



St Francis Xavier School

newsletter

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Date Claimer

9 th – 11 th May	Naplan (Year 3 and Year 5)
11 th May	Mother's Day Stall
12 th May	Mother's Day Mass
15 th May	QLD Catholic Cup Netball Carnival
19 th May	Ipswich Show Holiday
26 th May	CD Gala Day (1)
29 th May	St Francis Xavier Sports Carnival (Years 2 – 6)
1 st June	Year 1 Night School
2 nd June	CD Gala Day (2)
7 th June	CHORC Choral Festival Rehearsal
9 th June	CD Gala Day (3)
12 th – 13 th June	Year 6 Camp Tullebudgera
23 rd June	Cushion Concert
23 rd June	Duathon 2-3pm
23 rd June	End of Term 2
10 th July	First day of Term 3
1 st August	ICAS English (Years 4 – 6)
15 th August	ICAS Maths (Years 4 – 6)
12 th September	Choral Festival, Sacred Heart, Booval 7-9pm
15 th September	End of Term 3

Principal's Message

Parents and Caregivers

I was approached last week by Sr Kari Hatherell, Assistant Director, Evangelisation Brisbane about the possibility of Natalie Tugliach collaborating with her in the production of resources for parish based sacramental programs. Natalie will be seconded to Evangelisation Brisbane from 15 May to 15 September. I would like to congratulate Natalie on this exciting opportunity.

In the meantime I have advertised for expressions of interest for the acting Assistant to the Principal position internally and will let you know the outcome of this in the near future.

I would like to remind you about the drop off zone between 8am and 9am. At this time there is a 2 minute parking limit. This means that if you park in this area you do not get out of your car. If you wish to walk with your children into the school grounds you will need to park in an area other than the drop off zone. I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Our Parent Portal is one way the school can communicate important information to you. I will endeavour to include permission notes for excursions and sporting events. The calendar will inform you of upcoming school events.

Best wishes for the coming week

Veronica Lawson

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Assistant Principal's Message

Thought for the Week

Knowledge advances by steps, not by leaps. Lord Macaulay

NAPLAN TESTING FOR 2017

Next week our students in Year 3 and Year 5 will participate in the NAPLAN tests which will be held across the nation.

The testing schedule is below:

- * Tuesday 9th May - Language Conventions & Writing Tests (first and second session)
- * Wednesday 10th May - Reading test (first session)
- * Thursday 11th May - Numeracy Test.

For any students who are absent for any of these tests on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, Friday is available for catching up on any tests missed.

Testing will begin at 8:45am each morning, therefore it is important for your child to be at school prior to the commencement of the tests.

ABSENTEEISM

With our eMinerva system that was rolled out to all Catholic Schools in 2011, teachers mark the class roll electronically by 8:45am and 2:30pm. Children are marked late if they arrived after 8:45am and marked as an early departure if they leave before 2:30pm. This automatically calculates into days absent into each child's report card for the semester.

At St Francis Xavier we expect students to arrive at school on time and prepared to learn. Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but...

Did you know if your child is missing just 10mins per day, they miss 1.5 weeks per year, which over 13 years of schooling they miss nearly half a school year? If they miss .5 hour per day, they miss 4 weeks per year and nearly 1.5 years over the 13 years of school.

Please have your children here at school on time and try to eliminate early departures.

MOTHER'S DAY

Next Sunday we celebrate a special day for all Mothers. I take this opportunity to wish all the Mums in our community a wonderful day on Sunday 14 May.



Enjoy your weekend, Carolyn

Religious Education and Religious Life of the School



A big thank you to our Year 6 teachers and students for preparing a reflective ANZAC Day Commemoration Service for our school community. We are very fortunate to have staff that know the history of our country, and see the importance of our students knowing and respecting that history. It was moving to see year 6 students add personal items from family members who have served our country to the sacred space. It was simple, but special.

Earlier that morning, year 6 staff travelled by train with our year 6 students into Brisbane City for the Student Commemorative Service. It was great experience for our students to hear our Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk and our Governor His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC address students from many school across south east Queensland on the importance of keeping the ANZAC traditions alive. The Spirit of ANZAC is not something we can see but a powerful driving sensation that can only be felt. It is a feeling that burns in the heart of every Australian and New Zealand countryman. A warm, tender, fiery, even melancholy ideal that nurtures intense patriotism in the innermost soul of everybody. Lest we forget.



Thank you to all our families and staff who attended the Goodna ANZAC Day march on April 25. It was great to see more than 50 students marching proudly down Queen Street, representing St Francis Xavier. Thank you also to the P&F for purchasing the wreath which we placed on the memorial. I believe that with the number of young ones attending services across our great country, the ANZAC story will live on for many years.

Project Compassion

As it reads on the Caritas Australia website '*Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the **faith, love and generosity** of the Catholic community and caring supporters throughout Australia to **help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.***'

This statement certainly stands true at St Francis Xavier. This year we raised \$1294.50. Thank you to all students and families for participating in the different class fundraising events. Thank you to staff for working with their class to raise awareness which is very important.

Prep 2018 Enrolment Interviews

I was certainly not excited about having to work on Saturday, but when I saw that first shy, smiling face at 8am, I knew that although the day ahead would be long, I was sure to meet some interesting four-year-old children. I was not disappointed. Each child I spoke to was ready to come to 'big school', as they so fondly call primary school. Some had a lot to share, others were wary but warmed up and wanted to share something before they left the interview. The children I met during Prep interviews would make wonderful additions to St Francis Xavier community.

St Francis Xavier Parish Sacramental Program

A letter was distributed on Tuesday to all students in years 3, 4 and 5, with important dates about our parish sacramental program for 2017. The parent information meeting for confirmation will be held in the parish centre on Sunday 14 May and 10am (after 9am mass). Enrolment forms can be collected from the sacristy. If you have questions about the sacramental program, please phone the parish office 3818 0111.

Tomorrow 4R will be presenting assembly prayer. Assembly will begin at 8.45am.

Next Friday we will be celebrating all mothers and mother figures in our community with our Mother's Day Mass. Mass will be held in McAuley Hall and will begin at 9am. Thank you to our Year 3 classes who have planned the mass with their teachers.

The Mother's Day stall will now be held on Thursday 11th May. Preps will 'go shopping' first. Other classes will visit the shop throughout the day.

This will be my last newsletter for a few months. I am going to work with Evangelisation Brisbane to help develop resources for parish sacramental programs. I will finish at St Francis Xavier on Friday 12 May. I will return in term four. While I will miss being a part of the community every day, I am looking forward to this experience and the challenges I will face. I encourage you all to continue to be a part of your child/s education and attend as many school events as you can.

Peace be with you

Natalie

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Class Awards 28th April 2017

Ruby G, Luke F, Hemi R, Edward L, Hannah N, Joseph D, William S, Abbey H, Dominic A, Ruby B, Cadence G, David V, Maithili C, Jarvey D, Whyne B, Amy H, Ella-Maree A, Kiara A, Lebron L, Alex M, Malachai L, Thomas S, Simon D, Jake B, Izabella T, Dylan S, Lulu D, Angela K, Nathan O, Mia B, Lachlan O, Florans B, Kay M, Mason S, Enrique A, Chrislynn N, Nikita T, Drucilla J, Vanessa V, Hayley H

KWC Awards 28th April 2017

Oscar C, Matija S, Axxle S, Cruz Z, Jacob O, Harrison N, Kevin N, Tarkyn C, Katarinah-Annie T, Jarryd K, Yoding T, Meshoul G, Ally S, Machyla M, Nigel S, Zahra H, Kynan M, Ina R, Peter F, Lucis T, Arok D

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Enrolments for Prep 2018 at St Francis Xavier School

All families with children to commence in Prep 2018 are invited to collect an Enrolment Application Pack 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 2018 must be born between **1 July 2012** and **30 June 2013**.

Please contact the school ASAP if you wish to enrol in Prep for 2018

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2017 Ipswich Festival's Unmasked Competition

The Year five Art Club's entrance into the 2017 Ipswich Festival's *Unmasked* Competition. This year's theme was 'Iconic Species of Ipswich'. The Festival runs from 4th – 14th May 2017.



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Homework Club

Homework Club will recommence this Thursday 4th May.

We will be accepting **no new** students to Homework Club in Term 2.

Homework club is every Thursday in the Library from 3 – 4pm.

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The Arts (Mrs Susan Vassella)

Cushion Concerts

The first Cushion Concert for 2017 will be held on Friday 23rd of June from 11.30- 12.45 in the McAuley Centre. It is a free concert to which our parents and friends are most welcome. The focus is on having fun, entertaining and being “kids who care” when preparing and presenting items. The concert will feature a number of the schools extracurricular groups, and select instrumentalists, vocalists, dancers and entertainers. A second concert will be held later in the year.

Auditions for both concerts will be held during lunchtimes during Week 5. Students have been invited to sign up on the Music Room, and nominations will close on **Friday 12th May**. A list of audition times will be made available on **Monday 15th May** for auditions on 16-18th May (lunchtimes during Week 5). If a student is absent please see Mrs Vassella. Results will be made known on May 22 (Week 6). Successful students will then present at the concert with full costume, props, microphones, backings etc.

Looking forward to an exciting performance.

Catholic Schools Choral Festival Rehearsal

Permission slips have been sent home with all CHORC students to attend the first rehearsal on Wednesday 7th June. Please ensure permission slip, and payment for bus and sausage sizzle have been returned to Mrs Parker (Year 5). Extra forms are available from the school office.

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Sport News (Mr Michael Thomson)

Central District Gala Days

The Netball, Soccer and Rugby League Gala Days start on Friday May 26 and continue for the following 2 Fridays. These days are for all students in year 4-6. Please ensure permission forms are returned to classroom teachers

Rugby League Training

Rugby League training is continuing Tuesdays at Evan Marginson Oval. These training sessions are compulsory for all students playing Rugby League at the Gala Days.

Sports Day

Our next major carnival is our school sports day on Monday May 29. This is for all students from year 2-6. Permission notes with all relevant information has gone home with students. Please ensure they are returned to parents. Parents are welcome to come along and spectate on the day.

Sport Updates

All sporting updates including training cancellations can be found on our twitter page (@SFXSport). You don't have to sign up to twitter to view the page, you can just google search @SFXSport.

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Library News (Mrs Louise Brooks, Ms Yasmin Relja)

BrowseReadBorrow

All children and their parents are invited to be part of our Browse, Read and Borrow time in the library on TUESDAY and FRIDAY mornings from 8am onwards. We are encouraging children during this time to either read independently or be read to - either by an adult (parent) or by our wonderful senior children. Let's get reading!

Please join us!



BOOK COVERING DATES – PLEASE JOIN US

We are holding a book covering morning where EVERYONE is welcome – mums, dads, grandparents and carers. No experience needed – we will provide everything!

Can you please let the office or library team know if you are able to assist.

TERM 2

NEXT DATE - **Thursday 11th May**

Thursday 8th June

TIME – **8:40am – 9:30am**

If you cannot come in on these set dates you are welcome to come in from 2.30pm Monday to Thursday and let us know you are eager to help.

Thank you!

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Bookclub (Mrs Debbie Kenny)

Forms have been handed out this week. Closing date is Friday **12th May**. Online ordering also closes that day. If you are still ordering with the paper forms please complete the form and return it AND the money to the office by the closing date.

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Tuckshop (Mrs Anna Timu, Convenor)

Volunteering

Our tuckshop is always open for new volunteers so if you are thinking of helping do not hesitate to come in on Friday or leave your name and telephone number in the office and I will ring you. You don't have to spend the whole day an hour or two would be just as awesome so come by yourself or bring some friends and have a ball with us cooking and serving.

Volunteer Pack

As a Workplace Health and Safety requirement, all volunteers need to complete a Volunteer Pack, available from the school office.

Orders

A reminder if you placed an order for your child on Flexischools Online or brown paper bag system and need to cancel, please call Flexischools before 7am on Friday morning or call the Tuckshop on 3818 0033 by 8.30am Friday Morning. All brown paper bag orders to be taken in the office by Thursday.

2017 Tuckshop Menu. Please click the following link

<http://www.stfrancisxavier.qld.edu.au/news/Pages/Newsletters.aspx>

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Uniform Shop (Mrs Tania Siganto, Convenor)

Opening Hours

FRIDAYS 8.00am - 9.30am and from 2.15pm - 3.15pm

(please note that the uniform shop will close promptly at 3.15pm, so please attend as early as possible).

Online queries and orders welcome.

If your child requires a uniform fitting you will need to make an appointment.

Please email the uniform shop to arrange a time.

pgoouniformshop@bne.catholic.edu.au

Uniform Shop email

If you wish to contact me via email, please use pgouniformshop@bne.catholic.edu.au

Uniform shop location

The Uniform Shop is located in the Tomasi building, next to the undercover area and 6R's classroom.

Second hand uniforms/donations

Remember we can sell your second hand uniforms out of the shop!

We also love receiving donations.

UNIFORM SHOP PRICE LIST: 1 November 2016

[Click here to download price list](#)

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St Francis Xavier Kindergarten

We are a stand-alone kindergarten located next to the Outside School Hours Care building and Parish office. We are a not for profit service managed by Centacare Childcare Services and operated by two staff, the Teacher/ Director (Bachelor Qualified) and the Teaching Assistant (Diploma Qualified). The Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guidelines as well as the Early Years Learning Framework are used to inform the daily program and learning outcomes. All learning experiences are planned to meet the interests and needs of the children in order to facilitate learning in each area of the QKLG and the EYLF. There are two classes which both operate on a 5 day fortnight (Kindy A- Mon/Tues& alternate Weds) & (Kindy B- Alternate Weds & Thurs/ Fri).

Contact the Director on (07) 3381 8872.

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St Francis Xavier Outside School Hours Care

Phone: 3818 2715

Email: goodnaoshc@bne.centacare.net.au

Before School Care: 6.30am - 8.30am Monday to Friday

After School Care: 3.00pm - 6.00pm Monday to Friday

Vacation Care: 6.30am - 6.00pm Monday to Friday

Closed on public holidays

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Contact Numbers

*Have you changed your phone number/email address/home address?
If so, please update your details via the Parent Portal.*

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School Fees 2017

Term 2 School Fees have been issued and are due by the 12th May (end of Week 4)

School fees can be paid from the following options:

Direct Debit, BPAY, EFTPOS and Credit Card facilities are available.

Direct Debit details are as follows:

Account Name: St Francis Xavier Education Account

Bank: Archdiocesan Development Fund

BSB: 064786

Account No.: 006486004

Please include reference number from fee account

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Thank You



Thank you

Thank you for their continuing generous monthly donation. This funding goes towards our breakfast club and pastoral support of students and their families.

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P&F News

The Parents & Friends (P&F) Association is an integral part of the school community with great support from the Principal and staff. The P&F usually meets on the last Monday of the month during the school year, with the Executive Committee.

New President for 2017

Our recent meeting was held on Monday 24th April and we are pleased to announce that Sonia Ledger was voted in unanimously as our new President. The new executive committee are:

President: Sonia Ledger

Vice President: Cristelle Mulvogue

Secretary: Janelle Cashmere

Treasurer: Michelle Castell

We really look forward to getting to know the parents and getting some great things happening for our school.

Our next meeting is Monday 29 May – All agenda items must be emailed to sfxpandf@hotmail.com by Friday 19 May.

The 2017 Biennial FETE is on!!

We have had a wonderful response from parents in our 'Just one thing' campaign to join the fete committee and we are underway organising our school fete which will be on **Sunday 27th August 2017**.

Every class will be responsible for holding a stall and we urgently need Stall convenors so please email sfxpfc@hotmail.com for your expression of interest.

Our theme and fete logo will be released in our Fete newsletter, coming home soon!

If you have any skills your think will be useful towards our committee, please contact us!!

"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give." ~Winston Churchill

Mothers Day Stall

The P&F is holding a Mother's Day stall on Thursday 11th May. Children will visit the stall in class groups, at an allocated time and can select a maximum of two items each. After every class has made their purchases, if there are still items left over, children will be asked if they want to come back to purchase more items.

A list of items are below.

Please note, only small quantities of each item have been ordered, so we cannot guarantee availability.

Mother's Day Stall Thursday 11th May

Price List 2017

\$1 Presents

- Heart shaped stress ball
- Air freshener
- 'Nan' ballpoint pen
- 'Mum' ballpoint pen
- Stylus pen
- Jumbo nail file
- Memo notes

\$2 Presents

- 'Mum' brush
- Tulip soap
- Notebook
- Candle in gift box
- L.E.D paper lantern

\$2.50 Presents

- Beaded keyrings
- Memo box

\$3 Presents

- Notebook with padlock
- Single stem soap rose

\$4 Presents

- Mum mug
- Mum necklace
- Mum photo frame

\$5 Presents

- Mug and bear set
- Body lotion pack

Facebook

We have a P&F Facebook page that is monitored and updated by one of our committee members. If you find you are not sure of what's happening around the school, or want to keep up to date with any news, the Facebook page is where you'll find it. Please like our page **st francis Xavier school p&F association Goodna**.

Amart Sports, Redbank Plaza and Orion Shopping Centre Fundraising

If you have joined the Team Amart program and nominate our school on your account (this can be done online or simply at the cash register), every time you purchase anything at Amart Sports, Redbank Plaza or Orion Shopping Centre, you just have to swipe your Team Amart loyalty card and our school receives in-store credits.

Please go to <http://www.amartsports.com.au/community-kickbacks> for more information.

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Community Notices



DON'T MISS OUT – Enrol now for Year 7 2019 and 2020

OFFER YOUR DAUGHTER THE CHANCE to be a part of a strong academic tradition balanced by the wellbeing philosophy of *Strength and Gentleness*.

ACT NOW as places fill quickly. Phone 3870 7225 to book or secure a prospectus pack

Go to www.brigidine.qld.edu.au for more information.

Looking for a Catholic Co-Educational Secondary setting within easy reach of your place?



St Augustine's College Augustine Heights

Enrolling now for Year 7 2018

To be eligible for a first round interview, applications must be submitted prior to 17 March 2017.

Download an application from our website www.stac.qld.edu.au

or phone the College on 3814 8300

For a sneak peek of our College movie, please visit:
www.stac.qld.edu.au/news/Pages/StAC-Movie.aspx

Phone: 3814 8300





Trees for Mum

Plant a Tree for Mum this Mother's Day

Celebrate your mum this Mother's Day by planting a tree in her honour.

Register your interest today!

When: Sunday May 14th 2 - 3 Pm

Promenade Park playground 253 Lakeside Ave, Springfield Lakes

Hosted by: Springfield Lakes Nature Care Inc

What to bring: Hat sunscreen and appropriate footwear

Register on line for Free Tickets with Eventbrite

www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mothers-day-tree-planting-tickets-33712135906

