St Francis Xavier School
Parent Newsletter

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Parents and Friends Federation wishes to undertake a survey of parents in a random sample of 20% of schools across all Queensland dioceses. Our school has been selected to participate in the survey.

This is an online survey using SurveyMonkey and is, of course, voluntary. All the Diocesan Catholic Education Directors support the distribution of the survey in the selected diocesan schools. I am also in support of our participation in this survey. Information gained through this survey will inform the Federation’s future work in supporting local school Parents and Friends Associations.

This is the link to the survey: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Volunteeringsurveygroup1.

The Process This is an online survey is using SurveyMonkey.
1. Click on the link and the survey will open
2. Complete the survey
3. Click send and the survey responses will be sent direct to the Federation

The survey has 18 questions and most are answered by selecting options from a list. I expect it will take about 20 minutes to complete. Its purpose is to gather data about the activity of and commitment to P&F in the state and assist the Federation’s planning for the coming years.

I understand that some of you do not have internet access. If this is the case and you would like to participate in the survey, copies of the online questionnaire will be available from the office.

Thursday 25 April is ANZAC Day. I would like to see as many of our St Francis Xavier school students join us in the parade. Full school uniform is required. We will be assembling at the corner of Alice and Queen Streets (carpark) at 7am. After the ceremony you will be able to collect your children from the ANZAC memorial adjacent to our school.

Best wishes for the coming week

Veronica Lawson, Principal

ST FRANCIS XAVIER
SCHOOL
Kids Who Care

Dates to Remember:

25 April Anzac Day
26 April CD Cross Country
14 May NAPLAN Tests
15 May NAPLAN Tests
16 May NAPLAN Tests
17 May Ipswich Show Holiday
20 May Catholic Cup Netball
23 May Bris. Lions AFL Cup
24/31 May CD Gala Day
23 May Bris. Lions AFL Cup
20 May Catholic Cup Netball
17 May Ipswich Show Holiday
16 May NAPLAN Tests
15 May NAPLAN Tests
14 May NAPLAN Tests
26 April CD Cross Country
25 April Anzac Day

CLASS AWARDS How children have shown care to each other


KWC

Keiana Rose Chueng, Beau Starr, Jem Brown, Lucas Leota, Casey Cardona, Sebastian Marsh, Ina Reupena, April Knapps, Jason Chong–Nee, Shona Clark, Maria Aquino-Mijares, Nhi Dang, Francisco Adams, Eli Laidlaw, Isabella Wallace–Bennett, Mary Deng, Julia Nguyen, Tang Tang, Laurie Fidler, Gwenge Deng

UNIFORM SHOP

Friday mornings
8.00am to 9.30am

sfx.uniformshop@hotmail.com
RE NEWS  Mrs Natalie Tugliach APRE

Tomorrow we celebrate ANZAC day. We will be marching as a school so all students are invited to join us at 7am. Christalla Tisouris and Melissa Da Costa Couta will be representing St Francis Xavier during the ceremony, reading names of the fallen.

O God, our ruler and guide, in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation, We give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land and for those who laid down their lives to defend them:

We pray that we and all the people of Australia, gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, may have the grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen

No one has greater love than this, than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends,’ says the Lord, ‘if you do what I command you.’ John 15:13-14

7R will be facilitating our ANZAC day celebration here at school at 8.45am on Friday.

A reminder that Friday is a free dress, gold coin donation day for Go Blue for Autism. All students are encouraged to wear blue to show their support.

FROM THE DESK OF THE APA Mrs Michaela Lewis Dear Parents and Caregivers, I hope the week is going well for you.

ANZAC Day: Many classes will be completing work related to ANZAC Day. The new Australian Curriculum: History promotes an understanding of Australia’s heritage. For example, Year 2 children are visiting our local war memorial as part of their history unit. I hope you can share some personal reflections on ANZAC day with your children.

St Peter Claver performance: As part of our Arts program, the St Peter Claver Dance troupe performed for us on Wednesday afternoon. The children enjoy such performances and these opportunities offer them the chance to develop ‘respect for, and knowledge of, the diverse roles, traditions, histories and cultures of dance as an informed audience’. (Draft Arts Curriculum).

English as a Second Language (ESL) Professional Development: Miss Cavallaro, Mrs Irwin, Miss Duncan, Miss Pyke and Miss Cassidy, will be attending the first of a series of workshops this week to participate in the ESL in the Mainstream or ESL in the Early Years programs. With an ESL population of about 20%, it is important for teachers to be aware of the development of ESL students and strategies to support their learning. Teachers return from the courses with an awareness that the strategies learnt are quality teaching pedagogy.

Promoting Safe Behaviour: Last week, we defined bullying behaviour. This week I would like to remind parents of the possible signs that a child is being bullied. What are the signs of bullying? Signs that could indicate a child is being bullied include: Disliking or avoiding going to school or participating in school activities, Lack of friends, Missing belongings, Torn clothing, Increased fearfulness and anxiety, mood swings and crying, Decline in academic performance, Poorer physical health and changes in sleep habits, Increased negative self-perception. Source: www.bullyingnoway.gov.au As part of our Beating Bully Bulldozer program, our children are made aware of different types of behaviour and are encouraged to use the character names of Roving Random, Icy Isolation, Crazy Conflict and Bully Bulldozer, to help them to articulate behaviours.

Our program is ongoing throughout the year. Recent news events may have heightened anxiety levels in some children. Answer your child’s questions simply and honestly, keeping in mind what knowledge is appropriate for their age level. Reassure them and reinforce safety plans that you have made as a family. It is a good opportunity to ensure that your child knows their full name, address and phone number. In the age of mobile phones and contact lists, many children have not memorised a phone number for use if they get lost or stranded. Give your child a quiz- you may be surprised! Wishing you a safe and happy week, Michaela

Enrolments for Prep 2014 at St Francis Xavier School

All families with children to commence Prep 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


Enrolments close on 10 May 2013.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS  Your prayerful support is requested for the family of Vanessa Visona a Year 2 student, whose father passed away recently. Please keep the Visona family in your thoughts and prayers.
**LIBRARY NEWS** Bernadette Hunt & Debbie Kenny  Order forms were given out last 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.

**Little Bytes from eMouse**  The start of a new term is always a good time to give you a reminder about using your computer safely at home. It’s a great idea to keep your computer in a shared space like a living room, so you always have an idea of what your child is doing online. Putting a time limit on your child’s computer use is also a great idea. If they are using any social media sites or chat rooms, make sure you know exactly who they are talking to online. Following these simple steps will help to keep your child’s internet usage safe and enjoyable.

Don’t forget, when you shop at Woolworths, to 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 their 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.

**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. Choric 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 (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. Choric 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.

**TUCKSHOP** Anna Timu, Tuckshop Convenor (Phone 3818 0033)  Welcome back, I hope you all enjoyed the holidays with your children. Tuckshop is back again this Friday 26/04/2013 and the volunteers are: Megan Low, Shona Schick, Maria Adams, Jacinta Anae, Danielle Bosse, Sally Warner and Natalie Saunders. Parents, if you would like to volunteer in the tuckshop on a Friday please leave your name and details in the office and I will contact you. Volunteers for Friday 03/05/2013 are: Shona Schick, Megan Kinder, Ina Salapo, Natalie Saunders, Megan Low, Danielle Bosse and Louise Mason. Thank you.

**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 hour or longer. Please contact Rachel Grant on 38183443, rmgrant@optusnet.com.au or Chrissy Peters on 3288 2199, epeters@bigpond.com

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.

**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