

# WEEKLY NEWS



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

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## FEBRUARY

Sun 2nd	Mowing Roster 1pm—3pm
Wed 5th	No school for Foundation students
Thu 6th	Parent Information Night—Reading 6.45pm Jnrs 7.40pm Snrs
Fri 7th	9am P & F Morning Tea and second hand uniform sales
Fri 7th	Opening School Year Mass LS3 @ 2pm
Fri 7th	Icy pole sales 50c at 1st lunch
10/11/12	Year 5 / 6 camp
Wed 12th	No school for Foundation students
Fri 14th	Icy pole sales 50c at 1st lunch
Sat 15th	Mowing Roster 9am—11am
Mon 17th	District Swimming
Wed 19th	No school for Foundation students
Wed 19th	6pm School Advisory Board 7.15pm P & F Assoc Meeting
Fri 21st	Icy pole sales 50c at 1st lunch
Fri 21st	9am P & F Morning Tea and sec- ond hand uniform sales
Wed 26th	Ash Wednesday
Wed 26th	No school for Foundation students

## MARCH

Thu 5th	Twilight Sports Night
Fri 6th	P & F Afternoon Tea and second hand uniform sales
Fri 6th	Inter-School Sports (Seniors)
Mon 9th	Public Holiday—No school today

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## Listen to what the Spirit is saying

## From the Principal

Dear Parents,

### Welcome to the 2020 School Year at St Francis de Sales.

2020 is an exciting year for St Francis de Sales as it is our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Let the celebrations begin!! The staff are looking forward to an exciting year with the students and our families as we celebrate the great learning place that we have and wonderful people who have helped shape and develop our school.

We welcome back our students and families. In particular we are really excited to welcome our Foundation students who commenced school this week. We did not have any tears from students and they all did very well settling into school life. The Proactivity team that ran fun team building activities on Thursday were amazed at the Foundation students following instructions and participating in all the activities. We thank our older students for being great role models.

Our year commences with SWELL Week activities as we get to know one another and revisit important things like our school values.

It is also a time when we discuss our school theme for the year. This year our theme is:

### Listen

*to what the Spirit is saying*

We reflect on this extra special time, the start of a new decade, our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and consider...

**What are we called to do differently???**

**How are we being called in 2020???**

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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

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control....If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. [Gal 5:22-26](#)

This year let us consider as a community and as individuals ways we can listen and act with compassion, kindness and understanding. We are called to be open to each other and listen with our hearts, listen with our ears and listen with our minds. We need to put aside our own agenda to understand the needs of the other. Together we can nourish and enjoy the gifts and fruits of the Spirit that can be realised by our action. We are called to live justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God.

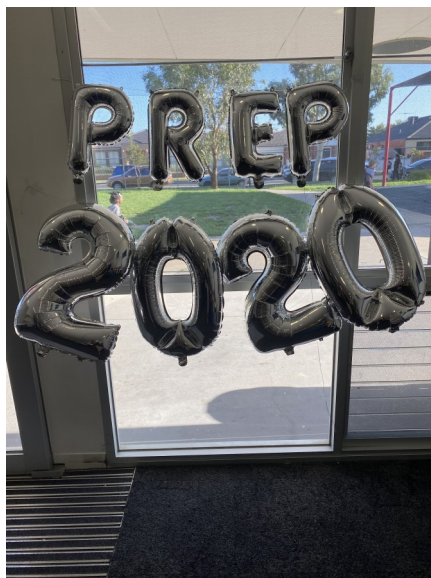
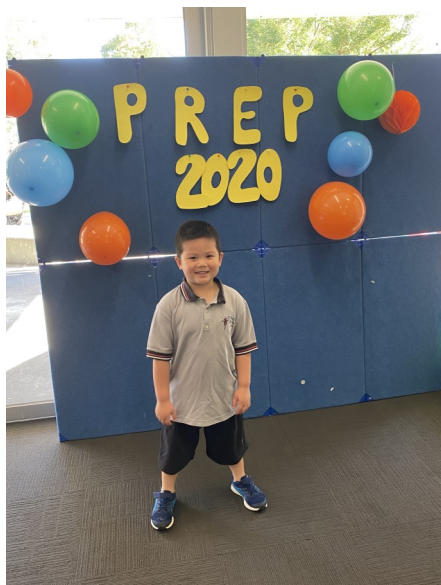
Let the celebrations indeed begin and let us work in unity to live our vision and values at St Francis de Sales so we are stronger and even more dynamic as a contemporary learning community.

This year we have also launched our new School Vision



Children from the different Learning Spaces have depicted these statements on colourful works of art on canvas. We look forward to sharing with our community ways we make our vision a reality in 2020.





## Cricket Pitch – Student Agency

Last year a number of senior students asked if it was possible for us to have a cricket pitch. This request was discussed by school staff and the wheels were set in motion. Quotes were obtained, the idea was discussed with Parent & Friends and different positions for the pitch were considered.

Our Parents & Friends wanted to support this idea and agreed to help partially fund this project. As a result over the summer holidays a cricket pitch was installed on the oval. The concrete was laid mid-January and then on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> the synthetic turf was positioned. This week we have had to wait for the surface to seal. Like the MCG we will use this space for Cricket and AFL footy. If the MCG can do this so can we at SFS! On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February the first ball will be bowled and maybe will be hit for a six!! We look forward to enjoying this new addition to our school for years to come.

### Parents on the ride on mower

will need to **mow around** the pitch and protect our new pitch.



### Flexibuzz password - sfscomm

Communication with parents will be mainly via email or through the FlexiBuzz App. The FlexiBuzz App provides us with the most immediate method of informing parents, so we encourage those who have not registered to do so. It is FREE !!! The App will allow you to access the weekly newsletter, notifications and you can use it to inform us of your child's absence from school.

## First Aid certified

On the first day back for our staff we all participated in the St John's Ambulance First Aid Program. We updated our knowledge and skills from DRSABCD which included CPR to bandages and dealing with choking and even snake bites. We had a two hour online study and test to do over the holidays and then spent four hours on Tuesday learning, practicing, being tested and are ready to implement the strategies taught to us. I am delighted to say we all passed with flying colours and all will receive our first aid certificate.



# Education in faith

Encompassing: Prayer, Liturgy, Sacraments, Icons/Symbols



**Listen**

*to what the Spirit is saying*

ST FRANCIS  
DE SALES  
LYNMBROOK

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## ***'Listen to what the Spirit is saying'***

*'If you have ears, listen to what the Spirit says to the church.*

*I will let everyone who wins the victory eat from the life-giving tree in God's wonderful garden'.*

Revelation 2:7 (CEV).

Welcome as we begin this new school year with a focus on entrusting to God all that we will do this year, and asking God to be with us through our shared journey. We recognise that we live through the grace and light of God in our lives. As we move through the Year of Matthew, we are invited to focus on 'Listening to what the Spirit is saying' and embracing what this looks like for us as a school community, deepening our understanding of how we grow in faith together.

Pope Francis tells us discernment is a gift and to call on the Holy Spirit for this gift: [He says:] 'It is a gift which we must implore. If we ask with confidence that the Holy Spirit grant us this gift, and then seek to develop it through prayer, reflection, reading and good counsel, then surely we will grow in this spiritual endowment.' As we continue to work together or begin to work together for the first time in a new context we give thanks to God for the coming year and the new beginnings that now await us.

God Bless!

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## **Opening School Mass**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February

LS3 at 2.00pm



*'The greatest good you can do for others is not just to share your riches but to reveal to them their own'.*

BENJAMIN DISRAELI

We look forward to seeing you all as we celebrate together in Prayer.

# Office News

## YEAR 5 / 6 CAMP FEES

\$350 per student.

We are still having ongoing issues with ICON and have not been able to send out an invoice for camp fees. You can pay via direct deposit into our school bank account making sure that you include as the Reference your Account No. and Surname.

<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>Team 2</b>	<b>Saturday, 15th February</b>	<b>9am—11am</b>
Chris Peterson	Royman Abraham	Michael Balzamo
Christopher Rozas	Huu Tri Nguyen	Hansel Gomes
Jose Reano	Giovanni Agosta	Derin Davis
Binoy Kakkattil Paul	Harry Tang	Antony Jilju Kochuparackel
Jeeno P Palamittah		



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE MOWING TEAM FOR THE 2020 / 2021 ROSTER  
LOOK OUT FOR THE REPLY SLIP THAT HAS BEEN SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD  
THIS WEEK.

FILL IT IN AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

BY JOINING THE MOWING TEAM  
YOU WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A  
REBATE/DISCOUNT OF \$250 OFF YOUR  
SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNT IF YOU ATTEND EITHER  
2 MOWING ROSTERS  
OR 2 WORKING BEES  
HELD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

## Office News

### **CSEF - Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund** **Do you have one of these cards?**

If you do, you may be eligible for \$125 for each of your children from the government to go towards your camp fees, swimming fees or excursion fees.

It's easy—just fill out the CSEF form available from the school office and present your current Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and we will do the rest for you. Applications should be completed and lodged with us as soon as possible in term 1.

This allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.



### **Sibling Enrolments for 2021**

**It is time for any family currently at the school with a child who will be turning five before the 30th April 2021 to collect an Application for Enrolment from the School Office.**

**Admission is not automatic, an application and interview are required.**

**Kindly collect an Application for Enrolment from the School Office.**

## Student Well-Being

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

## Swell Week

The first week back at school is **SWELL week**. The focus of the week is all about building relationships and celebrating our Saint—St Francis de Sales.

The children have spent time getting to know their teachers and students in their home group and learning space. They have developed a code of conduct to guide them on expectations and appropriate behaviour for school. They have learned more about our school values of belonging, perseverance, commitment, enthusiasm, respect, integrity, excellence, responsibility, love, care and compassion. The students have helped to create a canvas with a symbol representing a part of our new vision statement.

On Thursday we had a Proactivity Incursion and our children had fun participating in a variety of team building activities including Splashtastic, Fun and Fitness for the Juniors, Street dancing, karate, team building games such as the Earth ball and tug of war and Ninja warrior for the Seniors. We gathered together as a community for a prayer service around our values posts and shared our learning about our theme “Listen to what the Spirit is saying”, our new vision and the importance of building relationships. We look forward to a great year together.



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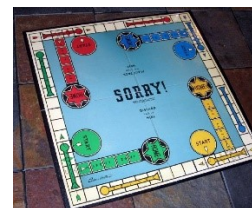
## Seasons for Growth

Seasons for Growth offers children and young people a safe space to come together, and share their experiences of change and loss. Loss at any time can be challenging. We recognise that when changes occur in families through separation, divorce, bereavement or other loss experiences, young people may benefit from learning how to make sense of these changes. To support our children and young people, we are offering an evidence-based education program called Season for Growth. Season for Growth is a small group program that supports children and young people to learn change is part of life, naming and caring for feelings, problem-solving, making good choices and developing support networks. The children will attend the weekly sessions of 40-45 minutes for eight weeks, concluding with a 'Celebration' session. Each child is given a journal to record their experience and learning during the program. If you think that your child would benefit from being a part of this program please email me [rlenko@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rlenko@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au) or speak to your child's home group teacher. The first Season's group will start during term 1.



### Lunchtime Social Skills Club

Students are welcome to come and join in the lunchtime games club on Tuesday, starting on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch break**. In term 1, we will play board games in the quiet area outside. This lunch time club gives children an option for something to do, particularly for those students who may find it difficult making friends or approaching children to play. All children are welcome to come along.



## Proactivity Incursion



# Parents and Friends Association

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## A warm welcome back from the PFA

The St Francis de Sales Parents & Friends Association (PFA) is an active part of our wonderful school community. The PFA host special events for our students throughout the year: fun lunches, raffles, sausage sizzles, discos and various other fantastic events! Our fundraising activities are used to directly benefit the students and the school community.

*Get involved!!*

The success of our events relies on the **support and participation** of parents, carers and the school community. You can **get involved** by joining the PFA committee, attending our monthly meetings or volunteering to be a parent helper. Working together allows us to foster a great school community spirit and the **students love seeing their parents/carers at school events**.

Our first event of the year will be Pancake Day in late February so stay tuned for more information!

## Parent Helpers

During the year, we will need the assistance of parent volunteers to help us run various events. We couldn't run PFA activities without your support. **Thank you in advance** for your help, donations and sharing your time with us.

## Working with Children Check

All parent helpers need to have a valid Working with Children Check. You can apply for this online:

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

It is free to apply as a volunteer. Please make sure the school office has a copy of your Working with Children Check.

## Icy Poles / Popcorn & Chips

Every Friday we sell either Icy Poles (terms 1 & 4) or Popcorn & Chips (terms 2 & 3). The cost is 50c per item. We need volunteers who are available between 10:55-11:25am to sell icy poles. Volunteers work on a roster system and we are very grateful for your time. If any parents are available on a Friday morning to assist, please see Natasha Pizzimento or email [sfspfa@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sfspfa@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au).

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## Fortnightly Morning & Afternoon Tea

The PFA will be hosting alternating morning teas (following morning gathering) and afternoon teas (from 2:45pm) on Fridays in the Community Room. Come join us for a coffee and a chat.



## Second Hand Uniforms

The PFA run a regular Second Hand Uniform Shop. These uniforms have kindly been donated by families who have moved away or when students have outgrown their uniforms. All items are \$5. Dates will be listed in the newsletter throughout the year.

**Please donate uniform!** If you can donate uniform in good condition to the school, we would be very grateful as the funds raised go directly back into the school community. Donations of laundered uniform can be made at the school office.

## The 2020 PFA Committee

President: Elena Senise

Vice-President: Courtney Thursfield

Secretaries: Raquel Netto and Lourdes Iape

Treasurer: Shivanthi Perera and Maree Admiraal

General members: Natasha Pizzimento, Jennis Kumar, Harpreet Kaur, Kirei Reed, Angela Lehmann, Ruchira Devadoss, Mercy Arokiasekar and Bruntha Gobinath.



We thank the members of the PFA Committee for volunteering their time and talents so that we can enrich the school experience of every SFS student.

If you'd like to get in touch with the PFA, you can email us at [sfspfa@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sfspfa@sfslynbrook.catholic.edu.au) or join us at our monthly meetings which are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7.15pm in the Community Room.

**New members are welcome!!**

**You are warmly invited to join the 2020 P&F Committee.**

**This is your opportunity to make a positive difference at our school!**



19 February – PFA Meeting at 7:15pm (Community Room)

21 February – Morning Tea & Second Hand Uniform Shop

25 February – Pancake Day

Every Friday – Icy Poles for sale at 1st lunch



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Thursday 20 February 9.15am

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