

WEEKLY NEWS



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AS ONE IN FAITH WE LEARN AND GROW

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MARCH

Sat 28th	Mowing Roster—Team B 1pm
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APRIL

Sun 5th	Palm Sunday
Fri 10th	Good Friday
Sun 12th	Easter Sunday
Mon 13th	Easter Monday—no school today
Tue 14th	Staff Planning Day
Wed 15th	Start of Term 2
Sun 19th	Mowing Roster—Team D 1pm



10th Anniversary Celebrations:

We have postponed the following events:

Blackberry Jam Incursion for students will now be held on Friday, 13th November, 2020

10th Anniversary Bush Dance will now be held on Friday, 20th November, 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying

From the Principal

We Will Prevail

In times of crisis, those we lead need reassurance. They need hope. They need a belief that together we will all prevail. In times of constant change, leaders must be flexible. We currently see this every single day.

In the morning, there is one major problem, and before lunch, a completely different one that needs our full attention and at night the landscape can alter significantly. Some might claim leaders need to multi-task, but we know giving half our attention to a significant problem will never resolve it.

When Winston Churchill became Prime Minister of Great Britain before the start of WWII, many questioned his judgment and leadership. Mostly because Churchill was able to see into the future, he was able to make an unpopular statement that went against most Brit's beliefs, including those in his political party. That moral courage is why Churchill remains a significant example of leadership today.

Another pivotal skill Churchill possessed was he could spend time on one thing, and then entirely shift his focus onto a more pressing matter. During a time of crisis, everyone and everything mattered.

This last week and especially this last week end has seen us having to comprehend the unimaginable and respond. Make a plan and wake up to media reports that lead the way to significant change to how we have finished this week. It has required resilience, flexibility and agility to respond to the needs of our country, our school/work, our family and our own needs.

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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

Now is the time to be able to shift focus quickly but also be able to communicate with one another clearly and concisely. Communication is everything; how we handle those we lead from different locations will require us to shift our focus and not get flustered. We must over-communicate during times of great duress. It's part of our job and it's needed now more than ever.

In times of crisis, those we lead need reassurance. They need hope. They need a belief that together we will all prevail. How we communicate those beliefs is more important than any task we take on.

As Churchill said:

Together we will prevail.

Plans for Term 2

We understand that this has been a difficult week for our school community, our staff and students. I want to assure you that as a school community we will walk this path together. We are to ensure if students' learning from home or at school next term we will provide the best learning opportunities for your child. I am proud of our staff and the way they have set to work to cope with these changes.

We will need to rely on the NBN and at times things may not work as smoothly as we like. So it will take understanding and we will learn together, refine and improve our digital technology skills as a result.

Remote Learning Parent/caregiver Guidelines

The clear goal for remote learning is to reflect the students' experiences on a typical day at School as much as is possible: to interact, to connect in a different way with peers and teachers, to participate in authentic learning tasks, to develop agency and demonstrate mastery. We will continue to deliver the academic program with lessons being delivered by teachers during your child's scheduled class time from 8:30 to 3:20pm. Teachers will use Google Drive, Google Meet and email. Teachers will be online working with various groups and providing feedback and support for the children.

Teachers will upload all learning materials and content to Google Classrooms. Some children especially our young ones will need some support to join their classroom/clinic or home group. Students will be directed as to expectations regarding work and task completion. Teachers will monitor students to ensure they are visibly engaging in their online class from both an academic and a wellbeing perspective.

The Google Meet sessions are teaching sessions for students. Parents are asked not to interrupt this valuable teacher/student learning time. Over the week children will have a Google Meet/focus group session for at least one but likely more than one Reading, Writing and Numeracy session. Parents will be able to see the timetable each morning and if the schedule at home permits ensure each child can join a real time session with their teacher once each day. Children will not be doing everything on the screen as we understand devices may be shared with siblings and adults. However the work will be available for children to work on when time permits.

What will a remote learning school day look like?

All students are expected to be working the usual school day hours. For this purpose, we require all students to access the Google Classroom by 8.30am. This will provide students with information which they require for the day and session. Student attendance online will be recorded, unless a teacher is absent due to illness.

Please note that teachers will be available during scheduled class time to work with students between 8.30am to 3.20pm. Should a parent/caregiver wish to contact a teacher, our usual protocols will apply. It would not be appropriate for a parent/caregiver to engage a teacher during class delivery

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From the Principal

What can parents/caregivers do to support their child?

Assist your child to create a structure in their day – they are not on holidays. Children need to dress appropriately for learning. Students need to establish a daily routine and to take breaks regularly like they would at school. They are required to check in with their teachers as per their timetabled lessons each day.

Students are recommended to create a designated learning location that is comfortable and well lit. They should use a chair and a table and have all their required materials ready. Remember to choose a location that is suitable to be seen by their peers and teachers if they are using video conferencing.

Supporting your child's wellbeing

Your Child's wellbeing continues to be paramount for us during the time that they are undertaking remote learning. In addition to the learning opportunities we intend to also have our wellbeing team along with Angela and Christine available to support staff, students and parents. Please just email Angela or Christine if you have a need. Teachers can also be emailed if you have a question and they will respond as well. Our School Wellbeing Team will be available remotely to support your child.

Daily, we shall be in contact with our students via Google Classroom on which we shall be posting a number of items, including daily Prayer. Homeroom Teachers will check in- they will be endeavouring to care pastorally for our students even via the remote setting.

Child Safety and Online Learning

At St Francis de Sales, we promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children. Safety while on-line is a key priority. A reminder that computers and other electronic resources must be used in accordance with our School Policies. The St Francis de Sales Student Code of Conduct and St Francis de Sales Acceptable Use Agreement applies in all cases of online learning. Students must not use ICT in a manner that brings the School into disrepute. Students, for instance, are not permitted to record any lessons or conferences that may take place, without the express permission of their Home Group teacher. In a circumstance where a student feels unsafe in an online learning environment, they should contact their Home Group Teacher to raise any concerns. Another avenue exists through the eSafety Commissioner. This website provides information for parents/families about child safety best practice online, including:

- * supervising young people using technology

- * privacy for young people in the online world

Further instruction about the Remote Learning Program will be sent to each Home group or Learning Space via FlexiBuzz by Thursday. All juniors have been enrolled into their classes online but seniors who were not present this week at school will need to join the Google Class they are allotted to over the holidays. Children also need to collect their pencil case, a new workbook and for seniors only their goal folder from the front office by 4pm Wednesday 25th March.

At this stage the plan is to move to remote learning on Wednesday 15th April, if schools are required to stay closed. We will inform you closer to the start date for Term 2 and provide you with the latest Government and Catholic Education decision regarding the start of Term 2.

Again I appreciate your understanding and support. We wish you a very Happy Easter and most of all that you stay safe and well till we are back to school.

Christine White
Principal

From the Principal

We Hold a Treasure

"But we hold this treasure in pots of earthenware, so that the immensity of the power is God's and not our own. We are subjected to every kind of hardship, but never distressed; we see no way out but we never despair; we are pursued but never cut off; knocked down, but still have some life in us; always we carry with us in our body the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus, too, may be visible in our body." (2 Corinthians 4, 7-10)

Suspension of Public Masses: Effective 18th March 2020

The Bishops of Victoria have written an update regarding COVID-19. Of note is the immediate suspension of public Masses. This will be a difficult moment, and every encouragement is offered as clergy and parish staff seek to explain sensitively to our people the reasons why Mass will not be offered as a public celebration.

Mass Times at St Kevin's Parish Hampton Park



Sunday Masses are available to view on-demand and selected liturgical celebrations will be live-streamed.

Please view our YouTube channel and subscribe (St Kevin's Parish, Hampton Park) if you'd like to be notified when new broadcasts become available.

Fr Des and the Parish Pastoral Council have commenced recording Masses that can be viewed at home. This is one great way we can stay connected as a local Catholic Church community during this difficult time.

Holy Week at SFS

Despite the changes in plans over the past week we still gathered in small groups with social distancing to remember and prepare for Holy Week.

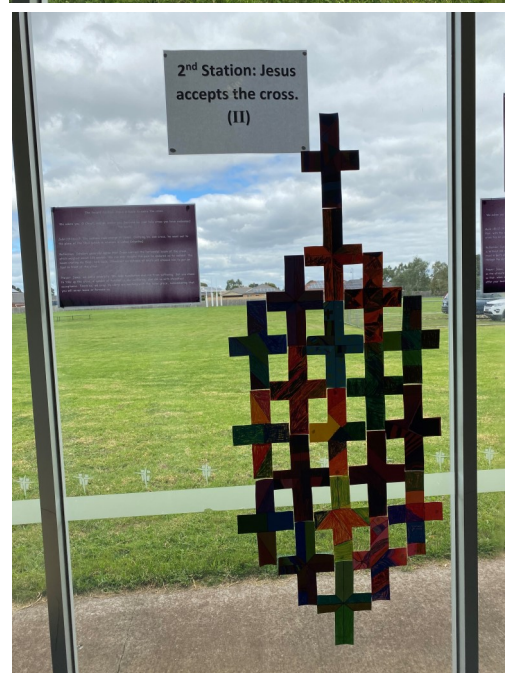
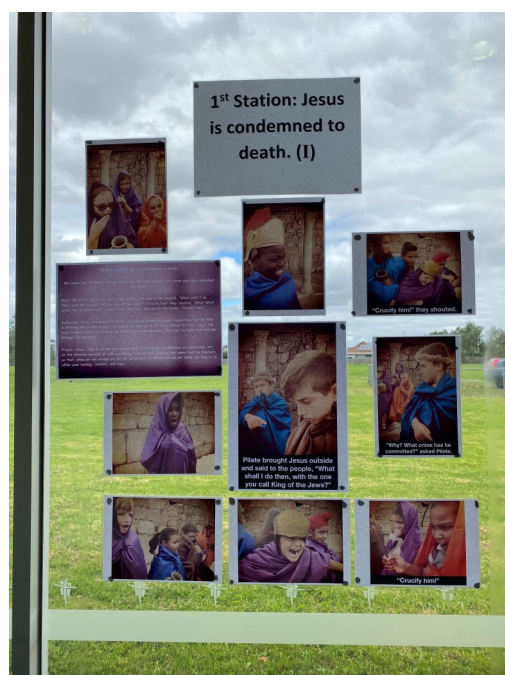
Last week Seniors in LS2 lead a great Palm Sunday prayer outside. Home groups prayed and recounted the last Supper and all Home Groups contributed to beautiful art depicting each Station of the Cross.

A BIG thanks to our teachers and students for the prayerful gatherings that prompted our reflection and prayer.

Christine White
Principal



From the Principal







Office News



The Maintenance Levy of \$250 per family is rebateable to families who attend 2 Mowing Roster dates. OR who attend 2 full major Working Bees.

Attendees must sign the attendance sheet on the day so that your attendance is recorded.

Brad Jackson— 0400 410 289

2020 — 2021 MOWING ROSTER

Team B	Saturday, March 28th	1pm - 3pm
Trevor Walter	Trevor White	Tristan Patton
Roger Allen	Hardik Bhatt	Ryan Cole
Gavin Michel	Chanditha Kalinga Mudalige	Shimi George
Botros Meina	Adrian Sutantio	

2020 — 2021 MOWING ROSTER

Team D	Sunday, April 19th	1pm—3pm
Joyson Jose	Sharon Perera	Marcus Roberts
Anthony Leveque	Laszlo Forgacs	Ajay Pal Singh
Thomas Antony	Ivan Samusenko	Janath Nissanka
Stiven Antic	Mahesh Balakrishnan	

Working Bee # 1

Saturday, May 23rd

9am—12 noon

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Team E	Saturday, May 30th	9am—11am
Sanal Elembilan	Christopher Rozas	Hansel Gomes
Bill Seremetis	Helen Chong	Andrew Paydon
Deepak Khatter	Jose Reano	Satbir Singh
Harry Tang	Michael Levy	Leang Eng Orn

Office News

Current Year 5 families—please note

If you wish your child to attend a Catholic Secondary school for Year 7 in 2022, you need to contact the relevant secondary schools for an Application Form and to find out when they will be holding their Open Days and School Tours.

St John's Regional College Open Mornings 2020

Thursday, 14th May, Thursday, 25th June

9.15am

Www.trybooking.com/BALBU

to book tickets

5—11 Caroline Street, Dandenong
8793 2000 www.sjrc.vic.edu.au

Mazenod College Open Mornings

Tuesday, 19th May,
Tuesday 21st July,
Tuesday 20th October

9.30am 10.00am 10.30am

No Booking required—just turn up

Applications close Friday 21.08.2020



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.

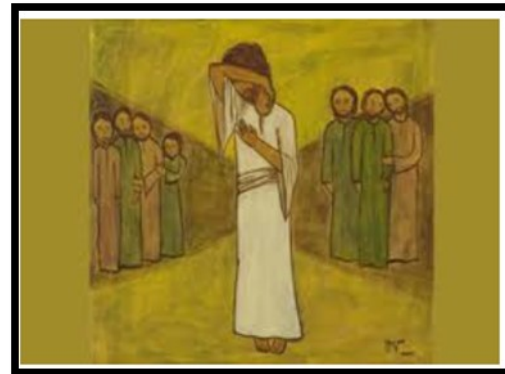
This allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

Education in faith

Encompassing: Prayer, Liturgy, Sacraments, Icons/Symbols

'I am the resurrection and the life'

John 11: 1–45



In this Gospel, John tells the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. The story is significant because it is likely that his action was his last miracle before Jesus began the journey toward his own death. Jesus was called to Bethany to save his friend, but instead waited several days to return. This action confused Lazarus' sisters, Mary and Martha, because they knew that Jesus could have healed their brother. Jesus used the incident to strengthen the faith of Mary, Martha, and all who believed. He made sure that Lazarus was raised from death so that the people could witness God's glory.

The healing power of Jesus brings new life to all of us. Are there some things in our lives that cause us to die to others? Perhaps we are impatient, ungrateful, critical, or quick to anger. Maybe we're proud, boastful, or envious. Jesus promises us new life if we trust in him and allow our actions to follow his ways.

If there are members of your extended family who have died, share with one another what this passage might mean for them. What hope does the reading give us for ourselves and for our loved ones? How does new life that we can see at this time help us know what Jesus promised? As you did last week, bring some symbols of God's promise to your prayer table.

Grace and blessings as you enjoy the next couple of week's with your children! Let us keep before us all the people in our world who are struggling at the moment. We remind ourselves of the healing power of Jesus as he brings new life to all of us.

Your friend in Christ,

Elisabetta Micallef
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*"Compassion is the wish to
see others free from
suffering."*

Dalai Lama

Sacramental News

Reconciliation Family Workshop	postponed	-	New dates to be advised
Reconciliation Sacrament	postponed	-	New dates to be advised



We proclaim a crucified Christ
(Cor 1:23)

Monday 23 March 2020

Dear Parents, Carers, and Staff,

My prayerful greetings to you all in this Lenten season.

We are now moving to an early Term break and preparations for Easter celebrations. What normally would be a time of anticipation and excitement, perhaps of travel and family celebrations, may now be a time of 'uncomfortable uncertainty' for you.

These days are worrying for us as adults, and must be deeply unsettling for your children as their routines, extra curricula activities, play dates, and planned activities change daily, and are abandoned. I cannot step into your shoes and truly know all the many difficulties this time is presenting to you, for your families, and especially for grandparents and older loved ones. Please know you are held close in my personal prayer.

For myself, I cannot recall a time when our whole culture and way of life has been called to stop and think about who we will be spending time with, who we are to one another, and what important aspects of our lives that we must put on hold. Particularly devastating is the suspension of our public gathering as a people of God.

As we take stock of what we need to do, I ask that we all might look to this time to find opportunities to be creative and innovative as Christians - to rediscover a new rhythm to our family lives, and to find the true heart of our domestic Church. A domestic Church that experiences communion with each other and offers a shared worship of a life lived in faith, hope and charity.

I encourage you to visit websites such as our Catholic Education Melbourne (<https://www.cem.edu.au/>) and the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (<https://www.cam.org.au/>) among others - not only for the latest updates in our faith communities, but for a variety of resources that might bring new life and joy to you in Christ who lives among you.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne



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GRADE 5/6 SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM MINI VINNIES

The Houses have continued to donate money for Project Compassion and this was our last week.

Mini Vinnies again gave up some of their time during 2nd lunch on Tuesday to collect and count the money in the Project Compassion boxes for each House and also then to count coins into bags ready to take to St Kevin's Parish who will then forward it on to Caritas Australia.

The results for Project Compassion are:

Patrick	\$ 116.00
Bosco	\$ 63.80
MacKillop	\$ 78.65
Teresa	\$ 43.45

The grand total collected by SFS is \$ 301.90!! Well done SFS!!!

We congratulate our winning team Patrick!!

They are definitely on a roll this year after winning both the Sports Shield and the House Spirit Shield at Twilight Sports.

Once again I would like to thank the Mini Vinnies for all their hard work and commitment and giving up their lunchtime!!

Giuliana



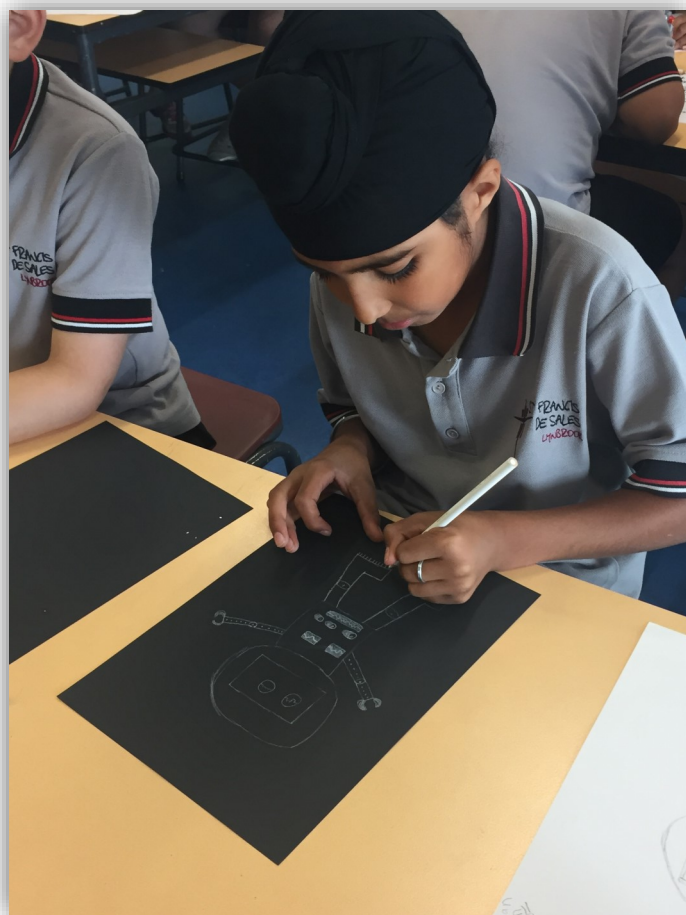
Term 1 Art



Juniors

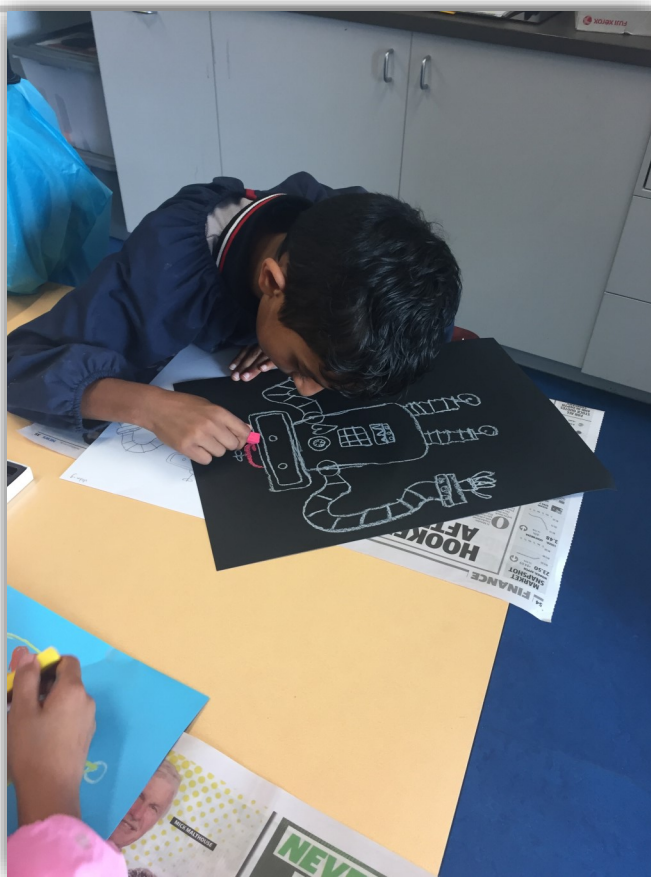
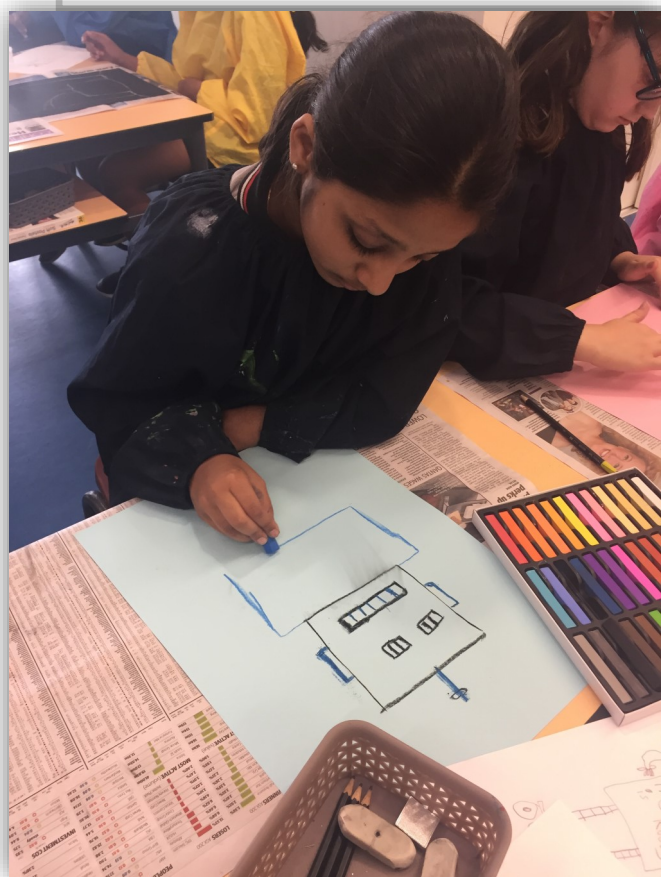
This term the Juniors have been exploring texture and shape. They have been practising their cutting skills by cutting different shapes to form a robot. This week they worked on using textured metallic papers to create their Art Show piece. They are looking FABULOUS!





Seniors

The Seniors have been working on their drawing skills and each group is using a different drawing medium to create a drawing of a robot for the Art Show. It was amazing to see how focus the students were in creating their art and you will be AMAZED at their art work.



Learning and Teaching

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



CROSS COUNTRY / FUN RUN

What a pity our Cross Country / Fun Run was cancelled after much rescheduling. However we hope to set another day once things have calmed down and we are back to normal.

Inter-school Sports has also currently ceased and we hope to have news further down the track.

We wish everyone a safe holiday. Please try to adhere to the social distancing rules for your own safety and the safety of all our community.

We look forward to seeing you safe in Term 2.

Giuliana & Lulli



St John's

REGIONAL COLLEGE

The Staff of St John's Regional College would like to express our appreciation for the way you have prepared your students for their secondary schooling. They have quickly found their feet and are tackling the challenges of secondary schooling with great energy and enthusiasm.



We are delighted to have them as part of our community and pass on our thanks for the important role you play as our partners in their successful transition to High School.

Mr Tim Hogan
Principal