

WEEKLY NEWS



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AS ONE IN FAITH WE LEARN AND GROW

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April

Sun 19th	Mowing Roster—Team D 1pm—3pm
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Sat 25th	Anzac Day Public Holiday
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May

Sat 23rd	Working Bee # 1 9am—12 noon
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Listen to what the Spirit is saying

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 2

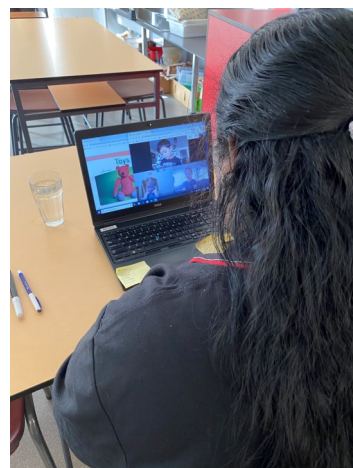
Starting back for Term 2, 2020 never looked more different!! We could never ever have foreseen that we would have the vast majority of our students remote learning from home. Our teachers would be at home as well, most of them. We could never have dreamed that many of us would in fact work from home. How different was Easter this year? So sad to be social distancing from our loved ones. Then also so devastating to see the effects of Covid-19 across the world!! It certainly is a different world we are all living in at the moment. In fact we are living through a moment in time, that will be talked about in history. How countries, companies, schools and individuals managed this time will be the source of great discussion in years to come.

This is a difficult time and the stress levels are high as we all juggle this new life. None of us have ever done this before. So patience and kindness is vital as we come to grips with our changing world. We need to allow the space for learning, which means allowing a safe and understanding space that mistakes will occur. A space that enables us to grow and develop as never before. Navigating change and disruptions is a massive deal for all of us as we long for normality and our familiar routines and life to return.

This term, we are all going through incredible adjustments with children at home, remote learning. Our teachers have made a massive change in the ways we are delivering the curriculum. The digital technology skills to do this has been dramatic. The hours of preparation first to think of the way to best deliver it, have the skills and confidence and then to execute the plan is incredible. This as you know is not the same as face to face teaching. There are many variables to consider. It is not perfect and a work in progress. We will make mistakes and we will learn and adjust to get better at this new challenge.

We totally understand that this time is not easy for parents. We know that you are juggling many things to manage your family life and work life. You may be video conferencing or need to meet deadlines while your child is asking questions of you. They may be more demanding and not as accepting of your help because they see you as their parents - mum, dad and not their teacher.

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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

You may be thinking I do not know how to explain this and patience and frustrations may have you on edge. We know and understand and our teachers face this too as they also juggle their own children's remote learning while they remote learn with your children. It is difficult and we like you want the children back at school as soon as it is safe for us to do so.

In the meanwhile we are in this together. We believe that many things went well in the first week. For one, our system did not collapse!! Looking at the children onsite we can see the growth in technical skills even from Foundation students developing confidence to navigate the tasks and learning space online. However we will be making things easier from our learning as well. The staff will simplify the task with less text and will now use the video to communicate the learning and task. So juniors will generally see simple steps like: Watch the video and complete the task. We will improve consistency across the day and across the school as we evaluate what worked best in the last three days.

It is important for parents to know that they may use the resources in Google classroom as presented following the timetable. This allows teachers to answer questions and monitor online in real time. Some are trailing Google Meets open for questions and clarification. However if this does not suit your family you can change when your child does the work. You may prefer to work later in the afternoon when you can see all the work and have time after your own work to help your child if they require support. You may work one day later and do the previous day's work as you prefer to know what it is and explain it to your child in the morning and then set them off for the day. Use the resources in the way that best works for your family. If something is difficult, please let the teacher know. We will look at ways we can adjust and refine the task for your child or for all children. Try to have your child join the Google Meet for a clinic if you can. They love the connection with friends and so does the teacher.

We are all learning and adapting on the fly!!

So this week it was lovely to receive emails thanking our teachers for their efforts.

"I just wanted to reach out and say thank you for all of your hard work in getting our remote learning set up. The hours upon hours of work you have done over the past few weeks have been so truly appreciated."

"Yesterday we began our journey and despite some small hiccups along the way the daunting process was easily navigated. Today was even better!"

"Thank you - you guys are amazing and I cannot think of a better team to have gone through this crazy process with!"

"Firstly a big thank you to you and all of X's teachers for the outstanding work that you have all done getting everything ready for today and the successful move to online learning, despite daily changing goalposts and unknown factors which change every day/hour. You guys are amazing."

"X has been eager for the past few days, waiting to login this morning and has been completely engaged all day. Thank you."

"I just wanted to say thank you to you and your staff for doing an amazing job with the online learning. Yes, we had to help the kids a bit yesterday, but I can see how it will get easier everyday for them to navigate. (And us parents!)"

"You have all done an incredible job preparing for this and I'm so happy for my children's learning to be able to continue as close to normal as possible."

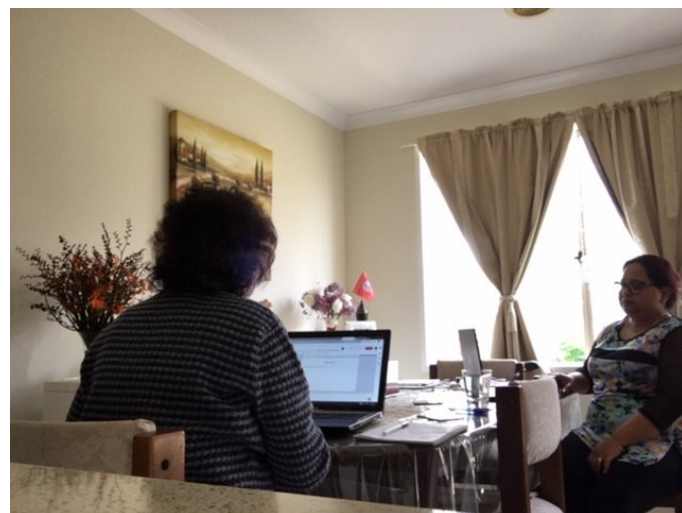
Then there was also the thanks from the Prime Minister Scott Morrison for teachers.

"I want teachers to know from me, both as a parent and as a prime minister, just how appreciated you are and how important the job is that you're doing right now and how much you are needed," he said.

So thanks for the positive feedback and appreciation for what we are doing for your children. We have an incredible staff team and they are passionate to ensure that despite the challenges we want the best for each child. We will do our best to ensure their continued learning during this pandemic.

Christine White
Principal

From the Principal



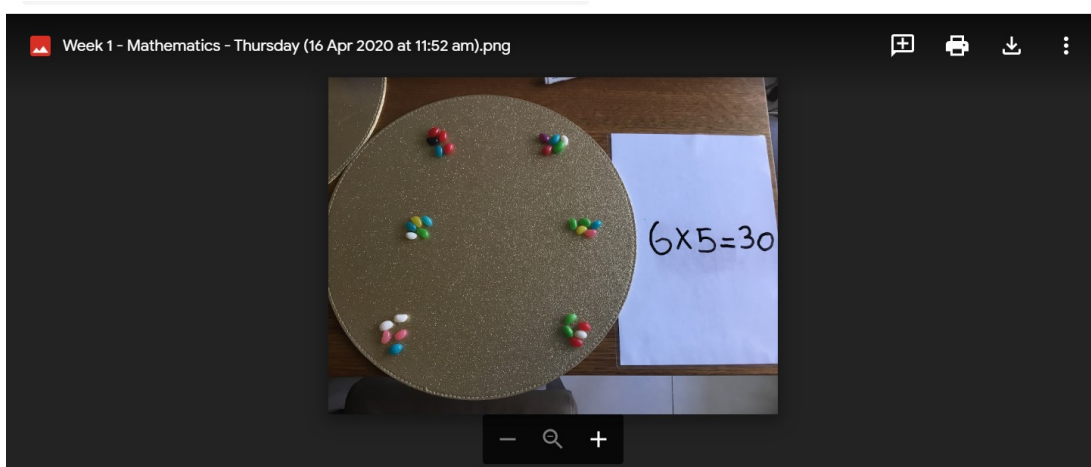
Anthony uses one laptop screen for help support and one for remote task management.



Maths Clinic - Juniors

12 x 8 = 96

I made twelve rows of eight rocks

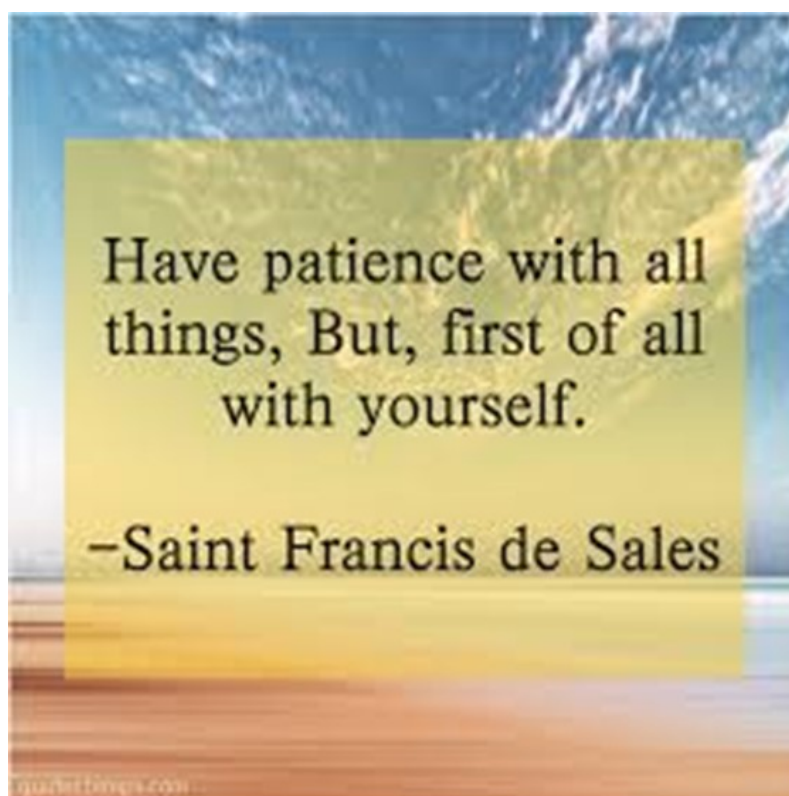
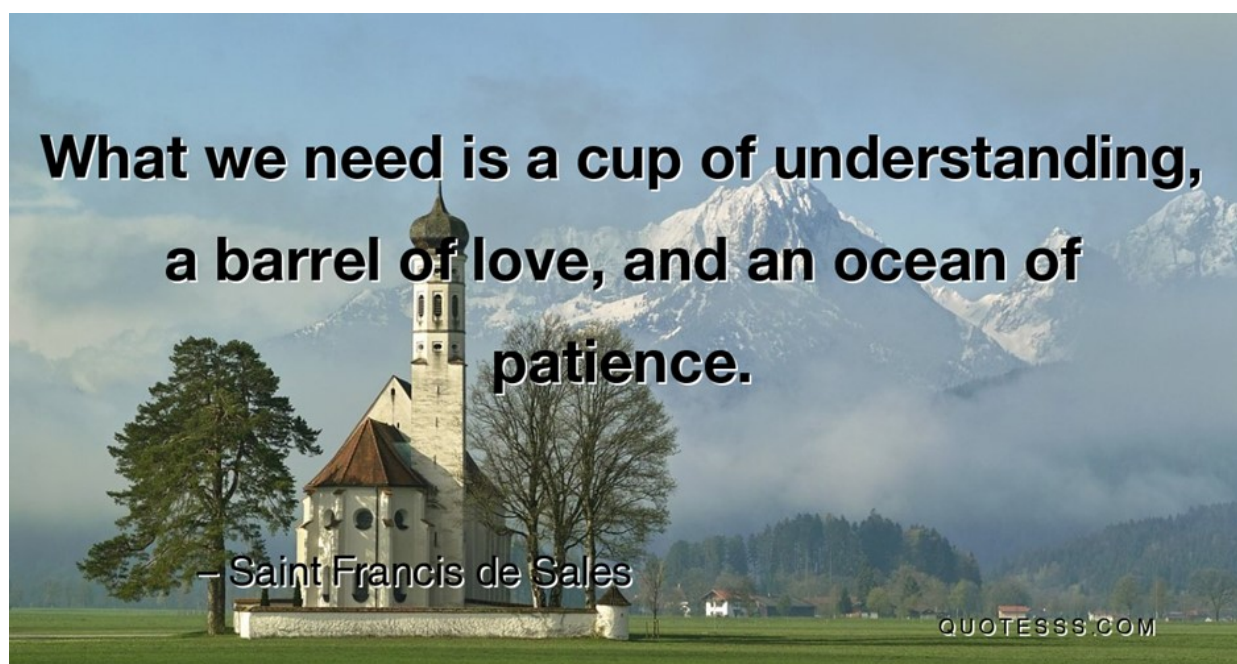


Solve the multiplication problem 8×2 by making equal groups



From the Principal

Finally some words of wisdom for all of us from our saint St Francis de Sales.



Please email me any feedback, as we will take it on board and we would love some wow moments/photos of your child learning that we can include in our newsletter.

Christine White
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

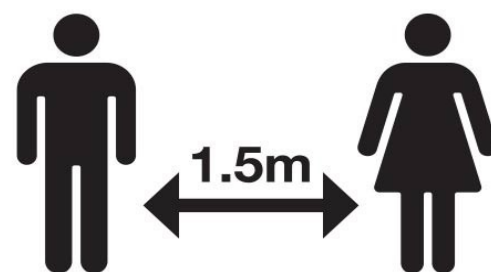
2020 — 2021 MOWING ROSTER

Team 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



**KEEP YOUR
DISTANCE**



**HELP PREVENT
THE SPREAD**

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2020 — 2021 MOWING ROSTER

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.



Learning and Teaching

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

Week 1 Senior Music - Chrome Music Lab

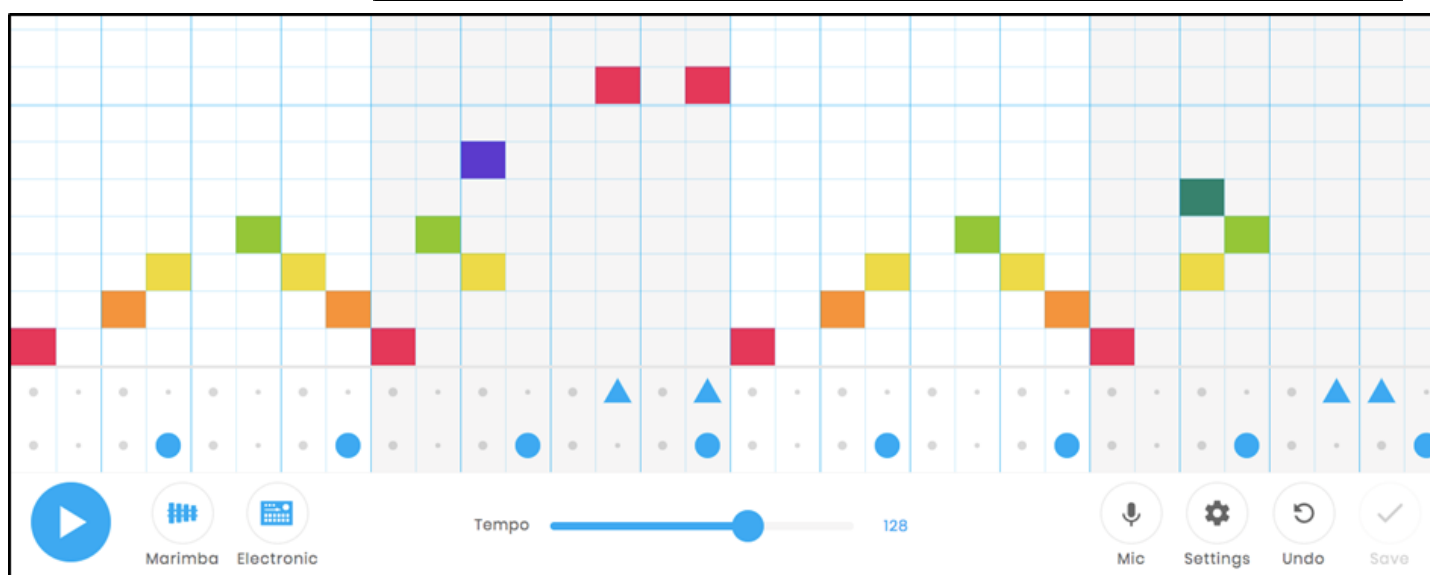
This week, the Seniors explored Chrome Music Lab online. It is a website that makes learning music more accessible through fun, hands-on experiments. The app that we focused on this week is called 'Song Maker'.

To make a song, students added notes by clicking the grid. When the grid was selected, a colour was associated with a pitch and students could create images through sound. Some people actually have the ability to see colour while listening to different pitch or music - it is called **Synesthesia**. Eventually, I will print screen these compositions and this will be used for the Art Show later on in the year.

Students were able to share their compositions by pasting a link onto the Stream page of the 2020 Music Google Classroom. They were able to listen to other student's compositions and provide feedback.

Next lesson, we will be looking at a loop-based compositional educational program called 'Sound Trap'.

Kristy Galea
Music Teacher



Art At Home

Well done to all those Junior students and their families who helped with creating their Easter Bunnies.

I loved getting your art as it was like having lots of little surprises throughout the day.

A special shout out goes to the parents who helped getting the images uploaded. I really appreciate your support. Most of the art tasks online should require little equipment; mainly grey leads, coloured pencils, textas, glue sticks and scissors.

Louise—Art Teacher



Kingston—IL



Sophia—RJ



Abby—EM



Zoe—IH



Alex—RJ

College Tours



Year 7 – 2022 (Grade 5 in 2020)
Applications Close – Friday 21st August 2020

**Tuesday 19th
May 2020**

**Tuesday 21st
July 2020**

**Tuesday 20th
October 2020**

Tours depart:
9.30am, 10.00am
and 10.30am.

No booking
required.



**MAZENOD
COLLEGE**

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15th April 2020

Dear School Community,

An update regarding the current status of our retail stores.

Our retail stores have reopened with reduced trading hours. Please refer to our Google listings by searching for your Beleza store location, for example "Beleza Store Hallam", for the most up to date times or by calling our head office on (03) 9702 3218.

We will be operating a limited contact, full-service operation for the time being, to align with social distancing rules and to ensure the safety of everyone. We appreciate that this will mean a very different in-store experience than normal with us, so please bear with us as we operate with these new procedures. These processes may be changed from time to time, as we are continually reviewing how we operate to ensure that we are doing everything we can to keep everyone safe whilst providing students the uniforms that may be needed.

We have extended our 50% off the cost of shipping in Victoria offer, which will be automatically applied at checkout for all orders placed on our online store at: <https://store.beleza.com.au>

We hope that everyone continues to stay healthy and safe whilst we work through this together. Thank you for your ongoing support of our business and the changes we are making to keep everyone safe.

Your Beleza School Uniforms Team