Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week I would like to take the opportunity to thank Goodna RSL Services Club for their ongoing support of our Breakfast Club. The Goodna RSL Services Club has supported our school over a number of years and we sincerely appreciate their financial contribution to our program.

Transition into Secondary

For some families, year 7 moving into secondary in 2015 is creating some confusion. What it means at this stage, is that parents of our current year 5 students should have seriously considered which secondary school they would like their child to attend and have completed and returned the enrolment form to that school. Our local Catholic Secondary Schools have already started waiting lists for 2015. Our current year 7 students most definitely should have completed enrolment forms as interviews for Year 8 2014 are occurring now or in the near future at the respective secondary schools.

Parents of our current year 6 students should also have made a decision about which secondary school they intend to send their child as interviewing for Year 8 2015 positions are to be held in the near future.

Consequently, we are urging all parents of our current year 5, 6 and 7 students to contact their preferred secondary school if they have not already done so for further details.

For your information St Peter Claver has sent through the following priority dates for enrolments:
- Yr 8 students for 2014 – 3 May, 2013
- Yr 8 students for 2015 – 21 June, 2013
- Yr 7 Students for 2015 – 20 September, 2013

Best wishes for the coming week

Veronica Lawson, Principal

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.
RE NEWS  Mrs Natalie Tugliach APRE Go Blue for Autism On Friday April 26, Friday next week, we are having a gold coin free dress day to raise funds and has their own way of seeing the world, which makes them interesting and unique. Year 7 leaders are selling ‘go blue for autism’ wrist bands for $2. The money raised supports people living with Autism and their families.

Defend Your Class Our school has registered to take part in the MOOV Defend your Class Schools program. This is a Head Lice awareness program which aims to educate and inform students, teachers and parents about Head Lice and promote open discussion about how it affects kids both in the classroom and at home. The program aims to dispel the myths and stigma attached to head lice. There are some great individual student prizes to be won and a $10 000 school grant up for grabs. Every student in the school will be given a CD this week.

ANZAC Day April 25 is next Thursday. We are honoured to have two students, Melissa Da Costa Couta and Christalla Tsitouris read at the local ceremony. We ask that you mark this special date in your diary so we can have a strong student representation from St Francis Xavier in the march. Meet in Cecil Hotel car park (formally Irish Heart ) at 7.00am.

Year 5 R are presenting assembly prayer tomorrow. They will be celebrating Jesus resurrection. It is also our open day so we invite families and friends of the school to come along.

We have prayed with our students this week St Francis of Assisi Peace Prayer. With the recent Boston bombing and unrest in many parts of the world we ask you all to take a moment to pray… Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is despair, faith; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

We also took the opportunity this week to remind the students about being ‘bucket fillers’. Our Christian Behaviour Focus for April is Helpfulness/Hospitality. Helpfulness is being of service. It is doing useful things for people, such as things they cannot do for themselves, something they do not have time to do, or just little things that make life easier. It is important to be helpful to ourselves too, by taking care of our bodies. There are times when we need help from others. That is a good time to ask for help. I wish you all a wonderful week. We have a busy term ahead so I look forward to working with you and your children. Take care and God bless Natalie

FROM THE DESK OF THE APA  Mrs Michaela Lewis APA

Dear Parents and Caregivers, I hope the Easter break provided the opportunity for celebration, prayer and happy times with your family. A great term is in store for our school community Curriculum News: The teachers had a planning day at the end of last term to prepare units of work for Term 2. In next week’s newsletter, I will include summaries of class topics. On Wednesday 24th April, teachers will remain at school to attend a twilight workshop on the Australian Curriculum: Science, presented by John Pedrazzini, BCE Education Officer. Miss Nadine Pyke, Miss Katrina Bono and myself are working on the Sustaining Numeracy Leadership project for St Francis Xavier School. This project involves the teachers identifying the numeracy opportunities that present themselves across the other curriculum areas. For example, many stories have numeracy concepts eg time, measurement and calendars. Promoting Safe Behaviour: Over the next few weeks, I will be including important information in my column about safe behaviours. Our school has a very positive approach in supporting children in their awareness of bullying and the development of resilience and strategies. Our students are well-versed in the Beating Bully Bulldozer program. As adults, it is important for us to be equipped with the knowledge to help our children grow into responsible members of the community. A good way to start off our information segments is to begin with a definition of bullying, so we share an understanding of the term. Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more people. It can have long-term effects on those involved. Bullying can happen: face-to-face (e.g. pushing, tripping, name-calling) at a distance (e.g. spreading rumours, excluding someone) through information and communication technologies (e.g. use of SMS, email, chat rooms) some conflicts between children are a normal part of growing up and are to be expected. Conflicts or fights between equals and single incidents are not considered bullying, even though they may be upsetting and need to be resolved. Stay tuned for more information next week. Source: www.bullyingnoway.gov.au NAPLAN: This term, the students of Years 3, 5 and 7 will undertake the annual NAPLAN tests in Reading, Language Conventions, Writing and Numeracy. The tests take place on May 14th, 15th and 16th. Parents are asked to ensure that they do not book appointments or time away from school for the students on these days. Food for thought: As I grow to understand life less and less, I learn to live it more and more. (Jules Renard). Looking forward to a productive and rewarding term, Michaela

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Your prayerful support is requested for the family of Miss Rosanne Cavallaro, the Year 3 teacher whose grandfather died on 29th March. May Santo Russo rest in peace and may his family be comforted in their sorrow.
**LIBRARY NEWS** Bernadette Hunt & Debbie Kenny
Order forms have been given out this week. Closing date is Friday 3rd May. All money and forms need to go to the office. The library really appreciates all the support we have had so far this year. We receive “points” to buy resources and have already been able to buy over $500 worth of books this year for the school’s use. The children are always happy to see new books on display in the library that are available for borrowing.

**THE ARTS** Sue Vassella
The guitar group are rehearsing for an assembly performance on Friday 3rd May, time (approx) 9.10am. Parents and friends all welcome. The Junior choir have a performance at school on Wednesday 8th May, at 9.30am, for special visitors from Riverview Gardens. Chor have the first rehearsal (with the other participating schools) at our school on Wednesday 12th June. This is a full day rehearsal and a note will be sent home in the upcoming weeks for catering purposes.

**Mother’s Day stall on Friday 10 May** The P&F committee will hold a mother’s day stall on the stage in the McAuley Centre on Friday 10 May. The stall will sell a range of lovely and very reasonably priced mother’s day gifts from $1-$5 (a list of items will be included in an upcoming newsletter). There is a limit of 2 items per student, to ensure we have enough gifts for all students. Any un-sold items will be put up for sale to children, teachers and parents just before the last bell. This is an exciting event for the children, who love being able to independently choose something special for their mum or grandmother. We need parents to help run the stall between 9am and 3pm. Any help is appreciated – whether it’s just an engaging event for the children who love being able to independently choose something special for their mum or grandmother. We need parents to help run the stall between 9am and 3pm. Any help is appreciated – whether it’s just an

**Earn & Learn 2013**
Yes, St Francis Xavier School Community, we are participating again in the Woolies Earn & Learn. From Monday 8th April, when you shop at Woolworths, collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points from the checkout operator and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet. There’ll be 1 Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent*. Once completed, you can place your Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet in the Collection Box, either at your school or at your local Woolworths. We will earn valuable learning resources for our school from MTA.

**Dental Van News** As we come to the end of our stay at StFX, we ask that anyone who is interested in accepting an offer of dental treatment ensure they have returned either an “Intent to Attend” [recently issued to all Prep students] or a medical/consent form [recently issued to Year 4 students]. Over the past 12 months, all year levels have been offered a course of care and the majority of students who have returned a medical/consent form have been issued appointments for their check-ups. Appointments are sent via post to the home address. A small number of students have failed to arrive for their appointments. Parents, if you are not attending with your child, please remind them to be at the dental van for their appointment time. It is not the responsibility of dental staff to collect your child from class. Missed appointments may not be automatically re-booked. Please check with staff if you have any concerns about appointment times/missed appointments. Due to mandatory sterilization procedures and other daily processes, after school appointments are very limited. For any dental emergencies outside the facility hours, please contact our Business Service Centre - 1300 763 246, or your Family Dentist.

**The Belles of St Mary’s—The Musical** St Mary’s College Ipswich invites you! Performances are Thursday 2nd May and Friday 3rd May commencing at 7.30pm McAuley Centre St Mary’s College Mary St Woodend Costs: $15 per student $20 per Adult (2 adults and 2 children) price of $60. All inquiries St Mary’s College Ph. 3432 5444

**Brigidine College Indooroopilly OPEN DAY** Have fun and learn more about the options for your daughter’s secondary education. Enjoy free face painting, sausage sizzle, ballet class and lots of hands-on workshops as well as guided tours, over 20 displays and much more on Sunday 19 May 10am - 1pm.

**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. Welcome back hope you all enjoyed the holidays with your children. Friday 19/04/2013 volunteers are: Megan Low, Shona Schick, Megan Kinder, Maria Adams, Jacinta Anae, Danielle Bosse, Sally Warner and Natalie Saunders. Volunteers for Friday 26/04/2013 are: Shona Schick, Megan Kinder, Ina Salapo, Natalie Saunders, Megan Low, Danielle Bosse and Louise Mason. Thank you.