



Message from Jason Mittiga, Principal

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we are in the last week of term. As always, there has been a lot happening in and around SFX, and I am proud of how well everyone has handled themselves in the busyness of the term.

Please enjoy this edition of the Newsletter, and I wish you all a safe, healthy and happy holiday break.

NEW RECEPTION CLASSES.. I would like to welcome the new Reception classes to SFX. We have two classes, and they have now completed their transition visits in readiness to commence school in Term 3. It is an exciting time for these children and their families, and we wish them all the best for their journey at SFX.

REPORTS.. School Reports have been distributed, and no doubt by now you have all had a chance to read them. These Reports are a summary of how your child is progressing in the first half of the year. If you have any questions about your child's Report, please make a time to meet with your child's class teacher or specialist teacher.

STAFF v STUDENT VOLLEYBALL MATCH.. Another initiative we have introduced at SFX is a termly Staff v Student activity. By introducing these, we aim to raise awareness for different charities, and help those in need. **This Friday** at **2pm**, the Year 6 Students will take on the teachers in a Volleyball match in Xavier Hall. We are aiming for all children to donate a can of soup (soup drive) and wear "Pyjackies" (pyjamas or trackies). This will also be a fun way to celebrate the end of the first semester.

STEM.. The Year 3 & 4 classes have been working hard in STEM this term with Mr Mark Roberts. On Friday morning, students will showcase their designs from 8.30am - 9.30am in Xavier Hall. Families are invited to attend.

INDEPENDENCE DAY.. We wish to advise that Term 3 Independence Day will be a Wednesday. Thank you for your support in not

entering the school grounds with your child/ren on a Wednesday morning or afternoon in Term 3. Should you need to come into the school for any purpose, please send your child in independently and continue to the Front Office to sign yourself in.

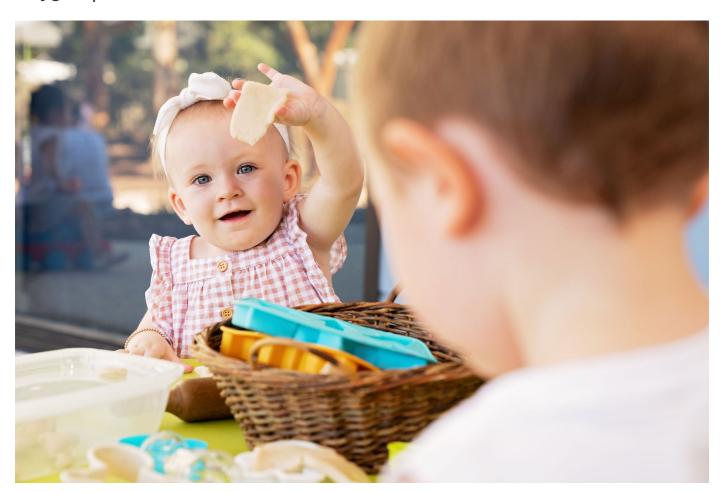
CITY TO BAY.. On Sunday, 19th September we will be participating in the City to Bay as a school. Hayley Fieldhouse is coordinating this on behalf of the school, and we hope to see lots of staff, students and parents participating and having a go! Hayley will send out more information next term.

HEALTH HUSTLES.. Next term we are introducing Health Hustles on Friday mornings at 8.40am. The Year 6 students will be leading us on the mound outside the Reception classrooms. I look forward to seeing all the children join in.

BIRTHDAYS.. Just a reminder that children/parents are not permitted to bring in food to share for birthdays. We have many children with allergies, and some of them may react to unknown foods. Thank you for respecting this directive.

SRC.. This week we officially farewell our Semester 1 SRC students with a morning tea in the Staff Room. The SRC have been instrumental in school improvement and have made a real impact at SFX. Next semester we have two more new representatives from each class.

Playgroup



As we are being inundated with children attending Playgroup, we have added another day. Next term, Playgroup will be held on **Monday**, **Wednesday**, and **Thursday** (new day).

I would like to thank Marian, Paula, and Rita for coordinating these days, and providing the little children in our community with these wonderful experiences.

Uniform Shop News

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

Closed 2nd - 9th July

Re-opening Saturday, 10th July at 9am

Monday 8am-12pm

Tuesday 1pm-5.30pm

Wednesday 8am-12pm

Thursday 1pm-5.30pm

Saturday 9am-12pm

Book your appointment online now!

Why do I need an appointment?

Due to social distancing requirements there are still restrictions on how many people can be in the store at one time. The shop is expecting a high volume of families in the store during the school holidays. If you do not have an appointment, you may have to wait outside until all appointments have been completed first.

What if I know exactly what I need?

If you know what you need, place an online order and simply collect in store or have it sent directly to the school. All online orders placed in the holidays will be delivered to the school in Week 1 of Term 3 (Thursday). Place your order now!

2022 Sacramental Program - Para Hills / Modbury Parish



If your child is eligible to receive their Sacraments in 2022, there will be some informal information sessions after the 6pm Mass on Saturday, 24th July at St John XXIII, and the 10am Mass on Sunday, 25th July at Holy Trinity. It is anticipated that these sessions will only be of around 10 minutes duration.

Music Tuition at SFX



Learning an instrument can have an immense impact on cognitive development, social interaction and simply enjoying life! Here at SFX we are dedicated to offering opportunities for learners to participate, be creative and achieve through our music program. Our music tutors are all highly experienced, qualified musicians and teachers. They are dedicated to providing high level music tuition to our entire school community. Students receive one 30 minute lesson per week. The following lessons are offered, some individual lessons only, and some can be paired/grouped:

RECEPTION - YEAR 6: Voice, Piano, Keyboard, Violin, Recorder, Drums, Acoustic Guitar **YEARS 3 - 6**: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Ukulele, Electric & Bass Guitar

For further information including details re fees, instrument hire or to register your child's interest, please contact: jdavis@sfx.catholic.edu.au

Library News from Lynda & Jan



Book Week

This year, Book Week 2021 is scheduled for Saturday, 21st - Friday, 27th August (Term 3, Week 6), so there's plenty of time to start thinking about costume ideas!!

The theme this year is 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds' – this is a fairly broad theme, so we are looking forward to seeing what the students come up with. Library staff have already started preparing displays and activities for the week - we are thinking dinosaurs, knights, space travel, robots, aliens, wizards etc!

The costume parade will be held in Xavier Hall (or courts, weather permitting) on **Monday**, **23rd August at 9am**. Parents/Carers are welcome to stay and enjoy the fun.

Premier's Reading Challenge

We have had a wonderful response to this year's Premier's Reading Challenge with almost 70% of students having completed the Challenge so far, including a number of classes who have returned Challenge forms for all students! Congratulations to Room 3 who were the first class to complete the Challenge!

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 and then return their reading record sheet to the library. If students need a reminder of the books they have borrowed and read this year, library staff are able to provide this to assist them with completing their forms.

Students have until **Friday**, **3rd September**, **2021** to complete their reading for the Challenge and to hand in their forms to their class teacher or to one of the library staff members. Certificates and medals will be awarded in November.

For more information regarding the Premier's Reading Challenge, including guidelines, participating books and awards, please visit the website, or feel free to come in to the library for a chat with Lynda or Jan.

Overdue/Lost/Damaged 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 books fail to be returned after reminders have been sent, an invoice may be sent home requesting payment to replace these books. If the books are then found, please urgently return to the library, otherwise payment will be required. Invoices may also be issued where a stud ent returns a library book that is damaged beyond repair.

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

Please note, students who have overdue items cannot borrow any resources (including laptops used in the classroom) until ALL overdue items have been returned or any invoice for lost books has been settled.

Thank you for your support.

Quiz Night

For those that were there, you would already know what a fabulous evening Quiz Night was! Our sincere thanks is extended to Grace and the PCC, together with other community members for their organisation and assistance in bringing this night to fruition. After a lengthy period of not being able to have community events, this one was certainly enjoyed by those in attendance.

The Quiz Masters were fabulous, and they are already making plans for the next one!!!

With the wonderful support of our very generous sponsors, we were able to raise \$4,040 towards a new Playground for the children, and we sincerely thank these companies and families. Please support those that support us...

- AmazingCo
- Belgravia Sports (JS)
- Blair Boyer MP, State Member for Wright
- Ellenika Ocean Grill @ Holdfast Shores
- Entertainment!
- Frankie's Pasta
- Garden Grove
- Gleeson College
- Golden Grove Butchers (Kenny family)
- Golden Grove Tavern
- Industrial Medic Services (IMS) Pty Ltd
- · Maggie Beer
- MC Windscreens & Window Tinting
- Pasta Deli
- Port Adelaide Football Club
- Rasheed family
- · Rocca family
- Square 44
- Steve the Cleaner
- · Teivans family
- The Athletes Foot
- Travellers Wines
- Tupperware Carla Doecke

Obviously no event is successful without attendees, and I thank those that came along and took part in the games, auctions and laughs, and contributed to the fantastic vibe on the night. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful community.

Congratulations to Steve, our awesome cleaner and his table for winning the Quiz Night part of the evening, and of course to Mario who won pretty much everything else!!!! Til next time!









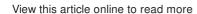
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Entertainment!



If you haven't already got your Entertaiment membership, get yours now!

By purchasing a membership, you are assisting the school in our fundraising efforts. Currently as a school, all fundraising is going towards a new playground for the children. Thank you in advance for your support.





Important Dates

Your class teacher will outline their key dates for the term, but below are just some events that you may like to be aware of. Please remember to go to the Parent Handbook on our website as this is updated regularly with the latest calendar dates.

JULY

19th - FIRST DAY TERM 3

AUGUST

2nd - Assembly 2.30pm - Rm 12, Rm 19

3rd - PCC Meeting 6pm (All welcome)

9th - 15th - Catholic Schools Open Week

10th - School Board Meeting 6pm

12th - Young Performers Concert

13th - School Disco (RE-Yr 2 - 5pm-6pm) (Yr 3-Yr 6 - 6.15pm-7.30pm)

16th - PUPIL FREE DAY (7 Steps of Writing)

23rd - Book Week Parade (Dress-up) 9am

23 rd - Assembly 2.30 pm – Rm 10, Rm 17

31st - PCC Meeting 6pm (All welcome)

SEPTEMBER

3rd - Grandparents & Special Friends Day

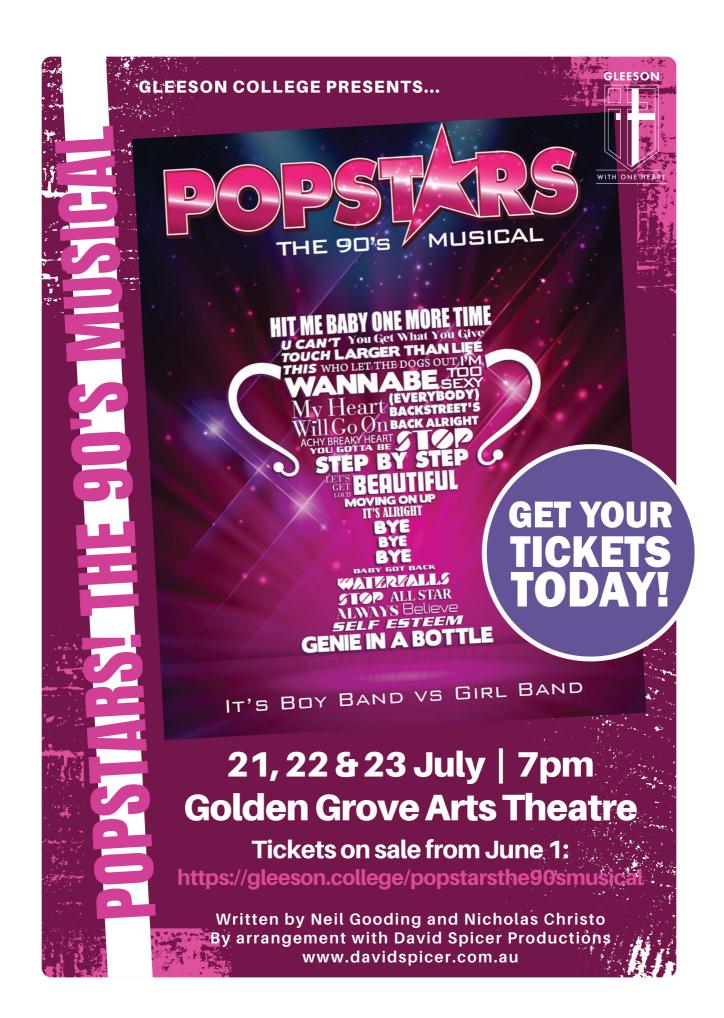
7th - School Board Meeting 6pm

13th - Assembly 2.30pm - Rm 14, Rm 23

19th - City to Bay Run Run

24th - Last day of term

Popstars! The 90's Musical



Gleeson College presents Popstars! The 90's Musical. Tickets are on sale now!

