



St Francis Xavier School

newsletter

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Date	Event
17 th February	School Disco
20 th February	Year 5 Science Incursion
3 rd March	School Photos
20 th March	Art Show
24 th March	School Cross Country
29 th – 31 st March	Year 6 Camp
31 st March	End of Term 1
18 th April	First day of Term 2
21 st April	Prep 2018 applications close
23 rd June	End of Term 2

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Over the Christmas break a number projects around our school were completed:

- * Turf was laid on the middle third of our oval with additional taps connected to our existing tanks. Our tanks have a top up facility when rain water is low. This project was funded by the P&F. We are hoping to open this area to the children by the end of February
- * Our Prep, Admin and year four classrooms were painted and floors in the prep rooms were stripped and polished
- * Brisbane Catholic Education have provided a maintenance grant – through this all remaining asbestos was removed from Tomasi and the Resource Centre at a cost of \$70 000 over the Christmas break.
- * The fence adjacent to our oval has been replaced at a cost of \$25 000. We are currently looking at replacing our front fence with a similar style of fencing.

Our P&F Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 27 February – I encourage you to consider nominating for an executive position. Please come along to the meeting – our P&F has been instrumental in providing resources for our school.

Best wishes for the coming week

Veronica Lawson

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Assistant Principal's Message

Thought for the Week

It is only going uphill that one realises how fast one is going downhill. George duMaurier

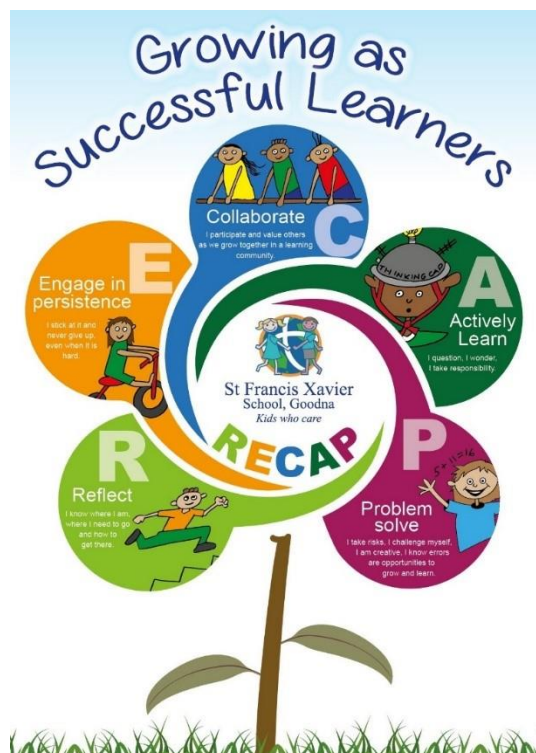
CURRICULUM... DELIVERING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Making learning visible refers to a holistic approach to delivering excellent learning and teaching. The promotion of each student's progress and achievement is regarded as everyone's responsibility here at SFX.

Visible learning and teaching occurs when learning is the explicit, goal oriented and student focused. When this occurs, teachers, students and peers are all actively engaged in the act of learning and show self-regulatory attributes.

At St Francis Xavier we are promoting a shared language of learning and this is becoming evident in all classrooms. You will see Learning Intentions and Success Criteria written, students will know what they are learning and how they can be successful. They also know how to improve.

Leaders, teachers and students are all walking the learning journey together. The greater the emphasis on visible learning and teaching across our school setting, the greater the likelihood of students reaching higher levels of achievement.



At the parent nights in Week 2 you were reminded of the characteristics of successful learners. Our poster below describes those characteristics. The poster depicts the statement that 'Successful Learners RECAP'.

- R... Reflect ... I know where I am, Where I need to go and how to get there
- E...Engage in persistence... I stick at it and never give up, even when it is hard
- C...Collaborate...I participate and value others as we grow together in a learning community
- A...Actively Learn....I question, I wonder, I take responsibility
- P..Problem Solve...I take risks, I challenge myself, I am creative, I know errors are opportunities to grow and learn.

LANGUAGES CURRICULUM

Learning another language is not only learning different words for the same things, but learning another way to think about things. (Fiona Lewis)



Key messages

- Learning to communicate in two or more languages is a rich, challenging experience. It enables participation in the linguistic and cultural diversity of our interconnected world.
- Being able to communicate proficiently gives learners essential communication skills in the target language, an intercultural capability, and an understanding of the role of language and culture in human communication.
- Language is a systematic, dynamic and cognitive activity. It is a social and cultural practice.
- In language learning, language is both the subject matter and the medium for learning new substantive knowledge.

This year at SFX, we see the introduction of another language – ITALIAN - into our curriculum. For the first Semester Year 4, 5 and 6 will be taught Italian by Mrs Emilia Michieletto while in Semester 2 Year 1-3 will participate in Italian lessons.

MEDICAL NEWS – Please return forms

Parents of students with asthma, any allergies and those with anaphylaxis would have received a letter last week asking for your up to date action plan and checking that medication left at school is up to date. For the safety of your child, it is imperative that the school receives the latest information from your doctor. This is a requirement from the government and Brisbane Catholic Education. Please return these forms as soon as possible – final date, 19th February.



WELCOME DISCO

The Welcome Disco will be held in our hall on Friday 17 February commencing at 6pm. We hope that you will join our school community in celebrating the commencement of the school year. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents in your child's class.



SFX ANNUAL ART SHOW...

This year our Art Show will be held on **MONDAY 20 MARCH from 5-7PM. Please add this important date to your diaries.**

THEME:- Peace and Equality

On this night, we are hoping to have a display for Parent Art Work. If you are able to contribute to this section, we would love to add your creative pieces.

Please call the school office and let us know what you are able to provide for this display.

Religious Education and Religious Life of the School

Anniversary of the Apology to Australia's Indigenous People

In 2008, The Australian Government apologised to Australia's Indigenous peoples, particularly the Stolen Generations and their families and communities, for laws and policies which had 'inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss on these our fellow Australians'.

We share with you a prayer from National Council of Churches in Australia.

Prayer for the Journey of Healing

Almighty and loving God, you who created ALL people in your image, lead us to seek your compassion as we listen to the stories of our past.

You gave your only Son, Jesus, who died and rose again so that sins will be forgiven. We place before you the pain and anguish of dispossession of land, language, lore, culture and family kinship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have experienced. We live in faith that all people will rise from the depths of despair and hopelessness.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families have endured the pain and loss of loved ones, through the separation of children from their families. We are sorry and ask God's forgiveness.

Toughen the hearts of the broken, homeless and afflicted and heal their spirits. In your mercy and compassion walk with us as we continue our journey of healing to create a future that is just and equitable. Lord, you are our hope. Amen.

Daniel Morcombe Curriculum - Fact sheet for parents

The Department of Education and Training, in partnership with the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, has developed the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum for Queensland students.

The Curriculum consists of classroom lessons across three phases of learning: Prep - Year 2, Years 3 - 6, and Years 7 - 9. It was developed in collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders including Queensland Child Safety Ambassadors Bruce and Denise Morcombe. The Curriculum, available to all Queensland schools, aims to develop student knowledge and skills to recognise, react to and report unsafe situations.

How the curriculum will be taught at St Francis Xavier

The Curriculum is based around three key messages: Recognise, React and Report.

- The Recognise message encourages students to be aware of their surroundings and to recognise warning clues.
- The React message helps students to consider choices that may keep them safe or help make them safe again as quickly as possible.

- The Report message encourages students to report unsafe incidents to an adult.

Teachers use a variety of materials, including interactive whiteboard activities, worksheets and safety books, to deliver the Recognise, React and Report messages. Developmentally appropriate scenarios are also being used to explore and discuss safety situations that children and young people may encounter in the home, at school or in their environment.

Students are encouraged to share the resources they complete in class with their families to help keep parents informed about the content being discussed and to promote discussion about safety in the home. Last week we sent a letter home (which is attached to this newsletter) explaining parts of the program and giving parents the option to contact us if there were any issues with the content being delivered. The program started last Friday and will continue until the end of this term.

Resources for parents Parent Guides for each of the phases are available online at www.education.qld.gov.au/child-safety-curriculum.

The guide outlines what students will learn in the safety lessons in school. It also provides advice to parents about how safety messages can be reinforced at home and suggests some suitable resources to use with children.

More information

For more information about the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum go to our website at www.education.qld.gov.au/child-safety-curriculum

Assembly prayer:

This week 6W will be leading assembly prayer. They will use the time to reintroduce our school community to recycling and sustainability. All families are welcome to join us for assembly at 8.45am in McAuley Hall.

On Friday 24 February and Friday 3 March, there will be no assembly.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the disco on Friday night.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Peace be with you and your family.

Natalie

SFX ART SHOW

5-7pm

Monday 20th March



Make sure you're a part of this year's Art Show!

Come experience what's been happening in The Arts this term.

The theme of Peace and Equality has been explored through a range of mediums from prep-year six.

Entry:

\$5 for a family ticket \$3 for an individual

(Available for presale or at the door)

What's happening...

- *Student exhibits*
- *High school exhibits*
- *Parent Art*
- *Entertainment*
- *Sausage sizzle and snacks*
- *Cent Auction*
- *Family fun zone*

Class Awards 10th February 2017

Ciara O, Indigo C, Ethan B, Lual A, Evie N, Samson T, Olive A, Joiah S, Lydia A, Angel S, Jack O, Molly O, Isabelle G, Xavier R, Matt D, Amitee B, Akon D, John-William L, Brianna, Isabelle W, Alistar O, Saxon M, Antwon S, Lupeez U, Meshoul G, Lynette W, Abbie O, Nelson D, Alanis T, Machyla M, Luki T, Ana S, Charity S, Nyahoth T, Sebastian M, Allira Z, Mason S, Paris B, Jack M, Talia AW, Shota L, Ayla T, Lucis T

KWC Awards 10th February 2017

Luke F, Hemi R, Paige K, William S, Trisha H, Cadence G, Scarlett C, Ben G, David M, Monica T, Jakobi C, Isayah S, Demario M, Ula M, Ella J, Kay M, Alex R, Sharni H, Flynn R

Homework Club

Homework club starts today (every Thursday) in the Library from 3 – 4pm. Please see your teacher for permission notes.

The Arts (Mrs Susan Vassella)

All performance groups are up and running in the lunchbreaks, and preparing for the Art Show evening on March 20th. Students need to have returned a permission form to attend these activities, so please ask the teacher in charge (or Mrs V) for a note if you have not completed one. Return forms to the box in the music room window.



The school was donated a number of second hand guitars over the holidays, These have come through an associate at Golden Graphics Music, whose vision it was to see children enjoy the of instrumental music. We thank the Hughes family for their generosity. Please see Mr Harding or Mr Bromilow if you are interested in acquiring an instrument.

ExtraCurricular Groups 1st Term 2017

Students are welcome to be a part of these activities being offered in Term 1. Permission forms can be obtained from the teacher-in -charge at the first rehearsal, or from Mrs Vassella. Students and parents are asked to carefully consider the commitment required of each activity as regular attendance is vital for the success of each group. Many groups will perform at the Art Show on March 20th from 5-7pm, and would need to be available for that event. There is no cost to these activities(except Chorc).

Senior Dance Troupe Year 4-6. Term 1. Monday 10.45 in music room. Students are preparing for the school Art Show in week 9. Mrs Young, Miss Johns and Mrs Smith to co-ordinate.

Samoa Dance: keen, mature dancers from 2016 to perform in The Art Show. No new students (this will be offered term 2). Thursdays 10.45 in music room . Provision of traditional dress. Miss Hill to facilitate.

Hip Hop Dance Year 4-6. Term 1. Tuesday 10.45 in music room . Students are preparing for the school Art Show in Week 9 so this dance troupe will perform the dance choreographed by MnB entertainment for last years cushion concert, so prior membership is necessary. Miss Pyke to direct.

Junior Choir Year 2-4. Thursday 10.45 drama room. Students can come along and sing with Ms Fazackerley and Mrs Connors- a fun filled introduction to choral singing. Bring lunch and A4 folder.

ABC Dance Troupe: 12 students from Year 1, already have learned and know dance, to perform at Art Show. Practices Tuesday 10.45 in drama room with parent helper Mrs Goodreid and Mrs Vassella. Term 1 only.

Drama Club: (any age) Students with a flair for drama conventions like mime, improvisations, magic, comedy are welcome to attend. Wednesday 10.45 in drama room. Mrs Goodreid and Mrs Vassella.

Guitar Club: all ages. Friday 10.45 music room. For Term 1 this group is restricted to those who participated in 2016. In Term 2 Prep students and any new students to SFX are welcome to join. Students must provide their own acoustic guitar and A4 display folder. Bring lunch and those ordering tuckshop need to inform Mr Harding upon arrival. Please bring guitars to music room before school and collect from there at 2.55pm.

Verse Speaking: Select students from classes may be approached to join to a choral speaking choir to perform for Art Show. Rehearsals are Friday 10.45am in the drama room.

CHORC Year 5 and 6. Choir and Instrumental group. Weekly practices in school time (1.45 Fridays) Whole year committment. Non auditioned, no prior experience necessary. Participation in The Art Show; Term Cushion Concerts and fete performance. The Catholic Colleges Choral festival is to be held at St Marks Inala. Students combine with 12 other school choirs to form a mass choir, and present an evening concert 7-9pm. Cost of \$20 for bus fare to choral festival rehearsals; but own transport and purchase of tickets is required on the night. Teachers in charge Mrs Parker(5) and Mrs Vassella(The Arts). Permission form required.

Thankyou to the many staff members who are volunteering their time to direct a group.

Looking forward to a creative year of The Arts.

Sport News (Mr Michael Thomson)

Cross Country

Our first major carnival will be the Cross Country on March 24 at 9:00am.

We share updates on our twitter feed @SFXSport. You don't need to have a twitter account to access the feed.

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Library News (Mrs Louise Brooks, Ms Yasmin Relja)



WE NEED YOUR HELP – PLEASE

We have a large number of books in the library that need covering and we would love your help.

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.

WHEN – Thursday 23rd FEBRUARY

TIME – 8:40am – 9:30am

Thank you!

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!

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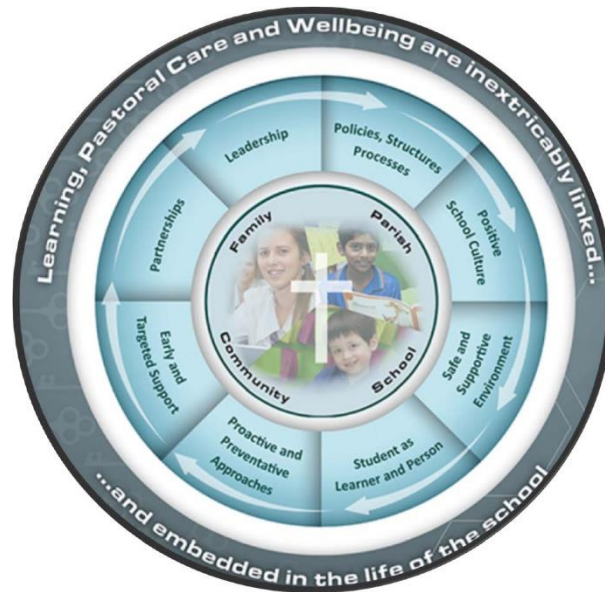
Student Well Being (Mrs Rebecca Thompson)

This week I wanted to take this opportunity to include information about my role as the Guidance Counsellor at St Francis Xavier. I work closely with teaching and learning staff, parents and caregivers to support all students with diverse learning needs. I can provide a range of services, which include:

- psychoeducational assessments
- specialist information for parents and teaching and learning staff
- brief group or individual counselling
- attend student support meetings
- classroom observations
- consultation with support professionals (e.g. Medical Specialists, Speech Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, and Private Psychologists)

Due to the nature of the school environment and limited available time guidance counsellors within the school environments cannot provide long-term intensive one-to-one therapy. However, where possible, I can work with parents and caregivers to help them obtain additional support for their child. I am on site at school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Brisbane Catholic Education has a strong focus on student well-being. See the link below for further information on how students social and emotional well-being are supported
<http://www.bne.catholic.edu.au/students-parents/Pages/GuidanceCounselling.aspx>



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In line with Brisbane Catholic Education's policies relating to the provision of guidance and counselling services, I require parents/caregiver consent prior to working with any student. This is when parents will communicate their concerns and review the Informed Consent brochure.

I am one of the Student Protection Contacts, along with Veronica Lawson and Sr Anne Keim. Any concerns that staff, parents or students have about the safety and well-being of any students can be directed to us.

All class teachers regularly discuss 'Student Safety and Wellbeing' and provide relevant strategies. Students are provided with explicit instruction on how to keep safe and reminded of the 3R's (Recognise, React and Report). Please take an opportunity to talk to your child about the safety strategies they have learnt at school. Remind them of their role in keeping safe and encourage them to talk to you or someone at school if they have any worries.



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Student protection covers suspected physical, emotional, and sexual abuse. Parents can find a copy of Brisbane Catholic Education's policy and procedures for student protection on the school's website and Parent Portal (see link below).

<http://www.bne.catholic.edu.au/students-parents/student-protection/Pages/default.aspx>

If you would like to discuss any concerns you have about your child's social emotional wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact me (bec.thompson@bne.catholic.edu.au).

God bless,

Rebecca

Guidance Counsellor

(Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)

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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)

Senior Shirts

Senior shirts have arrived, all orders placed in November have been filled and sent to students classes. There are some Senior shirts remaining and available for purchase in the uniform shop, numbers and sizes are limited.

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 pgoouniformshop@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](#)

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.*

School Fees 2017

A reminder that the Term 1 School Fees are due Friday 17th February 2017. 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

Primary School Child	\$465 per term	\$1860 per year
2 Primary School Children	\$660 per term	\$2640 per year
3 Primary School Children	\$850 per term	\$3400 per year
4 Primary School Children	\$932.50 per term	\$3730 per year

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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 next P&F Annual General Meeting will be held on 27th February at 6.30pm. Hope to see you there.

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

Saver Plus – assists parents with school expenses. Please click on the following link.

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ICC GOODNA Library Pop Up

The Ipswich City Council Library is delivering a free First 5 Forever Pop Up program for little ones in Goodna this Term. The first 5 forever is a state funded initiative that targets the importance of developmental literacy to children aged 0-5. The program aims to teach primary caregivers (parents, carers and important family members) the importance of interacting with their children and the role they play in developing their child's ability to learn.

This Pop-Up runs four fortnightly sessions at the Soundpoint TSA and Sony Foundation Youth and Community Centre, giving families a taste of the free children's literacy programs within the branches; Baby Rhyme Time, Toddler Time, Story Time and seeds. This makes for a great fun filled program that parents and family can enjoy and allows for the First 5 Forever team to pass on the importance of interacting with children to facilitate their ability to learn in preparation for school.

Each family receives a First 5 Forever toolkit on the final session and each child receives a certificate of participation from the team. Other highlights of the program include an Interactive Bear Hunt, a Pirate Themed Story Time and also a visit from our Bob the Builder mascot. If you require further information about this program or printed copies please contact Megan Johnstone at the following details.

E I megan.johnstone@ipswich.qld.gov.au