



# Issue #1 Term 1, 2021

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A message from Jason Mittiga, Principal



**A very warm**  
**WELCOME**  
**to the**  
**2021 School Year!**

It has been a wonderful start to the new academic year, and I would like to warmly welcome both new and returning families to SFX for 2021.

It is always fantastic to see such enthusiastic children who are ready to learn, and it certainly promises to be an exciting Term 1.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind families that the school gates open in the mornings at 8.30am, so please do not enter the grounds before this time unless you have a meeting with your child's teacher. In the afternoons, gates are open at 3pm.

Please continue to peruse this Newsletter for information regarding the reintroduction of our Coffee 'n' Chat mornings, Parent Information Night / Picnic, as well as much more!

Thank you for your support, and I look forward to working with you to provide the best possible learning outcomes for your children.



# Welcome to 2021!



# Welcome to new staff!

We are excited to welcome the following new staff to SFX in 2021:

- Rosanna Samarzia – Acting APRIM for Term 1
- Scott Hughes – Physical Education Teacher
- Bronte Platt – Reception Teacher
- Hayley Fieldhouse – Year 2 Teacher
- Astrid Powell – Year 5 Teacher
- Selina Barona – Reception Teacher (Curious Xavier's release)
- Mark Roberts - STEM



Also, a reminder that Michelle Thomas is Acting Deputy Principal for Term 1. We thank Michelle for taking on this role following Todd's departure.

I am sure you will join with us in wishing current and new staff all the very best for 2021.

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## Parent Information Night / Picnic

Our Parent Information Night is being held next Thursday, 4th February, followed by a School Picnic. Due to COVID-19 social distancing regulations please note that:

- **Only one family member per household** may attend the Parent Information Night (additional family members may attend the Picnic).
- Each classroom teacher will do an individual presentation as opposed to presenting as a combined Learning Team.

Parent Information Night presentation times:

- 4.30pm: Years 5 and 6
- 5.05pm: Years 3 and 4
- 5.40pm: Reception and Years 1 and 2
- 6.15pm - 7.30pm: School Picnic (please bring a picnic dinner, rug and/or chairs)

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## QR Codes at School and COVID-19

As from 8th February, QR codes will be mandatory at all metropolitan primary schools. The QR codes will be at our three main entrances to the school and classrooms. **If you do not have a smartphone you will need to sign in manually at the Front Office.** More information will be issued in the next few weeks following advice from Catholic Education SA.

It is important that we do not get complacent and ignore COVID-19 protocols. As a state we have performed extremely well, and will continue to do so if we all adhere to the guidelines that are in place. Together we can carry on in the "new normal" and support each other during these challenging times.

Social distancing regulations need to be adhered to in schools (1 person: 2 square metres). Therefore, families are encouraged to not enter classrooms unless necessary. Your assistance is appreciated.

## Fruit Fly - Guidelines for bringing fruit to school

Please ensure that you remain vigilant and adhere to strict guidelines as issued by Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) in relation to bringing fruit to school. The latest information can be accessed via the following link: [https://pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/fruit\\_fly\\_in\\_sa/faqs](https://pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/fruit_fly_in_sa/faqs)

## 2021 Parent Handbook

Please refer to our **2021 Parent Handbook** for up to date school information, including our annual school calendar. The Handbook, including the calendar is subject to change, and the latest edition can be found on our website.



## Uniform



The vast majority of children have come back wearing the school uniform correctly, which has been extremely pleasing to see.

Just a reminder that all white sneakers must have white shoelaces. We have witnessed a few children with coloured laces, and it would be appreciated if those families could please change these over the weekend.

There is a phase out period of 2 years for our "old" uniform, so we do expect and understand that there will be a variety of uniforms being worn across the school.

Please remember that a "no hat, no play" rule applies unless advised otherwise.



## Coffee 'n' Chat



We are pleased to advise that we are reintroducing our Coffee 'n' Chat each Friday morning (immediately after school drop-off). We are trialling a new spot for Coffee 'n' Chat, and you will find us outside of the new Front Office. This is a great way to meet other members of the school community, and we hope to see you there!

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### From our Acting APRIM, Rosanna Samarzia

Ciao e Bentornato! Hello and welcome back!

I hope you have had a restful and peaceful break. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Acting APRIM for Term 1.

I have quickly been moved by the warmth and kindness of the SFX community and I have appreciated the hellos, the smiles and the conversations so far. I look forward to meeting many more of you in the school yard or classroom.

Having lived in the Tea Tree Gully area most of my life and as a member of the St David's Parish, I am very familiar with this area and I am looking forward to working in this community which is dear to my heart.

I have two young children. Caterina just turned '5' and has begun Reception this year. It is a little bit different being on the other side of the classroom door this time! Alexander who turned '2' a few weeks ago has just started his first term of Ready Steady Go sports. We are working on saying, "Go Crows". Sadly I lost the battle with Caterina who says, "Daddy's team is the best. Go Power!" Hopefully one will follow the better team!

I have been a primary teacher for over ten years and in my teaching experience I have had the privilege of working in a variety of year levels, being a support teacher in the office, teaching specialist Italian, and last term taking on an Acting APRIM role. I understand that masses, liturgies and whole school events have looked very different over the last 12 months, but I look forward with optimism and courage that this term will be filled with much celebration and joy.

Cari saluti

### Important Dates (February 2021)



Thurs 4th - Parent Information Evening & School Picnic

Tues 9th - Safer Internet Day

Fri 12th - Community Prayer

Mon 15th - Assembly 2.30pm

Tues 16th - Shrove Tuesday

Tues 16th - School Board Meeting 6pm

Wed 17th - Ash Wednesday

Sat 20th - School Tour 9.30am – 10.30am

Fri 26th - Pupil Free Day

Please refer to our Parent Handbook for additions and amendments to our 2021 Calendar:

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## Prayer of the beginning of School Year



Dear Lord,

As we begin this new school year, we gather once again as your community of believers. We thank you for the energy and the spirit that you renewed in us through the summer months. We thank you for the time to enjoy our family and friends and to reflect on what is important in our lives. Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love so that, with the inspiration of your spirit, we may continue to grow in our faith.

Help us to fulfill Your hope for us with honest intentions and works of faith. Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring laughter, joy and love to others. We ask this in your name.

Amen.

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# Kildare College Tours

Term 1 2021

Saturday 13 February 11.00am

Saturday 27 February 11.00am

Saturday 13 March 11.00am

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