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prayer

*Yesterday we began the season of **Advent** - waiting for Jesus to come to us at Christmas.*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah:

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: 'The LORD our justice.'

(Jeremiah 33:14–16)

As we light the first candle of our Advent wreath, symbolising Hope, we pray:

**O come, O come Emmanuel,
May the light of this candle be a symbol of hope,
a hope that burns within us,
lighting the world with the love and peace
that only Jesus can bring.
Amen.**



Dear Families,

PREP 2019 INFORMATION EVENING

Last week we held an information session for Prep 2019 families. The session was to pass on information about the school and beginning Prep. It was great to see most of the parents there and enjoying the sunshine and coffee before we got down to 2019 school business.

8:30AM SUPERVISION

Please note that the gate at the back where the staff park IS NOT open for students to use and come to school early. Last week there were children at school at 8:00am and were unsupervised. It is important that you drop your children off after 8:30am as there is a staff member on duty from then.

STAFF NEWS

Please keep Alison Gray in your prayers as she has been in and out of hospital over the last week. Al is still in hospital and as a result the canteen will not be opened the rest of the term. Please ensure your child is made aware of this and you pack adequate food for them.

ICY POLES

The Year 6 children will be selling icy poles during recess and lunch, to help supplement their Year 6 excursion to Adventure Park; they are \$0.50 each.

REMINDER: STUDENT ABSENCES

We are required by state government regulation to inform you if your child is absent without explanation. If your child is away, please **contact us before 9:30am** in one of the following ways:

- Text using the number on the school magnet – **0438 129 374**
- Call the Office on - **5275 1974**

Please **DO NOT** notify your child's teacher by email on the day or through Seesaw as they are **teaching and will not see it in time**. If you know your child will be away due to prior scheduled appointments, please email your child's homegroup teacher as soon as possible beforehand.

If we have no explanation for your child's absence, you will receive an SMS after 9:30am, please reply promptly.

2019 FEE BREAKDOWN

Family fee	\$830.00
Building levy	\$ 52.00
Tuition & swimming levies	\$260.00
Excursion	\$180.00
Camp (years 5&6)	\$210.00

2019 HOMEGROUPS

We welcome the following staff in 2019:

Sara Graham as 1/2 homegroup Teacher. She is an experienced teacher, who comes highly recommended. Currently she is teaching Year 5 and is a leader with a wealth of knowledge about best practice in learning and teaching. Sara is excited about joining our community and working collaboratively with staff and students to achieve success for all.

Teyanah Butcher as 1/2 homegroup Teacher. Tey recently graduated as a teacher and has taught in Geelong and in London. She currently works as an Emergency Teacher and we have had her at St Francis Xavier over the 2 terms in various roles; as such the children already know who she is. While Mr. Lentoor was on Long Service Leave, Tey took the PE classes as well as working with classes to enhance their learning. Tey is eager to start the 2019 school year and have a homegroup of her own.

Jennifer Ryan as 3/4 homegroup Teacher. She is an experienced teacher who is committed to high expectations in achievement and success for all. Jen has held positions of leadership in Wellbeing as part of her own professional growth and development. Currently she is teaching Year 2 and has taught many varied year levels across the span of her career, she is looking forward to meeting our learners and becoming a valuable part of our community.

Students and staff will have the opportunity to meet the newest additions to our community towards the end of term as they join us for forward planning, transition days and whole school Orientation Day on Tuesday 11 December.

The teacher groupings will be as follows:

PREP

Catherine Deleur (3 Days) & Michelle Mahoney (2 Days)

Catherine (Cat) Torpy

YEAR 1/2

Amelia Bourke

Teyanah Butcher

Sara Graham

YEAR 3/4

Monica Pearce

Jennifer Ryan

Olivia Slee

YEAR 5/6

Kate Jago

Tom McManus

Julie Turner (4 Days) & Leisha Parker (1 Day)

SWIMMING LESSONS:

Have you thought about enrolling your child in swimming lessons?

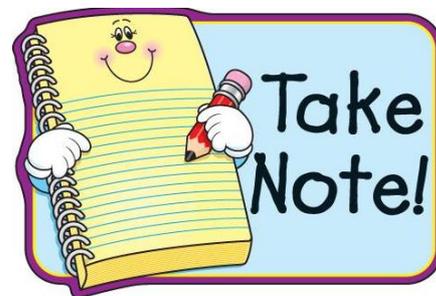
Waterworld Geelong is offering students in grades 1, 2, 3 & 4 holding a concession card free swim lessons! If you would like more information or to enrol, please contact the school for the necessary paperwork.

Spots are filling fast, so get in quick to take up this amazing offer!



DECEMBER

- 3 - 3 Way Chat - 3:30pm - 5:10pm (Celebration of learning)
- 5 - 3 Way Chat - Students finish at 1:00pm
- 5 - 3 Way Chat - 1:30pm - 6:40pm (Celebration of Learning)
- 6 - St Francis Xavier Feast Day Celebrations with St Anthony Padua, Lara
- 10 - Carols on the Green - 5:30 - 7:00
- 11 - Whole school orientation - 11:30am start
- 13 - End of Year Mass (farewell to teachers/students leaving SFX)
- 14 - End of Year Excursion to Barwon Heads
- 17 - SFX Charity Day
- 17 - Graduation Mass @ 7:00 for the Year 6 students
- 19 - End of the 2018 year at 1:00pm



The annual fee letter and new direct debit and Centrepay forms will be sent out by next week. Please note: if you have a current direct debit or Centrepay in place, you are required to complete a new form.

UNIFORM POP UP SHOP...

Next week from Monday 10 December

ALL uniform pieces in the pop up shop will be \$2.

The "pop-up shop" is still running in the Admin building! There is a range of uniform clothing for sale and more to be added including summer and winter uniform pieces ranging from size 6 to 16.

With the end of year approaching we have had some families come to us enquiring about uniform for next year; as we do not have all pieces, we are opening this opportunity to the school community - DO YOU HAVE ANY PIECES YOU WOULD EITHER LIKE TO SELL OR DONATE?

Please contact the office if you would like to advertise in the newsletter.

Late Arrival

We have noticed that a number of children are arriving late to school.

It is important that children arrive on time at school ready to start their learning.

Children who are late also disrupt their learning community.

There may be times for unforeseen reasons that children will arrive late, please notify the office if this is the case.

Children are given a late pass at the office when they arrive after 8:50am.

Please note, each time your child is marked as late this is reflected on their report, if we notice they are regularly late you may be contacted to come up to the school and have a meeting to discuss with principal.

Children need to be at school by 8:50am as this is when the learning commences.

