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'St Francis is committed to Child Safety'

Dear Families

Ash Wednesday Mass was held on Wednesday. The school celebrated Mass at 11:30am with the Parish and it was great to see parents and grandparents at the mass. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, which are the forty days leading to the Easter Triduum. The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil (Saturday evening), and closes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.

Reminder: Reconciliation Family Workshop-3/4 Families

As noted in the list of dates provided to you late last year, Year 3/4 families should be attending the Reconciliation Family Workshop next Wednesday at 7:30pm. Please refer to PAM for more information.

Every Year 3/4 student should be represented by at least one parent.

If you are unable to attend, please email Monica at mpearce@sfxcorio.catholic.edu.au to make other arrangements.

Project Compassion: Giving Lent 100%

At Mass the homeroom teachers were given a Project Compassion box. Please donate, so we can help other communities overseas. Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate using the **Project Compassion box** your home room received on Wednesday, there is also a box in the office if you wish to come in.

School Captains and Leaders

People wildly overestimate the value of experience and wisdom our students have. I had the privilege to hear the Year 6 Student's Leadership Speeches. Their words were powerful and their speeches were inspiring and left an impact on me and the Year 6 staff. I would like to congratulate every child, however, we can only have four School Captains. **Congratulations** to Lily Doan, Lacey Nolan, Tony Vo and Jeff Jimenez, we look forward to your leadership.

(PAM) PARENT ACCESS MODULE



We know that engaged parents help improve learning outcomes for students. In a busy world, SIMON provides parents with real time updates on student attendance and progress as well as detailed reporting to keep parents informed and engaged.

Have you logged on yet? If you have not please visit the office and Carin will help you.

Morning Arrival - Front Gate

St Francis has always opened the main gate at 8:30am, except when Breakfast Club was offered. As part of our commitment to Child Safety the front gate will continue to be opened at 8:30am when our school supervision starts at 8:30am. Once the students are at school they enter the learning spaces getting ready for learning. Our Senior students are permitted to stay and play. Any toddlers and infants in the playground need to be supervised by parents/carers. The gate will be closed at 8:50am at the commencement of our school day once again in line with our commitment to Child

Safety. Any student who arrives after this time needs to be accompanied into school and signed in by a parent. Please ensure that all children are at school with enough time to unpack their bag and be organised for their day's learning prior to 8:50am, this will cause least interruption and allow teachers to commence teaching. Thank you for your co-operation.

Online Safety-An evening with Leading Senior Constable Robbert Noggler

PLEASE DO NOT MISS OUT ON THIS OPPORTUNITY. It is imperative and of the utmost importance that parents attend - A detailed letter will follow. Please save the date.

Online Safety is an important part of keeping our children safe and we wish to work with you to ensure our children have responsible online role models and learn to behave safely and appropriately online when posting and sharing content on social media sites.

To raise an awareness of some of these risks and to look at how you will be able to help us keep children safe we have arranged the following session:

- **Parent session - Tuesday 19 March 2019 between 6pm-7pm - babysitting will be offered, please RSVP to give us an idea of space required.**

St Francis Xavier's School Sports Day-save the date

Our school sports day is fast approaching. It will be held at our school on **Thursday 4 April**, beginning at 9:00am and concluding after the sprint races around 2.30pm. All families and friends are invited and are welcome to attend the day. We encourage you to bring along a picnic lunch to share with your child (children) at the conclusion of the morning's events. Claire will keep us updated and she is working on ensuring each child is assigned a House colour.

The Rotary Club of Geelong West's Monster Book Fair

The Rotary Club of Geelong West's Monster Book Fair is on again between 15-17 March 2019 at Geelong West Town Hall! The book fair commences at 9.00am each day running through to 8.00pm on Friday, 5.00pm on Saturday and 2.00pm on Sunday.

Please support them, as they are donating books to our school and it would be great for our community to support them in return.



The Music Bus – Open Day

St Francis Xavier School is proposing to bring an exciting new music program – *The Music Bus!* Offering weekly lessons in keyboard, guitar, ukulele, singing, and drums, The Music Bus program provides the teacher and the instruments, all inside a high-tech, mobile music classroom (the bus!), To give both parents and students a better idea of what's involved, we're holding an Open Day at school. The students were given a letter today that explains

what is going to happen next Tuesday.



School Hats

We have school hats for sale in the office for \$12 each, if your child has lost theirs, please come in and buy a new one for them; unfortunately we do not have any second hand for sale. Reminder: we have a "no hat, no play" policy.