Dear Parents & Caregivers,

This morning the entire school came together to celebrate the beginning of our year with Mass, led by Fr Manu. Thank you to the families who joined us, and although it was warm, our community enjoyed celebrating together. Our theme was ‘Believe in Yourself as you are a Child of God’. The theme of ‘Believe’ is our key word for 2017 and I look forward to watching and seeing its interpretation throughout the year. At our Mass we presented our Year 7 cohort to our school community. We wish all our students in their final year, a time of enjoyment and accomplishment, believe in your capabilities and do your utmost to gain the confidence and enjoyment of learning this year, which will stay with you for the years ahead.

As we conclude our second week of the year, I must thank many of you for personally contacting and/or meeting your children's teacher over recent weeks. There have been opportunities to meet face to face with your teacher/s, or in our parent information evenings. At SFX, staff value strongly your input, feedback and support as we work in partnership with you. Staff feel very positive and connected to your child through the input you have provided, along with our structured handover meetings with teachers. Success and happiness for any child is positive when all the key people in their lives are connected and help them along! To further support an understanding of learning that is often requested by parents, we will continue with our Jolly Phonics and Reading Workshops in the next couple of weeks, led by Malia Kanongata’a. I encourage anyone who may have an idea or suggestion for other information sessions to email me, as our skilled and capable staff will enjoy sharing with you.

This week our MMF Committee was in full swing at their meeting, as time moves closer to our big day on Saturday, 25th March. We have a wonderful group of parents working so hard behind the scenes to make this a successful day for us all. I encourage you to support us, so if approached for a some assistance, we would love you to accept. If you are unable to help, know that we value any donations requested. This is our major fundraising event and takes place every two years, so we are truly dependent on gaining some profit if we can. This year any funds raised will support the first major stage of our Master Plan. On the evening of Wednesday, 29th March, at our AGM, I will look forward to providing our community with the details of this very exciting Master Plan that will set the scene for our school into the future.

There is plenty of news this week, including the important Term 1 calendar (a hard copy will be sent home with your child this week) and exciting news of the Mad March Fair and the upcoming PCC Meeting on Wednesday, 22nd February. Enjoy!

Regards,

Leonie De Garis
Principal
Welcome to the new school year! It has been a pleasure for me to be amongst the school community again, as I replace Angela Coon for the year and I feel blessed to be part of such a welcoming and friendly school. Please feel free to contact me or introduce yourself as I look forward to working with you in the faith development of your child over the coming year.

This year, as a school, we focus on the word “believe” and the many different meanings that this has. At our beginning of year school Mass our theme was “Believe in yourself for you are a child of God.” This captures the idea that we all have something inside ourselves that is greater than any obstacle, as we are all made in the image of God. Pope Francis reminds us that it is important to believe in ourselves when he said, “Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!” It is with this energy and enthusiasm that we begin our school year, making sure that everyone can feel themselves welcome, loved and encouraged to live their lives fully according to the Gospel.

**St David’s Sacramental Program**

Presentation Mass: A reminder that sacramental students are required to attend one weekend Mass on the 18th or 19th February. At these Masses, the sacramental students will be presented to the St David’s community.

Reconciliation Meeting: - Sacramental students and their parents are asked to attend St David’s Church on Wednesday 22nd February at 7.00pm to further their understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Para Hills Modbury Sacramental Program**

Workshop 4 – Baptism and Reconciliation: 4.00pm on Saturday, February 18th at St. John XXIII Church. Please bring a plate of food to share for afternoon tea. All families are invited to stay for Mass at 6.00pm.

Beginning on Wednesday March 1 (Ash Wednesday) and running through the six weeks of Lent, Project Compassion raises both funds and community awareness about important global issues, empowering our neighbours across the world to build a brighter future. The theme this year is Love Your Neighbour, with six inspiring stories from the Philippines, Timor-Leste, Australia, Vietnam and Fiji. More information about this will be provided in the coming weeks.

Michelle Thomas
Acting APRIM

mthomas@sfx.catholic.edu.au

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**UPCOMING DATES:**

- **Shrove Tuesday**: 28th February
- **Ash Wednesday**: 1st March
- **Project Compassion**: 1st March
- **Good Friday**: 13th April
- **Easter Sunday**: 15th April
- **Easter Monday**: 16th April

**IN SYMPATHY**

Our condolences to the

**HUDSON-TURNER FAMILY**

Kerry, Damian
& Chris
Ryan (Room 1)
Faith (Room 17)

On the recent loss of their
Father/Father-in-law/
Grandfather/Husband

**KEVIN HUDSON**

- May he rest in peace -
Welcome to 2017, I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable Christmas, New Year and holidays overall. Welcome to our new students and their families. If you have any queries about school sports please see my contact details below.

If your child is interested in playing an after school sport for SFX please follow the link to the Registration of Interest form:  
http://www.sfx.catholic.edu.au/sports-team-registration

**SFX SWIMMING TEAMS**

Yrs 4 – 7 students (born 2007 - 2004) interested in trying out for the SFX Swim Team, are invited to trial at TTG Waterworld before school from 7.45am – 8.15am Friday, 10th and Friday, 17th February (Weeks 2 & 3). Students must attend at least one of these sessions to be considered for the team.

*Parents are responsible for the transport of their children to Waterworld and also from Waterworld to school.*

2007 - U/10  2006 - U/11  2005 - U/12  2004 - Senior
*Swimmers must be able to swim at least 50m without stopping.*

There are two carnivals in 2017:

**District SAPSASA Catholic Carnival**

Friday, 3rd March (Week 5) 9am-1.30pm  
@ Waterworld TTG

Monday, 20th March (Week 8), 12.45pm-3pm  
@ Burnside Swimming Pool

For the Catholic Carnival all team members will be bused to and from the carnival. Registered Volunteer Parent helpers will also be required to help on the day.

Kate Cortvriend & Tania Krawczyk
## SFX CALENDAR - TERM 1, 2017

**School/postal address:** 4 Carignane Street, Wynn Vale SA 5127  
**Phone:** 8251 9500  
**Fax:** 8251 9599  
**OSHC/Vac Care:** 8251 9560  
**e-mail:** office@sfx.catholic.edu.au  
**Web address:** www.sfx.catholic.edu.au  
**Follow us on Facebook:** [https://www.facebook.com/sfxcatholicschool/](https://www.facebook.com/sfxcatholicschool/)

Please remember to advise the FRONT OFFICE by 9am if your child will be absent, or late for school, for any reason,  
Via:  
**SMS:** 0407 641 153  
**Absentee Line:** 8251 9500  
**Email:** office@sfx.catholic.edu.au  
**Via the App**

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| WK 11 | Term 2 begins Tuesday, 2nd May  
(Monday, 1st May—Pupil Free Day)  
(Winter Uniform)  
Special Uniform Shop Opening: Saturday, 29th April 9am—12 noon  
To contact Vacation Care, please ring: 8251 9560 | 2017 TERM DATES  
Term 1  
Monday, 30th January—Thursday, 13th April  
Term 2  
Tuesday, 2nd May—Friday, 7th July  
Term 3  
Tuesday, 25th July—Friday, 29th September  
Term 4  
Monday 16th October—Thursday, 14th December | 2017 PUPIL FREE DATES  
Friday, 10th March  
(Adelaide Cup Weekend)  
Monday, 1st May  
(First day Term 2)  
Friday, 9th June  
(Queen’s Birthday Weekend)  
Monday, 24th July  
(First day Term 3)  
Please note that some dates/times may be subject to change. These changes will be advised via the Newsletter. |

Please note all special uniform should be worn from day 1.

**Continue to please support the Pupil Free Day Fundraising by purchasing our school calendars and donating Christmas gifts to the Gift Box.”**

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The Mad March Fair is fast approaching!

Please keep an eye on the Newsletter, special MMF newsletters, Facebook and information being sent home via the classrooms, requesting donations, help, etc. and keeping you informed about the progress of the Fair.

Stall rosters are currently being prepared and we will be asking for helpers to volunteer at various times on various stalls throughout the day.

Next MMF Meeting
Thursday, 9th March, 6.30pm

Michelle Ovenden
MMF Coordinator

0409 400 043
jmovenden@adam.com.au
GLEESON COLLEGE YEAR 12 RESULTS 2016
St Francis Xavier’s Regional Catholic School Old Scholars

We congratulate the following St Francis Xavier’s Regional Catholic School Old Scholars on their outstanding Year 12 results in 2016:

2016 DUX OF COLLEGE:
Bridget Costello
with an ATAR of 99.30

A+ MERIT AWARDS:
Bridget Costello
Business and Enterprise & Mathematical Applications
Jay Rodda
Information Processing & Publishing

85+ ATAR ACHIEVEMENT:
Bridget Costello 99.30
Rosalie Mullen 96.70
Jay Rodda 94.55
Tayla Fleet 92.95
Cameron Wood 92.55
Adam Rossi 91.05
Ella Brazell 89.60
Kayla Darzanos 89.20
Isabella Morrison 88.10
Liam Stanton 88.10
Kate Mullen 86.20

2016 DUX OF SUBJECTS:
Business and Enterprise
Bridget Costello
Rosalie Mullen
Kayla Darzanos & Tayla Fleet
Liam Stanton
Bridget Costello
Cameron Wood

“BELIEVE, and you will achieve.”
**KILDARE COLLEGE**

*Relationships ~ Resilience ~ Results*

**TERM 1 ~ 2017 COLLEGE TOURS**

- **Saturday** 11 February 11.00am
- **Tuesday** 21 February 6.00pm
- **Saturday** 11 March 11.00am
- **Saturday** 18 March 11.00am
- **Saturday** 1 April 11.00am

At Kildare we nurture your daughter’s potential in a challenging and inspiring environment. Book a tour to come and see first hand our dedication to your daughter’s education.

For more information or to request a prospectus please call 8386 9969 or email bcurtin@kildare.catholic.edu.au

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**Gleeson College**

Gleeson College is a Catholic Secondary Co-Educational College (Years 8-12) serving students and families in the North-Eastern suburbs of Adelaide.

Set within the beautiful surroundings of Golden Grove and offering outstanding facilities and specialist programs, Gleeson College has a focus on providing personal development, pastoral care, multiple learning pathways and quality academic outcomes for all students.

**VISION STATEMENT**

Gleeson College is a faith-filled community which provides its members with the opportunity to discover, develop and use their God-given talents and abilities in the service of others.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to fulfill our vision by ensuring that at Gleeson College:

- the promotion of faith, the love of God, the person of Jesus and service to others are central to the education of the whole person;
- we provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment;
- the children, parents and staff work together, listen to and care for one another with confidence and trust;
- we cater for individual differences in the pursuit of excellence so that personal success can be achieved by all.

**2017 PRINCIPAL’S TOUR DATES > TERM 1**

- **Friday 10 February** 9.15 - 10.15am
- **Tuesday 14 February** 4.00 - 5.00pm
- **Friday 24 February** 9.15 - 10.15am
- **Tuesday 28 February** 4.00 - 5.00pm
- **Friday 10 March** 9.15 - 10.15am

**BOOK TODAY > Reserve your place/s online @ www.gleeson.sa.edu.au**
ST FRANCIS XAVIER’S REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
4 Carignane Street, Wynn Vale

2017 Tour Dates

- Saturday, 25th February  
  9.30am – 10.30am
- Wednesday, 22nd March  
  4.30pm – 5.30pm
- Tuesday, 16th May  
  9.30am – 10.30am
- Saturday, 1st July  
  9.30am – 10.30am
- Monday, 14th August  
  9.30am – 10.30am
- Thursday, 21st September  
  4.30pm – 5.30pm
- Friday, 10th November  
  9.30am – 10.30am

How do I register my attendance? 
Bookings can be made via the school’s website, or by telephoning Sonya:  
www.sfx.catholic.edu.au • 8251 9555

2017 DATES

Term 1  
Monday, 30th January - Thursday, 13th April

Term 2  
Tuesday, 2nd May - Friday, 7th July

Term 3  
Tuesday, 24th July - Friday, 29th September

Term 4  
Monday, 16th October - Thursday, 14th December

GOOD FRIDAY  
14th April

PUPIL FREE DATES 2017

Friday, 10th March  
(Adelaide Cup weekend)

Monday, 1st May  
(First day Term 2)

Friday, 9th June  
(Queen’s Birthday weekend)

Monday, 24th July  
(First day Term 3)

2017 DATES

OPENING HOURS

Tuesdays 8.30am—10.00 am
Fridays 2.30pm—4.000pm

Contact: 8251 9562

UNIFORM REPAIRS & ALTERATIONS

BY BELINDA MICHELS-SEE

Do you need:

♦ Pinafore/skirt hem taken up or lowered for winter  
  $18-$24
♦ Trousers or shorts taken up or lowered  
  $15
♦ Repairs to knees in trousers (where possible)  
  $10+
♦ Repairs to tears in uniforms (where possible)  
  $10+
♦ Repairs to uniforms that have come apart at the seam 
  $10
♦ Altering a uniform to fit  
  $15 - $30

All alteration assessments will be undertaken at the Uniform Shop and all collection of items will be made from the Uniform Shop during opening times, unless other arrangements have been discussed.

Payment:  
Cash (correct amount please) OR 
Direct Bank Deposit:  
Account name: Belinda Michels-See  
BSB: 065 149  
A/c Number: 10358712

When paying by bank deposit, please put your family name in payment description, so Belinda knows whose payment has come through.

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