

October

Mon 28th	Swimming: RA MF AP GA MB SD IL MJ PP
Mon 28th	Tiny Tots Pastoral Action Team 2.35pm—3.05pm
Tue 29th	Swimming: EM RJ SR JW AM IH CW CC AG
Wed 30th	Foundation 2020 Orientation Group A: 11.30am
Wed 30th	Sacrament of Confirmation 7pm @ St Kevin's Parish
Thu 31st	Walk to School Day & Silly Sock Day Gold coin donation for Mini Vinnies.

November

Fri 1st	All Saints Day
Fri 1st	P & F Afternoon Tea & Second Hand Uniform sales
Sat 2nd	Mowing Roster 1pm—3pm
Sat 2nd	All Souls Day
Mon 4th	No school today—Professional Development Day
Tue 5th	No school today—Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wed 6th	Seniors incursion Soup Van 9am—11am
Wed 6th	Foundation 2020 Group B Orientation 11.30am—12.30
Thu 7th	Twilight Market 5pm—7pm let your neighbours know
Fri 8th	Inter-school sports
Mon 11th	Remembrance Day

Growing Young in Christ

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Time to STEP into SFS for 2020

As 9am rolled around on Thursday all was in readiness to welcome our Foundation 2020 students as they took a giant step into SFS. There was great anticipation as the day for our Prep Party drew near and the celebration was sensational!!

Behind the scenes a small army of staff had the community room decorated, activities organised and with the help of our P&F who came in to school at 8am, the party food was ready too. This is the third time we have had a party to welcome our foundation students and the team are amazing party planners. There were two trips to Spotlight to collect 80 helium balloons too many for one car load. The lolly bags were assembled with a lovely poem about starting school and a pencil with an especially colourful foot attached. The thought and care into each detail was tremendous and typical of the culture of excellence and the passion our staff have for the children. Special thanks to Jo, Ange, Tammy, Tammy's mum, Rachel, Kristy, Louise, Danielle, Elisabetta and Lulli.

In addition we are so grateful for our professional office team of Vivienne and Lorenza. Thanks to all our parent helpers as this was a great way to showcase our great community spirit as well.

The children had a fantastic time from dancing, to art, to making funny faces and singing, and from races to checking out the playground and to top it all off they enjoyed a feast as they start to make connections with each other. Everyone including the parents went home with a smile on their faces. We look forward to further visits over the term as part of our orientation program for our Foundation students.

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From the Principal



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Getting Ready for 2020

Plans are now in full swing as we prepare for 2020. It is our 10th Anniversary and we plan to celebrate this special milestone.

Please save the date for our whole school Bush Dance on the 20th March from 6pm — 9pm.

We have booked Blackberry Jam and they will be in also at SFS on Monday 16th March for a whole school incursion.

We are also starting to work on our plans for 2020. Soon we will be asking children to nominate their three friends to help us determine the grouping of students for the New Year. We endeavour to place students with at least one friend in their learning space. The task of organising groups, as you can imagine, is complex and teachers take into account a number of factors. If there is anything you have not raised with the school and believe we are not aware of as we decide your child's group, please put it in writing to me via email or letter. It is, of course, not possible to take requests for specific teachers.

If you know your child will not be returning it is important that you put this in writing and email the office your intentions before the end of October or as soon after as possible. This is important so that when groups are organised we do not include your child's name so as not to affect other children who have requested them in their learning space. At this stage we have a number of children from Year 1 -6 moving to our school in 2020. We continue to receive requests for places and do not want to deny a child a place if we have a vacancy. Your support is greatly appreciated to help us in our preparation for 2020.

Christine White
Principal

Working Bee

BEFORE



Thank you to everyone who attended last Saturday's working bee.

Many of the gardening tasks were completed and the rain held off just in time for us to finish.

AFTER



Education in faith

Encompassing: Prayer, Liturgy, Sacraments, Icons/Symbols

'The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not.'

Luke 18: 9–14

From time to time our children live in a “me first world,” but Jesus wasn’t too impressed with the self-centeredness of the Pharisee in this week’s Gospel. The Pharisee was quite certain that he was a good and righteous man, better than most. For sure, he was better than the tax collector. But as Jesus often did in his teachings, he turned society’s ideas upside down. It was really the humble tax collector recognizing his own mistakes that Jesus said would be forgiven.

We are very important in the lives of our children, but do we allow them to see us walk humbly with God? Do we allow them to see us on our knees and hear us admit our weaknesses to God? Consider how you might represent the tax collector to your children. How might they see you like this Pharisee?

Prayer is an important part of this scripture. With your child(ren), create a prayer space in your home. Allow them to place objects they find appropriate such as candles, the Bible, pictures, fabric, figures and other items. Use the space together every day.

Keep Smiling!

Elisabetta Micallef

Religious Education Leader (REL)

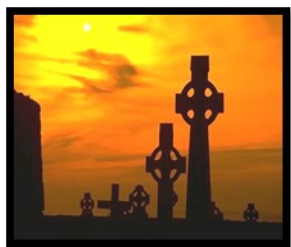
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Sacramental News

**Sacrament of Confirmation Celebration is on
Wednesday 30th October at 7.00pm at St. Kevin’s Church.**

ALL SAINTS DAY / ALL SOULS DAY:

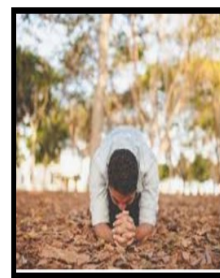
November is a special time when we as members of the Church community remember and pray for all those who have died and whose memories are sacred to us. We acknowledge and remember our very own, St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, as one of our Saints.



All Souls Day, is when we remember the faithfully departed within our families. This feast gives us the opportunity within our own families to think about and remember those who have died and to talk with our children and share those special stories and memories that we hold on to and that celebrate the life of the loved one who has died.

*“Strong hope is a much greater
stimulant of life than any single
realised joy could be.”*

FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE



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Confirmation Reflection Day

On Thursday 24th October, 33 Grade 6 candidates participated in a Reflection session and met Fr. Brendan Hayes EV.

Fr. Brendan spoke to the children about the significance of being confirmed and how the gifts they will be receiving will help them with their faith journey to face the challenges in today's world. The students revisited the day Jesus' apostles were filled with the Spirit to go out and be brave.

The children presented themselves reverently and respectfully answering questions posed. These children will be receiving their Confirmation next week on Wednesday 30th October.

Fr. Des and Fr. Dong and two of the visiting priests for Reconciliation mentioned that our candidates were well prepared when they made their confession.



Let us continue to keep our Confirmation children in our prayers.

A huge THANK YOU to our Parent Helpers- Normila Alzona, Celine McKay, Dani Freni, Preet Kaur and Kara Mills for their support with the BBQ.



Here are some of the student reflections of the day

We had a Reflection day on Thursday, 24th October. We had a fun day meeting Fr. Brendan Hayes.

Anabelle, Sofia. R

Today was a great day to meet Fr. Brendan Hayes who will be confirming us - **Cienna**

Today I reflected on receiving my Confirmation - **Chiara & Rayen**

Today I made my Reconciliation and was happy to meet The Episcopal Vicar, Fr. Brendan Hayes. He told us all about Confirmation and what it means - **Jayda & Oliver**

The Confirmation candidates made our Reconciliation and had a chat with Fr. Brendan Hayes-

Keava & Dominic

I reflected on the choices I make every day when I made my Reconciliation - **Mason & Maggui**

I enjoyed the BBQ lunch and spending time with my friends- **Sofia A & Nate**

Rozeta Ambrose
REL- Sacraments

Year 5 / 6 Social Justice Action Team—Mini Vinnies

2019 World Mission Month

This term the Mini Vinnies are collecting money for the children in Ghana, Africa to help them live with dignity.

There is currently a house competition to see which House can raise the most money.

There are jars in each Learning Space for each House for students to donate money.

As of Wednesday this week the totals for each House were:

1 st	Patrick	\$133.05
2 nd	Teresa	\$88.50
3 rd	MacKillop	\$58.80
4 th	Bosco	\$31.10

Congratulations to Patrick this time!!! However we are so proud of everyone!! In total we have already raised \$311.45!!! A fantastic effort!!!

On Thursday October 31st we will have Walk to School Day and also Socktober Day which celebrates the last day of Mission Month.

For Socktober Day we are asking everyone to wear crazy socks and dress in the colours of the Ghana flag which are: red, yellow, green and black.

Please bring a gold coin donation which Mini Vinnies will come around and collect in your house colour.

This money will go towards helping the children in Ghana live with dignity.

Darshan, Christian, Giuliana & SFS Mini Vinnies





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Dear Parents,

Below is a list of the items you will need to supply for your child in 2020. All other class items will be provided by the school.

Please make sure that all items are brought to school on the first day and given to the group teacher. Please ensure all items of clothing are individually named with a clearly printed full name. Please ensure all items with an asterix (*) are clearly labelled.

REQUISITES 2020

JUNIORS

- 1 large box of tissues
- *1 pkt. coloured pencils
- *1 small pkt. coloured textas
- *1 pencil case
- *1 Art Smock
- 4 Large Glue Sticks (Bostick preferred)
- 2 Erasers
- 1 Sharpener (2 Holes)
- *1 pair of scissors (medium)
- *1 colouring book (wet days)
- 1 pkt Post-It-Note (75x75mm)

Foundation (Prep) only

- 1 pkt paper plates (dinner size)
- 1 pkt of large snap lock bags

YR 1 only

- 1 pkt chux
- 1 pkt of medium snap lock bags

YR 2 only

- 1 pkt of cups (plastic or paper)
- 1 pkt of small snap lock bags

SENIORS

- 1 large box of tissues
- 1 pkt. coloured pencils
- 1 pkt. coloured textas
- *1 **SMALL** Zip Pencil case
- *1 Art Smock (if it needs replacing)
- 4 Large Glue Sticks (required Bostick)
- 2 Erasers
- 1 Ruler
- 1 Sharpener
- 1 pair of scissors
- *1 Colouring book, Sketch Book or Activity Book, UNO cards or card game (for wet days) optional
- 1 pkt Post-It-Note - (75 x 75mm)
- 1 Tennis ball

YR 5/6 only

- 1 pkt chux
- 1 pkt of plastic cups

YR 3/4 only

- 1 pkt of plastic plates
- 1 pkt zip lock bags (Sandwich size).

*Small, inexpensive (no more than \$10) ear bud style headphones **ONLY** to be kept in a labelled zip lock bag. **NO** over-ear style headphones, as they are too large and break easily. (if needs replacing from previous year).



Office News



***VIP SALE CONDITIONS:**
Discount applies **ONLY** to Beleza brand full retail priced items.
Shoes & Discounted items excluded. Some other exclusions apply.

The Cranbourne store will be closed on Saturday 26th October during the Cranbourne GP Run. Return to normal trade on Monday 28th October.

MOWING ROSTER	Saturday	Saturday November 2nd
Team 3	1pm—3pm	
Minh Hon Chau	Anton Jayamanna	Hardik Bhatt
Melody Patton	Trevor White	Philip Okyere
Sabu Thomas	Mohammed Mazid	

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

Brad Jackson—0400 410 289.

REMEMBER TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE SHEET ON THE DAY

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	

P.E. News

Swimming 2019 Timetable

Parents please see below the remainder of the swimming timetable.

Parents are welcome to attend swimming lessons to observe but a reminder if you want to assist in change rooms please ensure you have a Working with Children Check which has been given to the School Office.

Students will need to wear their bathers under their sports uniform, bring a towel, thongs and underwear to change into after the lesson.

Monday Dates:

October: 28th

November: 11th, 18th, 25th

December: 2nd, 9th

Session 1 - 12.00 – 12.45	LS1 Seniors
Session 2 - 12.45 – 1.00	LS3 Seniors
Session 3 - 1.30 – 2.15	LS1 Juniors

Tuesday Dates:

October: 29th

November: 12th, 19th, 26th

December: 3rd, 10th

Session 1 - 12.00 – 12.45	LS2 Junior
Session 2 - 12.45 – 1.00	LS3 Juniors
Session 3 - 1.30 – 2.15	LS2 Seniors



Regional Athletics



Congratulations to Alexis and Keava who represented us at Regional Athletics in the 1,500m race on Monday!

We are very proud of them! Well done girls!!

Boys' Cricket

On Wednesday our Boys' Summer Cricket Team played against the other schools in our District to provide them with the opportunity to play at Divisional Level.

They did a fantastic job, especially since it was our first warm day this year.

They played against a number of schools and came 4TH. Well done boys!! A great effort!!!



PE Lessons

We have covered many skills this year during PE.

Students have been involved in learning the skills of the major ball games such as basketball but they have also had the opportunity to do gymnastics, athletics and are currently doing tennis. What a great experience and skill building time PE has been this year!!!

Lulli and Giuliana



Student Well-Being

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



Walk to school 2019

We are continuing to encourage walking, scooting and riding to school during October, Walk to school month. The children will have 1 more opportunity to walk on the basketball courts before school at **8.20am** on Wednesday morning. We have our walk to school day next **Thursday 31st October**. Some of the teachers will be at 2 meeting points in the morning and will be walking to school altogether. Please be at the meeting points by **8am**. We will then walk to school and be greeted by the mascots at the school gates. We will then proceed to the school oval and continue to walk a lap. The P and F have organised for fruit and water for the children. The 2 meeting points are:

1. **Community centre Lynbrook**
2. **Figtree reserve (corner of Alymer Rd and Waterbush crescent).**

The children will also be allowed to wear colourful socks on the day to promote Walk to school month. They are asked to bring a gold coin, with money being collected by Minnie Vinnies for Catholic Missions.

BeYou

BeYou is a framework for educators that promotes positive mental health. You can find out more at www.beyou.edu.au. At SFS, we are a BeYou school.



This week's fact sheet from the website is all about the role of fathers in children's lives.

The role of fathers

Children thrive on the feelings of belonging and affection that come from caring and supportive families. Whether families have one parent or two, include step-parents, grandparents or other carers, they can build strong, positive relationships that support children's mental health.

A father is a male parent or carer of a child

A father may not be biologically related to his child or live with his child all the time. Some children have contact with a father, while others don't. He may be a grandfather, step-father, foster father or adoptive father of a child. Some children might have more than one father or relationships with other males who undertake a significant portion of parenting.

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There is no 'right' way to be a father

Each father brings unique ideas and experience to being a supportive adult, and has a lot to contribute to the mental health and wellbeing of his child and family. Supporting a child and having their best interests in mind is what's important, as this has a positive impact on their mental health and wellbeing.

Fathers can be involved with their children through:

- engagement (direct contact with their children)
- accessibility (being available to their children even when they're not in physical contact)
- responsibility (taking a role in looking out for their children's care and welfare).

There are many ways fathers' involvement with their children, and the early learning service or school, can benefit children's mental health and wellbeing.



M Connect with Wellsprings for women

We are going to have an end of year/Christmas celebration for parents on Friday 13th December. This is for any parents who have participated in any of the M Connect group activities and excursions this year and any other parents who would like to attend. We will have a shared Christmas morning tea and a fun activity. More information to follow shortly.



Twilight Market

It is so exciting, we are only 13 days away from the SFS Twilight community market. We have lots of exciting stalls confirmed for the day with some delicious food stalls, some activities and entertainment. We will also have a raffle on the night with some great prizes including a ukulele, Christmas hamper, Chemist hamper, Café voucher and bottles of wine. Please tell your family and friends to come along on **Thursday 7th November** from **5pm until 8pm**. It should be a great evening!!

Rachel Lenko
Student Wellbeing leader

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Fortnightly Afternoon Tea

The next P&F Afternoon Tea will be on
Friday 1 November at 2:45pm
in the Community Room.

All are welcome to join us for a
coffee and a chat.

Icy Poles – on sale every Friday!

As the weather is (finally) starting to warm up, don't forget that we will have icy poles available to purchase for 50c during first lunch every Friday.



Twilight Market

The PFA will be manning various stalls at the annual SFS Twilight Market, including a sausage sizzle and lucky dip. *All profits will go back into the school community.*

We are looking for volunteers to help manage a stall for 45 minutes on the day, so that everyone will be able to enjoy the market, spend time with their families and watch student performances. Please keep an eye out for the flyer that will be sent home shortly and indicate what time/s you are available to help.



Thank you for generously giving your time

1 November
7 November
15 November
20 November
Every Friday

Afternoon Tea & Second hand uniform shop
SFS Twilight Market
Morning Tea & Second hand uniform shop
PFA Annual General Meeting
Icy poles available



School Community

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



Thursday, November 7th

2019

HOURS: *5:00 PM to 8:00 PM*

Less than 2 weeks to go till our **Twilight Market**

Over 40 stalls.

Where: St Francis de Sales



Homemade Candles

Sweets

Homewares, hair accessories

Mary Kay Cosmetics

Handmade Clothes

Baby Wear

Kids Clothing

Christmas decorations

Shoes

Plants

Keyrings, bookmarks

Lollies, fairy floss

Wine tasting and sales

Karate demonstration

Kids capes, tutus, masks

Hand made soft toys

Trash and Treasure

Jewellery

Soap

AND LOTS MORE