Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We had a very successful School Disco last Friday night. Many children from all year levels enjoyed the occasion together with their parents who took the opportunity to catch up socially with other parents at our school. I would like to thank our P&F who catered for the occasion. As you might be aware the P&F have organised a trophy to be awarded to the class with the highest percentage attendance. Our winning class this term is Prep White with 84% of children in the class attending. Runner up was 7W with 80% of children attending. I would like to thank Mrs Muller for her great help with the tallying and the subsequent computations.

Our next event is our Art Show (Arty-Facts: Art Through Time) to be held on Monday 18 March in the McAuley Centre from 5pm until 7pm. There will be a gold coin entry – these funds will go towards the purchase of resources for the school. There will be lots of entertainment including our Senior Dance Group; Roaming Drama Groups; Junior Choir; Samoan Dance Group and CHORC – our senior choir. Other activities include a multi-draw raffle ($1) and a photo booth in the music room ($1). You will also have the opportunity to bid for a class canvas – each class has created a masterpiece which you might like to display in your own home. Finally there will be face painting and balloons for $1.

This Friday Brisbane Catholic Education will acknowledge Leonie Persely and Julia Stewart formally at a Retirement Ceremony. Mrs Barbara Reid will represent the Leadership team on this very special occasion. I wish them the very best as they embark on this new chapter of their lives.

I would like to thank parents for their cooperation in joining us in the undercover area and McAuley Centre before school and also for the great response we have had with the return of updated data forms and media permission. The return of these forms will ensure that we have an up to date data base.

Best wishes for the coming week

Veronica Lawson, Principal

CLASS AWARDS How children have shown care to each other


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Enrolments for Prep 2014 at St Francis Xavier School

All families with children to commence either Prep or Year One in 2014 are invited to collect an Enrolment Application Form from the School Office or contact the Office on 3818 0100 to have one posted out. If you know of anyone in the wider community who may be interested in enrolling their child in our school, please ask them to contact the School Office on 3818 0100 for information or for Enrolment Forms. Remember the school website www.stfrancisxavier.qld.edu.au

Children ready for Prep in 2014 must be born between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009.

Enrolments close on 10 May 2013.
RE NEWS  Mrs Natalie Tugliach APRE Catching Fire – is a framework for spiritual formation planning and approach. It is a staff formation program which runs over the next 3 years. There are 3 programs within the framework. Miss Cavallaro and I will begin Spirit Fire this week and look forward to bringing what we learn back to support staff formation.

Harmony Day – On Thursday 21st March it is Harmony Day and all children are encouraged to wear an orange item on this day. There will be class and whole school activities on this day to support teaching and learning about Australia and St Francis Xavier as multicultural communities. Fish Finger Day – Thank you to families who supported the last fish finger fundraising day. We had an overwhelming response and we raised a lot of money for Caritas. The date for the next fish finger day is Thursday 21st March. Mr Seguna and the Mini Vinnies committee will send out an order form on Monday.

Just a reminder to all families that there is no assembly tomorrow.

God Bless and have a good week. I look forward to meeting a lot of you at our Art Show on Monday night.

Take care and God bless  Natalie

FROM THE DESK OF THE APA  Mrs Michaela Lewis APA

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

‘Every artist was at first an amateur’. (Ralph Waldo Emerson).

2013 Art Show: Arty-facts: Art through Time. 18th March, 5-7pm. Our talented students and teachers have been busy preparing for the annual Art Show. To those new to our school community, the Art Show is an opportunity to visit the school hall, which is set out like a gallery, and see the wonderful art work created by the students. A gold coin donation will get you in the door. There is entertainment by the school choirs and dance groups on the night. A roving theatre group will provide street-style entertainment. You might like to buy a ticket in the multi-draw raffle or make a bid at the Class Canvas Auction- highest bidder wins the canvas, which will be on display at the front of the hall. Face painting and balloons will be available for $1 and a new item is the photo booth. Stick your head through the funny cut-out screen and have your photo taken for $1. Come and see the amazing school sign, created by local youth artists, as part of our Ipswich Cultural Grant Project. The P & F are providing a family-friendly dinner menu at the tuckshop:

Art show menu  Cheese burgers. 3.00  Hot dogs. 2.00  Water. 1.50  Pop tops. 2.00  Tea and coffee. 2.00  Cake. 2.50  Slice. 1.50

I encourage you to support ‘The Arts’ at our school by attending this event and participating as you can. It promises to be a wonderful evening.

School Photos  Studio Kirby will be at St Francis Xavier on Friday, 22nd March to take the annual school photos. An envelope will come home with each child for the ordering of photos. An on-line ordering system is also explained on the envelope. If using the manual ordering system, please forward the envelope and payment to school with your child. Children must be in their formal uniform on this day, with neat and tidy hair, and correct shoes and school socks. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sustaining Numeracy Project  One of my roles here at St Francis Xavier is working with curriculum. We have been successful in receiving follow-up funding for our Sustaining Numeracy Project from 2012. This year, Miss Nadine Pyke and Miss Katrina Bono (Year 1 Teachers) will be on the project team with me to work on ways to maximise numeracy opportunities across the subject areas. For example, consider the measurement opportunities available in a Science lesson! On Monday, the team attended a project planning day run by Brisbane Catholic Education, and we look forward to sharing our action plan with the school community.

Thanks to the P & F for organising the welcome disco last Friday night and to the staff who were able to help with supervision. Wishing you a great week  Michaela

School Photos: 22nd March, 2013

Our school photographer this year is Studio Kirby. Students are to wear formal uniform on the day.

This year Studio Kirby have two methods of ordering photography packages. The first is to order online via their website or alternatively you can order through the attached Pre-Paid School Photography envelope. Please find below further details regarding these two methods.

ONLINE: Orders can be placed via their website www.studiokirby.com.au where you can receive special offers. Once on the website it is a simple process of clicking on the ‘School Order Form’ circle in the top right hand corner of the screen. Once in the next screen click on ‘Studio Kirby School Photography Order Form’ on the left hand side of the screen which will then take you to a page where you can select your packages, type in your details and pay online.

PRE-PAID SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY ENVELOPES: Orders can be placed via the attached Pre-Paid School Photography envelope, which outlines the ordering process and contains information about the different packages available for purchase. As outlined on the pack, any parents wishing to purchase class photographs are asked to determine the package that best suits their requirements, complete the front of this envelope by clearly printing their child’s full name and class, marking the box for their desired package and completing the payment section either by filling in the credit card details or by enclosing cash or a cheque. Once completed, the students are asked to bring the envelope on or prior to photo day, Friday, 22nd March, 2013, for collection by the photographers.
**ART SHOW RAFFLE** There are only a few days left until the Art Show! Once again we will be running a fantastic raffle on the night. There are heaps of great prizes including a homemade quilt and vouchers from Pancake Manor, Sizzler and Goodna Car Wash, just to name a few. Tickets are $1 each and we will be selling them on the night as well as Monday morning before school. If you would like to purchase your raffle tickets on Monday morning we will be set up in the Undercover Area near the music room from 8:10am. See you there!!

**Little Bytes from eMouse** Hi everyone! Now more than ever, people are using the internet to communicate with people around the world. It can be a great way to chat to friends and share information. Of course, it’s important to remember that the internet is a public place, so it is important to take care when interacting with others. Remind your children to use an appropriate online name, rather than giving their real name. They should only accept people they know as online friends, and learn how to block people they don’t want contact with. Happy chatting!

**Sports News – Michael Thomson** – Congratulations to Quentin Vauoa and Isaiah Asiata for being selected in the Central District Rugby League squad. Both the boys will trial for the Met West team at the start of next term.

Our school Cross Country will be held this Friday morning. Please remind your children to come to school in their sports uniform not their normal uniform. They can bring a coloured shirt to wear during the cross country to support their house group. Students are also allowed to wear joggers to school regardless of their colour for this day only. Please make sure they have appropriate footwear for the day. If for any reason your child is unable to at least walk or slow jog the course I ask that you write a note addressed to your child’s teacher. Every class has practiced the course at least once and everyone was capable of completing the course during this time.

The timetable for the morning’s events is as follows: 9:00 – 12/13yrs (born 2000/01) – 1.4km 9:10 – 11yrs (born 2002) - 1.4km 9:20 - 10yrs – 1.4km 9:30 – yr 4 (born 2004) – 1.4km 9:45 – yr 3 – 1km 9:55 – yr 2 – 600m 10:05 – yr 1 – 60m 10:15 – Prep – 300m

**DEADLY JARJUMS RADICAL READING BUDDIES** Liz Ellis (Indigenous Support Teacher)

7w Reading Buddies are doing an amazing job with some of our lucky Deadly Jarjums.

Reading is learning. Reading is fun.

**Street Art:** Last Monday our Year Seven class participated in a Street Art Workshop funded by a Cultural Grant from the Ipswich City Council. The grant enabled us to host local street artists who produced a street art canvas for our Art Show and provided a demonstration on art techniques to be used when replicating their style with paint and pen. Professional artist, Jamie Brown and Forest Lake State High Senior, Jimmy Moller spent several hours working on the canvas. Senior Constable Lisa Hillary from the Goodna Police Station initially spoke to our students about the negative effects of illegal graffiti and the importance of gaining permission before undertaking any form of public art. A big thank you to Ms Trudy Hatcher from Boystown Youth Connections Goodna and Mrs Leanne Muller for organising the event.

**Year Seven Teachers**

Environment Group Craig Sologinkin

This year our St Francis Xavier Environment Group has a membership of over sixty students from Years 5-7! In 2013, our group will focus on increasing the number of vegetable gardens located throughout the school, improving our classroom recycling practices and reducing the amount of electricity we consume in our classrooms. Stay tuned for more news.

**St Peter Claver College** We would like to urge parents who seek enrolment for 2014 to lodge their applications by 3 May 2013 as applications received by that date will be considered first and we generally receive more applications than places available. Enrolment applications will still be taken after that date, however priority will be given to applications received by 3May2013.


**Outside School Hours Care** (Vanessa Marsh, Co-Coordinator, Phone 3818 2715) Vacation Care is just a few weeks away and we have some fun activities planned such as art and craft, Science experiments, a disco and few visitors like the mobile video game theatre and Bollywood fun. All bookings close this Friday and places are filling very quickly. We also still have vacancies for before and after school care although we are only offering After school care to the kindergarten children at present. If you require an enrolment or a Vacation care booking package please come by and see Vanessa or Tristan. Alternatively send us an email at goo.mascx@bne.centacare.net.au.

**TUCKSHOP** Anna Timu, Tuckshop Convenor (Phone 3818 0033) Parents are reminded if your child is ordering via a Brown Bag, that all orders are to be into the office on Thursday morning. Having difficulties with registering on Flexischools? Just ring 1300 361 769 and Flexischools will assist you with the process. We still need volunteers to help in the tuckshop so if you feel that you’re up for the challenge, come in and see me in Tuckshop or leave your details in the office and I will contact you. Volunteers for Friday 15/03/2013 are: Megan Low, Megan Kinder, Shona Schick, Chrissy Peters, Rachel Grant, Ina Salapo, Jacinta Anae. Volunteers for 22/03/2013 are Shona Schick, Megan Kinder, Lucia Brose, Chrissy Peters, Ina Salapo, Jacinta Anae, Maria Adam and Danielle Bosse, Sally Warner. Thank you.