

JUNIOR NEWS

Term 1 2022

AS ONE IN FAITH WE LEARN AND GROW

Dear Junior Families,

Welcome back to an exciting year and especially welcome to all the new families joining our SFS community. We hope that you enjoyed the Summer holidays with family and friends in the sunshine!

This term has started with our Student Wellbeing Week which gave students the opportunity to get to know their home group teachers and other students in their Learning Space. Throughout the week they participated in a 'Circus' incursion, where students participated in a variety of activities which incorporated challenges and sharing. Students enjoyed building and strengthening relationships with their peers.

We would like to give a warm welcome to the new Foundation students beginning their first year of school. We know that this is an experience filled with a variety of emotions and we are so excited to guide them along their Primary School journey.

We welcome Meg, Amy and Claire who have joined the Junior Team this term! We are sure you have all made them feel very welcome!

We can't wait to dive into a busy Term 1 full of learning and growing together. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to your child's home group teacher.

We look forward to sharing a wonderful year with you all.

The Junior Team.

School Community/ Parent School Partnerships

JUNIOR SPORTS

SPORTING SCHOOLS FUNDING

We have been lucky enough to receive Sporting Schools Funding again for the Juniors this term. We have booked in golf for later in Term 1. Parents will be provided with further information closer to the date via the newsletter and Operoo.

SFS SPORTS NIGHT

We are looking forward to our SFS Sports Night that will hopefully take place on Thursday March 10th. Please put this date in your diary and keep it free. WHICH House will win this year???

SFS CROSS COUNTRY

On the last day of term, the students will be involved in our Cross Country. Once again this is a House competition. Who will win this year??

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Education in Faith/Inquiry Concept: Connections

Concept Question: 'How do our senses help us to learn about the world around us?'

This term the Juniors will explore the concept of **'Connections'**.

Through guided investigations, students will be learning and investigating the Science Domain which will focus on:

- how objects move depending on a variety of factors, including their size and shape.
- how light and sound are produced and sensed.
- how an object moves or changes shape due to being pushed or pulled.

Students will explore the relationship between Jesus, God and us as Christians and will focus on:

- how they feel connected to their family and Jesus family.
- how they feel connected to God.
- how they allow time for prayer in their lives.

Student Wellbeing

The St Francis de Sales values, coupled with our Christian values, provide a strong foundation for the way that we interact with each other in our school community.

This term we will have a particular focus on the values of: **'Care and Compassion, Enthusiasm and Commitment'**.

These values will be discussed throughout the term in Morning Gathering and then further explored by each Learning Space during Circle Time.

They are also embedded in our Inquiry/Religious Education concept **'Connections'**.

LITERACY

Reading

During Term 1, students will be exposed targeted strategies to suit their current level of reading skills.

We will be exploring the comprehension strategies:

- Visualising
- Making Connections

Writing

Genre: Recount and Narrative.

Students will explore the structure of the different genres.

Narrative — texts that entertain and have a clear structure of an orientation, complication and resolution.

Recount — texts that tell someone about something; give an account of an event or experience.

Literacy Testing

Literacy testing for Foundation, Grade 1 and 2 students will occur in February. The information gathered will help us to target student learning and cater for their individual needs.

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NUMERACY

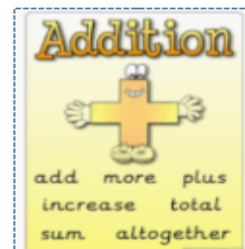
Number and Algebra – Place Value, Counting, Addition and Subtraction.

Students will be exploring how to...

- Name, sequence and connect numbers to numerals and quantities.
- Read, write, order and make numbers to 10, 100, 1000.
- Skip count by 1s, 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.
- Group, partition and rearrange collections to facilitate more efficient counting.
- Represent and solve simple addition problems using a range of strategies.
- Represent and solve simple subtraction problems using a range of strategies.

You can support your child in Numeracy at home by:

- counting together by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's.
- making and counting different patterns they may find at home or in the environment.
- ask them to describe the locations of different objects at home.



Measurement and Geometry – Data, Location, Shape and Time.

Students will be exploring how to...

- Identify outcomes of familiar events involving chance and describe them using everyday language such as 'will happen', 'won't happen' or 'might happen'.
- Identify practical activities and everyday events that involve chance and describe outcomes as 'likely' or 'unlikely' and identify some events as 'certain' or 'impossible'.
- Choose/Pose simple questions and gather/tally responses.
- Represent data using a range of strategies (e.g. picture graph).
- Answer simple yes/no questions and interpret the data represented.
- Give and follow directions to familiar locations. Describe position and movement.
- Interpret simple maps of familiar locations and identify relative positions of key features.
- Sort, describe and name two-dimensional and three dimensional shapes/objects.
- Recognise and draw two-dimensional shapes, with or without technologies.
- Compare and order the duration of events using the everyday language of time.
- Connect days of the week to familiar events and actions.
- Describe duration using months, weeks, days and hours.
- Tell time to the half and quarter hour,
- Name and order months and seasons.
- Use a calendar to identify the date and determine the number of days in each month.



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Important Dates and Notices

8th February - Parent Information Night/Reading Night at 6.30 pm till 7.30 pm.

11th of February - Opening School Mass @ 2:00pm.

16th February - Meet and Greet Foundation Parents commencing at 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

1st March - Shrove Tuesday.

2nd March - Ash Wednesday Mass at 2.00pm.

10th March - Twilight Sports at 5.30pm.

14th March - Labour Day – Public Holiday.

5th April - School Photo Day.

7th April - Parent teacher Interviews 2.30pm till 8.30pm.

8th April - Holy Week Assembly @ 11:00am.

8th April - Term One concludes at 1.30pm.

****Please continue to check the School Newsletter regularly as dates are subject to change.**

*"We don't have to
do all of it alone.
We were never
meant to."*

— BRINE BROWN

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