



## Message from Jason Mittiga, Principal

Already well into Term 1, and so much is happening at SFX! It is great to see the children happy, engaged and working hard in all areas of the curriculum. Our school is certainly a busy place, but I wouldn't have it any other way!

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT:** By now you would have received email communication about our newly appointed Deputy Principal, Greg Esposito. Greg commences at SFX in Term 2, and we look forward to him joining the SFX community.

I would like to sincerely thank Michelle Thomas for stepping up as Acting Deputy this term, and Rosanna Samarzia, who has filled the APRIM role. Michelle will resume as APRIM in Term 2 and Rosanna will return to St Thomas More.

As always, I thank our families for your continued support.

## Car Parking

We are blessed with an abundance of car park spaces at SFX, however, would like to remind families of the information below. **Could you also please ensure that this information is shared with others who transport your child/ren to and from school.**

### **Park Lake Drive Carpark and Kiss & Drop Zone**

- When entering the Kiss & Drop zone, ***please move to the farthest available bay.*** Whilst we understand it is ideal if you get the park with the shade, please remember that ***children are not dismissed until 3.15pm*** and therefore, if you arrive early (some arrive as early as 2.30pm), you will have quite a wait in the parking bay.
- As cars leave the Kiss & Drop bays, ***please ensure that you move your car down to the next available position.***
- The Kiss & Drop is designed for families transporting children to/from school ***to remain in the car.*** If you intend on leaving the car to collect children from the gate or from their classrooms, please use the carparks, not the Kiss & Drop bays.
- Please be aware of ***Council signage in relation to no standing areas.*** There have been a number of complaints from both our own families and neighbours in relation to cars queueing (standing) on Park Lake Drive as well as around the corner onto Carignane Street. Visibility for cars attempting to drive and turn onto the road(s) is severely hampered. ***Council Parking Inspectors and SA Police*** will be monitoring this situation, ***and fines may be issued where rules are not adhered to.***

- Children are not dismissed until 3.15pm, and staff are on duty at the gate until 3.35pm. **3.25pm to 3.35pm has been identified as the easiest time for collection.**

### **Back Gate Collection**

Complaints have also been received from our own families and neighbours in relation to cars parking on properties, footpaths etc near the back gate. **Council Parking Inspectors and SA Police will be monitoring this situation, and fines may be issued where rules are not adhered to.**

Please remember that we are all role models for the students at SFX, and common courtesy and manners should be used at all times.

Thank you for your support.

## Term 3, 2021 Reception intake - FREE

Together with Catholic Education SA, we are excited to announce that for children commencing Reception in the mid-year intake, there will be no school fees charged for Terms 3 and 4, 2021.

If you know of anyone eligible to start school in Term 3 this year, please spread the word! Please contact Sonya on 8251 9555 for any enrolment enquiries.

## Annual General Meeting

We wish to advise members of the school community that our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on **Tuesday, 16th March** in the Piazza of the new Reception building at **6pm**.

Our architects will be speaking about our Stage 3 building and you will also be able to see the plans and designs for the rooms. As well, it is an opportunity for you to hear about how the school went in 2020, as well as be a part of our vision going forward.

We do not currently require any new Board Members and look forward to consolidating in the year ahead. We hope to see you there!

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will occur in Week 9 (week commencing 22nd March). These are important sessions that will assist you in understanding how your child is progressing in the classroom.

Bookings will be via our online booking system "Parent Teacher Online" (PTO), and information regarding how to book will be emailed to families soon.

15.02.21

## Student Voice

We were very excited to announce and present to the community, our Student Voice representatives for Semester 1, 2021.

Congratulations to these students:

Room 2 - Bella Ennis; Samuel Sicari

Room 3 - Georgia Boog; Penny Nashar

Room 10 - Annalise Barona; William Hudson

Room 11 - Sam Baxter; Eloise Agius

Room 12 - Summa Restell; Alejandra Orellana

Room 13 - Alyssa Angelaras; Lucas Canova

Room 14 - Noah McMahon; Zali Marusic

Room 15 - Tahlia Watson; Olivia Dicker

Room 16 - Carlo Barbaro; Alyssa Papadimas

Room 20 - Domenic Agostinelli; Ava Hudson

Room 21 - Isabel Gentile; Amelia Chang

Room 17 - Caitlin McGregor; Elise Smith

Room 18 - Zara Baxter; Dylan Karanicolou

Room 19 - Elliott De Boo; Aoife Kenny

Room 22 - Kahlel Silbor; Alana Prizzi

Room 23 - Jake Aloisi; Amelia Stagg

Room 24 - Jake Burton; Peyton Roach

Room 26 - Alexander Martini

Room 27 - Monique Tarca

24.02.21

## Seven Steps to Writing Success

The Seven Steps to Writing Success program has been introduced at SFX to make writing more engaging and interesting for the children.

Our Leadership Team has been visiting classes and sitting in on lessons to see how the program is being implemented across the school. I am really pleased to say that the children are loving it!

The children will gain confidence in each of the 7 Steps building blocks, and then pull it all together to become creative and engaging writers.

The 7 Steps are:

1. Plan for Success
2. Sizzling Starts
3. Tightening Tension
4. Dynamic Dialogue
5. Show, Don't Tell
6. Ban the Boring
7. Exciting Endings/Ending with Impact

## Stage 3 Building Works

Preparation of the site for our new Year 1 and 2 classrooms is complete, and the footings started this week. You may have seen our Facebook update about the Chapel being moved to its new location last weekend - that was quite a sight to see! The Chapel can now be found at the northern end of the oval, and it was extremely important to us that this part of our history remain.

18.02.21

## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the day following Pancake 'Shrove' Tuesday and was celebrated on 17th February.

Ash Wednesday is the first of 40 days of Lent. This is to symbolise the 40 day period of fasting and prayer Jesus served in the desert before his execution by Pontius Pilot.

As Christians we are encouraged to make a commitment to prayer, charity and fasting or self-denial during this period. Many Catholics make Lenten promises or resolutions to mark the importance of this holy season.

Each class gathered for an Ash Wednesday Liturgy to mark the beginning of Lent. Students received the ashes on their foreheads, symbolising repentance and the willingness to change for the better.

Year 2 Homily Reflections:

"How can we be a good friend like Jesus?"

"If a friend is hurt you can take them to the teacher."  
"If a friend wants to play with your toy, you can share it."  
"We can care, pick up rubbish and care for our environment."  
"If a friend looks lonely we can ask them to play."  
"We can help our mums and dads if they need help."

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## Whole School Approach to Christian Meditation



Every Tuesday after recess the whole school participates in the practice of Christian Meditation. Christian Meditation is a form of prayer that enables the students to become aware and reflect upon the wisdom of God.

*"We sit quietly and pray to God."* Noah McMahon

*"I like talking to Jesus and God. It makes me feel good."* Annabella Gerbino

*"I feel that Christian Meditation lowers my heart rate."* Madison Barnes

*"It's a great way to connect to God."* Cohen Djorem

# Library News from Lynda & Jan

Welcome (niina marni) to our library!

The library has been a hub of activity already this year with lots of very keen readers enjoying our wonderful space. While COVID prevented us from hosting various planned activities last year, we are hoping that we will be able to bring the students a few more events to enjoy in 2021.

Students and their families are welcome to come and visit us from 8.30am each morning or until 4.00pm each afternoon. Students are also welcome to come in for quiet activities during their lunch break from Monday to Thursday.

## Overdue / Lost / Damaged Library Books

Unfortunately we continue to have an issue with overdue, lost and damaged books. Please note that student loans are for 14 days and books need to be returned to the library within that time. Students may extend the loan for an additional 14 days, however, they must bring the book(s) into the library and ask a staff member for a loan extension.

Should you receive an email from the library advising that your child has overdue books, could you please ensure that they return them to the library as a matter of urgency. Should they fail to be returned after reminders have been sent, an invoice may be sent home requesting payment to replace the books. If the books are subsequently found, please return them as soon as possible. An invoice may also be issued where a student returns a library book that is damaged beyond repair.

All students are reminded about overdue books when they come to the library. Going forward, Years 4, 5 and 6 students will also be included (via their SFX student email address) on the overdue notices that are emailed to parents/caregivers. We hope, with support from families, that this will encourage students to take ownership of their loans.

Please note, students who have overdue books cannot borrow until the books have been returned or invoice for lost books has been settled.

We thank you in anticipation of your support.

24.02.21

## Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is a literacy engagement program that was introduced to encourage a love of reading and to improve literacy skills. The Challenge has now commenced for 2021 and students should have received a PRC reading record form from their class teacher. If they have not received one as yet or would like another copy, they can collect from the library.

A couple of things to note...

- Last year's eased guidelines as a result of COVID restrictions are no longer valid, therefore, the regular guidelines will need to be followed.
- PRC sticker colours the students should be looking for are - Reception to Year 2 - Orange; Year 3 - 5 - Green; Year 6 - Yellow.
- To complete the Challenge, students are required to read 8 x PRC books of their level and 4 x other books of their own choice. If the 4 free choice books also happen to be PRC books, then they can add these to the free choice section of their Student Reading Record.
- If students wish to read books above their level then they are most welcome to do so and can include those books on their Student Reading Record, however, reading below is discouraged depending on the reading ability of the student.
- If one book in a series is on the PRC book list, then all other books in that series are also considered PRC books. However, students can only enter a maximum of 3 books from the same series and/or author on their Student Reading Record.
- While library staff do what we can to ensure we display relevant coloured stickers on each of the books, this list changes regularly so some may fall through the cracks. The PRC website provides a list of the books included in the challenge. This is a public site so anyone can access it, however, students are welcome to ask library staff to check the list for them: <https://premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/>
- We are again encouraging healthy competition between classrooms and year levels with the return of the very popular class party for the first class to complete the challenge, and a prize for the first entire year level finish.

- While all staff strongly encourage students to complete the challenge and we offer incentives and a bit of friendly competition between classes to make it more fun, the onus is on the students (with the assistance and support of parents/caregivers) to complete and return the forms to the library before the closing date.

We are hoping that you will join us in attempting to reach our goal of 100% completion by encouraging your child to enter the details of the books as they read them. Once complete, the form must be returned to the library or their class teacher. Students have until Friday, 3rd September, 2021 to complete their reading and to hand in their forms. Certificates and medals will be awarded in November.

## Year 6 Leaders 2021



## Important Dates (March)

- 1st - Year 3 Camp (1 night) Narnu Farm
- 2nd - Year 4 Camp (1 night) Narnu Farm
- 5th - Clean up Australia Day
- 8th - Adelaide Cup holiday
- 10th - Year 4-6 Mass
- 12th - Community Prayer
- 15th - Assembly 2.30pm
- 15th - 17th - Year 6 Camp
- 16th - AGM 6pm
- 17th - School Tour 4.30pm – 5.30pm
- 20th - National Day of Action Against Bullying -  
(19th @ school)
- 21st - Harmony Day
- 26th - STEM Showcase – Yr 1 & Yr 2 -  
8.30am-10.30am & 2.30pm-3.30pm
- 28th - Palm Sunday
- 29th - Holy Week
- 30th - Palm Sunday Liturgy

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

[Read More](#)

## SFX Old Scholars!



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95 or above

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of all results  
were A grades

**77%**

of all results were  
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# GLEESON COLLEGE YEAR 12 RESULTS 2020

## St Francis Xavier's Catholic School Old Scholars

*We congratulate the following St Francis Xavier's Catholic School Old Scholars  
on their outstanding Year 12 results in 2020:*

### 2020 DUX OF COLLEGE

Lara Copeland, with an ATAR of 98.55

*A+ Merit in Psychology*

*A+ in Chemistry and Religion Studies*



Lara Copeland

### 2020 MERIT AWARDS

Amy Fredella \*Yr 11 Information Processing & Publishing

Teacher: Ms Denise Spiroulas

Ethan Weniton Digital Technologies

Teacher: Mr Philip Hernes



Amy Fredella



Ethan Weniton

### 85+ ATAR ACHIEVEMENT

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Lara Copeland     | 98.55 |
| Madison Sauerwald | 97.40 |
| Jana Ivancic      | 94.05 |
| Tia Sampson       | 92.95 |



Lara Copeland



Madison Sauerwald



Jana Ivancic



Tia Sampson

### 2020 DUX OF STAGE 2 SUBJECTS

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Lara Copeland            | Biology, Chemistry, Psychology, Religion Studies & Specialist Mathematics |
| Alana Fitzsimmons *Yr 11 | Mathematical Methods  |
| Amy Fredella *Yr 11      | Information Processing & Publishing                                       |
| Jana Ivancic             | Research Project  |
| Charlotte Nenke *Yr 11   | General Mathematics   |
| Tia Sampson              | Physical Education  |
| Madison Sauerwald        | English Literary Studies, Legal Studies & Visual Art Studies - Art        |
| Ethan Weniton            | Digital Technologies  |

*We congratulate all students in our Class of 2020 and wish them  
every success in their life journey beyond school.*



How proud are we! Congratulations to this fabulous group of students.

# Gleeson College

Gleeson College is a Catholic Secondary Co-Educational College (Years 7-12) serving students and families in the North-Eastern suburbs of Adelaide.

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## College Tours > Term 1, 2021

Thursday 25 February, 9.15am > College Tour **\*\*FULLY BOOKED\*\***

Wednesday 16 March, 9.15am > College Tour **\*\*FULLY BOOKED\*\***

**Tuesday 30 March, 4.00pm > College Tour**

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## Thomas More College



**Principal, Corey Tavella,  
invites you to join him on a twilight  
tour of Thomas More College  
Wednesday 10th March, 6pm**

Bookings essential via website "Book a Tour"

For further information, please contact our Enrolment Officer  
Jane Siviour 8182 2600 [enrolments@tmc.catholic.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@tmc.catholic.edu.au)

Thomas More College would like to welcome you to attend an on-site Principal's Tour with Mr Corey Tavella, on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm. Numbers will be limited, therefore bookings are essential. Register your place at [www.tmc.catholic.edu.au/](http://www.tmc.catholic.edu.au/) or Enrol Now to secure your child's position and avoid disappointment.

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## Thomas More College Enrolment Timeline



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All students must be enrolled within the Enrolment Guidelines, whether you currently have a child here or attending a partner school.

| YEAR TO COMMENCE AT TMC | ENROLMENT APPLICATION                      | APPLICATION CLOSING DATE                                     |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Year 7<br/>2022</b>  | <b>Urgent<br/>enrolment NOW</b>            | Please enquire with the College prior to lodging application |
| <b>Year 7<br/>2023</b>  | <b>Enrol Now</b>                           | End of Term 1, 2021  |
| <b>Year 7<br/>2024</b>  | <b>Accepting<br/>applications</b>          | End of Term 1, 2022  |
| <b>Years<br/>8-12</b>   | <b>Limited places<br/>may be available</b> | Please enquire with the College prior to lodging application |

## How to Enrol

1. Visit [tmc.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information](http://tmc.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information) to download an application or request an Enrolment Pack from the College Office. Once completed, submit the application to our Finance Department for processing.
2. Once your application has been received you may receive an email requesting any further information required.
3. Based on the information supplied parents/guardians and students may be invited to attend an interview with a member of College Leadership.
4. Following the interview, should an offer of enrolment result, you will be notified in writing.



Please contact our Enrolments Officer,  
**Jane Siviour** on 8182 2600 or  
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