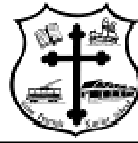




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### Thank You

We are very appreciative of the help and support we receive from our School Parent Community. Thank you all for fantastic support throughout the year for so many activities such as the School Musical, sport, transport, Polyfest, swimming, School Masses, PTA lunches, PTA, Board of Trustees, fundraising and clubs.

Thank you very much.

### Farewell Jeremy Morgan

As indicated earlier, Jeremy is resigning from his teaching position here at St Francis Xavier School at the end of this year. Jeremy's wife Jane, has just completed her Doctoral Thesis and is now applying for jobs in New Zealand and Australia. We certainly will miss Jeremy. He has been a great teacher in Room 3 and an integral part of our learning community.

We wish him and his family our blessings as they begin a new step in their lives.



#### Points to Remember

- ☺ **NO Assembly this Friday.**
- ☺ **Shared Prayer Tuesday 13 December at 2.30pm.**
- ☺ **School Picnic tomorrow (Friday 9 December) at Woodhaugh Gardens from 11.30am.**
- ☺ **Reports are out today. Check your child's school bag.**



### Appointment Announcement

The Board of Trustees announce that Fiona Henderson is the successful applicant for the position vacated by Jeremy.

We are thrilled and excited to have Fiona join us. She has wonderful experience and skills to bring to our school.

Fiona is currently a teacher at St Joseph's Cathedral School and is excited to be joining our School Community.





## Sports Notices

### Summer Sports 2016

#### Touch Rugby - Thursday 8 December 2016

SFX Junior v SBS Harbour Hawks Mixed	3.45pm	3A
SFX Dynamite v Andy Bay Steppers	3.45pm	8A
SFX Speedsters v Musselburgh Titans	4.45pm	3

### Flippaball Y3-6

Congratulations to the Year 3/4 Flippa Ball team who received first place.



## Thank You

A big thank you to all parents and supporters who helped coach and support the sports teams this term.

## School Reports

Reports have been issued today. Please check your child's bag for them. If there is anything you want to discuss about your child's report, please see your child's teacher.

## Class Organisation for 2017

Room 1	Year 1
Room 2	Year 1 and 2
Room 3	Year 3
Room 4	Year 3 and 4
Room 5	Year 5 and 6

## School Picnic

We are having a picnic at Woodhaugh Gardens tomorrow, Friday 9 December.

We will arrive at about 11.20am and leave at 2.15pm and have lunch at about 12.00pm.

All families are very welcome to join us for lunch.

Children can wear multi clothing but must have a sunhat, sunblock, a warm jersey or jacket and a lunch.



## Food Bank

Thank you for the donations to the classroom Food Bank collections. We are accumulating a nice bank of non-perishable items for St Vincent de Paul.



## DID YOU KNOW?.....

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING - ONLY 2 WEEKS AND 3 DAYS TO GO.....**





### **SPCA Book Buddies**

Book Buddies invites children to all ages to the SPCA every Friday at 4.00pm to spend quality time reading to our furry friends.

SPCA—1 Torridon Street, Dunedin. Bring two books and a stool to sit on.



### **Parish Picnic**

**Sunday 11 December at**

**12.00 noon**

**At Jubilee Park**

*Bring your family and friends.  
BBQ's supplied.*

*Please bring a bag of wrapped lollies for lolly scramble.*



### **Stationery for 2017**

We are in the process of sorting invoices to go out before school ends for stationery and other activities for 2017.

Next year your child will receive a stationery pack to start their school year off. These will be available to purchase from the office from **Thursday 26 January between 9.00am and 1.00pm**. Payment on collection please either by cash or cheque, or prior internet banking into the school account. NO Eftpos available sorry.

If you have any outstanding monies from this year please arrange to pay this as soon as possible, or see Rochelle or Craig regarding a payment plan to be put in place prior to year end.

If you have any questions regarding this please see Rochelle or Craig.  
Thank you.



### **Wanted: Hard Wearing Toys**

Our junior school is investigating more learning through play. If you have any hard wearing toys that you have grown out of we would love to use them. Thank you.



### *Kavanagh's Performing Arts Troupe*

*Presents*

*"The Company's Christmas Cracker"*

*Thursday 15 December 2016*

*11.00am and 6.00pm*

*Kavanagh College Auditorium*

*All tickets \$5.00*





### **Library Books and Junior Reading Books**

There are a lot of Library Books and Junior Reading Books still outstanding. Please return these asap. Thank you.



### **First Aid Boxes**

Please return all First Aid Boxes used for sports teams this term, to the office asap. Thank you.

### **Christmas Eve Mass St Francis Xavier Church Christmas Eve at 5.00pm.**

**All welcome!**



### **Christmas Eve Mass Choir**

Anyone who would like to join the singing Choir at the Christmas Eve Mass please leave your name with Rochelle in the office.



### **PTA Thank You**

The PTA wishes to thank the school community for all their support during 2016.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Be safe and we look forward to seeing all our returning families in 2017. To all those leaving this year we wish you all the best at your new schools.

### **Poppa Joe**

Poppa Joe, Grandfather of the Kettish Family regularly sends us art and craft equipment. He also has sent us boxes of Christmas Crafts for our Family Groups to use for an activity and yesterday he shouted a BBQ lunch for everyone. He just loves to support our School.

Thank you for your interest and generosity Poppa Joe.



### **Shared Prayer**

Next Tuesday, 13 December, Rooms 4 and 5 will lead our Shared Prayer. Please join us in the Church at 2.30pm where we will roll out the red carpet for our Year 6 pupils.

### **End of Year Carols Assembly**

Our school ends with a Christmas Carol Assembly to farewell our Year 6 pupils on Thursday 15 December at 11.15am. School concludes at the end of the Assembly. Please join us in the Church.



### **Opening Day 2017**

School opens for 2017 on Tuesday 31 January 2017.





## ***School Musical***

### ***The Magical Christmas Jigsaw***

The children performed extremely well on Tuesday night. It was fantastic to see the children dancing, singing, narrating and acting so well. We are all very proud of this great achievement. Thank you for your positive feedback about the Musical.

Thank you all who helped with this Musical. We have had amazing help with costumes, props, running the admission table, video etc. Thank you all very much.





## **Weetbix Tryathlon Sunday 5 March 2017**

The Dunedin event is scheduled for **Sunday 5<sup>h</sup> March 2017**.

We are now registered as a school and that will put us in the draw to win some amazing prizes, and give us an early bird price of **\$41.25 per child** (must enter before mid February).

This event is open to children 7 years and over. Children can enter as individuals or in pairs – if entering as a team you will need to consider your team name prior and both participants will enter when completing registration, along with confirmation of who is swimming and riding.

1. Go to [www.try.weetbix.co.nz](http://www.try.weetbix.co.nz) or click on the link to go directly to the school link:  
<https://registration.tryathlon.co.nz/Home/Event/10/Package/0/Wave/0/Sequence/0/School/aa13a5b1-011e-4a16-ae81-542900e0877a>

Then select Dunedin Event and St Francis Xavier School and select YES to link to school.

2. Alternatively if you are unable to enter online you can collect a registration form from the office (and return before mid February).

If you are new to the school this is a fun event suitable for all levels – we generally have around 30 children enter and as the children are staggered in start times the focus is on participation and completion.

Check out the webpage for training tips over the holidays.

Any questions around this event or registration please contact our school coordinator Tracy Turner on 021 167 7614 or email [gutsa21@gmail.com](mailto:gutsa21@gmail.com).



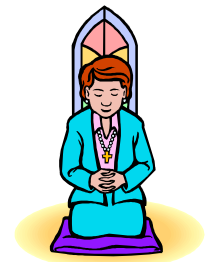
### **A Christmas Prayer**

*Gentle Jesus born this day in a manger filled hay we your Christmas children be.*

*Help us now your love to see Gentle Jesus, come today.*

*Be our Shepherd, Lord we pray.*

**Amen**



### **Generous Donation**

We are very excited to receive a generous donation from the Estate of Rena Clark this week.

Rena is Lucy's Great Grandmother and Craig Bryant's Grandmother. Thank you so very much Bryant Family.







## End of Year Christmas Celebrations

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016

It's nearly the end of the year... drop the kids to school then come for Brunch at Alto from 9am.....then Christmas Assembly from 11am. Following this head to Moana Pool with some lunch. We'll use the grassed area to have lunch together and the kids can play. Spread the word - the more, the merrier. (The older kids who have finished school are more than welcome, however I need to have them in the numbers please for Alto).

Please note - you are responsible for supervising your children at Moana Pool.

RSVP - Jo Hanning via Facebook or text 0212575333



## Year 6 Reflections

I have really enjoyed my time at SFX. I have had a great experience and have enjoyed my time here. I have made so many friends throughout these past years such as Jemma, Alyssa, Hannah, Sophie, Troy, Jordan and many more. I have also enjoyed preparing for the School Musical. I am very grateful for my awesome acting role and amazing solo performance. I will miss all of my friends that move onto different schools, for example Jordan, Hannah and Alyssa, and of course, the amazing teachers that guided me all throughout my school life. I am going to miss this amazing school so much.

*Georgia Kennedy*

My short time at SFX has been an interesting time. Very different to my first two schools. Some of my highlights were the Choice day, where we played Laser Force and had lunch at McDonalds. My second favourite time was practicing for the Polyfest with Lia. I liked doing Family Groups and being a leader. I really enjoyed the spaghetti towers. I also liked the rafting trip. Boarding the other people's rafts was awesome. I enjoyed playing with my friends and I am looking forward to the musical.

*Jake Radimpanyane*

I have really enjoyed my time at SFX. I have made lots of friends that include some of the juniors as well. I hope to keep those friendships as I move onto intermediate. I have really enjoyed meeting new teachers and students. I will miss them lots. Some of my friends include Isabella, Frauke, Lillian and Melanie. One of my favourite memories was at camp when Melanie nearly drowned in mud. I had lots of fun splashing Ms Ryan with water on the rafting trip. I have really enjoyed my six years at SFX and I hope to come back to visit in the future. I am looking forward to my next school, but I am sad to be leaving SFX.

*Imogen Irvine*



## ***Year 6 Reflections***

A year and a half ago I started school with Miss Kitto and she was a great teacher. She helped me heaps. Last year I got a pen, not one of the normal pens, no it is a pen that helps me heaps with my hearing as I have hearing aids. That pen is called an FM and it is so cool. People can speak into it and it sounds like a microphone in my hearing aids. My FM is like headphones that I just need to plug in the computer hole. This year I made heaps of friends like almost all the year 6 boys and at my last school I only got one best friend. This year we did Polyfest it was so much fun. Everyone did so well at Polyfest. This year I became a Family Group leader. There are 19 Family Group leaders this year. Family Groups are so much fun. Cross Country and Athletics was great too. I liked being at SFX it is a good school.

*Connor McAuslin*

Looking back at my time at SFX I remember lots of things. Like when I first came here and met all these new people who are now my friends. Right up to taking the responsibility of being a Family Group Leader. I remember when Mr Morgan pranked us when he said the whole class was going to the Gold Coast. Then about a week later or so he fell off his chair and hurt his back. We all thought he was faking it, but he said it was real and we were all running around in circles. Other things that I remember are Choice, KOS, Road Safety, school trips, class parties and lots more. Over all though looking back at everything I think that it was pretty fun.

*Lachie Tait*

I have enjoyed the time at SFX for 6 years and these are some of my favourite things. My first thing is my awesome friends Tim, Jordan, James, Israel, Aidan, Alex, Millie, Olivia, Johnny, Lachie and Jake. Second is the Musical - I have really enjoyed all the years being on stage and dancing, but was very happy with my role where I got to speak this year. I have really enjoyed by time here.

*Troy Kubala*

My favourite things that I have done at SFX was camp, rafting and discovery. I really enjoyed camp because we got time off school and you also got to do a mud run, flying fox, a big walk and archery. I also enjoyed discovery because we also got time off school and we get to make things, eat food, make masks, destroy things and many more. Rafting was great because, like the last two, we to the day off and we got to go on a jet boat to the rock garden. Then we rafted back down to where we started. I have had a great time at SFX.

*Alex Forbes*

I remember all of my years at SFX. I met and lost a few friends but I will still miss SFX with all my heart when I leave. A lot of things have happened in the past 6 years starting from the day I came to school. I made lots of friends and my best friend was Ice. The next year I moved to Room 2. At the end of that year Ice moved to Christchurch. I was really sad. We had a big part for her. Next year I moved to Room 3 - I remember Mr Morgan falling in pain while he was teaching and we had to go to the office and get help. Then I moved to Room 4 and I we had "Have a Go Day". It was so much fun. I remember the Choice Fun Day in Room 5. We went to McDonalds, Lazer Force, Moana Pool and the Police Station. I can't wait for the upcoming rafting trip and some time with my friends. So overall I have had an interesting 6 years at SFX and I can't wait to make even more fun memories.

*Melanie Noquilla*

***We wish all our families a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.***



***Craig and the School Team***