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SFX Snapshot!!

From our Principal – Jason Mittiga

It is hard to believe that we only have four weeks of school left for 2020! It has been a challenging year, and the children are to be commended for the way in which they have handled the changes that the year has provided.

Sports Day was a highlight two weeks ago, and it was fantastic to be able to have some family members present. It felt like a community again, and this is something I am looking forward to in 2021. I would like to thank Nathan for his hard work in making Sports Day such a success. The children thoroughly enjoyed it, and well done to de Mazenod who won the shield on the day.

Uniform

A Revised Uniform Information Sheet went out last Friday, outlining expectations for 2021/2022. The new uniform will be a great addition to our school, and thank you to the Uniform Committee for all of your hard work in introducing a smart, active uniform for the children to wear each day.

JS have opened up an additional 3 days of fittings exclusively for SFX families. Please click on link below or copy into your browser:

https://belgraviasportsonline.com.au/pages/school-uniform-fittings

Class Structures 2021

I am pleased to announce that we will have 19 straight classes next year, with a 20th Reception class to commence in Term 3. We will commence the year with the following:

2 x Reception
3 x Year 1
3 x Year 2
3 x Year 3
3 x Year 4
3 x Year 5
2 x Year 6

Class Teachers and Specialist Teachers will be announced at the end of the term, as staffing is still being finalised. It is certainly a busy time for all involved!

Deputy Principal

The process to appoint a new Deputy Principal commenced this week, with staff consultation. Michelle Thomas will be Acting Deputy for Term 1, with the Substantive Deputy commencing in Term 2, 2021.

Cyber Safety

Just a reminder to monitor what your children are doing at home on their devices. As a parent, it is always good to know what social media platforms the children are on, in order to monitor their screen time.

Air Conditioning in Xavier Hall – Thank you!

I would like to acknowledge the Federal Government for their contribution of $16,830 towards air conditioning in our Hall.

With this additional money, and the fantastic fundraising efforts of our PCC, this long awaited cooling has finally come to fruition.

Thank you to all involved!

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Volunteer of the Year Award

Today, Blair Boyer MP, State Member for Wright, presented Grace Rocca with the 2021 Wright Volunteer Award.

Grace has been a parent at SFX for 5 years, and is currently Chair of our PCC, and has been involved in several fundraising activities for the school over the years.

Sincere thanks Grace for your commitment to SFX.

School Fees

School Fees for 2021 have been reduced by $331 to assist in providing an accessible and affordable education for all our families.

This has been an initiative of Catholic Education, and we are pleased to be passing this reduction on to our families.

Fee packs for 2021, together with booklists have now been posted. Can you please contact the Front Office if you have not received your information by Friday, 20th November.

Sports Day 2020 by Nathan Bruce-Gordon

On Friday, 30th October, the entire school participated in our annual Sports Day. The event had a great community feel, with the parents being able to attend due to relaxed COVID rules. Thankfully the weather was on our side and all students should be congratulated on the way they participated in the spirit of the day.

The junior primary students enjoyed a variety of rotations on the oval which included some traditional Sports Day events such as sprints, high jump and long jump as well as some less traditional events such as an obstacle course and a chicken throw challenge. The older students tested their endurance during our Lake Run where there were some outstanding individual efforts. On the hardcourts we found some very competitive End Ball games taking place with all students participating with positive team work and sportsmanship being shown. This year the school invited Next Generation Taekwondo to run some sessions for our junior primary students and this turned out to be a very successful part of the day.

After lunch, the entire school moved to the oval to witness the main event of the day, the 100m sprints. For the first time the Year 2 students participated by running 50m and were very excited to be a part of it. The day finished with very energetic and well-choreographed cheers which were led by our Year 6 leaders. A huge congratulations to de Mazenod who were the overall winners on the day, but all students should be proud of the way they conducted themselves.

A huge thanks to all the parents who came out to support the day giving it a real community feel. Also, a big thanks to the classroom teachers and admin staff who all had a role to play on the day. Events like this will never be successful without everyone doing their bit.

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Para Hills/ Modbury Parish
Pastoral Associate – Part time

The Pastoral Associate will be responsible to the Parish Priest and will work collaboratively with him, the Parish Team, and the Parish Pastoral Council.

The Pastoral Associate will provide support and assistance for new and existing parishioners in all aspects of the parish community.

The successful applicant will have an active spiritual life which is expressed through prayer, religious practice and commitment to living a Catholic life according to the precepts, teachings and practices of the Catholic Church.

The position is offered as part-time, 12 hours per week.

The successful applicant will possess appropriate qualifications, expertise and experience in a Catholic Parish.

Applications should be addressed to Ms Majella Jovanovich, Human Resources Manager, and emailed to recruitment@adelaide.catholic.org.au no later than close of business (5.00pm) Monday, November 23, 2020. A copy of the Position Description can be obtained by emailing recruitment@adelaide.catholic.org.au or by contacting Sonia Kravinskis, HR Coordinator, on 8210 8134.

Employment with the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide is conditional upon a successfulWorking with Children Check clearance through the Catholic system and successful reference checks.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Child Safe organization.

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MUSIC TUITION

Learning an instrument can have an immense impact on cognitive development, social interaction and simply enjoying life! Here at St Francis Xavier's School 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.

At St Francis Xavier's we offer the following instruments for individual tuition. Paired and group lessons are only possible IF there are other students of similar age and ability wishing to participate. ***Note: * DRUM, PIANO & KEYBOARD are individual lessons only***

RECEPTION – YEAR 6
Voice, Piano*, Keyboard*, Violin, Recorder, Drums*, Acoustic Guitar

YEARS 3 - 6
Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Ukulele, Electric & Bass Guitar

LESSON FEES are based upon the number of weeks a tutor is able to work per term. Payable at the beginning of each term, based on $29.oo for individual lessons, $18.oo Duo & $17.oo Group lessons. Accounts are payable directly to the tutor. A late fee of $15.00 is incurred after the given date unless prior arrangements have been made with the tutor.

At the commencement of lessons and each year there is also a $20.00 per student Administration fee.

INSTRUMENTS: While some already have, or choose to purchase an instrument you may wish to hire. Why Hire? Instruments can be expensive to buy and maintain. Hiring allows you to begin the learning process without the high purchase cost. We have dealt with **Size Music** for many years & highly recommend them for their quality instruments and service. For more information call 1800 023 335 visit their website: **size.com.au**

COMMENCE MUSIC TUITION REQUEST

If you would like your child to receive one on one tuition please return this slip to the "Reply slips" tray on the reception bench in the **MUSIC SUITE** or Email: **jdavis@sfx.catholic.edu.au**

CHILD'S full name _____

Would like tuition on (Instrument) _____

❑ Individual lessons or, if available: ❑ Duo ❑ Group

Email address _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Jason Mittiga, Principal 13th November, 2020