

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
Tue 3rd	Origmai stall 8.30am
Fri 6th	Assembly at 2.40pm
Mon 9th	Swimming Program— RA MF AP GA MB SD IL MJ PP
Tue 10th	Swimming Program -EM RJ SR JW AM IH CW CC AG
Tue 10th	School Banking Day (final for the year)
Thu 12th	Year 6 Graduation Mass at 7pm
Fri 13th	P & F Morning Tea with mConnect Bollywood party
Fri 13th	Reports go home
Sat 14th	Mowing Roster 9am—11am
Mon 16th	Year 6 Fun Day Gumbaya 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 day of Term— 1.30pm dismissal

January

13—28	Kharisma Kids Holiday Program
Mon 27th	Public Holiday - Australia Day
Tue 28th	Staff Return—PD day
Wed 28th	Years 1—6 start
Thu 29th	Foundation start

Growing Young in Christ

From the Principal

Lights, Camera, ACTION!



Yesterday was a BIG day at St Francis de Sales as we had Naimh and Richard from Shon Productions work with us to create a school video. There was a lot of pre planning before this day as we organised the key messages and scenes we wanted to shoot, write the script (that we did not follow!) and organised the running sheet for the day. We also needed to chat to staff and students, so they had an idea of when, where and what they were going to do for our video. At times we had to create a scene as it was out of sync with our normal routine for a Thursday.

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KHARISMA KIDS

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From the Principal

We had all kinds of cameras from drones to hand held cinematic cameras to capture action and learning. The scenes ranged from Literacy in the classroom to the choir singing, soccer action at play time to feeding the chooks to a goal conference and problem solving with BeeBots. We captured the day at school from signing in and morning gathering to specialists, clinics and playtime. The day was glorious and our children and teachers were just sensational!!! Naturals on camera capturing the everyday learning at our school.

One of the difficult aspects was deciding who would be part of the interviews we needed. Our problem was that we had to cull our list before the filming so we had the time for all the interviews. We had to decide on just two teachers, two parents and two students. This was so difficult because we have so many very capable, passionate and confident people who would do an amazing job. There were a few nerves as the group to be interviewed gathered and waited patiently for their turn. Each one came back smiling, Niamh put them at ease and they all spoke from the heart about our school. We decided to forget the script and go for the spontaneous natural response.

I just want to say a huge thank you to all our staff, students and parents who helped us with the video yesterday. It was just amazing to have the level of support and the willingness and flexibility of all to make adjustments so that we could accommodate the crew as we went right through the school.

We now excitedly wait for the final video. We wonder after a whole day of shooting what will make the cut and what will be left on the editor's floor!! It will just be a short 3-4 minute video so an awful lot of the footage will not make it. It will be interesting to see the way the story is weaved together into our school video. It has been a fascinating experience being part of the filming.

We will be launching the video in 2020 as part of our 10th anniversary celebrations. The video will showcase our school vision.

Christine White
Principal



Office News



IMPORTANT DATES

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
Sat 15th	9am—11am Mowing Roster
Wed 26th	Ash Wednesday—Mass
2020	March
Mon 9th	Public Holiday—Labour Day

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.

Kharisma Kids

will be running a

Summer Vacation Care Program from

13th — 28th January

If you need to register your child please

call Rob or Lucas on

0411 295 273

MOWING ROSTER	Sunday, December 1st	9am - 11am
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		

DATES FOR MOWING ROSTER— 2019/2020 ROSTER.

Brad Jackson—0400 410 289.

REMEMBER TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE SHEET ON THE DAY

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	

Education in faith

Encompassing: Prayer, Liturgy, Sacraments, Icons/Symbols



'Stay awake, you must be ready.'

Matthew 24: 37–44

Welcome to our Season of Advent.

This Season marks the beginning of the new Liturgical year for the Church and calls us to wait and to prepare for the coming of the Christ child at Christmas. We move from the reading of the Gospel of Luke to the Gospel of Matthew.

In both our waiting and our preparing we are caught up in the business of the end of year rush. Where-ever we go, we are reminded of the commercial crush in this pre-Christmas time. We see around us colourful decorations, gifts, food and others, like us, all caught up in this Christmas rush. We hear the never-ending Christmas carols and songs that keep reminding us of how fast Christmas is approaching and how much we still have to do to be ready.

However, I encourage you to stop and think about Advent as a time of waiting, preparing and watching. The emphasis of this Gospel is on the second coming of Jesus. Matthew refers to three events that show we do not know when Jesus will return, but the message is clear: we are to be ready! The first reference Matthew makes is to Noah and the flood. People were occupied with their daily lives—eating, drinking, and marrying. In the second example, men were working in the field and women were grinding at the mill. Some were taken and some remained. In the final example, the master of the house could have prevented the robbery if only he had known when the thief would come. This Gospel is a reminder for each of us to live in preparation for Jesus' return.

There is more work for parents to do in a day than will ever get done. Some of us work outside our homes while some stay at home. In either case there are always bills to pay, laundry to wash, meals to prepare, errands to run and things to fix. Unless we deliberately set aside time to prepare ourselves and our families for Jesus' return, we will continue with the busyness of everyday life like the people of Noah's time and the workers in the field and at the mill. Especially at this time of year, it is easy to get caught up in the demands centred upon Jesus' birth rather than his return.

Make an Advent wreath this season with your family. You can make it from natural materials or construction paper, but basically you will need a green wreath (the green wreath represents God's unending love). A green ribbon wrapped around a grapevine or straw or styrofoam wreath works, too. Three purple candles represent forgiveness and one pink candle represents joy and is usually lit on the third week of Advent. Each week as you light a new candle, encourage each member of the family to tell one thing s/he will do during the week to prepare for Jesus' return.

Peace and Blessings!

Elisabetta Micallef

Religious Education Leader (REL)

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Year 6 Graduation

On **Thursday 12th December** the Year 6 children will gather at 7.00pm in Learning Space 3 for their Graduation Mass.

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.

Year 5 / 6 Social Justice Team—Mini Vinnies



2019 CHRISTMAS APPEAL



This year the Mini Vinnies are organising the Christmas Appeal to assist the Hampton Park St Vincent de Paul Conference. We are asking each child to bring in an item for their home group hamper. Children have been given a tag with the item they need to bring listed. We have collected the hamper items and so far points for the Houses are as follows:

Bosco	MacKillop	Teresa	Patrick
9	12	21	14

But there is still plenty of time so bring in your items and presents!

The Christmas Giving Trees are also up in the hallway and LS3 with tags that have children's age and gender listed. Students are not to take a tag unless they have a parent or adult with them. They can then purchase a gift, wrap it and put the tag back on the gift which is placed back under the Christmas Giving Tree.

Don't forget this year students will be given points for their Houses for the hamper items and presents they donate. These points will be added to the points the Houses already have and go towards the St Francis de Sales Community Spirit Award.

Giuliana & Mini Vinnies



LS1 JUNIORS ORIGAMI STALL

The Juniors from LS1: Stanford, Ashton, Aidan N, Denis, Lucas N, Joshua and Advait held their origami stall on Wednesday.

What an incredible effort!! They raised \$28 and have decided they would like to purchase a gift for the Giving Tree. Well done boys!! We would like to thank everyone who donated money to this worthy cause.

We have a few items left and the boys would like to hold another stall next **Tuesday December 3rd at 8.30 am.**

Once again they will be selling their items for a donation.



Action Teams

Year 5 /6 Environmental Action Team

We are looking for families to care for the Environmental Action Team chickens over the Christmas school holidays.

If you are available, please see Sandi in LS3 to register your name for the "Chicken Care Roster". We appreciate all the help offered.

The Year 5/6 Environmental Action Team



Year 3 / 4 Pastoral Care Action Team

Tiny Tots afternoon

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!

Action Teams

WE ARE BACK!!!

Cupcake for a cause

As you know, the 5% understanding others action team have previously raised money for solar lights helping children who live in poverty energy. We believe every child has the right to a good education and for that we are kindly asking you to help us *illuminate their world*.



WHAT~ cupcakes and lemonade

WHEN~ monday and friday, before and after school

WHERE~ outside the Community area (in front of LS1 playground)

WHY~ to "give the gift of light"

Learning and Teaching

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



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:

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:

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

2020 District Swimming

In preparation for next year, we will be in touch with the swimming instructors to identify students for our SIS District Swimming Team. Students will be spoken to and asked if they are interested. The team will then be confirmed early next year.

Giuliana & Lulli

Parents and Friends Association

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Christmas Raffle Donation Drive



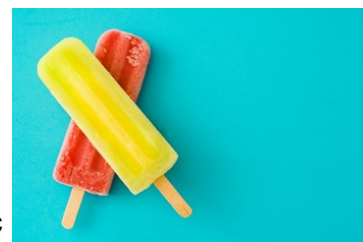
That time of year is here again....
the shops are full of Christmas songs and tinsel,
the kids are going on about their Christmas lists.....
and SFS P&F are asking for donations
for our 2019 Christmas Raffle!!

We would love donations of all kinds so we can make up some awesome Christmas hampers / gift bags for the prizes. We are hoping to end the year with a BANG so anything you can contribute will be greatly received. The more donations, the more prizes we can make up, which means the more winners we can draw!

The P&F are sponsoring the raffle, meaning there is no cost to families. It will be **ONE** ticket **PER FAMILY**. The raffle will be drawn on the 18th Dec (last day of school).

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.



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

Every Friday
13th Dec

Icy poles available
Morning Tea & Uniform Shop



Student Well-Being

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



Wellsprings
for women



mCONNECT at SFS - Matters Uniting Mums

End of Year Celebration

**Friday December 13
from 9.30**

★ *Mothers, grandmothers
and carers welcome!* ★
*Bring a plate of food to
share for morning tea.*
Join in ★
Bollywood Dancing! ★
*RSVP to [rlenko@
sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rlenko@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au)*





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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








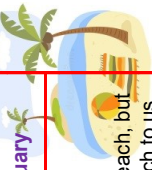

Encompassing: Parents, Parish, School Board, Enrolment, Social Justice, Accessibility and the Wider Community.



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

