

WEEKLY NEWS



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AS ONE IN FAITH WE LEARN AND GROW

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APRIL

Sun 28th	Mowing Roster—Team 5 9am - 11am
Tue 30th	School Banking Day

MAY

Thu 2nd	Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm at St Kevin's Parish Church
Fri 3rd	Interschool Sport
Sat 4th	Working Bee # 1 9am—12pm
Tue 7th	Student Banking Day
Wed 8th	District Cross Country for those children who qualified
Fri 10th	Interschool Sport
Fri 10th	Mothers' Day Stall
Fri 10th	Assembly @ 2.40pm
Sun 12th	Happy Mothers' Day
Tue 14th	Student Banking Day
14, 15, 16th	Naplan Testing Years 3 & 5
Wed 15th	6pm School Advisory Board 7.15pm P & F Cttee Meeting
Tue 21st	School Banking Day
Fri 24th	Interschool Sport Assembly @ 2.40pm

ALL CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR THEIR WINTER UNIFORM IN TERMS 2 AND 3 EXCEPT FOR THEIR DESIGNATED SPORTS DAY FOR YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING SPACE.

Growing Young in Christ

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Alleluia Shout for JOY!!

"Jesus is risen!" Christ is alive!

On the first day of Term 2 we gathered in Learning space 3 in darkness for our Easter Prayer. From darkness of the tomb we focused on the light of the risen Christ as we lit the Paschal candle and rejoiced singing our Alleluia song. We discussed the importance of Easter and our call to act and be the light in our community.

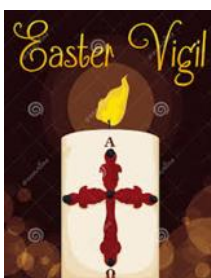
Christ is alive and he wants you and me to be alive!

He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings LIGHT to our world.

He is in you, he is with you and he never abandons you. However far you may wander, he is always there, calling you and waiting for you to return to him and start over again. When you feel fear, doubt or failure, he will always be there to restore your strength and your hope"

We celebrate with Jesus at Easter and we celebrate this new life with great joy.

At this time in our world we reflect more deeply on the value of peace and the role we need to play to be peacemakers and spread the LOVE of Christ. With ANZAC day we are reminded again of those who have given up so much to protect us so we can live in peace. We are dismayed by the needless suffering of innocent families as we think of the people of New Zealand and Sri Lanka in recent times. We pray for peace in our world. We pray that each one of us responds to the call to act this Easter and be people of peace.



We celebrate that we are asked to be the light and continue Jesus' mission to set the world alight with LOVE!

As his disciples we walk in his footsteps spreading his light. We pray that we have Jesus' new life in us and that others may see His good works in all we do.

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From the Principal

**Lord make us an instrument of your peace.
Where there is darkness let be bring light.
Where there is hatred let me show love.
Where there is despair let me bring hope.
Where there is sadness JOY.**



Let the power and action of the Risen Lord be released into the hearts and lives of everyone who is open to accept his love and to walk in Jesus' footsteps.

May the Living Christ grant his peace to our entire community so we take time to listen and understand one another. We especially think of families with connections to New Zealand and Sri Lanka. We are thankful of those like the ANZACs who stood up for peace and volunteered their services for our country.

This Easter may we bring comfort to people, who are suffering or hurting or lonely. May we have open eyes to notice and help others.

May the Risen Christ, who flung open the doors of the tomb, help us to stand up and help ease the pain of the disadvantaged, the vulnerable, the poor, the families in our school who are new, those who are experiencing difficulties or feel isolated and lonely.

May the joy of the resurrection fill our hearts with compassion, patience and understanding for all at St Francis de Sales.

**For it is in giving that we receive.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
Let us seek not just to be understood but to understand.
Not just to be loved but to love.**

Let the excitement of Easter help us to reach out to one another and use our talents to make a difference in our community this term and for the rest of this year.

Let us be the light.

Let us be Easter people. Allelulia.

Personal Note

Thank you to the many families who have stopped to ask about my family member who is gravely ill. It was good for us to spend the precious time with our family in Ireland last term. Over the holidays we had the unexpected death of my daughter-in-law's father here in Melbourne a few days before Easter. So at the moment there is shock and sadness as we grieve the loss of a beloved member of our family. It reminds us to celebrate each precious day with loved ones and friends.

Congratulations to Shehani!!

On Sunday 7th April, Shehani who teaches a junior group in Learning Space 2 was married. We congratulate Shehani and Malan and wish them the very BEST as they start their married life together. Shehani had a glorious day for her wedding and looked sensational !!

Christine White
Principal



Education in faith

Encompassing: Prayer, Liturgy, Sacraments, Icons/Symbols



***"Alleluia, Alleluia,
give thanks for the risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His name."***

Welcome back to this second term as we joyfully celebrate this Easter Season. We began this new term with a focus on the Easter story and the centrality of the Easter event for all who name themselves as Christian. This is who we are; each week as we proclaim our Creed we affirm our belief in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are an Easter people who live in the joy and hope of the promise of a new resurrected life with the Lord.

On Friday afternoon when Jesus died, the women had not been able to finish the customary preparation for burial. The Sabbath began at sundown on Friday, so Mary of Magdala hurried to the tomb Sunday morning to complete her task. She found the tomb empty. Certain that Jesus' body had been stolen, she ran back to get the other disciples. Peter and the other disciple also found an empty tomb but with Jesus' clothing rolled neatly and placed where his body had been. The disciples still didn't understand about the resurrection and Mary wept. As she cried, two angels appeared asking why she was crying. She then saw a gardener and asked him where the body might be. When he called her by name, Mary immediately recognized Jesus.

Most parents have discovered by now that things aren't always as they seem. A poured out bottle of laundry detergent wasn't really mischievous behavior, but rather an attempt to surprise you with a generous gift of service. Or secret whispers are not an attempt to hide some wrongdoing but rather an effort to plan a surprise for you. Things weren't as they seemed to Mary Magdalene either that first Easter morning. Our errors in perception often work to remind us that God's plan is not always obvious, but that we are challenged to trust in the promise of the resurrection.

This week, place symbols of Easter such as lighted candles, eggs, and lilies on your dinner table. Discuss how these items might have become symbols for Easter. What do they suggest to us about the gospel story we heard? How can we be symbols of the Easter message to each other and those outside our family?

God Bless!

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*"Happiness is not a station to arrive at, but a manner of traveling."
Margaret Lee Runbeck*



Sacramental News:

A few dates to check on your calendar! Rozeta will send out further information closer to the event.

Reconciliation Sacrament
Eucharist Family Workshop
First Eucharist Sacrament

Thursday 2nd May at 6.00pm.
Tuesday 6th August at 7.00pm.
Saturday 24th August at 7.00pm
Sunday 25th August at 9.00am

Office News

MOWING ROSTER Team 5	Sunday 28th April 9am—11am	
Daniel Kovacevic	Courtney Thursfield	Jason Wood
Oneill Oras	Joyson Jose	Aaron McDonald
George Taylor	Cijo Mathew	Sanj Samarasekera
Kannan Tirunavukkarusu	Nathan Gercovich	Trevor Jones
Marlon Ansell	Jonathan Black	Moe Grepo

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	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	

HAMPTON PARK SECONDARY COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Open Night	Wednesday, 8th May	7pm
School Tours	Wednesday, 1st May	9am
	Monday, 6th May	4pm
	Thursday, 9th May	2pm

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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.

Learning and Teaching

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

BE THE BEST YOU!



2019 Specialist Day

When: Thursday 27th June (Week 10)



Wear Blue!



ValuesForLife

Pizza Lunch!



Student Well-Being

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

mConnect Parent Group

Over the first term school holidays, a group of parents and children went on an excursion to the Melbourne Museum. This was organised through **Wellsprings for Women** who the school has been working in partnership with. Many thanks to Holly Gordon from Wellsprings and the other volunteers for co-ordinating the successful day. Here's what Holly had to say about the day.

"During the school holidays, Wellsprings for Women staff and volunteers took parents from SFS and their pre and primary school aged children on a fun-filled trip to the Melbourne Museum!"

8 families turned up on the day and the group of 23 headed into the city with a great buzz of excitement as the holidays drew to a close. The children loved exploring the dinosaur bones, reading about rare and extinct species of animals, learning about gut health and of course, running in the play areas!



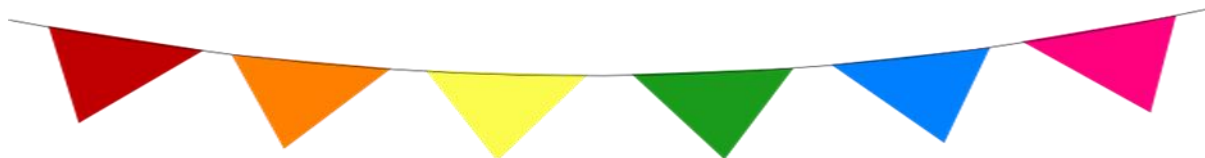
The parents had fun too with lots of chatting, laughing and exchanging information and valuable advice about things like how to choose a good child-care. Look out for more exciting sessions by the mConnect program on CareMonkey."



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Twilight Community Market



I am very excited to announce that we now have a date for the 2019 SFS Twilight community market. This will be held on **Thursday November 7th 2019, 5pm until 9pm**. Please see the attached flier to the newsletter for information if you are interested in being a stallholder and please keep the date free. I will be contacting stall holders soon so if you know of anyone who may be interested, please forward on the flier or speak to me. You can also email me at rlenko@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au.

Social skills lunchtime group

We will continue having a lunchtime club for children focusing on developing their social skills. The club for term 2 will be a lego club. This will run every Tuesday starting next week, during 2nd lunch break. The children will meet outside the art area of learning space 3.



BeYou Fact Sheet

AS SFS we are a BeYou school, where we value the mental health of our whole school community, students, teachers, parents and families. This week's fact sheet is all about developing good decision making skills in our children.

How do decision making skills develop?

Children and young people's decision-making is strongly influenced by the expectations and values they learn from those around them.

This occurs when they:

- observe others (particularly those close to them)
- hear about and discuss values

have opportunities to make choices and experience their consequences.

Young children regularly choose how they'll behave, which toys or games they'd like to play with, which books they would like to read, or which television shows they want to watch. As they get older, children make bigger decisions that often involve their family, friends and schoolwork. The kinds of choices children and young people make affect their wellbeing, relationships and success.

Young children have some skills for making decisions, but they don't yet have the experience to understand complex adult situations. As their brain grows, a child is more able to hold things in their mind and remember what they've learned. They also improve the way they manage their thinking and feelings, control impulsive behaviour, think about time and plan ahead, and evaluate long-term versus short-term goals. All these skills help children become better at taking action and keeping things on track.

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SEASONS for growth

Seasons for Growth is a program to help children deal with change and loss.

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives.

At St Francis De Sales Primary School we recognize that students and families experience changes in their lives because of a death, loss of a pet, separation, divorce, or another significant loss.

We believe young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively.

If your child is struggling through a painful experience due to loss or significant change, this will be an opportunity for him/her to be supported and have the chance to explore his/her thoughts and feelings and to ask questions. Please note that this is not a clinical program and as such, no observation notes are taken or records kept. Due to the nature of the program, it relies heavily on the confidentiality of all participants.

It is anticipated, the 9 week program will begin in the middle of Term 2 and conclude in the middle of Term 3.

Sessions will take place within the school program at a suitable time. If you have any queries or concerns about the 'Seasons for Growth' program, please feel welcome to speak to me. Please discuss this matter with your child as he/she must be willing to participate in the program. If you think your child will benefit from this program, could you please let your child's home group teacher know or speak to me. You can email me on rlenko@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au. A consent form will go home shortly to give permission for your child to be a part of the program.



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Welcome to Term 2

We hope everyone had a great Easter and enjoyed the school holidays. We are all back and ready to take on a fantastic Term 2.

The P&F have some wonderful events planned so keep your diaries up to date and we welcome the continued support of the school community to help us continue to run our events.



Fun Run

Congratulations to all the kids who participated in the fun run – the weather was perfect and it was great to see the park flooded with red, blue, yellow and green. Well done to all those who worked hard to raise the funds for the school. We broke a record and ended raising over **\$10,000** which is truly outstanding!! Thank you so much to everyone involved.

We are still counting up all the donations and will provide a final updated tally once that is finalised. But for now a massive well done to everyone!!



Order your Fun Run Prizes!!

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. There can be no extension granted so if you miss the date, you miss out!!!



Popcorn & Chip Fridays

There will be Smith's plain potato chips and popcorn available for purchase each Friday during Term 2. They will be \$0.50 each. So don't forget to give your child / children money on Fridays if you would like to then enjoy these treats.



Baby, it's cold outside

With the start of Term 2 comes the cooler weather.....and the Winter uniform. So it is a great time to come and raid the second hand uniform shop to update your stash. The shop will open on **Friday 3rd May** immediately after morning gathering in the community room. Please note there will not be any morning tea due to the Mother's Day Morning Tea the following week.



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MOTHER'S DAY STALL

The P&F running the Mother's Day stall for all students to buy gifts for their mothers / Grand Mothers / important females. There will be gifts available for: \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4 & \$5. The stall will be on **Friday 10th May**. Please sure you send your child/children in with the correct change and clear instruction as to how the funds are to be distributed. For example: an envelope marked '\$5 for Mum, \$2 for Grandma and \$2 for Granny' and then have a total of \$9 in the envelope. This will help the P&F assistant on the day guide the students to select appropriately priced gifts and ensuring the correct volumes of each are purchased.



Mother's Day Morning Tea



On **Friday 10th May at 9am** (immediately after morning gathering) the P&F are hosting a Mother's Day Morning Tea to celebrate the wonderful women in our lives. All Mothers, Grandmothers and important females are invited to attend. There will be a donation bucket inside so if you would like to give a gold coin donation all profits raised will go towards the **Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea**. So please come along and support a very worthwhile cause, whilst catching up with other females

from the schooling community and enjoying some yummy treats. There will also be a mini raffle on the day, and again, all proceeds also going to the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

We will be sending out raffle ticket books for the Mother's Day Raffle early next week so please keep an eye out in your child/children's school bag for those. We will provide more detail on this next week. Proceeds from the raffle go towards the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea.



A Special Thanks to Nadine

The lovely P&F Vice President, Nadine, has had to vacate the position due to moving to a new area and school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Nadine for all her hard work and support to the P&F and to the schooling community. We will miss her smiling face and of course her beautiful children. We would like to wish her and her family all the very best in their new home & school.



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Vice President Needed

This brings up the next very important point.....we need to replace the role of **Vice President**.....So if you would like to be part of a friendly and welcoming group of people and help make a difference to your kids school then please nominate yourself. All applications need to be emailed to Elena at pfapresident@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au

Without the help of the parents on the P&F committee we would not be able to deliver all the fabulous events we do each term. Most committee member's work and find incorporating the P&F tasks very easy – nothing too labour intensive. Family and work always come first – we understand and encourage that.

What is required?? We have a meeting once a month and then we work as a team to put together the various events. We understand that people cannot commit to attending all meetings and assisting on all events. You pick and choose what suits your life / other commitment. Don't be shy, it is a great association and very rewarding – plus we all have a laugh along the way. You will really enjoy it – so please consider applying. Applications close **14th May 2019** – so please email Elena now!!



Every Friday	Popcorn & Chip day
3 rd May	Second Hand Uniform Shop
10 th May	Mother's Day Stall
10 th May	Mother's Day Morning Tea
14 th May	Applications close for P&F Vice President role

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Support St Francis de Sales Lynbrook

Get your new Entertainment membership today

The new Entertainment Membership is here, packed with amazing offers, including family activities, casual dining and tasty treats.
So who wants ice cream?

**Purchase your 2019/2020 Entertainment
membership today**

Books available from the School Office - \$ 70