



Message from Jason Mittiga, Principal

I would like to start off by saying how satisfying it has been for me as Principal to be leading SFX throughout this term. Seeing parents in and around the school has been fantastic and something we missed last year. Parents make a community, and I would like to thank you all for your support of this wonderful school.

This term we have had a number of school camps, and it was wonderful to see the Year 3 and 4 children going on camp for the first time. Camp is an excellent experience for the children and one which we value at SFX.

Our Year 6 students have also had their 3-day camp, and some of us even managed to get up on the surfboard (even if it was only for a few seconds)!! The Year 5 camp will occur later in the year.

The Project Compassion Staff v Student run was huge success, and despite tough competition from our Year 6 children, the teachers came through with the win! I would like to thank everyone for their participation, but in particular, the teachers who put themselves out there to make this a fun day for our students.

Project Compassion is all about giving to those in need, and I am proud to say we raised \$1,795.15. Next year we will add a parent group into the relay to make it even more interesting!!

Last week we also celebrated Holy week with a Palm Sunday Liturgy, Stations of the Cross and Last Supper Liturgies. The children were reverent during these times and understood the significance of these events.

THANK YOU! I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Michelle Thomas who assumed the role of Acting Deputy Principal

for Term 1. With the substantive appointment of our new Deputy Principal, Greg Esposito, Michelle will return to her APRIM position in Term 2. Thank you again Michelle for your support.

We also farewell Rosanna Samarzia who has been in the Acting APRIM role this term. Thank you Rosanna for your hard work, and we wish you all the very best with your future endeavours.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS ... I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful break. Enjoy the time to slow down and spend some quality time with your family. It has been a busy term for all of us, so a good time to recharge the batteries ready for a big Term 2. See you all back at school on **Wednesday, 28th April**.

Message from Michelle Thomas, Acting Deputy Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the SFX community for their support during my time as Acting Deputy Principal. I have felt extremely privileged to work so closely with your children and to watch them develop and reach many milestones. I also thank the staff for their support in my role.

Next term we welcome Greg Esposito as our Deputy Principal and I return to my role as Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission. I look forward to supporting the community in Catholic Identity throughout the rest of the year.

Xavier Cares ... Thank you to the group of parents from Xavier Cares who have provided meals for a family in need this term at SFX. Your generosity is appreciated.



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday: "Hosanna in the Highest"

We commenced Holy Week with a Palm Sunday Liturgy led by the Year 3 students. The students led a reflective and emotional liturgy as they demonstrated the choice Jesus made to enter the city of Jerusalem. The whole school waved palms, singing, "Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Bless our King!" as the students proceeded into the hall. The students captivated the audience with the re-enactment of the Gospel and the video clip of Jesus riding his donkey into Jerusalem.

Well done Year 3 students and teachers! Your liturgy was heartfelt.

The Last Supper: Holy Thursday

The day that Jesus became valuable. Classes commemorated this day with a Last Supper Liturgy. The Last Supper is the final meal that, in the Gospel accounts, Jesus shared with his apostles in Jerusalem before his crucifixion.

Stations of the Cross

Thank you to the Year 6 students who led us through a prayerful presentation of the story of Jesus' Passion (his suffering and death). The Year 6 students led two sessions of the Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday. They took the students on a journey through the school, retracing the steps of Jesus during his suffering and death. Thank you to the Year 6 students and their teachers. Each station was moving and emotional.

Prayer: Jesus, I believe that you died and rose from the dead so that I could have new life. Thank you!

Easter Liturgy

Alleluia! Christ has risen. Our Easter Liturgy was a colourful and joyful celebration. Thank you to the Year 4-5 students for leading this beautiful celebration. The gathering provided us with the opportunity to reflect on the sacrifice, resilience and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade." 1 Peter 1:3-4

RECONCILIATION CELEBRATIONS

Last week 12 students from our school celebrated their First Reconciliation through the St David's Sacramental Program. May we pray for them as they continue their journey as young Catholics. Thank you to Father James for his continued support with the Sacramental Program. We also look forward to celebrating the Reconciliation of the Sacramental students of the Para Hills/Modbury Catholic Parish soon.

THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your warm welcome, kindness and hospitality. I feel blessed and privileged to have worked with you all this term. Staff, educators and parents, you should feel proud of the amazing community that you have all created. My time here, although short, will always have a special place in my heart.

Go well,

Rosanna Samarzia.



Save the Date!

- Quiz Night: Friday, 18th June
- Grandparents/Special Friends Day: Friday, 3rd September

Quiz Night

Our Quiz Night is being held on **Friday, 18th June** at **7pm** in Xavier Hall. Tickets go on sale early next term, so book the babysitters and get ready for a fun night of laughs and entertainment SFX style!

I hope to see you all there the teachers are excited about trying to retain their winning streak!

Year 1 and Year 2 STEM Showcase



This term, our Year 1 and Year 2 classes have been working with STEM Specialist, Mr Mark Roberts.

On Friday, 26th March a STEM Showcase was held in Xavier Hall, and this gave these students the opportunity to exhibit their STEM learning to the rest of our school community.

Each class presented their STEM models and the Engineering Design Process used to design and create them.

It was great to see so many parents sharing in their child's learning. Thank you to all staff and students involved for putting on such a great Showcase!

Next term we have the Year 3 and 4 Students preparing for their showcase. We will keep you informed as the times draws closer.

Enrolment News

TERM 3 INTAKE ... For the first time at SFX we will have 2 new classes commencing in Term 3. As we have opened up a second class, we now have limited positions available. If you know of anybody who has yet to enrol, please ask that they contact Sonya on 8251 9555 for further information.

And ... for children commencing Reception in Term 3, 2021, there will be no school fees charged for Terms 3 or 4 this year!!

2022 and 2023 ... We are pleased to advise that we have been inundated with applications for both 2022 and 2023. If you have a child commencing in the 2022 or 2023 intake, please ensure that you have lodged your Application Form. Enrolment interviews for these intakes will continue throughout Term 2, but please get your applications in fast!

Car Park Courtesy

We are continuing to experience issues with our car parks in the following areas, and would appreciate your cooperation as follows:

PARK LAKE DRIVE CAR PARK KISS & DROP BAYS

- Please ensure that you **DRIVE DOWN TO THE LAST AVAILABLE BAY** if utilising the Kiss & Drop area (ie please do not stop in the car park closest to the gate or in a car park with shade).
- If utilising the Kiss & Drop bays, please **DO NOT LEAVE THE CAR** to go and collect your child/ren from the gate or their classroom. If your intention is to leave the car to collect a student, please park in the long term parks in the centre area.

CARIGNANE STREET CAR PARK

- This car park **IS NOT A KISS & DROP ZONE**, so please do not stop on the driveway to let your children out. Should you wish to utilise the Kiss & Drop facility, this is in the Park Lake Drive car park.
- Please **DO NOT PARK IN THE DISABLED PARK** unless you have the required permit on display.
- Please **DO NOT PARK IN THE DELIVERY DRIVERS** parking bay.

Please ensure that this information is also passed on to other family members who may be picking up your child/ren. Thank you.

Annual General Meeting

We would like to thank the families and staff that came along to the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 16th March.

Reports on the 2020 academic year were shared, and a copy of the AGM Booklet is available from the Front Office.

It was wonderful to hear from our Architect - Nathan from Swanbury Penglase about the school's Master Plan, but in particular, the new Year 1 and Year 2 learning space that is currently under construction.

Again thanks to those families who came along, we sincerely value working in partnership with you and making SFX the best place it can be for your family.

Building Update

Our new Year 1 and Year 2 building is progressing fast, and the frames should be up by the time we come back to school in Term 2. We aim to take occupancy of the building some time in Term 4 which is very exciting. Stay tuned for more details and progress pictures!

10.03.21

Narnu Farm Camp (Year 3 and Year 4)

In Week 6, the Year 3 and Year 4 cohorts ventured to Narnu Farm on Hindmarsh Island for their first camp experience at SFX.

The camps are a tremendous way to build resilience, persistence, independence and teamwork as our students grow into more self-

managed people.

Each group stayed for one night and 2 days of action-packed activities based around life on a farm and what it would have been like to be on a farm back in colonial times.

Students were introduced to blacksmithing, feeding animals, ploughing, horse riding, making butter, tennis, table tennis, orienteering and the exciting night games of 'Finding Clucko' and 'Finding Superman'.

Some quotes from our campers

“At first horse riding was a bit scary but once I gave it a go, it was fantastic and felt great.”

Emilia B, Room 19

“Horse riding was amazing, and the night activities were exciting.”

Max S, Room 17

“Fun, exciting and brilliant. I felt like I was at home when I slept.”

Ryan B, Room 18

“The guinea pigs were cute and fluffy.”

Chloe O, Room 20

“I liked that the horses were nice and calm, and we were able to pat and ride them.”

Jade G, Room 21

“People put chickens on our heads, and they were fluffy.”

Hunter J, Room 16

“Mr Mittiga’s tennis skills were not as good as Mr Stagg’s.”

Damien S, Room 17

The students and teachers would like to give a special thanks to ESO's Cathy, Rita, Giulia and Marian for coming along to help out, and also to Mr Mittiga and Mrs Thomas for their assistance.

Narnu Farm Camp (Year 3 and Year 4)





08.04.21

Year 6 Camp - Adare, Victor Harbor

Our Year 6 students had a fabulous time at their camp in Victor Harbor. Here's just a few quotes from the children about their experience

"I loved camp. It was a great experience. I loved doing all the games with my mates, and my favourite was surfing." *Josh L*

"The beds were very comfortable and the food was like a restaurant." *Declan*

"I loved getting along with all the students and the teachers." *Brodie*

"I LOVED the food!! (It was quality)." *Liam L*

"The food felt like Gordon Ramsay cooked it." *Charlie*

"The surfing was great and sleeping in dorms with your friend is great." *Neeve*

"I enjoyed cam because it was a new experience. I enjoyed camp because we got to surf. I enjoyed camp in general." *Eve S*

"It was a great outdoor experience." *Connor*

"Even if you're stranded at a cafe in the middle of nowhere, you can still have fun (no matter what)." *Olivia*

"I never should have gone on the big bus." *Riley M*

A special shout-out goes to Wistow Bakery who did an amazing job looking after the group who were on "that" bus!! Thank you so much!



Important Dates

For the most up to date calendar information, please go to our Parent Handbook: https://www.sfx.catholic.edu.au/files/15987/2021_Parent_Handbook.pdf

APRIL

26th - Anzac Day Public Holiday

27th - Pupil Free Day

28th - FIRST DAY TERM 2

MAY

5th - School Tour 9.30am – 10.30am

7th - PCC Mother's Day Stall

17th - Assembly 2.30pm – Rm 2, Rm 16

19th - RE Excursion

21st - 2nd Rite of Reconciliation, St John XXIII 7pm

18th - School Board Meeting 6pm

JUNE

2nd - Sacrament of Confirmation, St David's 7pm

3rd - Sacrament of Confirmation, St John XXIII 7pm

14th - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

15th - National Buddy Day

15th - School Board Meeting 6pm

16th - Parent Info Evening – T3 RE intake 6pm

18th - Quiz Night

21st - Assembly 2.30pm – Rm 3, Rm 18

22nd - Orientation Morn – T3 RE intake 9am–12

29th - Orientation Morn – T3 RE intake 9am- 12



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