



Message from Jason Mittiga, Principal

Welcome to Term 2 of the school year. I hope that you all had a restful school holiday break and had the opportunity to spend some quality time with your children.

Welcome to the SFX Community...

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Paige Wood and her family who have joined our school this term from Millicent, as well as Greg Esposito our new Deputy Principal and Darren Esposito – Year 5 Teacher.

Happy Mother's Day!

I would like to wish all the Mums and Grandmothers a very Happy Mother's Day on Sunday. May you be spoilt and enjoy a relaxing day with your family.

Dear Lord, Please watch over and support all mothers and help them to know how much they are loved and appreciated on Mother's Day and every day.

Independence Day - TUESDAYS

Starting from next week (Tuesday, 11th May), we are introducing a **school-wide Independence Day (both drop off and pick up)**.



Independence Day is an effective way for children to build their independence and resilience by carrying their own bags and walking to class by themselves, whilst growing in confidence without having an adult present.

Our students did so well during the restrictions that were in place during COVID, and we are keen to see them continue to build on their resilience and give them their independence for one day a week.

We understand that there will be occasions when family members need to enter the grounds on a Tuesday, but we ask that you send the children into school independently first. Family members can then sign in/out at the Front Office.

We thank you for your support.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. This year the students from SFX will be once again undertaking the NAPLAN assessments online. The assessments commence on **Tuesday, 11th May**. Schools who are undertaking NAPLAN online have a 9-day period to complete the tests.

From our Deputy Principal, Greg Esposito

I just wanted to say a brief thank you for the welcome I have received over the past two weeks from families and students across the school. I have had the opportunity to introduce myself to all classes, and many parents have said 'hello' and also introduced themselves.

It was wonderful to be able to join in and meet many of our mum's during yesterday's Mother's Day Liturgy for Reception students, and I look forward to making your acquaintance over the coming weeks and months. I apologise in advance if I don't remember all names straight away, as I try to remember 50 plus staff and over 430 students!!!

Good luck to whichever team you support in this week's Showdown, and all the very best to our mums and significant other females in our lives. We may celebrate you once a year, but love you for what you do every day of our lives.

God Bless.

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From our APRIM, Michelle Thomas

Catholic Education Week - Monday, 3rd - Sunday, 9th May

#RaisingHeartsAndMinds

This week has a core focus on celebrating teaching and learning and what it means to be part of a Catholic School Community. The theme for this year was Raising Hearts and Minds to the wonder and awe of God's creation.

Throughout the week our classes have been involved in various activities which guide us to respond to the needs of others and all of God's creation. Some of these included Christian Meditation in the outdoor prayer garden, buddy class activities, pop-up prayer space, creation walk, using a microscopic lens on iPads to capture the beauty of God's world, School Tour, liturgy, morning tea and a focus on inviting students to share Grace before meals.



Term 3 Reception intake

Next term we will have two new Reception classes starting at SFX. Having two new classes commencing mid year is a first for us, and something that we are extremely proud of.

There are still limited positions available for this intake, so if you or somebody you know is interested in starting in Term 3, please contact Sonya as soon as possible (8251 9555).

To commence in Term 3 your child must be turning 5 between 1st May and 31st October, 2021.

And remember, there will be **no school fees charged for Terms 3 or 4 this year, for children commencing Reception in Term 3!**

Qkr! App

You would have noticed that we are increasing the use of the Qkr! App within the school. Qkr! has been used for students lunch orders for sometime, and with the ongoing COVID concerns as well as cashless society that we are becoming, we are now utilising and extending our use of this system.

A reminder that the Qkr! App can be downloaded from your app store, and further details can be found on our [website](#).

Download the app today!



School Bell

As you are all aware, the school bell has been replaced with music. Every Monday we play the Crows and/or Power song if they win. We all know which song Jason wants to hear next week!!!!

School bell times for the start and end of the day are as follows:

8:50am - Bell goes to start the day

3:15pm - Bell goes to end the day

If you are late (after 9am) you are required to sign in at the Front Office. If your child needs to leave before 3pm for an appointment, they also need to be signed out at the Front Office.

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Chickens

The chickens have arrived, and the children are extremely excited. The Year 5 classes will be responsible for the chickens, making sure they are well fed and that their cage is clean and comfortable. We have 10 Isa Browns who will shortly become free range during the day once they have settled into their new environment.

Once the chickens have been banded they will be named, so that each one can be identified by their colour. Exciting times!

I would like to thank Tony and Colin for their craftsmanship in designing and building the palace for the chickens. It is state of the art, and a place where the chickens will feel safe and secure.



Quiz Night

On Friday, 18th June we have our SFX Quiz Night in the school hall. Tickets will go on sale Monday via the Qkr! App. There will be 10 people per table, with a \$10 per person entry fee. BYO drinks and nibbles!

The PCC are working hard to make this a fun and entertaining night with games and auctions, including the children's artwork. So, book the babysitters and lock it in your calendar! 7pm for a 7:30 start!

Other activities planned for the year are the Colour Run and City to Bay Fun Run - stay tuned for details.

Tea Tree Gully District SAPSASA Football Carnival



Last week our Year 5 and Year 6 boys represented SFX at the SAPSASA District Carnival for schools in the TTG zone. The boys won, and this is a fair effort as they played state schools that still have Year 7 students.

Mr Mittiga coached the team, and was very proud of the way the boys played and conducted themselves both on and off the field. Congratulations to all involved.

We look forward to the girls playing in the coming weeks.



Building Update

The new Year 1 and Year 2 building is coming along, with the framework nearing completion. The new classrooms will be like those in the Reception building, but this building will house 6 classrooms. There will be break out spaces, a piazza, as well as toilets inside the building. We are incredibly lucky to have these wonderful facilities at our school.

Important Dates

MAY

11th PCC Meeting 6pm

14th Yr 1 History Incursion

17th Assembly 2.30pm – Rm 2, Rm 16

18th School Board Meeting 6pm

19th RE Excursion – Art Gallery

21st Yr 1 Liturgy – Xavier Hall 9.15am

2nd Rite of Reconciliation, St John XXIII 7pm

28th Community Prayer – R12, Yr 1 9am

SAPSASA Soccer Carnival

A reminder that Calendar dates are regularly updated and amended in our [2021 Parent Handbook](#).

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