* by Catherine Rayner we started our art by drawing the bunnies in pencil, then tracing the outlines in black marker. Lastly we used water colours in earth colours to paint the bunnies.

Some of the students chose to have their art pinned up—so please come in and take a look.



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PE NEWS

GRADE 5/6 INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

Today the students and staff played their first Away Interschool Sports match against Rangebank Primary School in Cranbourne. The students had a great time and displayed fantastic sportsmanship. Interschool Sports will continue next term with more practice matches and then 4 games left, followed by the Lightning Premiership.

GRADE 3/4 BASKETBALL CLINICS

Today our Grade 3/4 students completed their last Basketball Clinic. We hope they had a great time and look forward to organising another sport for them to participate in next term.

With Thanks,
Giuliana
PE Administrator

Lulli
PE Teacher



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SFS CROSS COUNTRY FUN RUN

Friday April 5th, 2019

9.15 am – 10.45am



A reminder that the SFS Cross Country Fun Run is on Friday April 5th, 2019. Seniors will walk over to Banjo Paterson Reserve straight after Morning Gathering. Juniors will walk over at about 9.40am. The Seniors will run first in their age groups and Juniors in their levels.

Foundation:	1 km (once around track)
Grade 1:	1 km
Grade 2:	1 Km
9/10 year olds:	2km (twice around track)
11 year olds:	3km (three times around track)
12/13 year olds:	3km

Students will be required to wear their sports uniform as they will be running but we hope that they will wear a t-shirt that is in their house colour and wear other accessories such as hats, scarves... in their house colour. They will also need their hats and a drink bottle.

Teresa House - Blue

MacKillop House - Yellow

Bosco House - Red

Patrick House - Green

Students will be sitting with their houses, supervised by staff when not running and cheering for their House.

If you can help on the day please fill in the form Parents and Friends sent home. We will need parents marshalling at various stops during the course.

Looking forward to another great House event!!
Lulli and Giuliana

Production News – Week 9

WEEK 9 PRODUCTION UPDATE

Costumes are confirmed for each Home Group/Character and letters will be distributed shortly!

We are currently looking for the following items:

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

*Pool noodles

*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).

ALSO - If you are available on 13/09/19 and 11/10/19, have a van and would like to assist in moving props to and from SFS to River Gum Performing Arts Centre, please see Kristy or email at kgalea@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au

Student Well-Being

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

mCONNECT at SFS- Matters Uniting Mums

Our mConnect Mum's group had its second meeting for the year. Thanks to the mums who came and to Holly from Wellsprings who organised the event. The topic for today's discussion was activities to do and places to visit in the school holidays, at a low cost.

Wellsprings is also organising an excursion in the holidays to the Melbourne museum. This will be happening on THURSDAY APRIL 18 from 9:30am - 3:00pm. This excursion is for parents and siblings to attend with their SFS school child. Admission to the museum will be free but parents will need to cover the cost of their myki card (for their children also) for travel as well as providing food and drink for the day.

(Please see the attached flier to the newsletter for more information). Invites will be sent out via care monkey but if you do not receive an invite please email me at rlenko@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au if you are interested in coming. Remember, places are limited.



We are a **BeYou** school where we value the importance of mental health. The fact sheet this week is about confidence.

How does confidence develop?

Babies are born curious

They want to touch, see, hear and taste everything within their reach. Toddlers and preschoolers demonstrate their need to understand their world by asking many 'why' questions. From their repeated experiences of seeing their actions affect their world and the people in it, young children begin to see themselves as capable and having control. This helps them to feel good about themselves and builds their self-confidence.

When they begin school, children typically start out with high expectations

But when they see how they do things compared to others, their view of their own abilities often changes. They learn that they're good at some things and not so good at others. They also see how other children and educators respond to what they do. These things influence children's confidence in their abilities. They also influence how willing they are to have a go in situations where they feel unsure.

Your response

The way adults respond to children as they explore their place in the world is their template for solving many challenging and difficult problems later on. For young children, it helps strengthen their sense of self when significant adults nurture their natural curiosity and demonstrate patience and interest. In primary school years, children who are suddenly less sure of themselves may need extra support and encouragement to build a functional sense of confidence they can take with them into adolescence.

Free Study Support

Wellsprings for women which is based in Dandenong, offers a free homework support group to Primary students (boys and girls) and secondary students (girls only). This runs every Wednesday from 4pm until 5pm during school terms at 79 Langhorne street, Dandenong. Refreshments are included. If you would like to attend or need more information please contact Holly from Wellsprings, holly@wellspringsforwomen.com



Office News

MOWING ROSTER—Team 3	Saturday 1pm—3pm	April 6th
Minh Hon Chau	Anton Jayamanna	Hardik Bhatt
Melody Patton	Trevor White	Philip Okyere
Sabu Thomas	Botros Meina	Mohammed Mazid

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**

April	1pm—3pm 9am—11am	Saturday 6th 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 Working Bee # 2	Sunday 6th Saturday 19th	Day light savings begins 9am—12noon
Nov	1pm—3pm 1pm—3pm	Saturday 2nd Sunday 17th	Melbourne Cup long weekend
Dec	9am—11am 9am—11am	Sunday 1st Saturday 14th	
Jan 2020	9am—11am	Saturday 18th	Term holiday
Feb 2020	1pm—3pm 9am—11am	Sunday 2nd Saturday 15th	

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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.

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A promotional banner for Entertainment Book. It has a dark blue header with the text 'LAST CHANCE!' in white. Below this, on a green background, is the text 'Pre-order to enjoy these bonus offers' and a blue button that says 'PRE-ORDER NOW'. The main part of the banner shows a stack of 'Early Bird Vouchers' (purple), a green '\$20* VOUCHER' for Woolworths, and an orange '\$50* VOUCHER' for Cellarmasters. Small text at the bottom explains the conditions: '*\$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 membership book. The text reads 'Melbourne Entertainment', 'SEE WHAT'S INSIDE', '2019 | 2020 Membership', and 'Just \$70'.

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

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Parents we need you!!

All the various events that the P&F run each term are only possible because of the time that the committee members and the schooling community kindly give to support the events.

As you know the school fun run is on April 5th – the last day of Term

1. We really, really, *really* need more parent volunteers to help at various markers around the running track. The fun run requires one of the highest number of parent helpers to ensure it is successful, so if you can help out please contact Elena sfspfa@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au OR leave your name and mobile number with the ladies at the office and let them know you are able to help out.

We are a small school, but love the close knit support and dedication that the parenting community offer - so thank you in advance to all the helpers who are giving up their precious time to help out with the fun run.

Speaking of the fun run.....I am sure everyone is wondering how the leaders board is looking.....well wonder no more - here are the top 3 home groups.



1st	IH
2nd	GA
3rd	MJ

Massive congratulations to all the kids who have raised money so far. There is still time left to wrangle some more sponsors so GET ON IT!!

There are some really FANTASTIC prizes to be won – so it is definitely worthwhile doing the ground work to get more donations.

A VERY important reminder that all prizes need to be ordered online by 7th May – so don't let all your hard work go to waste – make sure you order before the due date.

All the fun run money is due by 5th April. Anyone who is collecting cash it would be very helpful if you could please set up an online account and make the payment via the online portal.



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Twilight Sports Wrap Up



The Twilight Sports last week was a great success, congratulations to all kids – all the kids were champions on the night. It was great to see the toddlers and parents race too. Well done to Theresa team for taking out the winners shield.

A massive thank you to everyone who attended and purchased sausages, icy poles and drinks from the P&F. Supporting these events allow us to reinvest the money back into the schooling community – everyone benefits from this.

P&F Second Hand Uniform Shop – cancelled!

Please note there is NO second hand uniform shop this fortnight due to the Fun Run. So you will have to hold out until we return in Term 2 and then stock up on some bargains.

Easter Festivities

Easter is just around the corner!! All of our Easter events is donating all proceeds to a very worthwhile cause - **The Monash Children's Hospital** so please get behind each initiative.



Hot Cross Buns – Thursday 4th April

The P&F will be running a hot cross bun day at the school for the students to enjoy. The cost will be \$1.00 per hot cross bun, with a limit of 2 buns per student. Notices have gone out and are due back on THIS Friday so don't miss out – get those forms and payments back in ASAP!!



Chocolate Eggs for the students – Friday 5th April

The P&F have spoken to the Easter Bunny and organised a FREE Cadbury egg for each student!! Yes we have one very generous bunny!! Allergy eggs are also available, please advise your teacher of any dietary requirements for your child/children.

Easter Raffle Donations Urgently Needed!!

Please drop off any Easter raffle donations in the box at the office.

Anything Easter related would be greatly appreciated.

Hampers will be made up very shortly so please ensure you drop off any goodies ASAP.

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Parent Check List

We are at the business end of Term 1 and there are LOTS of important dates and things to remember.....so below is a handy little checklist to help parents so they don't forget anything important.

- ☐ Fri 29th March Return Hot Cross Bun order & money
- ☐ ASAP Confirm your spot to help out at the Fun Run
- ☐ ASAP Set up your ONLINE profile for the fun run
www.schoolfundraising.com.au
- ☐ ASAP Notify your home group teachers of any allergies for the free Easter egg
- ☐ ASAP Organise your Easter raffle donations for the hampers
- ☐ ASAP Return raffle tickets and money to the school
- ☐ By 5th April Ensure the fun run donations are returned to the school
- By 7th May Order fun run prizes online

29 March

Pizza Fun Lunch

Every Friday

Term 1: Icy Poles for sale

4 April Hot Cross Bun Treat

5 April Fun Run, Easter Festivities

6 April Family Portrait Fund Raising Day

