

December

Sat 14th	Mowing Roster 9am—11am
Mon 16th	Year 6 Fun Day Gumbaya Park Buses depart 9am Suitable free dress Arrive back at school at 3pm BYO: water bottle, bathers, towel, change of clothes.
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
Sat 18	Mowing Roster 9am—11am
Mon 27th	Public Holiday - Australia Day
Tue 28th	Staff Return—PD day
Wed 28th	Years 1—6 start
Thu 29th	Foundation start
Fri 31st	School Picnic at 6pm

February

Sun 2nd	Mowing Roster 1pm—3pm
10/11/12	Year 5/6 Camp
Sat 15th	Mowing Roster 9am—11am
Wed 26th	Ash Wednesday—Mass

Growing Young in Christ

From the Principal

Congratulations to the Class of 2019

We congratulate the class of 2019 on their graduation from St. Francis de Sales Primary School. We all feel very proud of all 58 graduates and the people they have become. They have displayed great talents and skills from writers to mathematical problem solvers, painters to runners, critical and creative thinkers to singers, and embraced the school values of respect, responsibility, commitment and so much more.

As Father Des said last night graduation is the end of one stage and the beginning of another. The entrance hymn had the words, "We walk with faith...We walk with hope."

We pray that as our Class of 2019 walk out of St. Francis de sales they indeed walk with faith, with hope and with abundant confidence. We pray that each student from our Class of 2019 shines in the world like bright stars. Continue blazing brightly, continue soaring, continue boldly stepping forward and remain open to all the opportunities that lie ahead. We look forward to hearing about their successes and we wish them well for the next chapter of their journey.

2019 Awards

Our 2019 graduation night had a great vibe! The Mass was reverent and peaceful as we gave thanks for the times shared, all that was learned and the friendships that blossomed. At the end of Mass the 2019 awards were announced. This year we have introduced a new award the Community Spirit Award. The students who received the awards were:

Sporting Achievement Award

The St Francis de Sales Sporting Achievement Award is presented to a student who has demonstrated exceptional sporting skills, not only in Physical Education lessons but across the school, district and divisional levels.

The recipient of this award in 2019 was - **Tate Mole**



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From the Principal

Academic Achievement Award

The St Francis de Sales Academic Achievement Award is presented to a student who has shown academic excellence in all curriculum areas.

They have set high expectations and goals for themselves. Their passion and dedication for learning is to be commended.

The recipient of this award in 2019 was – **Brynn Mills**

The School Sports Victoria Academic/Sport Achievement Award

The School Sports Victoria Academic/Sport Achievement Award is presented to a student who has demonstrated excellence across all areas of their schooling. They have participated in a variety of sports and has shown good sportsmanship and fair play. This student has also achieved excellent academic achievements, social and community involvement.

The recipient of this award in 2019 was – **Keava McGrath**

The Community Spirit Award

The Community Spirit and Leadership Award is presented to a student who contributes actively to their school community, and indeed wider community by volunteering for school activities and helping other students to be involved in school life.

This new award for St Francis de Sales will be presented by Anthony Byrne MP on Monday 16 December.

The recipient of this award in 2019 was – **Guneet Kaur**

We congratulate Tate, Brynn, Keava and Guneet along with each of our Year 6 students. Fr Des along with staff presented the graduation awards. The graduation evening concluded with a great supper in the community room with a lovely presentation by the Class of 2019 and the cutting of the graduation cake.

We take the opportunity to thank all staff involved with the preparation of this day and for taking care of every detail so we could all enjoy a night of celebration. Thanks to Elisabetta and Rozeta for the lovely liturgy. Special thanks to Fr Des for his ongoing support for the school. Despite being unwell, we thank Tammy for putting together the powerpoint for the graduation reflection. To Ange, Rozeta and Elena who worked hard behind the scenes to shop and ensure the supper was delicious. The community room was beautifully decorated in the school colours. Thanks to staff and parents who helped ensure every detail was beautifully and thoughtfully presented. There were lots of very positive comments and appreciation of the graduation. It is not possible without the support of a great and dedicated team. We are indeed lucky to have such an amazing community and staff.

A BIG thanks to all parents of this amazing group of students. Thank you for working in partnership with us and for your support for St Francis de Sales, our children and their learning. For many of the parents in our graduating class it is their last year with us. I thank parents who have made a valuable contribution as part of the PFA, SFS Ed Board, at working bees, excursions and parent nights. Congratulations on the fantastic job you have done to support your children to develop into wonderful young men and women ready to transition to Secondary school.

The Class of 2019 will enjoy a FUN day at Gumbaya World on Monday with lunch provided by our P&F. The children will be leaving at 9am and returning to school at 3pm.

Parents are invited to join us on the last day of school for the final Mass. Mass will be held at 9.30am in Learning Space 3. After Mass there will be a thankyou morning tea for parent helpers. This will be followed by Carols and the drawing of the Christmas Raffle.

Come and join us to celebrate on the last day of school for 2019!! Everyone is asked to get into the Christmas Spirit and wear Christmas colours or be a Christmas character. School will finish at 1:30pm. There will be a final 2019 newsletter next week on Wednesday.

Christine White
Principal

Congratulations Class of 2019



From the Principal

Regarding End of Year School Mass & Christmas Carols



On Wednesday 18th of December (last day of school), St Francis de Sales Primary School will be celebrating the End of Year Mass, followed by the Christmas Carols.

The Mass will be celebrated from 9:30am – 10:30am. All families are welcome to attend.

The Christmas Carols will commence from 11:00am.

Each home group will have the opportunity to perform a Christmas Carol which they have learned throughout Term 4 with their Home Group teacher.

Concluding the carols, there will be the Parents and Friend's Christmas Raffle.

On this last event for the 2019 school year it would be great to have as many members of our school community - Parents, guardians, friends and family join our students and staff to give thanks and celebrate our year together.

**Students are asked to wear Christmas themed clothes
on this final day of school
(red and green).**

Office News

2020 Fee Payment Agreement

Earlier this week, a letter went home with your child notifying you of the school fees for 2020.

Please sign and return the Fee Payment Agreement that was attached to that letter as soon as possible.

Outstanding School Fees

All fees for the 2019 school year are now overdue. Please arrange to have these finalised before the end of the term.

Camp Fees—Years 5/6 2020 \$350

Currently ICON will not allow us to generate an invoice for camp in this calendar year. Parents have 2 options to pay the camp fee which needs to be paid in full before children go on camp on 10th/11th/12th February.

Either:

* pay cash before the end of the year and we will issue a manual receipt or

* when we are able to generate an invoice on the ICON system in 2020 you will be able to pay via DD / eft / cash. All camp fees need to be paid by Friday 7th February, 2020.

DATES FOR MOWING ROSTER— 2019/2020 ROSTER.

Brad Jackson—0400 410 289.

REMEMBER TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE SHEET ON THE DAY

Dec	9am—11am	Saturday 14th	
Jan 2020	9am—11am	Saturday 18th	Term holiday
Feb 2020	1pm—3pm	Sunday 2nd	

MOWING ROSTER Team 1	Saturday, 14th, December	9am—11am
Adam Gibson	Rajesh Janardhanan	Shibu James
Thomas Antony	Simon Boliancu	Mina Youssf
Fabrice Bissessur	Jose Plackal	Anto Pereppadan
Bertrand Martingale	Leon Figurek	Hiranya Habaragamuwage
Brad Scicluna		

MOWING ROSTER Team 4	Saturday 18th January	9 am—11am
Jason Payot	Anil John	Satheesh Kumar Gopi
Marie Lazarre	Craig Fowler	Jon Mole
Ramachanthran Balakrishnar	Mike Mills	Andrew Paydon
Rohan Maben	Saji Jacob	Phillip Galileos
Sourbah Gosain		

MOWING ROSTER Team 8	Sunday 2nd February	1pm—3pm
Ivan Samusenko	Ryan Cole	Anthony Leveque
Marcus Roberts	Renny Ouseph	Kevin Forster
Alex Arevyan		

Education in faith

Encompassing: Prayer, Liturgy, Sacraments, Icons/Symbols



'Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?'

Matthew 11: 2-11

John the Baptist had disciples of his own and while in prison he sent some of them to Jesus. At John's request, the disciples asked Jesus if he was the Messiah or were they to wait for another. Jesus did not answer them directly, but pointed to the miracles he had performed in the name of God's love. If John himself did not wonder, it was likely that his followers did. Jesus did not fit the image of "Messiah," and so it was possible that people began to doubt their original perception.

It would have appeared to Jesus that John began to doubt. Perhaps it was the confinement of prison that let his mind question what he once so clearly understood. But even so, Jesus affirmed John in this scripture as the greatest of all prophets. From this experience, it is reassuring as parents to know that even when we doubt, either ourselves or God, we are still great in God's eyes. Our strength is in knowing God is with us as a loving parent.

This week is the day we light the third candle on our Advent wreath, the pink one! Pink represents joy, and our families should come to know that it is with joy we await the return of Jesus. Ask each member of the family how he/she will bring joy to someone's life this week.

Yours in Christ!

Elisabetta Micallef

Religious Education Leader (REL)

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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.

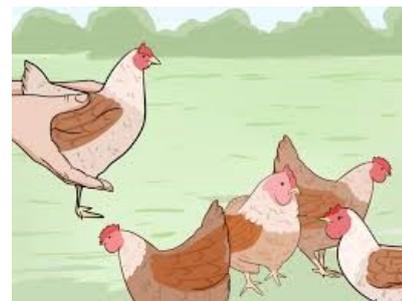
Action Teams

Would you like to feed the chickens over the holidays?

We still need a few more families to care for the Environmental Action Team chickens over the Christmas school holidays.

If your family is available, please see Sandi in LS3 or email her at sdinsdale@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au

Any time you can help out—even if it is for one day or a few days—would be greatly appreciated.



Mini Vinnies Action Team



Thank You!

Thank you to all the people who have donated food and supplied presents for the Mini Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Because of all your generous donations the Mini Vinnies have been able to provide gifts and food for the less fortunate. Just a reminder that the donations will be collected on Monday the 16th of December so bring them before the due date. Each item you bring for the Christmas Hamper will be worth a point for your House. The same applies for the Giving Tree, where you take a tag that has a ribbon the colour of your House and when you bring the present with the tag taped to it, that will be a point for your House. All points will go towards the SFS Community Spirit House Shield. The winners will be announced on the last day of school, Wednesday 18th December. Thank you for your generosity and your contribution to Mini Vinnies and the Hampton Park St. Vincent de Paul Conference who will distribute the hampers and Christmas presents.

An Update of points so far for each House:

BOSCO	109
MACKILLOP	121
TERESA	120
PATRICK	129

The scores are very close but at the moment we congratulate Patrick House who is winning in the Christmas Appeal!!

Ashley Bijoy and the Mini Vinnies

Student Well-Being

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

mConnect with Wellsprings for Women

Today we had an end of year morning tea get together for M Connect through Wellsprings for Women. We had some volunteers from Wellsprings lead us in some Bollywood dancing. I would like to thank all the parents who have taken part in the M connect group this year by coming along to one of our workshops, gatherings or holiday excursions with their children. We look forward to the continued partnership with Wellsprings for women in 2020 and offering some more opportunities for parents to connect with the school.



International Human Rights Day

On **Tuesday 10th December** it was Human Right's day. Many of the children were intrigued as we had some orange balloons, streamers and table cloths around the school. Many teachers also wore orange clothing. We had a focus on Human Right's day at morning gathering and the children watched a short clip about the rights of children. **Human Rights Day** is observed by the international community every year on 10 December. It commemorates the **day** in 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of **Human Rights Orange is the colour used to represent the day.** The colour **orange** symbolizes a brighter future, free of violence.

BeYou is a framework for educators to help them to build mentally healthy learning communities. This week's fact sheet from the **BeYou** website is on Healthy Families.

Healthy families

What do these look like?

In healthy family relationships, people trust and rely on each other for support, love, affection and warmth. Families often share common goals and work together to reach those goals (for example, children and young people may help their families get the dinner dishes done so that everyone can relax).

Family members feel safe and connected to one another. Sometimes these relationships involve conflict, which is a normal part of family life. Conflict can occur between adults, children and young people. In healthy relationships, these conflicts are dealt with in a safe and respectful way.

Healthy family relationships mean that positive interactions outnumber the difficult times. Adults experiencing difficult life situations can provide learning opportunities in teaching and modelling coping strategies – children and young people shouldn't be burdened with stress, but it's helpful for them to see families successfully managing it with positive coping strategies.



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

The key qualities of a strong family unit identified by Australians in the Family Strengths Research Project were:

- **communication** – listening to each other and communicating with openness and honesty
- **togetherness** – sharing similar values and beliefs that create a sense of belonging and bonding
- **sharing activities** – spending time together doing things they enjoy
(for example, sports, reading, camping or playing games)
- **affection** – showing affection and care regularly through words, hugs, kisses and thoughtfulness
- **support** – offering and asking for support, with family members knowing they will receive help, encouragement and reassurance from one another
- **acceptance** – understanding, respecting and appreciating each family member's unique qualities
- **commitment** – seeing family wellbeing as a first priority and acting accordingly with commitment and loyalty
- **resilience** – being able to tolerate difficulties and adapt to changing situations in positive ways.

The biggest challenges in family relationships were highlighted as communication breakdown, parenting issues and difficult relationship dynamics.

Risk factors in families

There are many reasons why some individuals are more vulnerable than others to developing behavioural difficulties and mental health issues. Risk factors for children and young people are things that increase the likelihood of mental health issues developing.

Risk factors within the family include:

- family conflict, instability or separation
- lack of involvement with children and young people, or inconsistent parenting
- family violence, child abuse or neglect
- mental health issues or substance abuse
- a serious illness or disability

financial difficulties.

Protective factors in families

Protective factors decrease the chance of an individual experiencing mental health issues. These are related to good outcomes for children and young people, and serve to protect them if they're exposed to risk.

Protective factors within the family include:

- strong and stable family relationships – for example, consistent, caring relationships
- supportive parenting – for example, being available to listen to and talk with children and young people
- strong family values for example, a shared understanding of how to treat others
- consistency in routines and limits – for example, responding the same way to children or young people's behaviour.

Thank you

Thanks to all the parents and students who have made me feel very welcome at SFS this year. I look forward to continuing to build relationships with you all next year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, holy and safe Christmas, enjoyed with your family and friends. Take care and see you in 2020.



Rachel Lenko
Student Wellbeing Leader

Learning and Teaching

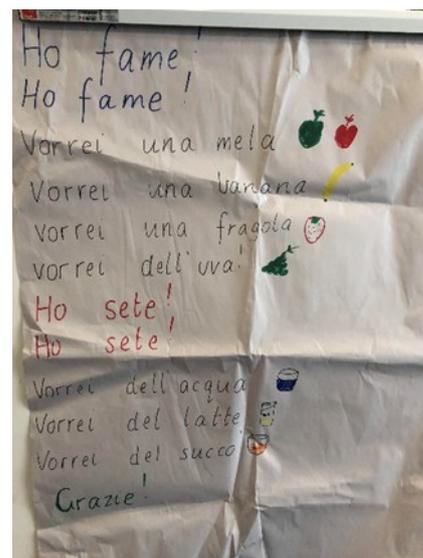
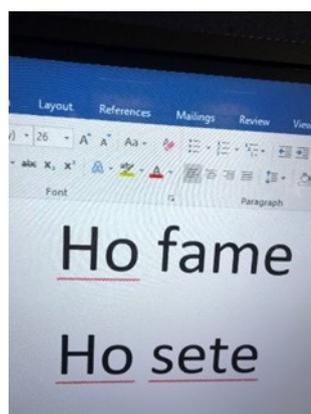
Encompassing: Student Outcomes, Policy, Assessment, Reporting, Principles and Pedagogy.

ITALIAN

Juniors

ELLA –Early Learning Languages Australia.

It has been a wonderful year of learning for our Junior students as they used technology as a tool to assist them with learning Italian as they completed Year 1 of a three year trial program. This term's APP focussed on vocabulary associated with food and drink. Asking and answering questions related to what food and drink they wanted as well as what food and drink they like and dislike. The program enabled students to act out real life situations using the vocabulary and phrases learnt in exploring the apps. This week our Foundation students have received a certificate for participation in the Program. All our Junior students used the Program. As part of the first year of the program only the data from our Foundation students usage has been collected for the trial, therefore only Foundation students have received certificates this year. By the end of 2021 all junior students will receive a certificate for being part of the Program.



Bravi Ragazzi for a wonderful year of Italian learning!!!!

Silvana Pansino

Italian Teacher

Learning and Teaching

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



ITALIAN

Seniors Term 4

Humanita e i rapporti (Human Dignity and respectful relationships)

This term students connected Italian to their Inquiry Unit, As part of this unit they explored the ways they can fill each others buckets. Students identified personal strengths and those of their peers. They also recognised and expressed the qualities they see in others who were in their home group using Italian words and phrases. One activity required them to write down the qualities they see in others and read and share their responses with that person. Students placed these words and phrases around their name which was decorated with symbols of their qualities and talents.

Some of the phrases included....

pensi sempre per tutti (always think of others)

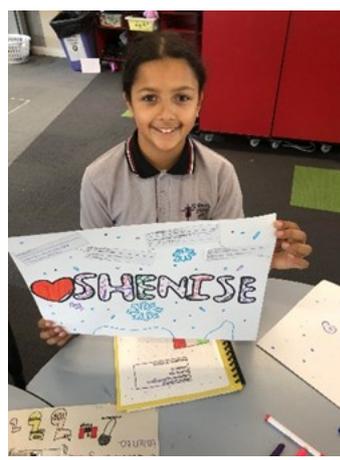
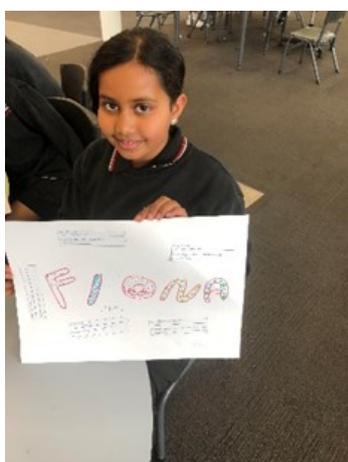
mi fai ridere (you make me laugh)

sei paziente (you are patient)

sei gentile (you are kind)

sei utile (you are helpful)

sei affidabile (you are dependable)



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Merry Christmas & Thank You

With this, the last newsletter of the year, we bid farewell to 2019.

What a wonderful year we have at the school. So many fabulous events and initiatives - all made possible with the support from our generous schooling community. So a heartfelt thank you for making everything we do possible.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and new year. We look forward to seeing everyone, as well as the new parents joining our school, back in 2020.

Lots of love the P&F





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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 asterisk (*) 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
 will be offering before and afterschool care on
Thursday 19th & Friday 20th December
 as well as
Summer Vacation Care Program from
13th — 28th January

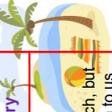
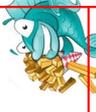
If you need to register your child please call Rob or Lucas on
0411 295 273

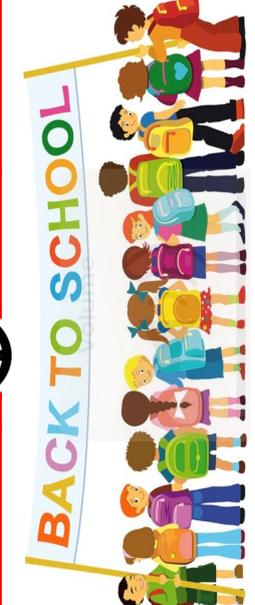


Kharisma Kids 0411 295 273

Summer Vacation Care 2019

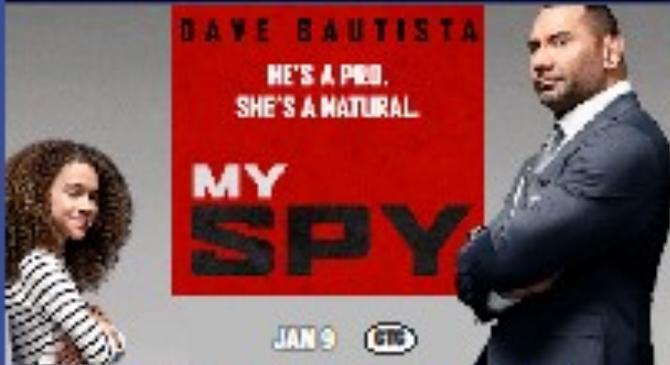
The Full Daily fee is \$68 (before CCS is discounted). All incursions/excursions and special activities are detailed below. They are not optional and all children are expected to participate. This list is a small selection of what is on offer each day. We offer arts, crafts, activity sheets, games each 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 Paterson 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.  Monday 20th January Extra \$4	Tuesday 14th January Ninja Warrior Will you be our best sports ninja for the day. Taikoid sports, balance the beam, relay races, egg n spoon race, 3 legged races. Help us design your obstacle course.  Tuesday 21st January Extra \$15	Wednesday 15th January Ultimate Games Truck is back. BYO Electronic games to play.  Wednesday 22nd January 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?  Thursday 23rd January 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  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  Friday 31st January
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.  Monday 27th January Extra \$15	Tuesday 28th January Aussie Wildlife Encounter See some of Australia's Reptiles up and close with an introduction to Australian Native wildlife.  Tuesday 28th January Extra \$15	Wednesday 29th 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.  Wednesday 29th January Extra \$25	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 January	Friday 31st January BACK TO SCHOOL 



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