

# St Francis de Sales

Catholic Primary School

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## Communication

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### this week at SFdS ...

Monday 23 March 2020 to Friday 27 March 2020



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#### A prayer to St Joseph

You were receptive to God working in your life. Help us by your prayers at this time of trial.  
You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care: may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need.  
You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers: help us to follow his example of love.  
You were part of God's plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.  
You spent your life in service: may we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days.  
You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation: help us to grow in faith and pray to the Father, Thy will be done.  
Amen

#### COVID-19 (coronavirus)

Please see attached a statement issued this afternoon from the Premier of Victoria Mr Daniel Andrews regarding the Victorian Government's latest position and response to COVID-19 which included bringing forward the start date for the school holidays to THIS COMING TUESDAY.

The school will be open tomorrow, Monday 23 March 2020 as normal.

We appreciate the heightened levels of concern and anxiety regarding the many impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. These thoughts and feelings are normal and understandable. We respect that you may choose to keep your child or children home tomorrow, Monday 23 March 2020.

The Premier has stated that he will provide information about when schools will reopen either tomorrow or at a later date. Again, thank you for your continued support as we work together to keep our students safe. I will continue to keep you updated.

<b>Monday 23 March 2020</b>	<b><u>Last day of Term 1 School finishes at 3:15pm</u></b>
<b>Tuesday 24 March 2020</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Wednesday 25 March 2020</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Thursday 26 March 2020</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Friday 27 March 2020</b>	<b><u>NO SCHOOL</u></b>



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# Statement

The Hon Dan Andrews MP  
Premier



Sunday, 22 March 2020

## STATEMENT FROM THE PREMIER

I will inform National Cabinet tonight that Victoria will proceed over the next 48 hours to implement a shutdown of all non-essential activity across our state to combat the spread of Coronavirus.

This is not something that we do lightly, but it's clear that if we don't take this step, more Victorians will contract coronavirus, our hospitals will be overwhelmed and more Victorians will die.

Victorians will still be able to go to the supermarket, the bank, the pharmacy and other essential stores, like petrol stations and convenience stores. Freight, logistics and home delivery are also considered essential and will remain open.

I will also inform National Cabinet that school holidays will be brought forward in Victoria, starting on Tuesday 24 March.

All measures to be implemented by Victoria are consistent with the health advice provided by the Victorian Chief Health Officer.

The decision whether to re-open schools after the Term 1 holidays will likewise be determined following advice from the Chief Health Officer.

I will have more to say on these measures tomorrow morning.



# Reminders

## Last Day of Term 1

Monday 23 March 2020 – 3:15pm finish

### Thank you!

As we continue to travel together in unknown waters, I would once again like to take this opportunity to thank our school community for your support and understanding during these uncertain times. I am incredibly proud of the teachers and support staff who have worked really hard to maintain the level of education and student support in challenging circumstances. The school is grateful for the support and positive feedback from our community over this time.

### Keeping fit and active over the holiday break Skipping Ropes for Sale!

In preparation for children being at home over the holidays and to continue to maintain an active daily routine, Ms Boyle has some skipping ropes for sale for \$4.00 each together with a copy of some tricks the children can learn!

Skipping ropes can be purchased directly from Ms Boyle.

**Contact:** Ms Deborah Boyle | Physical Education  
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### Working together – Social Distances

Further to the school note circulated on Friday 20 March 2020, I would like to remind our school community of the recommendations around keeping social distances between each other of 1.5metres and how this can be of benefit at school. Social distancing includes ways to stop or slow the spread of infectious diseases. It means less contact between you and other people. With this in mind, for the wellbeing of our students, staff and broader community, I kindly ask and encourage our school community to not congregate in the corridors and in school entrances and/or exits and keep these zones clear and kindly wait for your children in the outdoor open waiting areas.



## General Administration

<b>Absences</b>	All absences need to be notified to School either by eForm on the SkoolBag App, telephoning the School Office on 9306 9444 or emailing your child/children's teacher. Failing to notify the School will result in our School Administration Staff contacting families to ensure the absence is genuine.
<b>Change of Details</b>	Any families who have a change of address, phone number or email address please let the School Administration Staff know as soon as possible.
<b>Contacting families</b>	Contacting Families of any unexplained absences is now a mandated requirement for Catholic Primary Schools.
<b>Late arrivals</b>	The morning Attendance Roll is taken at 8:55am sharp. Students who arrive to school late i.e. after 8:55am must be signed in at the front office by a family member or an adult.
<b>No Hat – No Play Policy</b>	During Term 1 and Term 4, students are required to wear sun-safe school hats, which are designed to protect the face and neck.
<b>Parent Google Calendar</b>	Search for the calendar via the Google Calendar interface – the name of the calendar is ST FRANCIS DE SALES PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT CALENDAR. Web link to the calendar – <a href="http://tiny.cc/SFDS-Parent">http://tiny.cc/SFDS-Parent</a>
<b>School Car Park</b>	Please be patient and courteous in our school car park to ensure that all of our children are safe when arriving and leaving school.
<b>School Administration Office Email Address</b>	<a href="mailto:admin@sfoakpark.catholic.edu.au">admin@sfoakpark.catholic.edu.au</a>
<b>Uniform Supplier</b>	<p><b>Noone Uniform Suppliers</b>            543 Keilor Road Niddrie   Telephone 9379 5037</p> <p>Trading hours Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5.30pm and Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm</p> <p><b>Please ensure that all clothing is clearly marked with your child's name.</b></p>

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