Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Only 2 weeks to go before our Mad March Fair on Saturday, 25th March! This fun filled day is our major community event at SFX, held every two years. It has quite a name for itself in the local community and we hope it will attract many visitors to our school. I encourage everyone to let people know, hand around the flyer you received and keep the date free! We all know that its success depends on the support from our school families.

We have kept everyone informed of donations required through the MMF newsletter and hope that you are all connecting with it. With so many stalls, including year level stalls this year, helpers are definitely required! A short shift on a stall will mean a great deal to our organisers, so please be in touch if you can help in this way. Our next Casual Day in support of the Fair will be on Friday, 17th March. We will keep families informed of what donations we still require, following our MMF Committee meeting this evening. We thank you for your anticipated support. Together, we can make the 2017 MMF a wonderful success for all our school community. As we move towards re development of our school, the fundraising benefits of the Fair will be a valuable and beneficial start on our journey of a new and exciting SFX!

As we move into the period of Lent before Easter, we are reminded of how we reflect on our actions and how we can continue to build a positive and loving community. Michelle has written more of this important time in our liturgical calendar in her section of today’s newsletter. In keeping with our awareness of how we can help and assist others, this year our student leaders have organised a special day on Tuesday, 21st March. This is Harmony Day and we will be taking an enjoyable walk around the dam and donating to Project Compassion. See Page 4 for more details!

Recently, Sue Griffith and I held a school tour on a Saturday morning. We were very pleased with the number of families who attended and plan for further events like this. I think this family friendly time has supported our message of connecting to community. Our next school tour will be held on Wednesday, 22nd March at 4.30pm. You may see in an upcoming edition of the Messenger, an entire back page devoted to SFX. We were keen to publicise our school tours, upcoming MMF, as well as an opportunity for kindergarten children to come and try our Curious Xavier's programme. If you know of any friends or neighbours who maybe interested, please ask them to contact Sonya for more details.

Tomorrow, Friday, 10th March, staff from our nine North East Regional Catholic schools will spend the day together at St Gabriel’s, Enfield. We value this bi annual event as an opportunity to strengthen our relationships and professional learning. Tomorrow we will be exploring the context of our Catholic schools and what qualities make our schools a successful place for children, families and staff to see and experience Catholic identity. It will be an intensive day for staff and one where we anticipate to identify how we can work and actively live our identity, in the interactions we have on a daily basis. Our talented Year 7 teacher, Kate Cortvriend has developed a preview video for staff. You make like to view this yourself at the link below and see how the day is planned. I will look forward to speaking more of this learning in a future newsletter.  https://youtu.be/pLNAyKGxVVE

Another reminder for anyone interested in working with a supportive group of parents on our School Board. We are looking for new members and value a discussion if you may be interested in joining us. We are venturing into an exciting time ahead, as we confirm our Master Plan and develop new transition paths for our children. Please do not hesitate to place your interest on the form on Page 7 of today’s newsletter, or contact me. We are particularly looking for a financial background parent, but all are welcome.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 29th March at 7.30pm. All are welcome to come along and see our completed Master Plan.

Enjoy the busy month of March!

Regards,

Leonie De Garis
Principal
“To love God and neighbour is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete: It means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely. And you are, dear brothers and sisters, the face of Jesus”
Pope Francis, 2013

Last week all of our students participated in an Ash Wednesday liturgy, which marks the beginning of the Christian season of Lent. Lent is a time where we try to become more like Jesus and show mercy and compassion to all people and care for all of creation. In a special way, we keep in mind our neighbours, the men, women and children both in our local community and around the world, who are most vulnerable to poverty and injustice.

Every day we are given new opportunities to help others and to make a positive difference in the world. This includes caring for the environment, as the environment is God’s gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole.

From a community scale to a global scale there is an intense connection between people and the Earth, and harm to one cannot be escaped by the other. With this in mind, we are called to care for our common home and to be agents of truth and justice. Pope Francis reminds us that we are the face of Jesus to our neighbours and to all of creation and so during Lent, we pray that through our actions, our hearts may be open to receive the love and grace of God.

PARA HILLS MODBURY SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
Workshop 5 – Reconciliation Practice: 4.00pm on Saturday, March 11th 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.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY
John XX111 Church - Understanding the Gospel according to Matthew. Fr Jack is presenting this study on the Mondays of Lent this year in the Modbury Church (St John XXIII), 50 Reservoir Road, Hope Valley. It will start on Monday the 6th March at 7pm. All welcome.

Michelle Thomas
Acting APRIM
mthomas@sfx.catholic.edu.au

UPCOMING DATES:
Thursday, 16th March
Community Prayer
Outside Green Room
@ 9am
(led by Room 6 students)

Friday, 17th March
Reconciliation @
St John XXIII

Tuesday, 21st March
Reconciliation @
St David’s

Wednesday, 22nd March
Reconciliation @
St David’s

EASTER DATES
Good Friday
13th April

Easter Sunday
15th April

Easter Monday
16th April

“Blessed are they who Believe.”
Shrove Tuesday / Ash Wednesday
Harmony Day - Project Compassion Fundraiser

At St Francis Xavier's, we acknowledge that we are a school on the traditional country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and that everyone belongs to our school community – students, parents, siblings, grandparents, old scholars and friends. We have several families at SFX that come from various backgrounds and cultures and we want everyone to feel connected and welcome.

To celebrate Harmony Day and to fundraise for Project Compassion, our school community is going to be involved in various activities on Tuesday 21st March. All students will be involved in cultural and community activities throughout the day that have been organised and supported by our student leaders. All students will be involved in a harmony lake walk and we are asking families to make a donation towards this. All money will go to Caritas Australia for their work with Project Compassion. Caritas is the Catholic agency for international aid and development that works towards ending poverty, promoting justice and upholding dignity.

We ask that you place your donation in an envelope and return it to school by Friday, 31st March. If you would like a receipt, please include your name and contact details. Donations of $2 and over are tax deductible.

We would like all students to come to school dressed in their sport uniform, with a splash of orange. This could be orange hair ties, ribbons, socks, sunglasses, hat, necklace, etc.

Individual class teachers will communicate with you about the time of the Harmony walk and you are very welcome to join them and also wear a splash of orange.

Thank you for your support and for helping to create a school community where everyone belongs.
Dear Parents,

The Premier’s Reading Challenge has started!

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is open to all students from Reception onwards and I know many children have been part of the challenge for quite a number of years.

The Challenge requires children to read 12 books at their level, by the 8th of September. All books read are recorded on a Student Reading Record, available from the Library or online. Reading records can be returned to the Library as soon as they are completed.

Encourage your children to challenge themselves, by reading different authors, different series and different genres. Reviews of books can be posted on the Kidspace page of the website.

All information about the Challenge is on the Premier’s Reading Challenge website at www.prc.sa.edu.au

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is a State Government initiative to support the development of literacy skills and to encourage young people to read. We encourage students to take up the challenge. Please do support your children with this. Reading makes a difference!

Awards are distributed to children completing the challenge at the end of the year.

Congratulations to our super readers: Jack, Archie, Jackson, Riley and Hudson who have already completed the challenge. Well done boys........keep up the reading!

Lucy Vozzo
Teacher/Librarian
DATES TO REMEMBER:

TERM 1

Week 7
Tuesday, 20th March
Catholic Swimming Carnival @ Burnside Swimming Pool

Week 9
Wednesday, 29th March
TTG SAPSASA Athletics Carnival

2017 AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS
REGISTRATION OF INTEREST ARE OPEN FOR
TERMS 2 & 3 (2017) SPORT
SATURDAY BASKETBALL—U8, U10 & U12
SATURDAY FOOTBALL—2/3, 4/5, 6/7

If your child is interested in playing either of the above sports, the new season/s will commence in Term 2, nominations are open, please complete the registration form and return to the Sports Coordinator as soon as possible.

If your child is interested please complete the Registration of Interest form @ http://www.sfx.catholic.edu.au/sports-team-registration

District SAPSASA Swimming Catholic Carnival
Monday, 20th March (Week 8)
Burnside Swimming Pool from 12.45pm-3.00pm

For the Catholic Carnival all team members will be bussed to and from the Carnival. Registered Volunteer Parent helpers will also be required to help on the day.
Kate Cortvriend & Tania Krawczyk

SAPSASA DISTRICT SOFTBALL CARNIVAL
On Friday, 24th February, St Francis Xavier’s competed in the Tea Tree Gully District Softball Carnival at Illaryie Reserve. It was a great day, with both the girls and boys team playing extremely well. The boys team tied with Ridgehaven for 1st overall and the girls came 2nd. Thankyou to Chilli and Mr Taverner for coaching the teams, and also to Jo Burns for taking on the role as unofficial photographer.

SAPSASA DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL
On Friday, 3rd March, St Francis Xavier’s had a chance to enjoy the beautiful weather and compete in the Tea Tree Gully District Swimming Carnival at Waterworld. It was a fantastic day with some great results and a number of students being invited to attend the Metro Championships. SFX came 2nd overall by a very close 1 point difference. Thankyou to Kate Cortvriend for coaching the team and all the families who came to cheer us on.

Parliament & Civics Education Rebate (PACER) Information

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an educational tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding of $60.00 per student, under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program, towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Email: tania.krawczyk@sfx.catholic.edu.au
Phone: 8251 9531
In person: Tuesday—Friday in the Hall

For those who play in a SFX Netball, Basketball or Indoor Soccer after school team, you can now download the SportFix app to your mobile to get all current rosters.

"The future belongs to those who BELIEVE"
How might the future look at SFX?
Come and see our Master Plan!

We are delighted to be joined at this year’s Annual General Meeting by our Architect - Peter Moeck, who will present to our school community, the proposed Master Plan.

Peter’s presentation follows extensive community consultation around how we can build a better future for your child/ren. We hope to see you there!

When, Where & What Time
Wednesday, 29th March, 2017
commencing at 7pm-8pm in the Library, followed by drinks and nibbles

Annual General Meeting & School Board Nominations
On the night, we also look forward to introducing our nominated School Board for 2017. Please consider nominating by completing the form below. Nomination forms must be completed and returned to the Front Office by 22nd March, 2017, and voting will take place at the Annual General Meeting.

RSVP and School Board Nomination Forms for return to Sonya in the Front Office by 22nd March, 2017

RSVP
Your RSVP would be much appreciated for catering purposes, and can be emailed, telephoned, or this form returned to Sonya in the Front Office as follows:
Email—scarroll@sfx.catholic.edu.au or Telephone-8251 9555

Our family (insert surname)______________________________________will have__________person(s) attending the AGM.

School Board Nomination Form
Nomination___________________________________________________________________________________________
Signature of Nominee___________________________________________________________________________________
Nominated By_________________________________________________________________________________________
Signature of Nominator__________________________________________________________________________________
Setting up for SUCCESS series –

**TOPIC:** Compare - “What are you setting your kids up for?”

Wednesday 15th March, 7pm – 8.30pm, Rosary School, Prospect

Mark Le Messurier is a well-known teacher, counsellor and author of 11 books. He is the co-author of BOTH ‘What’s the Buzz? friendship/ social skills building programs now assisting children (4 to 14 years) in schools and organisations around the world - [http://www.whatsthebuzz.net.au/](http://www.whatsthebuzz.net.au/) He regularly presents at conferences and is a recipient of an Australian National Excellence in Teaching Award. Mark works in schools and in private practice in Adelaide with young people he affectionately calls ‘Tough Kids’. He is the architect of the ‘Mentoring Program’ now running in many Catholic and state schools throughout Australia to support vulnerable students. Mark’s book, RAISING BEAUT KIDS ($35), follows PARENTING TOUGH KIDS ($35) which became an international best seller. Mark’s books will be available at the workshop for purchase, using cash or credit card. Mark will offer RAISING BEAUT KIDS and PARENTING TOUGH KIDS together as a BOOK BUNDLE for the discounted price of $50. Proceeds from book sales go to Hutt Street Centre - [https://www.huttstcentre.org.au/](https://www.huttstcentre.org.au/)

This workshop comes from Mark’s books - RAISING BEAUT KIDS and PARENTING TOUGH KIDS

There’s not a ‘one size fits all’ to guarantee parents parent well, and kids turn out well.

To be successful, children need the most important people in their lives, their mums and dads, to have sorted out what really matters so they can build a way of life that sets them up for success - a way of life that sets them up with an advantage! Kids need parents who are enablers.

In this workshop Mark wants to challenge you! He wants to COMPARE your family values and parenting priorities against his CHECKLIST. He wants you to enjoy the opportunity; to laugh, reflect, share and COMPARE without feeling judged.

You are what will make the greatest difference for your child, and it's in what you think, what you say and what you do. There’s no such thing as perfect parents, perfect children or perfect families. Even in limiting circumstances, parents who value the relationship they have with their children, and review how they are managing make huge optimistic differences.

For more information about Mark, RAISING BEAUT KIDS, PARENTING TOUGH KIDS or the global social skills programs - WHAT’S THE BUZZ? for PRIMARY students and WHAT’S THE BUZZ? for EARLY LEARNERS please view;

[http://www.whatsthebuzz.net.au/](http://www.whatsthebuzz.net.au/)

To hear Mark interviewed by Debra Tribe on ABC Radio, visit -

To see a ‘What’s the Buzz?’ lesson in action, and lots more, visit –
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0QaHHsnN4U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0QaHHsnN4U)

To see and hear Mark Le Messurier go to his YouTube Channel - [www.youtube.com/channel/UCOZkkRMU4LdXZc2uT7UY-Uw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOZkkRMU4LdXZc2uT7UY-Uw)

### Easter Monday

**Footsteps**

Come along and dance and sing to the songs you know from Trolls.

- Lunch
- Sausage Sizzle
- Craft
- Make your own troll

**Easter Holiday**

**Hungry Hippos**

Join us to play our inflatable game.

- Lunch
  - Baked potatoes

**Active Education**

Come along and try geocaching—a form of treasure hunt using GPS.

- Lunch
  - Fried rice
  - Craft
  - Weaving

**MEGA COURTS**

- Jumping castles and games.
- Leaving: 1pm
- Returning: 4.15pm

Bring a packed lunch

**Craft**

Make a stained glass poppy for Anzac Day

### Monday April 17th

### Tuesday April 18th

### Wednesday April 19th

### Thursday April 20th

### Friday April 21st

### Monday April 24th

### Tuesday April 25th

### Wednesday April 26th

### Thursday April 27th

### Friday April 28th

**Sorry We Are Closed Today**

**ANZAC Day**

**Lost We Forget**

**Fundayout Event**

Have an exciting day out to see MOSCOW CIRCUS

- Bring a packed lunch
  - Leaving: 9.45am
  - Returning: 2.15pm

**Spy School**

Learn to become an official junior secret agent. Let CHARLIE the spy dog show you how.

- Lunch
  - Tuna Bake

**Craft**

- Sand art picture frame (Photo size 6.5cm x 6.5cm)

**Wheels Day**

Make sure you bring your Helmet

- Lunch
  - Yummy Hamburgers

**Craft**

- Reading
ST FRANCIS XAVIER’S VACATION CARE
APRIL 17th—28th, 2017

CONFIRMATION OF BOOKINGS

ALL EXCURSIONS ARE BY FARNHAM’S ROADLINES COACHES

Surname: .................................................................................................................................

Child 1: .................................................................................................................................

Child 2: .................................................................................................................................

Child 3: .................................................................................................................................

Excursion | Date | Fee Type | Age Group | Travel means | Approx. children | Approx. adults | Ratio | Activity | Time away |
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MEGA COURTS | 21/4/17 | Excursion Day | 4-13 | Charter bus | 50 | 7 | 1:8 | Games, inflatable castles | 1pm - 4.15pm |
Moscow Circus | 26/4/17 | Excursion day | 4-13 | Charter bus | 50 | 7 | 1:8 | See performance, lunch | 9.45 - 2.15pm |

SIGNATURE OF PARENT: ........................................................................................................

PARENTS, PLEASE INDICATE THE DAYS THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR CARE

Week 1:
Monday, 17th April CLOSED
Tuesday, 18th April
Wednesday, 19th April
Thursday, 20th April
Friday, 21st April

Week 2:
Monday, 24th April CLOSED
Tuesday, 25th April CLOSED
Wednesday, 26th April
Thursday, 27th April
Friday, 28th April

Clothing
Please ensure your child wears appropriate clothes and foot wear at all times. Please label all clothing.

Reminders
We require 5 working days for any cancellations. Prompt fee payment please by cash, credit card or bank deposit with a fortnight

Excursions
Children are to wear their red hats on all excursions, otherwise a new one will be issued at a cost of $7.

Please arrive at least a ½ an hour before departure times.

Your child does not need to bring spending money these holidays

Electronics & Food
Children need to be responsible for any electronic games, toys, DVD’s and CD’s they bring from home. Electronics are only available to children at select times of the day. Please supply your child with healthy nutritious snacks.
**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER’S REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
4 Carignane Street, Wynn Vale

### 2017 Tour Dates

- **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

**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)

### Music

Communication and enquiries about the Instrumental Music program should be directed firstly to Janice Davis the Music Administrator or if not available to Sue Griffith, Acting Deputy Principal to follow up. Sarah Wildy has increased class responsibilities this year and is therefore unable to follow up individual enquiries in a timely manner. Specific enquiries regarding lessons with a tutor can be made directly with the tutor. Please remember to advise tutors directly of your child’s absence or if school events will clash with a music lesson.

Janice Davis:  email jdavis@sfx.catholic.edu.au or  
Phone 82519536 on Tuesday or  
Friday between 8 and 11 am

Sue Griffith:  email sgriffith@sfx.catholic.edu.au  
Phone 82519552

### Canteen

A new menu for 2017 canteen items can be located on the school website:  
[www.sfx.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sfx.catholic.edu.au)

Did you know that you can now order ice-blocks and ice-creams directly from the QKR App or directly from the Canteen using a paper bag which will be delivered straight to the classroom. No need to queue up to get a refreshing treat.

### Uniform Shop

**OPENING HOURS**

- Tuesdays  8.30am—10.00am  
- Fridays  2.30pm—4.00pm  
**Contact:** 8251 9562

### ABSENTEE ADVICE

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**

*"The services and events from outside agencies contained in this newsletter are in no way connected with the school and are included in this newsletter for your information only. Parents and caregivers need to make their own enquiries and assessments about the suitability of these events and services for their needs and those of their children.”*