



## St Francis Xavier School

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Dear Families,

We had a fantastic urban camp and our Year 5/6 children were a credit to themselves. They were well mannered and conscious of the city pedestrians and commuters on trains, trams and shops. It was a great learning experience for them and they learnt a lot at the MCG, Old Melbourne Goal and at the Shrine of Remembrance. It was a pleasure being with them on camp and I look forward to seeing the Leaders of the school.

### **Meet & Greets**

Meetings were held last Monday and Wednesday to meet with your child's teacher. This was a wonderful opportunity for building a relationship with families and the school. If you were unable to attend the organised meeting times then please arrange a time to meet with your child's home group teacher over the next few weeks. Unfortunately we had many parents who did not make contact with the teachers.

### **The Review-School Closure Dates**

Last year on Orientation every child was given a letter that had two dates on it. Every school goes through a review and as a staff we need to work together to ensure our process as procedures are up to date. All staff and will be involved in the two closure days. A reminder the days are **Thursday 28 February** and **Friday 1 March 2019**.

### **Dismissal reminders**

As part of the Child Safety regulations we need to ensure that our community is safe. As you are aware, we have a new procedure that started this year. There are still some teething problems but together we will get it right. Our students are dismissed at 3:10pm. All students are taken to the Asphalt where they disseminate into three areas, and assemble in a designated area. Please talk to your child about the three areas, so they know where they need to go to wait. They are:

1. Front Gate
2. Back Gate
3. Assemble area for parent pick up

At each area there are staff members. The children are then escorted to the designated area. If you are picking up children please come to them and do not ask them to go to the playground. We will endeavour to have signs so everyone knows which area is which. Children are taken to the gates and are supervised at them. If any child is not picked up, they are brought back in the office and we ring families. NO child is ever left alone outside to wait.

### **Parking at the Front and Back Gate**

A reminder to all parents to observe traffic safety rules in the pick up and drop off zone at the Front and Back Gate area. Any adults using this area need to follow the instructions of staff, be aware of the many children moving in and around the area and to be patient

while children are getting into and out of cars. Please do not reverse or overtake in this area as it causes a safety hazard and can result in accidents occurring. Please be mindful of where you park and if there seems to be any concerns please let me know. If anyone is videoing or taking photos of your children, let the local police know. I have had some neighbours getting upset with our school community and I have reassured them I would remind everyone to be calm and obey the road and parking rules.

### **Opening Mass**

It was great to see many of our parents and grandparents at school last week to help us celebrate our beginning of year mass. We hope to see many more faces visiting our community throughout the year as we celebrate faith and learning achievements together. Enjoy a safe and happy start to the year!

### **Staff Emails**

Please note that if you are wishing to have a discussion with your child's teacher, you are encouraged to email them directly in the first instance to arrange a mutually convenient time. Before school is a busy time for all staff setting up the room and preparing for lessons and is not an appropriate time for one on one progress discussions.

### **PAM**

Have you logged on yet? Make sure you come in to see Bella in the office who will help you log on. It is important you log on as most of our communication will occur through PAM. Last week, every family received a magnet with the info for PAM. If you didn't get one, please see Bella.

### **See-Saw**



## The Learning Journal

### **Seesaw is back for 2019**

Communicating your child's learning with you is an important part of our work. We will again be using Seesaw to provide you with information about your child's growth through the year.

If you connected to your child's journal last year, you are automatically connected to their journals for this year. Just use the same email address to log in. If you're new to the school or did not connect to your child's journal last year, you need to create an account. This is **your account** and should not be used by your child. To sign up:

- Download 'Seesaw Parent and Family' in the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#) or go to <https://app.seesaw.me> using Chrome or Firefox and choose 'I'm a Family Member'.
- Choose 'Create Account' and scan the QR Code on your child's handout.
- Finish creating your account using your email address or Google account to view your child's journal.

Remember that Seesaw is a journal of learning. The comments that you make on your child's work should relate to the piece of work and be useful feedback for them. Seesaw should not be used to communicate personal information with a teacher - an email, a phone call or a chat are better options. Absences and other important information need to be reported by email or through PAM.

### **Parents and Friends (P&F)**

Whether you are new to our learning community or one of the 'original pioneers' we would love to see you involved in the life of the school. We would like to welcome all the new families to the St Francis Xavier Community. The P&F is a great way to keep up to date with what is happening within the school. We also raise funds that go back towards the school. We have a Parents & Friends meeting coming up on Friday 8 March, and will be calling for volunteers and office bearers to assist with regular meetings. At the moment, we are unsure if the meetings will occur during the school day or in the evening. Once we have the committee we will let you all know.

### **Join us at March's meeting**

Our next Parents & Friends meeting will be held in the next couple of weeks. A date, time and place will be confirmed. If you are interested in being more involved, please feel welcome to join us at this month's meeting. Look out on PAM as the date and time will be posted on there



### **CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

If you filled out a form in 2018 you need to refill a new application for 2019.

CSEF applications forms are available at school reception or you can download it from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

**Please complete the form as soon as possible and return it to the office. Your card will need to be sighted and copied.**

A blue banner with white silhouettes of a family on the left. The text 'St Francis Family Mass' is written in large white font. To the right, there is white text providing information about Family Mass services, including contact details for Adela/Roger Buaya and Michael Neri. A green bar at the bottom contains white text stating that Family Mass will be celebrated the first Sunday of every month.

**St Francis Family Mass**

*Our Family Mass services welcome children, youth and their families to participate in all aspects of the liturgy*

We also invite you to join us if you like to sing or play an instrument.

If you would like to become involved in our Family Mass services please contact:  
Adela/Roger Buaya: 0409135589 or [abuaya@clubtelco.com](mailto:abuaya@clubtelco.com)  
Michael Neri: 0423926105 or [michael\\_neri09@hotmail.com](mailto:michael_neri09@hotmail.com)

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