

November

Sun 17th	Mowing Roster - Team 7 1pm—3pm Team 7
Mon 18th	Swimming Program— RA MF AP GA MB SD IL MJ PP
Mon 18th	Tiny Tots afternoon
Tue 19th	Swimming Program -EM RJ SR JW AM IH CW CC AG
Tue 19th	School Banking Day
Wed 20th	Foundation 2020 Group B Orientation 2.30pm—3.10pm
Wed 20th	School Advisory Board at 6pm
Wed 20th	P & F Annual General Meeting at 7pm
Fri 22nd	Year 5 & 6 Incursion
Fri 22nd	Assembly at 2.40pm
Mon 25th	Swimming Program— RA MF AP GA MB SD IL MJ PP
Tue 26th	Swimming Program -EM RJ SR JW AM IH CW CC AG
Thu 28th	Filming for school video

December

Sun 1st	Mowing Roster 9am—11am
Mon 2nd	Swimming Program— RA MF AP GA MB SD IL MJ PP
Mon 2nd	Tiny Tots afternoon
Tue 3rd	Swimming Program -EM RJ SR JW AM IH CW CC AG
Tue 3rd	School Banking Day
Fri 6th	Assembly at 2.40pm
Mon 9th	Swimming Program— RA MF
Tue 10th	Swimming Program -EM RJ SR JW AM IH CW CC AG

Growing Young in Christ

From the Principal

A Parable for Today's Church

It was time for the travellers to move out from the safety of the hut. The hut they were in was familiar and well-lit, but they knew that it could no longer serve them. It was time to venture out in the dark and unfamiliar terrain, to seek out a new place of life. As they moved away from the hut, the light its windows cast on the world outside grew dim, until there was very little to guide them.

They had to move along tentatively. The directions they decided on were often mistaken and they had to rely on each other for any progress they made.



Not all shared the same feelings about what they were undertaking. Where one grew frustrated, another continued to trust. Where one took heart from the adventure, another started to turn back to the light of the hut. It was a strange and unprecedented situation from them all. The only ones who knew where they were going were the ones who turned back, for they were turning to light and familiarity. But anyone embracing the future was at a loss. The only knowledge they pos-

sessed was the wisdom that accumulated as they explored their way forward.

This parable speaks to today's church. A time of safety and certainty has come to an end. A routine and predictable way of doing things has ceased to be serviceable. We are in a new situation and do not know what to do, because we have not had such an experience before. We are all at a loss.

The only ones who know where they are going are the ones reaching back into the past. Those who look to the future, who wish to explore, must trust instead that moving on out in the power of the Spirit will yield its own wisdom. At first the wisdom will be very little and a bit all over the place, but slowly it will form sure patterns.

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From the Principal

But there is no way to prove this to those who stand hesitating in the doorway of the hut.

This parable also has implications for so much of life in the twenty first century when so many of the known occupations cease and new ones emerge. Once we went for the tried and true for occupations such as nurses, teachers, accountants, fork lift drivers, fitters, mechanics, electricians, doctors and engineers to name a few. While some certainly continue to flourish others have gone as automation has consumed them. We no longer have a manufacturing industry that is strong however who would have thought that being an "Influencer" would be a job. The other day that is what one of our children told us they wanted to be! The internet/Instagram emerging generation is creating new possibilities.

In education we too have to look forward and be innovators and think critically and creatively. The way things once were when you were at school will not be enough to meet the needs of the twenty first century student. Our children will hit the workforce in 2030 and beyond. The world and the needs will not be as it is today. So we need to prepare our children for this future. Rote learning of skills will not have the rigour. The creative, critical thinker who can problem solve and adapt and change will be in a better position to navigate the terrain ahead. For most of us born last century it will be different and maybe beyond our imagination. I am sure there are jobs today you just did not know existed when you left school. So let's support one another to move forward to embrace the exciting possibilities ahead.

St John's visit

On Thursday we had a visit from St John's College teachers. We had nine teachers who spent the morning with us. They were so impressed with what we do that they want to come again next year. It is great to have such positive feedback from others in education who acknowledge the great learning environment and engagement of our students across the entire school.

"On behalf of the Year 7 staff at St John's Regional College, I wanted to extend a huge thankyou to yourselves and the amazing staff of St Francis de Sales for allowing us in to observe some inspirational Contemporary Teaching and Learning practices at your school today. It truly is incredible and your results speak to that. It provided fruitful discussion for us all, we walked away with our heads full of ideas and we can't wait to share our learnings with the executive team at the College."

Naplan

Next week I look forward to discussing our 2019 NAPLAN results. This week we have been analysing our data as a leadership team. We are delighted by the growth and progress the data reveals. It is testament to the great teaching framework and the dedication of our staff.

In our prayers

We are living in a country of contrasts at the present time. We are looking for an end to cooler weather and rain and our country men and women in other states are devastated by unprecedented fire conditions. We pray with gratitude to those amazing emergency personnel fighting the fires and supporting the fire affected communities.

We also pray for those suffering loss of house, land, property in the fire and particularly those families who have lost loved ones.

All this put my little worries in perspective. Let's stay positive and support one another with an act of kindness. Take a moment to think of what you have and be grateful. Close your eyes and take a moment to be still, meditate, pray and give thanks.

Please also keep Anthony in your prayers. His Nonno at the mighty age of 104 passed away on Sunday. The funeral will be held next week.

We also keep Tammy in our prayers as she has been unwell. We look forward to her return when she is fit and well.

Have a good weekend.

Christine White
Principal

Office News

IMPORTANT DATES—DECEMBER

Thu 12th	Year 6 Graduation Mass at 7pm
Fri 13th	P & F morning tea with mConnect Christmas morning tea
Fri 13th	Reports go home
Mon 16th	Year 6 Fun Day at Gumbuya Park
Tue 17th	Whole school Orientation 9.30am
Wed 18th	9.30am End of Year Mass
Wed 18th	11.00am Christmas Carols
Wed 18th	Last of Term 4—1.30pm dismissal
2020	January
Sat 18	9am—11am Mowing Roster
Mon 27th	Australia Day Public Holiday
Tue 28th	Staff return
Wed 29th	Years 1—6 students commence
Thu 30th	Foundation students commence
Fri 31st	6pm School Picnic
2020	February
Sun 2nd	1pm—3pm Mowing Roster
10/11/12	Year 5 / 6 Camp



**Please let us know
if you will not be returning to SFS in 2020.**

It is important that you put in writing and email the office your intentions as soon as possible.

**Please send your email to:
principal@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au**

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 new children from Years 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.

MOWING ROSTER	Sunday 17th November	Team 7 1pm—3pm
Ajay Pal Singh	Buddhika Kondasinghe	George Babu
Kulwinder Pal Singh	Roger Allen	Glenn Munro
Gobinath Devendram	Domenic Raso	Heng Taing

DATES FOR MOWING ROSTER— 2019/2020 ROSTER.

Brad Jackson—0400 410 289.

REMEMBER TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE SHEET ON THE DAY

Nov	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	

Office News

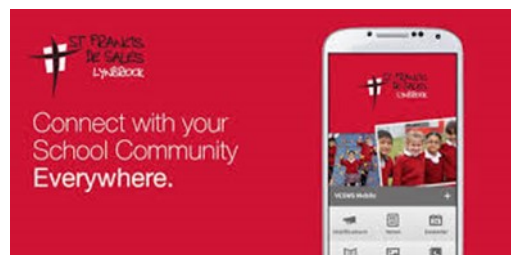
New school app

Apple Store:

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/st-francis-de-sales-lynbrook/id963626903?ls=1>

Google Play:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.fraynetwork.vcsws.sfslynbrook>.



The username is sfslynbrook and the password is sfscomm

Mobile Phone Policy and Smart Devices

Our St Francis de Sales Mobile Phone Policy has been updated and is enclosed with this newsletter. We understand that at times parents of children who walk to school, wish to keep in contact with them before and after school for safety reasons.

The policy explains ways we can do this and also ensure the safety and privacy of students during school hours and during school activities and events such as excursions, camps and discos.

Please read the policy that has been ratified by the School Advisory Board. Students who need to bring a mobile phone to school need to complete an 'Application for Student use of a Mobile Phone.' They must agree to abide by the school code for the use of the mobile phone which includes handing the phone to the office switched off and collecting it at the end of the school day. With the support of all parents and staff, we can ensure a culture of safety at St Francis de Sales that protects all our children.



Year 3 / 4 Pastoral Care Action Team

Tiny Tots afternoon

Monday, 18th November

Monday, 2nd December

These afternoons are loaded with heaps of fun!

We have games like:

- ◆ A big scavenger hunt
- ◆ Pin the tail on the donkey
- ◆ Simon says
- ◆ Singing
- ◆ Red light, Green light
- ◆ And many more



We've had so much fun with the tiny tots so far, special thanks to Mila for coming to HEAPS of our afternoons.

For our next few weeks we will be leading up to Christmas with heaps of fun things planned.

We hope to see you soon!

Education in faith

Encompassing: Prayer, Liturgy, Sacraments, Icons/Symbols

'Your endurance will win you your life.'

Luke 21: 5–19

It is clear from this passage in Luke's Gospel that when the world ends, some terrifying events will occur. The clear message, however, is that we should not face these events with apprehension, but rather with trust — trust that God wants us to have everlasting life with him. Instead of being afraid, we are called to find strength and courage in God's love and persevere in our faith.

This Gospel makes it clear that we should persevere in our faith and be faithful disciples. We are most responsible for evangelizing our own children. There is an expression, "Faith is caught, not taught."

⇒ How do our children see us live out our faith?

⇒ How do we witness the greatness of God's love and our personal response to that love?

Share with your child(ren) what it means for you to walk with Jesus.

Listen to **'Thunder Cake'** by Patricia Polacco <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YhhtKGCsAyY> or **'Owl Babies'** by Martin Waddell <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SOEbU2IBnP4> As a family talk about who was there when someone was afraid. Ask one another who helps us when we're afraid? The answers may be predictable or you might be surprised. In either case, it's good to remind one another that Jesus is always with us . . . especially when we are afraid. Have faith, He has a plan for us!

Your Friend in Christ!

Elisabetta Micallef

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Year 6 Graduation

On **Thursday 12th December** the Year 6 children will gather at 7.00pm in Learning Space 1 for their Graduation Mass. This is a time for them to gather and celebrate the time spent as part of the St. Francis de Sales School community and all that lies before them as they move into Secondary schooling. We look forward to sharing this Mass with ALL students in Year 6 who will be moving on to secondary schools next year. We celebrate with our Parish and our Parish community prays for their success in their transition to secondary school and give them their blessing.

End of Year School Mass

On **Wednesday 18th December**, we will gather for the End of Year School mass in Learning Space 3. This Mass will begin at 9:30am and will give us the opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for all that we have shared throughout the year.

Carols

Following Mass on **Wednesday 18th December**, we will then gather for our yearly Carols.

This will commence at 11.00am in Learning Space 3, where the children will tell and sing the 'The Birth of Jesus'. School then finishes at 1.30pm.

It is that time of the year where we need keep an eye on the calendar, as there is so much happening and as usual we feel, so little time to do it all in. Please mark these key dates and join with us wherever possible.



"Happiness is ...singing Bohemian Rhapsody at the top of your lungs with your friends."

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P&F Annual General Meeting

As the bumper packed 2019 schooling year draws to an end, we reflect upon all the initiatives and events that the P&F supported this year. These events would not be possible without a dedicated and supportive P&F Committee and school community volunteers.

The P&F would like to extend a warm welcome to **all parents and carers to attend** the **2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM)**. At this meeting we will elect the new P&F committee for 2020.



We really love and rely on new members to join the P&F and offer their input. They say it takes a village to raise a child, it indeed takes an even stronger village to support the students and school through the P&F. So come and be part of our village. You get to work along a fantastic bunch of likeminded people, you will definitely have a laugh along the way and you will help the students and the school – what more could you want?

The meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 November in the Community Room at 7pm.

After the meeting, light refreshments will be provided to celebrate our success this year and to say thanks to the parents that supported the P&F at events throughout the year.

You are warmly invited to join the 2020 P&F Committee! This is your opportunity to make a positive difference at our school! We will be sending letters home shortly with a copy of the P&F Committee Nomination Form.

We look forward to welcoming lots of new members to the P&F Committee in 2020!



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Twilight Market Sausage Sizzle & Lucky Dip Stall

Thank you to everyone who supported the PFA Sausage Sizzle and Lucky Dip Stall at the Twilight Market last week, with your generous support we were able to raise a massive \$421.40!! These funds will help the P&F continue to host the many fabulous events that we do throughout the year. It was really great to see so many smiling faces come through our stall and support us.

Despite the blizzard like weather, the twilight market was a huge success and students, teachers, families and the community all had a really awesome time. Here are a few happy snaps from the day. Such a great mix of stall holders to. Love our schooling community!



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Icy Poles – on sale every Friday!

The weather is (sometimes) getting warmer, so what better way to cool down than enjoying a refreshing cold icy poles. Icy poles are on sale for 50c during first lunch every Friday for all of Term 4 and Term 1.



Rolls and Donuts Fun Lunch

The PFA are organising a delicious selection of rolls and donuts for a Fun Lunch on **Friday 29 November**. We will have sweet and savoury options available. Keep an eye out for the order forms which were sent home yesterday.



Second Hand Uniform Shop Donations

Is your child graduating Grade 6 this year? Has your child/children had a growth spurt and out grown their uniforms? Well now is the time to donate those old uniforms to the second hand uniform shop. We have a whole new group of wonderful foundation students starting in 2020 so it is always great to help out those parents with some \$5 uniform items to make starting school a little more affordable. Please ensure all items are washed and in wearable condition.

Important Dates

20 November	PFA Annual General Meeting
29 November	Rolls & Donuts Fun Lunch
29 November	Afternoon Tea & Second hand uniform shop
Every Friday	Icy poles available



Learning and Teaching

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



P.E. NEWS

Swimming 2019 Timetable

Parents please see below the remainder of the swimming timetable and details of any special lessons. 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:

November 18th Regular Lesson

November 25th Assessment Lesson

December 2nd Water Safety Lesson – All students will need to bring in a plastic bag a top and pants/shorts that they can wear in the water. Squad groups if you could also bring an old pair of shoes you could wear in the water.

December 9th Last Lesson – Fun Day

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:

November 19th Regular Lesson

November 26th Assessment Lesson

December: 3rd Water Safety Lesson – All students will need to bring in a plastic bag a top and pants/shorts that they can wear in the water. Squad groups if you could also bring an old pair of shoes you could wear in the water.)

December 10th Last Lesson – Fun Day

Session 1 - 12.00 – 12.45 LS2 Junior

Session 2 - 12.45 – 1.00 LS3 Juniors

Session 3 - 1.30 – 2.15 LS2 Seniors

Winter Lightning Premiership

Thank goodness the rain held off!! It was cold but our Grade 5/6 along with their coaches and Lulli headed off to Winter Lightning Premiership on Wednesday.

We played a round robin in each sport against 6 other schools within our District. Below we have listed that brought home a flag for the day.

AFL Mixed Football – Runners Up
Kickball Team A – Runners Up
Kickball Team B – Runners Up



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P.E. NEWS

A big thank you to the Grade 3/4 students from Learning Space 3: Kayce C, Aden H, Bianca M, Ethan F, Nia S, Aleena C, Eijah McK and Chloe S. They willingly helped me take the pads off the goal posts and pack them into my car so that I could then deliver them to Sweeney Reserve where our football team were playing for the day. Because of them, the football team were able to play almost every game. Well done!!



Well done to all our Grade 5/6's for their effort with Interschool Sports this year and to our Senior Staff who willingly took on the additional role as coaches.

Interschool Sports is now finished for the year, therefore Grade 5/6 students will remain in their Learning Spaces on Friday mornings and continue with their learning. Grade 3/4 will complete their summer interschool sports rotations Friday mornings for an hour, so that when it is time for the Grade 4s to pick their sports, they will be familiar with what they are choosing.



Student Well-Being

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

mConnect with Wellsprings for Women

We will be having an end of year Christmas morning tea on **Friday 13th December** from **9.30am until 11am**. The P and F are having their morning cuppa at **9am**, so please feel free to stay on and join in the fun. All parents are welcome to attend. We ask that everyone please bring a plate of food to share. We have a volunteer from Wellsprings for women who will be demonstrating some Bollywood dancing. So come along, let's celebrate the end of the year, have something to eat and try some Bollywood dancing. Invites will be sent out soon.

If you would like to attend please rsvp to rlenko@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au



BeYou

BeYou is a framework for educators to use to help promote positive mental health.

This week's fact sheet from the **BeYou** website is all about separation anxiety.

What is separation anxiety?

Separation anxiety is the common and normal fear that children have of being away from their families.

A developmentally appropriate level of separation anxiety reflects the close attachment between children and their families. But it tends to lessen with age. However, if the anxiety becomes excessive, it can interfere with the child's daily functioning and learning, and they may be at risk of developing an anxiety disorder.

From around six months of age, many children begin to show anxiety when they're away from close family members.

As they don't yet have a separate sense of self, babies see family members as part of themselves and so feel that a part of them is missing when they're separated. Babies may not understand adults will come back after leaving them. Babies and young children may also feel anxious around unfamiliar people and in new settings.

This anxiety tends to reduce over time as a child's familiarity with their early childhood service or school increases. Older children also develop a separate sense of self, so better understand that their families will return.

Seasons for Growth

What does it do? Seasons for Growth aims to strengthen the social and emotional wellbeing of children and young people who are dealing with significant life changes by: • Exploring the impact of the change and loss on everyday life • Learning new ways to respond to these changes Who is it for? Anyone who is living with the effects of change and loss. Many factors can cause change such as: • Friends can come and go • Loss of someone or something you love • Parents and families separate • Moving to a new place • Impact of illness • Family work-life changes Change affects everyone differently, as does grief. It's the impact of the change, not the event itself that Seasons for Growth focuses on. We suggest that anyone affected by bereavement wait 6-12 months before participating in a Seasons for Growth program.

I will be retraining as a Season's for growth companion in the next few weeks, and we will be offering the program to children in term 1 next year. Please contact me at school if you feel that your child would benefit from being involved in this program.

Rachel Lenko,

Student Wellbeing Leader

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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).



School Community








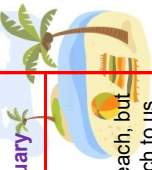

Encompassing: Parents, Parish, School Board, Enrolment, Social Justice, Accessibility and the Wider Community.



Kharisma Kids 0411 295 273

Summer Vacation Care 2019

The Full Daily fee is \$58 (before CCS is discounted). All incursions/excursions and special activities are detailed below. They are not optional and all children and all children are expected to participate. This list is a small selection of what is on offer each day. We offer arts, crafts, activity sheets, games each day that are not detailed on this information. This is only a brief listing of what's on each day. Children have access to games, crafts, sports equipment and playgrounds.

Monday 13th January BBQ and Play at Banjo Patterson Park Fly some Kites, kick a ball, run on the grass and climb on the playground. Enjoy some beef sausages cooked by our expert chef.  Extra \$4	Tuesday 14th January Ninja Warrior Will you be our best sports ninja for the day? Tabloid sports, balance the beam, relay races, egg n spoon race, 3 legged races. Help us design your obstacle course. 	Wednesday 15th January Ultimate Games Truck Is back. BYO Electronic games to play.  Extra \$20	Thursday 16th January pranzo con la pizza Pizza lunch from Zesty Joes, Leaning Tower of Pisa challenge. Can you imitate a DaVinci painting?  Learn the game of Bocce Extra \$5	Friday 17th January Excursion to Reading Cinemas (Dandenong) via Train Watch a kids movie while munching on popcorn and sipping a drink. Movie to be announced closer to the date. Extra \$20
Monday 20th January Wheels Day Learn to build a billy cart in a Supreme Incursion Workshop. Bring your Bike or scooter to ride around the school. Helmet and Safety gear must be worn.  Extra \$15	Tuesday 21st January Aussie Wildlife Encounter See some of Australia's Reptiles up and close with an introduction to Australian Native wildlife.  Extra \$15	Wednesday 22nd January Around Australia in a Day Let's travel around Australia Exploring various aspects of our Wide Brown Land. Boomerang decorating, Thong throwing challenge, make some damper, Horse Shoe throwing. Party Pies for Afternoon Snack. 	Thursday 23rd January Sidetracked Excursion We are traveling by train to Sidetracked in Oakleigh where we will have our own session for a few hours of Lasertag, Bowling or Mini Golf without the public.  Extra \$25	Friday 24th January Beach Day We can't go to the beach, but we will bring the beach to us. Decorate a bucket hat to keep, Sand Art, Sand and water play.  Fish n Chips for lunch Extra \$5
Monday 27th January Australia Day Public Holiday  Australia Day	Tuesday 28th January Last day of Vac Care Enjoy a relaxing day with jewellery making, air clay construction, mosaic pictures, Hama beads and a movie to finish off the holidays.	Wednesday 29th January	January	Friday 31st January

