



Important Dates

Welcome Chats
(bookings open
from 20/12/2021)
Tuesday 25 January

First day of school
for 2022
Monday 31 January

Whole School Mass
Thursday 10 February

Parent Teacher
Interviews
commence
Monday 28 March

Sports Day
Friday 1 April

Holy Thursday and
last day of T1
Thursday 14 April

Message from Jason Mittiga, Principal

Dear Families,

We have made it to the end of the year, and you should all be proud of your child's achievements. This year, like last year, has had its ups and downs with COVID, but we have persisted and tried to carry on with the best interests of the children in mind.

It has been a big year with lots of changes happening around us. The new buildings are now both operational, all carparks are complete, and the new school playground will commence during the holidays.

Included in this eNews are some Important Dates for Term 1, but please keep a lookout in coming weeks for an email with the link to our 2022 Calendar and Parent Handbook.

With a strong focus on student wellbeing, next year we will launch the Restorative Practices and Resilience Project at a Wine and Cheese night in Term 1 - Tuesday, 8th March (AGM). I will communicate further about other exciting initiatives taking place early in 2022.

We commence the year ahead with 19 straight classes, four of which are new Receptions!

Sincere thanks for all of your support throughout the year. Working in partnership is what we are all about at St Francis, and we work hard to build these relationships. We are here for you, and most importantly, your children. We aim for each child to reach their potential and be thriving people, capable learners and leaders for the world God desires. 2022 promises to be a big year, so strap yourself in and get ready for another big year at SFX!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is a long break, and one I hope you all enjoy with your family and friends.

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Staffing

As occurs at this time every year, there is some staffing news to share. Outlined below are details of staff that are coming and going.

Staff Leaving:

- Kathy Abbott has retired after 35 years service in the Finance team. We farewelled Kathy a few weeks ago, and wish Kathy all the very best on her well-deserved retirement.
- Michelle Thomas' Acting Deputy role will continue for Term 1 at Catherine McAuley - congratulations Michelle!
- Tim Ferry left to take on a fulltime role at another school, which pleasingly for Tim, will continue in 2022.
- Janice Davis is resigning after 17 years of service in the Music Department. We wish Janice all the very best.
- Hayley Fieldhouse has won a position at a Western suburbs school closer to her new home - congratulations Hayley.
- Charmaine Aistrope has won a 2-year finance role appointment in Catholic Education SA (CESA).
- Karen Putnik is taking a year's leave and will return in 2023.

New Staff:

- Enza Messina is replacing Charmaine as Business Manager during her two year appointment at CESA.
- Vickie Ivancic is joining us as Finance Officer, replacing Kathy Abbott.
- Cathy Agostinelli has won an Educator position, supporting children with additional needs.
- Mel Ainslie will be replacing Janice in the Music Department.
- Katrina Brown is returning from leave and will be taking Art for RE - Yr 6.
- Rosanna Samarzia will continue in the role as Acting APRIM, replacing Michelle Thomas for Term 1.

Welcome Chats

Further to our email of 2nd December, a reminder that Individual **WELCOME CHATS** for all families are being held in the week before school commences on **ONE DAY ONLY – Tuesday, 25th January, 2022.**

Bookings can be made via our online system – Parent Teacher Online (PTO). Please note that **bookings open FROM Monday, 20th December, 2021.**

The booking system can be accessed via the school's [home page](#), and on the green bar top right you will find a link to "PTO – Parent Teacher Interviews".

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Uniform Shop



SUMMER TRADING HOURS

****CLOSED** 18th December, 2021 - 9th January, 2022

Standard Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00am - 12:00pm
Tuesday: 1:00pm - 5:30pm
Wednesday: 8:00am - 12:00pm
Thursday: 1:00pm - 5:30pm
Friday: Closed
Saturday: 9:00am - 12:00pm
Sundays & Public Holidays: Closed

Extended Opening Hours:

17th - 29th January, 2022 ONLY

Monday: 8:00am - 4pm
Tuesday: 8:00am - 5:30pm
Wednesday: 8:00am - 4pm
Thursday: 8:00am - 5:30pm
Friday: Closed
Saturday: 9:00am - 12:00pm
Sundays & Public Holidays: Closed
Sales Assistant: Michelle Flanigan

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PLEASE BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE SHOP

Why do I need an appointment???

Due to social distancing requirements we still have restrictions on how many people can be in store at one time. We are 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.

Bookings can be made [online](#).

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 prior to Thursday, 20th January can be collected from the school when school returns, or **between 12 noon and 4pm on Tuesday, 25th January ONLY**.

2021 Wright Volunteer of the Year Award

At our recent Assembly, Blair Boyer presented the 2021 Wright Volunteer of the Year Award to Melissa and Rob Teivans.

Melissa and Rob have been part of the SFX community for over 8 years, since their daughter, Charlotte began Reception in 2013. Charlotte is one of our graduating Year 6 students.

Melissa and Rob have been involved in numerous fundraising activities for the school over the years, including the Mad March Fair and Quiz Nights. They have both been integral members of the PCC, helping with Mother's and Father's Day stalls, sausage sizzles, Sports Day, along with many other events! They have always been happy and willing to help out wherever they can.

Melissa has also previously held the position of Chair of our PCC, and with Charlotte moving onto secondary school, retires this year as a School Board member.

Melissa and Rob are very worth recipients of this year's Award, and they will be greatly missed by everyone at SFX - congratulations!

Sports Day / Colour Explosion Fun Run / St Francis Xavier's Feast Day

Last Friday we celebrated St Francis Xavier's Feast Day in style. We started the day with a whole school Liturgy, followed by a condensed version of Sports Day, and culminating with our inaugural Colour Explosion Fun Run.

The Colour Explosion Fun Run was a fantastic community event, thoroughly enjoyed by students, families and staff. We would like to thank everyone for their participation, and congratulations to Anja who was the school's highest fundraiser.

The day was a huge success, and by popular demand, we will be doing the Colour Explosion Fun Run again next year in conjunction with St Francis Xavier's Feast Day on Friday, 2nd December!!!

Please note that Sports Day has been moved to Term 1 on Friday, 1st April to lessen the congestion in the Term 4 calendar.



Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs

Thank you to our school community for working together to collect an impressive **20kg** of bread tags for Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs! Thank you to our school RE leaders who have worked tirelessly to collect the bread tags, and thank you to our local Catholic schools, Our Lady of Hope and Gleeson College who have worked in partnership with our school to collect the tags. An amazing community effort.



Fred's Van Volunteers

Thank you to our staff who have generously given up their time to support Fred's Van this year. The staff at SFX volunteer every Wednesday of the month and support the Fred's Van team by helping to prepare and serve food. The staff will continue to support Fred's Van through the Christmas holidays and into 2022.

St Francis Xavier's Feast Day - 3rd December

On Friday, 3rd December we celebrated St Francis Xavier's Feast Day with a whole school liturgy. We gathered to celebrate St Francis Xavier who preached the Gospel in many lands and to give thanks for the blessings of our school year.

During this liturgy we had the opportunity to thank our Year 6 students for their leadership and commitment to our school. With great pride, the Year 6 students symbolically passed the St Francis Xavier's school candle onto the Year 5 students. The Year 5 students accepted this candle as 2022 Seniors and gave thanks for the Year 6 students of 2021.

As part of our celebration, students, staff and the parents participated in our Mini Sports Day and Colour Fun Run.



Para Hills Modbury Catholic Church Mass Times

'Blessing of Cribs' at all Sunday Masses, 12th December (the 3rd Sunday of Advent).

Mass Times:

8:00am - St John XXIII

10:00am - Holy Trinity

Family Vigil Mass - Friday, 24th December

Holy Trinity at 6.30pm

Christmas Blessing from our Acting APRIM, Rosanna Samarzia

Happy Christmas to everyone in our wonderful community! We are so happy to rejoice in the miracle of Christmas – this advent journey that we are all in together. We thank you for your kind support of all those in need in our community through your generous donations for Vinnie’s Christmas Appeal. We know that we have made many families so very grateful. Christmas is a season of joy, of love, a time for forgiveness and a chance to reconnect. May you experience many blessings this Christmas season.



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Learn a Language in 2022!

The School of Languages offers RE - Yr 6 programs in 16 languages for students from all schooling sectors: Afrikaans, Arabic, Auslan, Chinese, French, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Nepali, Punjabi, Spanish, Thai and Vietnamese.

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