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St Francis is committed to Child Safety



Dear Families,

We are saddened by the recent events in New Zealand and it is very difficult to take in and process what has happened. We pray for the victims and their families. We look towards the future with hope and one where compassion and wisdom can grow.

ENROLMENT 2020

Although it is only March, we starting to think about the enrolment process for 2020 and ask that any current St Francis Xavier families with younger siblings who are due to commence Prep next year, complete an enrolment application before the end of April. Forms are available through our website or from the office, just ask Katrina or Bella. We will be limited in the number of Prep students we can accept in 2020 and wish to prioritise siblings, but it is essential that application forms are received as soon as possible.

Stations of the Cross Gallery Walk

Our Year 5/6 students are working on their impressions of the Stations of the Cross. The school community will be invited to participate in a gallery walk on Tuesday 5 April. More information will follow next week.

Easter Raffle Donations

It has been great to see a wide variety of donations arriving, including novelty baskets, Easter soft toys, colouring and sticker books and Easter moulds. It is also pleasing to see many families donating to our Easter Raffle.

Easter Raffle Tickets

Our raffle tickets went home on Wednesday. We often have a great number of prizes due to your generosity and donations. The raffle will be drawn on the final day of term – Friday, April 5 at Assembly

Child Safety Standards



If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story.
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies.
5. **Contact** the school.
6. **Check in** regularly with your child.



Compliance with the Child Safety Standards is something we continue to rigorously monitor and review, giving it constant attention. Our aim is to provide a place where students and families feel safe at all times. This week every student looked at the poster and discussed what it meant to them. Look out for this poster and the ones the students have reworded in child friendly language.

TAKE A STAND TOGETHER. NO BULLYING. NO WAY!

Last week we joined schools around Australia in the National Day of Action Against Bullying on Friday. As part of our celebrations, students across the school participated in lots of activities and discussions about bullying.

Parent cards were sent home with the children.

We teach social and emotional learning skills, and promote healthy and positive relationships across the whole school community to help prevent bullying or violent behaviour. The relationships and social behaviour of role models and mentors (including parents & teachers) can have a significant influence on young people who are continuing to develop relationship skills. When children are exposed to positive, respectful and inclusive behaviours, they are more likely to act in these ways.

For more information about preventing or responding to Bullying please visit the site on Bullying. No Way!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mDviX6q7Z2aaOG4qKls_zbVnHGjmQ0c3/view?ts=5c8b1ca3

Final Day Of Term Friday, April 5th

This will be the last day of Term 1. There will be no canteen as we will finish at 1:00pm.

Geelong Catholic Schools' Cross Country Carnival

St Francis Xavier's School will be sending a representative team to participate in the Geelong Catholic Schools' Cross Country Carnival. We will be thinking of the students who qualified for this event. They are; Macklin Fisk, Lacey Nolan, Tyson Cauchi, Charlie Bacely-Jovanovski, Shelby Addlem and Jordyn Jose. Thanks to all the students who were involved in the trials over the last couple of weeks and a special thanks to Claire for her work in organising the qualifying events.

Reconciliation Family Workshop & Presentation Mass

Thank you to the many families who attended our Reconciliation Family Workshop facilitated by Father Elio Capra. The parents enjoyed listening to him talk about Reconciliation. Thank you to the families who attended the Commitment Mass on Saturday and Sunday.

It was lovely to gather as a community and support our students who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you were unable to attend last weekend you will have another opportunity this weekend. Our Reconciliation Ceremony will be held next term.

Athletics Day

Our 2019 Athletics Day is fast approaching and students have been practising their track and field events in PE classes throughout the first term. We hope to see many parents and families at our event which will take place at school on Thursday 4 of April. More information will follow early next week.

Foundation 2019

Don't forget to pick up a copy of the Geelong Advertiser on Tuesday the 2nd of April featuring some of our new Foundation Students for 2019 in the 'MY FIRST YEAR' feature.

Cyber Safety with Robert Noggler



Listening to Leading Senior Constable Robert Noggler on Tuesday was informative and helpful. It was obvious he acquired a wealth of knowledge and expertise around cyber safety and has been used by many schools to educate students and parents around cyber safety. He offered some advice and practical tips on how you can help protect your child when they are using the Internet and who to report problems to.

Photos

On Monday we have our school photos. All students including our Year 5/6 are to wear full summer uniform with jumpers off for the photo. Year 5/6 can bring their runners in their bag for PE.

Uniform:

Boys – grey shorts, grey polo, grey socks and black school shoes.

Girls - summer dress or summer blue shorts, white socks and black school shoes.

Photos are to be purchased online please refer to PAM for more information. Family photo envelopes are also available online.

Review

After our two day closure earlier this month, we have had our reviewer Jan visit this week. She has gained a wonderful insight to how our school operates. Thank you to the parents who made themselves available to also talk with Jan. Moving forward from here, Jan will return early next term with feedback and some recommendations. Review is held every four years to reflect on practice and to plan an annual action plan.

Parents and Friends

All Parents and Friends are invited to gather on Monday to discuss purpose and plans for 2019. This will be held in the staffroom at 2:15pm. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible and welcoming our new families and parents from Foundation.

Musicbus

It is delightful that so many of our families have taken up the opportunity to participate in the musicbus. This program begins next week and will operate on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Families will be notified of days and times by Musicbus. However we plan that the times will vary so the impact on student learning in the classroom will vary week to week.