

WEEKLY NEWS



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JULY

1—12	School Holidays
Mon 15th	Start Term 3
Tue 16th	School Banking Day
Wed 17th	6pm School Advisory Board 7.15pm P & F Committee Mtg
Fri 19th	Winter Interschool Sports
Sat 20th	Mowing Roster—Team 4
Tue 23rd	School Banking Day
Fri 26th	P & F Morning Tea & Uniform Shop Sales
Tue 30th	School Banking Day

AUGUST

Mon 5th	No school today— Professional Development day for all staff
Tue 6th	Sacrament of Eucharist 7pm—Family Workshop
Fri 9th	P & F Afternoon Tea 2.45pm
Fri 23rd	P & F Morning Tea & Uniform Shop Sales
Sat 24th	Sacrament of Eucharist 7pm Mass
Sun 25th	Sacrament of Eucharist 9am Mass
Fri 30th	Winter Interschool Sport

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY— MONDAY 5th AUGUST

All staff will be attending a Professional Development day.

If you need to use the services of Kharisma Kids on this day, please contact them on 0411 295 273.

Growing Young in Christ

From the Principal

Happy Holidays

We have completed a wonderful semester together and a great term. This last week highlights many of the wonderful things that make working at St Francis de Sales so rewarding and makes learning at St Francis de Sales so sensational.

It is great to take tours of prospective new parents through the school and a few weeks ago we also took a group of leaders from another Catholic School who came to learn from us on a tour. Each time I can confidently stop at any child and ask them to talk about their learning goals and current learning and they can speak confidently to the group of adults on tour. There is never any practise, it is just random and every time I feel so proud of the way our children can speak about their learning.

On Tuesday the Kitchen Garden action team made soup and set the table for lunch so beautifully in the art area in Learning Space 2. Staff paid for a lovely bowl of soup and fresh bread. The children who served the food were such great ambassadors of our school values. The money raised will help with the purchase of items for this program.

Every evening after school for a number of weeks many staff members go into the music room. The team of staff members have given so generously of their time to paint the props for the production next term. There has been lots of hours given happily to support the school with staff often there till after 6pm on several nights. They are even prepared to come in during the holidays to finish the task!! Now that is incredible dedication and commitment. Just a huge THANK YOU to this team.

On Thursday we had a large group of parents give up their time to serve the pizza to our children as part of our specialist day. They have this down to a fine art. So organised and efficient. Most importantly, it is great to see new parents offer to help. There is a hive of activity to make this happen but it is all done with such a positive spirit. Parent help and support lifts all our spirits and enthusiasm. Thanks to all parents who have given of their time in tasks such as this or in the garden, or excursions, in the learning space or by attending meetings to help with events. Thank you so much.

Our specialist day was certainly a BIG highlight of the week and showcased our great spirit. Thanks to our specialist team for organising a great day for the entire school. It was great to see everyone in blue as we launched our 'Be You' program. There were fun activities to enjoy and the children participated in great incursions that had them entertained but also resulted in great learning.

We moved to online reports and on the whole everyone received their report without an issue. Thanks to the staff who wrote the reports and to the staff in charge of the data base who made the transition to online reports happen relatively smoothly. .

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KHARISMA KIDS

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From the Principal

We have nearly completed the process of cleansing our data and are ahead of schedule! Thanks to our admin team, Vivienne and Lorenza for making the updates required for us to transition to ICON next term.

During the last few weeks we have had a number of food items appear in the Learning Spaces. We are delighted by the generosity of families and students who have supported others in our local community that are experiencing difficulties. Our Sacred Heart Mass was a fitting way to end this semester. A great way to demonstrate our school values with an open and generous heart to spread love and kindness to others. Thanks to the RE team, staff and choir for preparing a great liturgy.

There are many, many highlights to the semester. For being a part of making this school community so wonderful I thank each and everyone. The stars of course is our beautiful children and we are incredibly proud of their learning journey and beaming personalities. So have a wonderful mid year break, rest, recharge and enjoy this special time together. We look forward to seeing you back for an amazing Semester Two.

ICON

The dates for us to transition to ICON has moved to the **30th July**. After this date we will be processing accounts manually for a period of two weeks. We will then transition to the new system and go live around the **14 August 2019**.

In these two weeks we will be providing manual receipts til we transition to ICON.

Christine White
Principal



Education in faith

Encompassing: Prayer, Liturgy, Sacraments, Icons/Symbols

***"Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem,
I will follow you wherever you will go".***

Luke 9: 51-62

Jesus began his return and final journey to Jerusalem in this week's Gospel. He first had to go through Samaria where he was most unwelcome because he was traveling to Jerusalem's temple where the Samaritans would not go. The irony of this inhospitality is that Jesus would not be welcomed in the temple either! Referring to an earlier action by Elijah, James and John who wanted to call down fire on these unkind Samaritans. Jesus spoke to them about their thinking and they went on. As they traveled they met three would-be disciples. The first wanted to follow Jesus wherever he went but was reminded that he would have no place to call his own. The second one wanted to bury his father, while the third wanted to say good-bye to family members. Jesus cautioned those who wanted to follow anyone who intended to go forward, but looked backwards. They would not be able to be part of the Kingdom of God.

Discipleship is all about commitment and few people understand commitment better than parents. We may give up on a number of things in our lives including hobbies, jobs and even some long-standing relationships; but one thing we rarely give up on is our children. It may very well be because of our commitment to our children that we make other changes in our lives, so we really do know something about commitment. When we think of our commitment to our children, we don't really think of sacrifice. We really aren't giving up something because we have to parent them; we don't do some of the things we used to do because we want to parent them. That is what following Jesus is like. We follow Jesus because we want to, not because we have to.

This week, ask each member of the family to help trace one another's footprints on construction paper then cut them out. On their own footprint have each member either draw or write down what they must do in order to better follow Jesus. When you are finished, put the footprints in a prominent place to remind yourselves and each other what it means to follow Jesus. Perhaps you can place the footprints at your prayer table and pray for each other as you strive to walk with Jesus.

I wish you all a very happy and safe holiday. May you rest and spend time as a family, where possible, sharing in many adventures. I will certainly be enjoying a very long overdue holiday! For many, it will be a time of gathering and catching up on things that in the business of term get left behind. Whatever it may be, remember to stop and think about God's presence in all we do and say. Perhaps, you could reflect on the words of Pierre Teilhard De Chardin

Peace and Joy!

Elisabetta Micallef

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Sacramental News:

Eucharist Family Workshop

First Eucharist Sacrament

Tuesday 6th August at 7.00pm.

Saturday 24th August at 7.00pm

Sunday 25th August at 9.00am

Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass:

Friday 28th June the whole school gathered for the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and during the mass the children were invited to show their continuing support for the Parish St. Vincent De Paul Society through a donation of non-perishable items. On behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul society and the families in our community who look to them for help, I thank you for all the donations so generously given.

I also thank the Mini-Vinnies who helped organise this wonderful drive to support those most in need.



***"Joy is the infallible sign of the
presence of God."***

Office News

MOWING ROSTER Team 4	Saturday July 20th	9am—11am
Brad Scicluna	Jayson Payot	Anil John
Satheesh Kumar Gopi	Marie Lazarre	Craig Fowler
Jon Mole	Ramachanthran Balakrishnar	Mike Mills
Andrew Paydon	Rohan Maben	Saji Jacob
Botros Meina	Phillip Galileos	Sourbah Gosain
Hiranya Habaragamuwage		

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

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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Mini Vinnies News

FOOD COLLECTION FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL

As the 5/6 Social Justice Action Team we thank parents and students who donated canned foods and non perishable dry food to give to those who are less fortunate and to celebrate the feast of the Sacred Heart.

The Feast of The Sacred Heart is 19 days after Pentecost on Friday 28th of June and we celebrate it with Mass. Here are the results for each of the Houses and the amount of items they collected:

BOSCO	243
MACKILLOP	196
PATRICK	216
TERESA	145

Congratulations to for winning the House Competition and bringing in items!!! Well done!!!
From Cienna, Chethi and the Mini Vinnies Team

MAD DAY AT ST. JOHN'S

On the 28th of June was MAD Day (Make a Difference Day) at St John's.

The Mini Vinnies collected \$370 to donate to
Wellsprings for Women and the Sasallian Foundation.

It was a lovely day and we walked around the Dandenong area because we made a commitment that we would do this and finish it. After we checked out St. John's because we still had more time until we had to go back home to school. The day was the best day and the Minnie Vinnies got to do it, and we are so lucky we get to do this thanks to Giuliana and our St. John's Buddies who looked after us and staff member Julie who helped organise the day for us!

Written by Alicia & Savannah and the Mini Vinnies Team



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MINI VINNIES COMMISSIONED

Congratulations to the Grade 5/6 Social Justice Team, Mini Vinnies, who today at the Sacred Heart Mass received their Mini Vinnies Badges. They have been waiting all term to receive their badges but I told them that they had to understand what being a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society meant before they could make their commitment as a Mini Vinnie. They have definitely demonstrated their commitment this term, as they gave up their lunch times for meetings, to collect and count food items brought by our families and completed Morning Gathering slides and newsletter items in their own time and then emailing them to me. They eagerly took on the St John's MAD (Make a Difference) Day walk, raising money to be given to Wellsprings for Women and the Desallian Foundation.

Well done Mini Vinnies I am proud of each one of you!! You have definitely demonstrated the St Vincent de Paul Society Spirit by giving a hand up to those less fortunate. Please take time and ask the children about the meaning of the St Vincent de Paul logo that is on their badge. They will all be able to explain who the 3 hands represent.

Once again a fantastic effort Mini Vinnies!! You have already done so much in one term!! I can't wait to see what further actions we take next term!!!

Giuliana



Learning and Teaching

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

Printmaking with the Seniors

This term in Art the seniors have been investigating and learning about different printing techniques. They explored how to make a monoprint, a collograph, how to print with different stamps and how to draw into a foam sheet and apply paint to make a print. Lastly they selected one or two of these techniques to plan and create a printed artwork of an endangered animal. Now their fabulous art is displayed around the school!



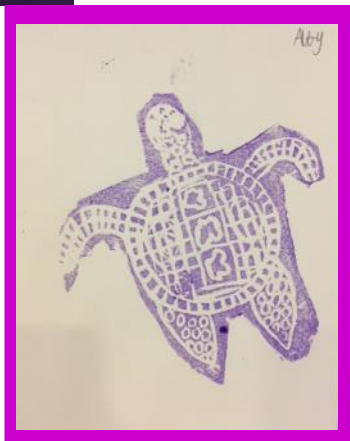
Students from CW hard at work, drawing the designs, rolling the paint and making the prints.



Turtle in Seaweed by Chethi (printing plate and foam)

I liked the way we could design our own endangered species because you could be creative and imagine what your art could look like. I learnt that if you put too much paint on the foam you wouldn't get a good print. So I had to practise rolling the paint on the foam and try it a couple of times before getting to know the right amount of paint needed.

Ajeeve



Amur Leopard by Harish (foam print)

I enjoyed learning how to roll the paint onto the foam and the excitement of lifting up the paper to see how my print would turn out. I learnt not to press hard on the foam when drawing the picture.

Harish

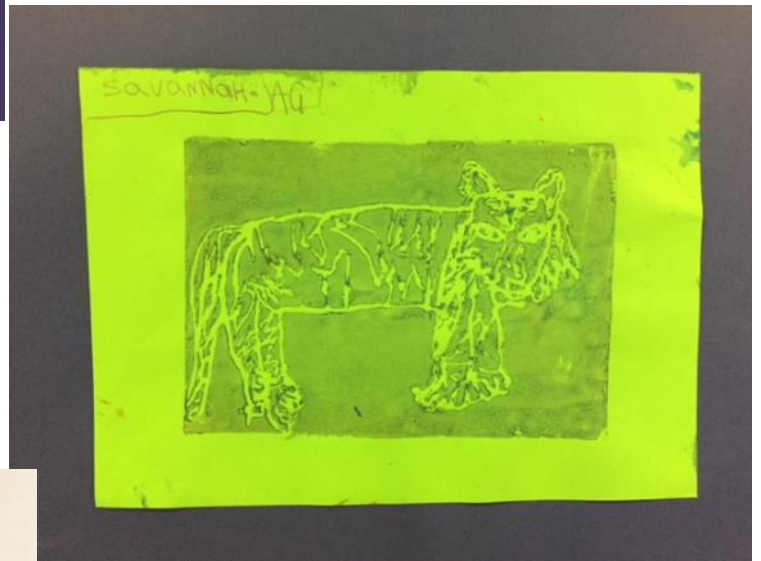
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Snow Leopard in Snow

by Andrea (stamp and foam)



Tiger by Savannah

(foam print)



Elephant in the Grass by Belinda

(foam print)



Rhino in the Grass by Jockwat

(foam print)

Production News—Week 10

Our Amazing Staff at SFS!

A huge thank you for the tremendous support by the staff at SFS. Staff have been staying back after meetings to assist with creating props – staying back as late as 7.30PM - or coming in during lunch times to get the props finished. Special thanks to Louise – you are a creative genius!



Purchasing tickets for the 2019 SFS Productions

This year, ticketing for the Junior and Senior productions will be made available online via Try Booking. Tickets will be on sale on Monday 12th August at 9am. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. There will be an additional 50 cents booking fee per ticket. Tickets are limited to 3 per family – this is to ensure that all families will have the opportunity to watch their child's performance. More information regarding the website to purchase tickets will be distributed early next term.



Sound Engineer Recording on Friday 2nd August

On Friday 2nd August, Michael Lawton, a sound engineer, will be coming to SFS to record (audio) the children singing their Home Group's song in the Productions. This was made possible by our amazing Parents and Friend's Association and their fund-raising efforts in the Red Rooster lunch. The purpose of recording vocals is because it is quite easy to forget to sing while performing. It is a very interesting and unique opportunity for the children to experience.



Costume letters distributed this week

Costume letters were distributed this week by Home Group teachers. This letter is a reminder for families of their child's costume and to ensure to prepare it before September. School holidays are a perfect opportunity for families to prepare these. I encourage families to check what children already have in their cupboards. Otherwise, Best and Less, Kmart and Big W are all great places if you are looking to purchase cheap clothing items. On the letter, I have also indicated what SFS will be providing – whether that be sunglasses, beanies etc.

Truck/Van Drivers needed

We are still looking for anyone who has a van/truck to

help us move our props on the days of Production: Friday 13th September/Friday 11th October before and after the productions. If you are available, please let me know.



Donations of props

We are still looking for props to be donated. We are looking for beach items for the Junior Production (beach towels, sun chairs, beach balls etc.) and any items that resemble different decades for the Senior Production (old technology - phones, typewriters, lava lamps - any junk you want to get rid of, we'll be happy to keep).

Kristy Galea

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Student Well-Being

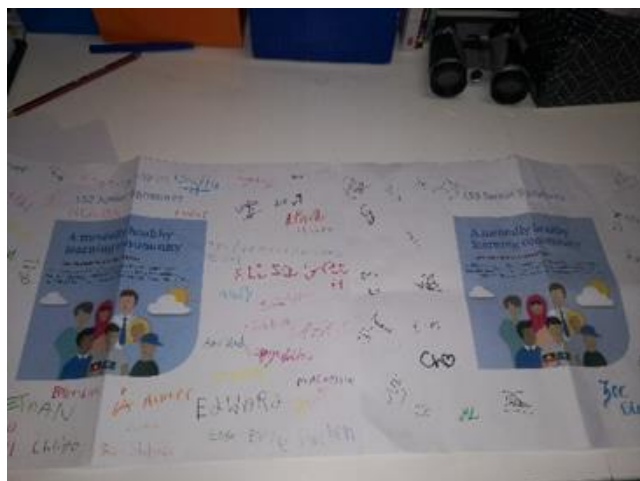
Encompassing: Student Engagement, Student Connectedness, Classroom Climate, Inclusion and Prevention to Intervention.

mConnect and Wellsprings for women

Thanks to all the parents who have participated in our mConnect group this term. We will have 2 more workshops in term 3 around the garden and cooking, dates yet to be confirmed. A reminder that we have our excursion planned for the school holidays this coming Monday the 1st July. If anyone else would like to join us, please email me as soon as possible on rlenko@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au and let me know how many people in your family will be attending. Please remember, this is for you to attend with your children. We will be meeting at school at 9.30am then heading across to Lynbrook station to catch the train to Flinders street. We will be going to the Ian Potter art gallery which has a children's section, looking around Federation square and Birrarung Marr and catching the tram around the city. Parents need to organise their own Myki tickets and lunch and drinks for the day. I will notify parents in the event of poor weather if we need to cancel. We will be retuning to school at approximately 3pm.

BeYou

Yesterday on our specialist's day, we also launched the **BeYou** framework. This is a resource for educators to assist us in promoting a mentally healthy community and future generation. The children signed a statement of commitment saying that at SFS we are committed to supporting our learning community achieve the best possible mental health. We will work towards building and maintaining a positive, inclusive and resilient learning community for all. The statements of commitment will be displayed around the school. It was wonderful to see so many children and teachers dressed in blue in support of the organisation Beyond Blue as we promote positive mental health.



Specialist Day - BE YOU!

A great day was had by all yesterday. Thank you to all the children and parents for help in dressing up in blue. There were some creative outfits on display.

A very big thank you to the PNF and parents for collecting orders, organising and serving the yummy pizza lunch enjoyed by many. You work together like clockwork.

The Juniors enjoyed a play by Meerkat Production about Bullying and strategies to put in place if they encounter bullying.

The Seniors partook in a presentation by Tim from Values for Life with a focus on Being Cyber Savvy and being respectful to others in our community.

He also talked about time limits, social media and privacy settings. Coming up to the holidays these are good messages to think about and discuss with your children. The school has filters put in place through the Catholic Education Office however often we do not have tight restrictions like this at home so it is recommended to ensure to be involved in children's online activity, decide on time limits together and talk about how we as a community should treat each other.

Activities were conducted across the day on mental health and included things like making mental health slogans, yoga, mindfulness activities, be you contract signing, stick puppet making and crafting items related to wellbeing books like boats, hearts and picture frames.

Lastly the day ended with an assembly where the students versed the teachers in a cybersavvy quiz. The teachers won followed closely by LS1 students with only one question dividing them. Lastly the BeYou program was launched with a discussion about what it means and its importance to our daily lives.

A big thank you to all of the teachers for supporting this day and a special thanks to the Specialist Team for your team effort in organising this wonderful day.



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With school holidays fast approaching, now is the perfect time to buy the brand new 2019 | 2020 Entertainment Book! You can enjoy thousands of valuable offers for everything you love to do and support our School. If you want to see what offers are available in the new book – there is a copy you can flick through at the office. You can purchase a physical book from the office or if you prefer, you can use this link to purchase a digital membership which you can access on your smart phone:

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A family of four (a man, a woman, and two children) are smiling and posing in a bowling alley. In the foreground, there is a bowling ball on the lane. To the left, there is a display of the Entertainment Book 25th Anniversary box, a digital membership card, and a smartphone showing the app. The background shows bowling lanes and a sign that says 'exitus'.

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The Year So Far...

We've hit the halfway point of 2019 so we wanted to take this opportunity to look back on some of our highlights from Terms 1 and 2. The P&F have been busy this year organising various events and fundraising for both the school and the wider community. Our key highlights have included:

Pancake Tuesday: we served over 400 hot fluffy pancakes to the students and staff to celebrate Pancake Tuesday

Bendigo Bank launch: encouraging students to save by supporting this student banking initiative



Twilight Sports Carnival: as we cheered on Bosco, Teresa, McKillop and Patrick, we hosted a sausage sizzle for the community and provided free sausages for all students



Pizza fun lunch: we served up over 100 delicious pizza in 3 flavours – pizza is always a popular choice with the kids!

SFS Fun Run: the students were outstanding in both their participation on the day and in their fundraising efforts. We raised over \$5,900 – a SFS record which we are very proud of!

Fun Run prizes: we organised special prizes for the top 3 individual fundraisers as well as a surprise party for the class that raised the most money. The kids loved the cupcake decorating, pass the parcel game, sticker activity and special party time in the staff room!



Easter festivities: we celebrated Easter at SFS with a raffle (with over 30 prizes!!), Easter egg gift for every student and Hot Cross Buns (chocolate was the most popular flavour by far!!)

Donation to Monash Children's hospital: the P&F were delighted to **donate \$805** to the Monash Children's Hospital on behalf of the SFS school community. These funds were raised from the Easter raffle.

Aver & Line photo fundraiser: several SFS families took advantage of the amazing photography package offered by Aver & Line at Banjo Paterson Park. These family portraits will be treasured for years to come.

School working bee: we provided a free sausage sizzle to thank all the helpers who worked hard at the working bee

Reconciliation cupcakes: the students who received the sacrament of Reconciliation were each presented with a cupcake at assembly

Mother's Day festivities: we celebrated Mother's Day at SFS with a beautiful morning tea, providing a special gift for all the amazing women who were able to join us. We also organised a raffle (with over 40 prizes on offer!!) and hope that all the mums and other important women enjoyed the hand picked gifts the students chose at the Mother's Day Stall



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Donation to Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea: the P&F were delighted to be able to **donate \$1,000** to the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea on behalf of the SFS school community. These funds were raised from the Mother's Day Raffle and the Mother's Day Morning Tea plus an extra donation from the P&F.

Election day sausage sizzle: we were proud to uphold an Aussie tradition by providing a democracy sausage on election day.

Supporting the school productions: we've raised **over \$1,500** to support the Junior and Senior school productions



School disco: the kids danced the night away at the school disco – it was a night filled with fun, laughter and happy memories

Red Rooster fun lunch: hot lunches were the perfect treat on a freezing winter day

Specialist day pizza lunch: we were delighted to be able to support the Specialist Day activities by organising a pizza lunch for all students

Icy poles / chips / popcorn: our volunteers have ensured the students have the opportunity to enjoy a special treat each Friday

Morning and afternoon tea: the P&F have hosted morning and afternoon tea each fortnight to provide an opportunity for parents and carers to get together for a catch up over a cuppa and cake. It's a great way to meet new people and catch up with old friends!

Second hand uniform shop: we run the second hand uniform stall to provide families the opportunity to purchase uniform for just \$5 per item



Scholastics: we've organised the Scholastics book orders to foster a love of reading while also raising funds for the school to purchase additional books for our students

Earn and Learn stickers: we've spearheaded the campaign to collect Earn and Learn stickers so that the school can acquire science, technology, maths and arts equipment which all our kids can use

Entertainment books: these books are filled with great offers to help you save money on eating out and entertainment for the whole family while also raising money for our school

It's been a busy but extremely rewarding first half of the year. Thank you to the P&F committee for their dedication and hard work. We hope all our students and families enjoy a well deserved break and we are looking forward to bringing you more exciting events in Terms 3 and 4.

Thank you to every single person who has volunteered their time and talents to support our events, donated money or prizes, purchased raffle tickets, purchased a sausage and supported our fun lunches. Thank you to all the parent helpers who have enthusiastically volunteered to help us. We could not run our events without the support of our amazing SFS community. We sincerely thank you and we look forward to your ongoing support.

