

WEEKLY NEWS



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AS ONE IN FAITH WE LEARN AND GROW

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MAY

Sat 4th	Working Bee # 1 9am—12pm
Tue 7th	Student Banking Day
Tue 7th	Health & Wellbeing session run by Maureen Flanagan @ 2.15pm
Wed 8th	District Cross Country for those children who qualified
Thu 8th	Health & Wellbeing session run by Maureen Flanagan @ 9am
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

IF YOUR CHILD RIDES THEIR SCOOTER/BIKE TO SCHOOL AND TRAVELS THROUGH THE STATION UNDERPASS, PLEASE STRESS TO THEM THAT THEY ARE TO DISMOUNT THEIR SCOOTER/BIKE AND WALK IT TO THE OTHER SIDE. THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF PEDESTRIANS BEING ALMOST KNOCKED OVER BY RIDERS.

Growing Young in Christ

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Congratulations

Congratulations to all our students who made their First Reconciliation on Thursday, 2 May 2019.



Congratulations

Darrell B, Keisha B, Joshua B, Brandon B, Orin C, Ella D, Angelina D, Messai D, William D, Julian D, Gabriel D, Alec F, Nigel F, Mark H, Aaron J, Mikayla L, Bianca M, Ryder M, Elijah M, Oniell O, Simone P, Isabella R, Gianna S, Pravel T, Aaliyah V, Xavier V.

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KHARISMA KIDS

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From the Principal

The children were presented by their parents for their First Reconciliation and need to be congratulated for the reverence and confidence they displayed. Thanks to the parents for the support they have given to the children in this important step in their faith journey.

Father Des commented on the beautiful way our children read. He said St Francis de Sales has very confident readers. The service concluded with the children singing the hymn 'Come and Follow Me' They sang the chorus with actions.

"Come and Follow Me, see how God loves you"

The words capitulates the mission of these children and for all of us. Father Des reminded us that we are still in the time of Easter until Pentecost. We are invited to..

"Go into the world and tell the Good News"

After making their Reconciliation each child lit their Baptismal candle from the Paschal candle as a symbol of our call to be the light of Christ and spread this light to all we encounter in our day to day lives.



A BIG thanks to all our staff who helped prepare the candidates for Reconciliation and were there last night to support our children.

Special thanks to Rozeta for her dedication and leadership in her role as Sacramental coordinator.



Thanks for the wonderful job you are doing Rozeta, we greatly appreciate all your work in preparing the children for this sacrament.

Christine White
Principal

From the Principal

Staff News

We share in the excitement of some of our teachers who are soon to be first-time mums!! Both Imogene and Mavis will have their first child in early term 3 and we wish them the very BEST as they prepare for this amazing time in their life. We are also excited for Emily who is looking forward to the birth of her second child in just a few weeks!!



We are very happy to announce that we have appointed two experienced teachers to commence with us in Term 3 while Imogene and Mavis are on maternity leave. We will have Graciela (Grace) Larzabel who will take over from Mavis with the senior Home Group in LS3. Grace comes to us from Emmaus College where she has been teaching for many years. We also have Aoife Tierney join our junior team in LS1 and will take over from Imogene in Term 3. Aoife (pronounced E_fir) is originally from Ireland and has moved home and thus is moving schools from St Martins de Porres in Laverton to us. Both teachers are making the decision to reduce the time they are spending in traffic to commute to work and thus taking the unusual step for experienced teachers to move schools in the middle of the year. Both teachers have been described as outstanding by their current Principals and their communities while understanding their reasons for moving are very sad to see them leave.

NAPLAN INFORMATION

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2019 for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 14 May, Wednesday 15 May and Thursday 16 May 2019.

The NAPLAN assessments will take place this year from May 14 to May 16.

- Tuesday 14 May – Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday 15 May – Reading
- Thursday 16 May – Numeracy

All students in Year 3 and 5 are expected to participate in the NAPLAN test. On Friday 17 May a catch up test is available for a student who may have been absent on one of the test days.

Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant coexisting conditions, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background. Contact your child's teacher for more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

The NAPLAN assessments are a snapshot in time of how each student in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 is progressing in literacy and numeracy. No assessment or test can of itself improve student learning. What assessments do is highlight the gaps in each student's learning. NAPLAN is just one lens through which teachers can look at student achievement. Schools also have their own formal assessments to measure and track student progress. As well as informal assessments and tools like student attendance, student wellbeing and other. Children should not be put under any pressure that increases their anxiety related to completing any test including NAPLAN test.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au

Christine White,
Principal

Education in faith

Encompassing: Prayer, Liturgy, Sacraments, Icons/Symbols



'After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.'

John 20: 19-31

Following Jesus' crucifixion the disciples were still uncertain of his message. They lost hope, were filled with fear, and locked themselves in a room. Without entering through the door, Jesus appeared before them with a greeting of peace and a mission to spread the Good News. The disciple, Thomas, was not in the room. When he learned of Jesus' visit, he would not believe it. But about a week later, Jesus appeared in a similar way and Thomas was with the others. Jesus invited Thomas to touch the wounds in his hands and side. Thomas knew immediately that it was Jesus and believed in him.

Parents are often the source of hope and encouragement for their children. When a child falls repeatedly while learning to walk or ride a bike, it is a parent who coaxes, encourages, and praises the child. Parents provide hope and comfort when a child falls short of a goal whether in academics, relationships, sports, or the arts. Parents can relate to the role of Jesus with his disciples. They were frightened and discouraged but they found hope and relief with the peace and presence of Jesus.

Take some time this week to look through the newspaper, news broadcast, or situations you know about, share ideas about people in the world or your community who might be discouraged. Suggest ways either in prayer or by action that your family might bring hope to these people.

Yours in Christ!

Elisabetta Micallef
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Learning Space Liturgies:

Fr. Des and Fr. Tran will be coming and leading each LS Seniors in Mass this term.

Each of the Masses are listed below...save the date! All are welcome to come along.

Each Mass will be held in the Community Room. Hope to see you there!

Tuesday 28th May LS2 – Seniors (CC, AG, CW) at 11.30am.

Wednesday 12th June LS1 – Seniors (RA, AP, MF) at 11.30am.

Tuesday 18th June LS3 – Seniors (SD, MB, AG) at 11.30am.

Sacramental News:



Eucharist Family Workshop

Tuesday 6th August at 7.00pm.

First Eucharist Sacrament

Saturday 24th August at 7.00pm

Sunday 25th August at 9.00am



"When I first open my eyes upon the morning meadows and look out upon the beautiful world, I thank God I am alive."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Student Well-Being

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



Dear Parents,

I will be offering an information hour to parents on how to support your child's wellbeing.

I will be sharing knowledge about the Autonomic Nervous System and strategies for you to help your child to regulate his/her nervous system. When a child is able to regulate their various states of energy, their ability to learn, to interact with others, their health and their self-esteem, improves.

The session will be on Tuesday 7th May, at 2.15pm and a repeat session on Thursday, 9th May at 9am.

I encourage you to come to this information session.

We will meet in the Community Room at the school on these dates.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Maureen Flanagan
School Chaplain/Counsellor

M Connect parent group

I am very excited to announce our next M Connect Parent group meeting. This will be on Friday 24th May in the community room 9am until 10.30am. The topic for our next meeting will be Cake decorating and party planning. I will send out an invite on Caremonkey today to the Prep and Year 1 parents, but all parents are welcome to attend. Please see the flier attached to this FlexiBuzz notice. If you would like to attend could you please email me on rlenko@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au. Could you please RSVP by Friday 10th May if you are going to attend so that we can confirm numbers. The M connect group is a wonderful group to be a part of and we have had a very positive response so far from the parents who have attended. The purpose of the group is to connect parents to the school and to other parents, build relationships with each other, to feel a sense of belonging to the school, to learn some new skills, share ideas and have some fun. If you would like any more information about the group or have some ideas about what content you would like to focus on, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Twilight Market

The annual SFS community twilight market will be happening on **Thursday 7th November** from 5 until 8pm. This is a great annual event all about strengthening community relationships, building a fun market atmosphere and raising a little bit of money for the school, in particular to assist with the upkeep of our community garden. I have organised some stall holders, but we are still in need of many more. We are looking for home made goods, plants, new clothing, accessories, books, food, lollies etc. If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested in having a stall, please forward on the attached expression of interest flier. Please contact me if you would like any further information.

Seasons for Growth



Seasons for Growth is a program that deals with grief and loss. This can be through death of a family member or friend, loss of a pet, separation and divorce. It is for any children who may be struggling after the loss of something. If you think that your child could benefit from the program could you please either let your child's class teacher know or you can contact me at school or at rlenko@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au.

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BeYou

At SFS, we are a BeYou school. We promote and value the mental health of all members of our school community, students, teachers, parents and carers. We will be officially launching the **BeYou** with students on our Specialist Day in the last week of term, which has a wellbeing focus.



Each week of the newsletter, there is a fact sheet with information and ideas all around promoting positive mental health.

Fact sheet

What is Play?

Play can be pretending, learning a new skill, dressing up, being active or being quiet.

Play can involve other children or be alone. Adults can join in if they're invited – in fact, young children often love to play with close adults. Children decide what to play and how to play. Play is their time to be free and enjoy. It's their language, their work and their relaxation.

It's for all children, of all ages from birth on, and of all abilities.

Unstructured, free play is the best type for young children

This is play that just happens, depending on what takes the child's interest at the time. It isn't planned and lets children use their imagination and move at their own pace. Examples of unstructured play might be:

- creative play alone or with others, including artistic or musical games
- imaginary games (for example, making cubby houses with boxes or blankets, dressing up, playing make-believe)

exploring new or favourite play spaces like cupboards, backyards, parks, playgrounds and so on.

You can be part of a child's unstructured play – or not

Sometimes all you'll need to do is point them in the right direction – say, towards the jumble of dress-ups and toys on the floor, or to the table with crayons and paper.

Sometimes you might need to be a bit more active – for example, "How about we play dress-ups? What do you want to be today?"

Structured play is different.

It's more organised and happens at a fixed time or in a set space, and is often led by a grown-up. Examples of structured play include:

- swimming lessons – you might see these as important lessons for your child, but they might just think they're fun
- storytelling groups for toddlers and pre schoolers at the local library
- dance, music or drama classes for children of all ages
- family board or card games
- organised team sports for older children, like basketball, netball and football.

Rachel Lenko

Student Wellbeing Leader

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Office News

FEES:

A reminder that there are still a few families that have outstanding school fees. If you do not have a direct debit arrangement in place the first term fees were due on 1st March. The second instalment for fees will be due by 7th June and the third instalment will be due on 6th September. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please make an appointment to see Christine to discuss. Swimming fees will be added to your family account later in the year.

MOWING ROSTER Team 6	Sunday 9th June	9am—11am (Queen's b'day long weekend)
Nitharshan Gunaretnam	Mandy Admiraal	Clifford Karghoo
Mahesh Balakrishnan	Diego Silva Acevedo	Shaun Witherden
Sharon Perera	Ashley Vella	Melissa Turner
Janath Nissanka	Sanal Elemban	Mark Harrison
Jason McGrath		

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

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	

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BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE



If you are needing Before and After School Care on a casual basis, please note that we are almost full for After School Care.

You will need to book, in advance, to ensure you can get a place. Please call and leave a message or send us a text on our Booking Number :

0411 295 273



Before School Care—we have brought back toast for breakfast, but you will need to be here by 7.50am as we pack up the Breakfast Trolley by 8am.

Vacation Care—We will be offering Vacation Care for the Winter Holidays. We do require a minimum number to run. We have had quite a few parents asking for this service. Please support the program if you wish it to become a regular operating service. The Vacation Care Program will be out next week in the Newsletter and available to view at the Service in Learning Space 1.

Rob, Lucas, Laura, Marlene

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 before June 21st. This allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

Learning and Teaching

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

JUNIOR CONSERVATION EXCURSION

As part of our Term 2 Unit on Conservation, Junior students will be partaking in an Excursion to make their learning more authentic. These excursions will take place over a couple of weeks, therefore one excursion will have a week's notice before their one. We are sorry for the inconvenience and hope you will be vigilant in checking your CareMonkey App to give permission for your child to attend.



BE THE BEST YOU!

2019 Specialist Day

When: Thursday 27th June (Week 10)



Wear Blue!



Values**ForLife**

Pizza Lunch!



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Woolworths “Earn & Learn” is back!!!

If you, (or anyone you know!!), shops at Woolworths please collect the “Earn & Learn” stickers for us as SFS is participating in the program.

The stickers can be handed in with your child at school or straight to the office, and we also have a box set up at Marriott Waters!! Making it nice and easy to drop off your stickers.



Order your Fun Run Prizes!!

Only a few days left to order your Fun Run prizes. 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 tasty treats.



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 ensure 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.



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Helpers for the Stall

We need helpers to assist us with the Mother's Day Stall on Friday 10th May. We will meet after the Mother's Day Morning Tea finishes - which should be around 10:30am.

If you are able to help us please contact Mandy via email and leave your name and mobile number to:
pfasecretary@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au

All volunteers need a valid Working with Children Check – so please make sure the office has your copy.

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

The raffle tickets went out at the start of the week. Each pack contains 10 tickets and they are \$0.50 per ticket. It would be appreciated if you could please sell the tickets and return them to the school.

Proceeds from the raffle go towards the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea.



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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 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!!

IMPORTANT DATES

Every Friday	Popcorn & Chip day
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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Get your new Entertainment membership today

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So who wants ice cream?

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

Books available from the School Office - \$ 70