

# WEEKLY NEWS



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**AS ONE IN FAITH WE LEARN AND GROW**

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## 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
Wed 5th	No school for Foundation students
Fri 7th	Camp fees due today \$350
10/11/12	Year 5/6 Camp
Wed 12th	No school for Foundation students
Sat 15th	Mowing Roster 9am—11am
Wed 19th	No school for Foundation students
Wed 26th	No school for Foundation students
Wed 26th	Ash Wednesday—Mass

## Wanted for Art

For art next year, I would like to have some small metal objects such as nuts, washers, small screws, old keys etc for an art task. During the holidays, if you are having a clean up, could you please keep them and bring them to school in the new year.

Louise, Visual Arts teacher

## Growing Young in Christ

### From the Principal



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### KHARISMA KIDS

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The St Francis de Sales Primary School community is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will remain the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

# From the Principal

We began this year embracing the theme "Grow Young in Christ" as a staff on day 1 we prayed:

**O God, bless and unite all your people at SFS. Guide us on the pilgrim way this year.**

**Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.**

**Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.**

**Lead our school into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.**

**Amen**

On leaves we wrote what we thought God was calling us to be and we prayed that we individually and together may grow so our community benefits and flourishes. I believe this year we have indeed grown and flourished in many ways all across the school.

It has been a joy to work with our staff team. They are dedicated and give generously of their time. They are passionate about the children and work together to ensure consistency across the school while meeting the individual needs of each child. The best indicator of the harmony and collegiality is the laughter and sense of fun that happens when a staff team enjoys working together. This year that is clearly visible. Our recent CEMSIS staff survey shows in 7 out of 9 areas surveyed our staff data was higher than the mean of other schools and the remaining two were equal to that mean. In a more tangible way it is evident with the way the staff embrace all the extras from painting props to helping at the Twilight Market, from getting into PJ's for Book Week to attending Oaks' Day breakfast. There was the Great Spirit at the staff vs Yr 6 Lunch time Footy match and a genuine excitement to have a table tennis table for after-hours friendly fun. It is great to be part of this vibrant team and I thank them all. In particular our office staff who transitioned so seamlessly and effortlessly to ICON. A huge thanks also to Ange for all her energy, positivity and amazing support in all our endeavours. As a staff they have responded to the call. As a staff they have responded with passion from the heart.

This year we have worked with students, staff and parents to develop a new Vision statement.

We plan to launch this vision next year as part of our tenth anniversary celebrations. We have been working on a video that will also be launched in 2020.

A vision inspires us to be more than we are today. We look forward to embracing the challenge of these words and working in partnership to make it lived in all aspects of the school.

As part of our School Improvement Plans we have worked on the five priorities identified in our 2017 review.

- Priority 1: Family Partnerships
- Priority 2: Catholic Identity
- Priority 3: Student Agency
- Priority 4: Designing for Learning
- Priority 5: Creating a Culture of Learning



We plan to continue to improve on these priorities next year and will also begin to prepare for our next school review in 2021.

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# From the Principal

Our student data continues to be strong and our recent NAPLAN results shows that are students grow and consolidate their learning as they move across the school. In particular the trend data of our students who move to secondary schools reveals that children from SFS go on to be high performing students with a growth or effect size that is often higher than the mean of other schools.

This year we enjoyed not one but two productions thanks to the great team of Kristy, Tammy and Rachel who wrote the plays. In addition Louise for all her work as our Visual Arts teacher this year. Our corridors and schools have been a blaze of colour with the creative art of our student's on display. Lulli also switched roles to become our PE teacher with Guillian taking care of the administration. We have had a well-coordinated sports program, a great community gathering for our Twilight Sports and more children who have participated at Regional levels in interschool sports. This year we introduced ELLA to our juniors learning Italian and it has been a great hit. Tammy continues to engage our students in critical and creative thinking as they engage in Digital Technology. Rachel joined our team in the Wellbeing/drama role. Rachel has helped to build student resilience in Specialists classes with a wellbeing focus. In addition we have formed a partnership with Wellsprings and have had many new activities offered to our families. A great hit has been the holiday excursions. In addition Maureen now offers chaplaincy support on two days. We had The Resilience Project to look at ways we can improve our mental health as a school and community. We hope to develop this further in 2020.

This year we celebrated Fr Des's 40 Anniversary since his ordination. A big thank you to Fr Des our Parish Priest and to Fr Dong. They have been an amazing support to our school and we are indeed blessed to be able to work with them to further enhance both the school and parish vision.

Family Partnerships is an important part of the foundation of this school. We are a great community and parents give so generously of their time to support the school. There are countless ways parents are involved with the school from those who mow the lawn to those who help with working bees, the parents who run fun lunches and those who sell icy-poles on a Friday, the parents who organise raffles, Mother's day stalls and Father's Day breakfasts, the parents who raise funds for the special extras to support the resourcing for programs and the ones who attend excursions or come to help in the Learning Spaces, the ones who do the shopping for the BBQ, cook the sausages or count the money for banking. Those that attend meetings like the Advisory Board, or are on the P&F executive or committee or attend the AGM. You are the fibre, the backbone of this school and each thing you do weaves strength, colour and texture to the magnificent tapestry at SFS. I thank each of you for all you do, the time you so generously give and the positive spirit you ignite. It is this positive spirit that fuels and spurs me and the staff to go the extra mile and it supports the learning of our extraordinary children at this school. We just could not do it without you.

Family partnership is vital but it is also an area for us to continue to work on. As a school we want to look at new pathways to move to family engagement in learning. We want to explore ways we can provide enhanced channels of communication for our ever busy lifestyles. We also want to continue to grow our local and global partnerships.

2020 is our tenth anniversary. We have a Bush dance planned for the 20 March from 6-9pm. We have a lot to celebrate and we look forward to continuing the strong partnership that works to enhance this school as an excellent place of learning. We have been called in 2019 and we have answered. Let us work as one united team in 2020 to thrive and flourish as we continue to grow as a Catholic school community in Lynbrook.

**O God, bless and unite all your people at SFS.  
Give us the grace to see your face in one another.  
Lead our school into a hope-filled future.**

**Best wishes to all our staff, children and families for a wonderful Christmas and a sensational New Year. Enjoy the time as family during this festive period and over the holidays.**

Christine White  
Principal



Merry Christmas to our sensational students.  
Congratulations on a great year of growth and learning.  
Best wishes for 2020.





# 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

2020	Saturday 18th January	9am—11am
	Sunday 2nd February	1pm—3pm
	Saturday 15th February	9am—11am

<b>MOWING ROSTER Team 4</b>	<b>Saturday 18th January</b>	<b>9 am—11am</b>
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		

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

<b>MOWING ROSTER Team 8</b>	<b>Saturday 15th February</b>	<b>9am—11am</b>
Chris Petereson	Royman Abraham	Michael Balzamo
Christopher Rozas	Huu Tri Nguyen	Hansel Gomes
Jose Reano	Glenn Braganza	Giovanni Agosta
Derin Davis	Binoy Kakkattil Paul	Harry Tang
Antony Jilju Kochuparackel	Jeeno P Palamittah	

## Education in faith

Encompassing: Prayer, Liturgy, Sacraments, Icons/Symbols

# Christmas Mass Times

Thursday 19th December	Reconciliation	7.30pm
Saturday 21st December	Mass at St Francis de Sales	5.30pm
	Mass at St Kevin's	7.00 pm
Sunday 22nd December	Mass at St Kevin's	9am 11am 7pm
Tuesday 24th December	Family Mass at St Kevin's	7pm
	Carols at 11.30pm followed by Midnight Mass	
Wednesday 25th December	Mass at St Kevin's	9am
	Mass at St Kevin's	11am
	No evening Mass	
Tuesday 31st December	Adoration	7.30pm
	Mass at St Kevin's	8.00pm
Wednesday, 1st January	Mass at St Kevin's	10am



# Action Teams

## 3/4 Pastoral Care Action Team – Mercy Place Aged Care Visit

As a part of our Action for this year, the 3/4 Pastoral Care Action Team visited Mercy Place Aged Care centre in Lynbrook on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Each student tastefully designed and created Christmas Cards to give to the residents. The residents were excited to receive the carefully hand crafted cards which the students handed out on behalf of our school.

They were teary eyed and thankful to receive the cards.

During Term 4 Action team sessions, the students practised four Carols which they sang joyously and entertained the elderly.

We would like to thank Kristy who accompanied us to the Nursing Home.

Rozeta Ambrose



## Social Justice

Mia cut her hair to raise money for B2Basics who support and feed the homeless and families in crisis and her hair was donated to the cancer council to be made into wigs. Mia raised \$350. Well done!



## Action Teams—Year 5 / 6 Social Justice Team—Mini Vinnies



## 2019 CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We would like to say a big thank you to the SFS School Community for all your support with the Christmas Appeal. We managed to collect 496 Hamper Items and 182 Christmas presents. What an amazing effort!!! Thank you!!

The final House Points for the Christmas Appeal are as follows:

Bosco	MacKillop	Teresa	Patrick
154	162	140	157

Well done to each of the Houses but **a big congratulations to MacKillop** for donating the most for the Christmas Appeal!!

### THE SFS COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD

This year we have introduced a new shield called the Community Spirit Award. This award is to encourage students to put their faith into action and assist others in need. Points have been allocated to the Houses for various social justice causes, such as MS Read-a-thon, Mission Month, Christmas Appeal amongst others, where we have asked students to donate in various forms for those less fortunate.

The total points for the Houses this year are:

4 <sup>th</sup>	Teresa	684
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bosco	720
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Patrick	758
1 <sup>st</sup>	MacKillop	790

Well done to MacKillop who are the winners of our Community Spirit Award for 2019! Congratulations!!! Now we look forward to next year. Who will win the shield in 2020?



Giuliana & Mini Vinnies Action Team

## ITALIAN 2019

### ELLA – EARLY LEARNING LANGUAGES AUSTRALIA F-2 PROGRAM

St Francis was selected to be one of 300 schools across Australia to participate in the Early Learning Languages Program for the next three years. Junior students have been engaged and eagerly participated in the first Year of the program.



## Juniors

During our Term 2 Inquiry unit on 'Conservation' the juniors had the opportunity to visit 'The Moonlight Sanctuary where they explored the different ways that we can look after our animals and the environment.



## Congratulations Tate and Keava

Congratulations to Tate for winning the Sporting Achievement Award and Keava for winning the School Sports Victoria Academic/Sport Achievement Award. Both Tate and Keava have consistently represented us not only at District Level for sports such as Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics but they have also represented us at Divisional Level and Regional Level. This has not been just this year, but throughout their Senior years at SFS. We will miss them next year but wish them all the best at Secondary School. Their Secondary Schools are very lucky to have them and we know that you will continue to shine in your sporting endeavours. Well done Keava and Tate!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff and parents for their support in the various sporting events throughout the year. These events would not be possible without your assistance. We would also like to thank Parents and Friends for their ongoing support with the various sporting events during the year. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy time with family and friends and we look forward to working with you again in 2020.



Giuliana & Lulli





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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**  
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 \$58 (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 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>BBQ and Play at Banjo Patterson Park</b>  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	<b>Ninja Warrior</b>  Will you be our best sports ninja for the day. Taekwondo, balance the beam, relay races, egg n spoon race, 3 legged races. Help us design your obstacle course.	<b>Ultimate Games Truck</b>  BYO Electronic games to play. Is back. Extra \$20	<b>pranzo con la pizza</b>  Pizza lunch from Zesty Joes, Leaning Tower of Pisa challenge. Can you imitate a DaVinci painting? Learn the game of Bocce Extra \$5	<b>Excursion to Reading Cinemas (Dandenong) via Train</b> Watch a kids movie while munching on popcorn and sipping a drink. Movie to be announced closer to the date. Extra \$20
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Wheels Day</b>  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	<b>Aussie Wildlife Encounter</b>  See some of Australia's Reptiles up and close with an introduction to Australian Native wildlife. Extra \$15	<b>Around Australia in a Day</b> 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. Extra \$25	<b>Sidetracked Excursion</b>  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	<b>Beach Day</b>  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. <b>Fish n Chips for lunch</b> Extra \$5
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January
<b>Australia Day</b> <b>Public Holiday</b>  <b>Australia Day</b>	<b>Last day of Vac Care</b> Enjoy a relaxing day with jewellery making, air clay construction, mosaic pictures, Hama beads and a movie to finish off the holidays.			



# Lunar Drive In

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