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# newsletter

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## Date Claimer

Date	Event
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Australia Day Public Holiday
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Parent/teacher night 6 – 7.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Camp (Tallebudgera)
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Central District Swimming
16 <sup>th</sup> February	Opening School Mass 9am
16 <sup>th</sup> February	School Disco 6 – 8 pm
9 <sup>th</sup> March	School photos
29 <sup>th</sup> March	SFX Cross Country
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Term 1 ends
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 2 starts

## Principal's Message

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to the 2018 school year. I hope that you had an enjoyable and restful break with you children. It was great to see the children's smiling faces – not to mention the smiling faces of our parents. This year we have quite a few new initiatives designed to make routine procedures easier to manage:

### **ParentPaperwork**

Our school has implemented ParentPaperwork to assist with communication between school and parents. ParentPaperwork is an online system that replaces all the paper forms we send home for you to complete and return. By moving to an online system the school anticipates making good savings in time and cost compared with managing a paper process.

The online system is extremely easy for parents to use. Instead of paper forms coming home in your child's school bag, you will be sent an email notification, with a link to click that opens a secure web page version of the form to complete and submit. You can do this on your phone, tablet or computer. You do not need to download any apps or register.

The online system is a much more efficient way to capture all this information from you, and means teachers and the administration staff can easily keep track of who has returned their forms. All of the data you submit in the forms is held in a secure database and is only accessible to selected school staff.

You will be able to access ParentPaperwork on the Parent Portal under Permission Forms to check which slips need attention.

You can read more about ParentPaperwork on their web site:

<https://www.parentpaperwork.com/parents>

### **Qkr**

We are now introducing Qkr (pronounced Quicker) as a payment option at St Francis Xavier School. Qkr accepts all major credit cards (MasterCard/Visa) or debit cards and can be downloaded directly from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Please click on this [link](#) to find a step by step guide on how to access Qkr and set up an account. We are hoping that Qkr will become a convenient method for most student costs such as Camps, Excursions, Uniform and Tuckshop payments. Qkr will replace Flexischools for online Tuckshop orders. Parents need to insert child's name and class when ordering tuckshop.

Please refer to the App for a full list of accepted payments. Please note that at this stage payments for School Fees cannot be processed through Qkr.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the school office on 3818 0100.

### **ALLE Receipting – Arrive Late/Left Early**

Our school has implemented **ALLE Attendance Receipting** in the front office. **ALLE Attendance Receipting** is a software application which allows students to be electronically signed in to school as a Late Arrival or signed out of school as an Early Departure on a **Student Kiosk**.

Parents and Caregivers are encouraged to bring their child to the office if they arrive after the commencement of school (8.35am) and electronically sign them in using the barcode scanner. Our office staff will be on hand initially to assist. Students will then be given a receipt to hand to their teacher advising them that they have been marked present. Similarly, should you be collecting your child early from school, you may now use the system to record their departure. Parents who proceed directly to classrooms will be re-directed by teachers to contact staff in the main office for a receipt to be issued. Good record keeping is paramount in ensuring the safety of our children, in particular in the event of emergency evacuations or lockdowns. The adoption of **ALLE Attendance Receipting** is a tool by which both teachers and staff can be confident that students' attendance records are accurate and up to date. Your support of this routine is greatly appreciated and helps us to ensure everyone is safe at our school.

### **Letter of Commendation from Dr Doug Ashley, Deputy Executive Director, Brisbane Catholic Education**

I recently received a letter of commendation from Dr Doug Ashley and I publish the following excerpt:

*I write on behalf of the BCE Leadership Team to extend our collective thanks to you and your team at St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School for the commitment and focused work evident in responding to your school's learning growth challenge through 2017.*

*This year we have witnessed strong growth across our system and recently Catherine Thompson facilitated with the BCE Leadership Team the inaugural end of year reporting on each of the schools in Cluster 5. It has been our privilege to gain a deeper level of insight into the progress made during 2017 at St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School.*

*Progress against your stated SMART Goal and the comments in SPARROW shows significant growth. Well done!*

*There is clear evidence that the approach you are taking to change practice has resulted in more students' achieving deep conceptual understanding across the year levels.*

*I extend to you the Leadership Team's encouragement and support to maintain the great work that has been achieved in numeracy while engaging on a precision focus on literacy through the impetus of the Accelerate Literacy Learning project during 2018.*

I acknowledge the commitment of our staff in achieving our goal.

### **Car Parking**

Just a reminder that you are not able to park at the Kambu Health Clinic across the road to collect or drop off your children. This is an area designated for their patients.

Best wishes for the coming week

Veronica Lawson

## Assistant Principal's Message

### *Thought for the Week*

Hospitality & Welcome: *God can be found in the ones who are forgotten. Reach out to them, and you might find God too.* **Ruth 2: 1-16 Summary -**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the commencement of the 2018 school year.

During the school holidays we celebrated the birth of Jesus which proclaimed to the world a new beginning. Over the past week we have heralded the beginning of a new school year. How great it was to see the children after the holidays, looking refreshed and showing excitement as they found their friends and their new classrooms.

I wish to extend a warm welcome to:-

- all the new staff whom will be working closely with you in the coming school year.
- to the families and their children who have joined the St Francis Xavier school community this year
- and to all of the students in Prep whom are beginning their education journey in a primary school.



We welcome you all and wish you all the best as you become part of the SFX school community.

Last week staff participated in four days of professional development focussing on the school's vision for learning, characteristics of learners, literacy and various areas of workplace health and safety. Our start to the year has been certainly energised generated by our dedicated staff whom looks forward to working with you in partnership in the education of your children.

### **PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION EVENING**



; Please mark the following date in your diary....

**THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY FROM 6-7:30PM**

At these meetings you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and to find out about the year ahead. It is important that you attend this evening to gain information about expectations, curriculum and procedures for your child.

The schedule for the evening is as follows:-

- **6:00pm – Year Level meeting**
- **6:30pm - Parent meet with the Leadership Team in the hall**
- **7:00pm – Session 2 (repeat of Session 1 for families with more than one child)**

## **SPORT UNIFORM DAYS FOR STUDENTS**

As each class participates in HPE lessons on different days of the week, sport uniforms are required on different days for different year levels. These days are below: -

- Prep – Monday and Thursday
- Year 1B – Tuesday and Wednesday
- Year 1R & 1W – Tuesday and Friday
- Year 2 – Wednesday and Thursday
- Year 3W – Wednesday and Thursday
- Year 3R and 3B – Monday and Thursday
- Year 4 – Monday and Thursday
- Year 5 – Wednesday and Friday
- Year 6 – Tuesday and Friday

## **WELCOME DISCO**

The Welcome Disco will be held in our hall on Friday 16 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.

Yours faithfully, Carolyn

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## **Religious Education and Religious Life of the School**

Welcome to all families. 2018 is going to be a busy year for our St Francis Xavier community. I am very happy to be back, and I was delighted to see so many excited faces as the children returned on Tuesday. A special welcome to new families and new staff. I look forward to getting to know you and working with you as your child/ren grow and develop.

This year our school theme is Welcome and Hospitality, with a focus on Catherine McAuley. Catherine was known for her hospitality towards guests and visitors and the ritual of always offering a cup of tea. Not long before she died, she said to one of the sisters "Be sure you have a comfortable cup of tea for them when I'm gone". I encourage you all to just sit when you have a cup of tea or coffee. It may only be five minutes, but five minutes is enough to breath. You will see the symbol of tea pot and tea cups throughout our school this year as a reminder of this message.

We will be focusing on two scripture passages this year:

1 John 3:18, 23 Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

Hebrews 13:1-2 Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

### **Dates for your diary:**

February 14 Ash Wednesday Liturgy 9am McAuley Hall

Friday 16 February Opening School Mass 9am McAuley Hall – our Year 6 leaders will be commissioned at this Mass.

Assembly will be Friday morning beginning at 8.45am. To begin each assembly there is a class or year level who prepares a prayer to share with the school community. This year we will put this roster up on the parent portal, so you can add it to your diary. Our first assembly will be week 2 and 6B will be presenting prayer. Week 3 will be 5B.

Year 6 camp is in Week 3, Monday 5 February until Wednesday 7 February. Permission forms went home this week and should have been returned by today. If you have not returned the permission form and the medical form, we ask that you do so by Monday, so camp planning can continue.

**Life Education** – Harold will be with us again this year. Every class will visit the Life Education van during week two or week three. The topics we will be covering this year are:

### **Prep – My Body Matters**

Harold and his friends want to look their best for photo day at school but discover that things don't always go to plan.

This module focuses on things children can do to keep themselves healthy including:

- the importance of personal hygiene
- choosing foods for a healthy balanced diet
- benefits of physical activity and sleep
- ways to keep safe at home, school and in the community

### **Year 1 - Harold's Friendship**

After building a model spaceship at school, Harold and his friends, Boots and Red venture into an imaginary world in outer space. As the adventure unfolds children explore:

- how to build friendships and care for others
- feelings and emotions
- how nutrition and physical activity affects how we think and feel

- safe and unsafe situations and early warning signs
- safe places and people to turn to for help

## **Year 2 – Safety Rules**

Harold and his friends have gone camping, but when someone gets injured on a hiking expedition, how will they look after each other and make it back to camp? This module helps children to problem solve and focuses on:

- recognising safe and unsafe environments
- how to care for others
- how good nutrition and physical activity contribute to social and emotional health
- behaviours that maintain friendships
- places and people who we can go to for help

## **Year 3 – All Systems Go**

Inside a futuristic machine 'The Venture', the Captain and his crew take the class on a tour of the human body. Travelling through the blood, the class explore and discover how magnificent the human body really is. They learn the functions of various body parts and the actions required to keep these systems working well.

- factors that influence the function of body systems such as exercise and drugs
- exploring ways to manage peer pressure
- the effects of second hand smoke
- the function of vital organs (heart, lungs, brain, kidneys)
- healthy food choices

## **Year 4 – BcyberWise**

This module focuses on cyber safety, cyber ethics and building positive relationships with friends online and offline. The students explore a range of issues such as password security, risks of sharing personal information, how to communicate respectfully both online and offline, and strategies to handle bullying including cyberbullying.

- responsible and respectful behaviour when using communication technology
- skills for building positive relationships with friends
- keeping personal information safe online
- strategies to deal with bullying and cyberbullying
- exploring the role of bystanders

## **Year 5 – On the Case**

Join Mac McHardy, a time travelling detective, and his sidekick 'Conan' as they gather evidence to persuade McHardy's great, great granddaughter not to take up smoking. Set in a fantasy world of futuristic steam powered machines, students travel through time, collaborate and explore:

- effects of smoking and what's in a cigarette
- history and laws and myths and facts
- influences and pressures
- strategies to reduce harm

## Year 5 – Think Twice

Using distinctive animated and vox-pop videos, this module tackles the topic of drinking alcohol in an age appropriate context. Students explore concepts such as the effect that alcohol has on body systems, myths and facts about alcohol, laws relating to its sale and reasons why people choose not to consume alcohol.

- myths and facts surrounding the use of alcohol
- strategies for responding to encouragement or pressure to drink
- physical, social & legal consequences of alcohol use
- strategies to reduce harmful effects of alcohol on self and others

## Year 6 – Decisions

This module offers a choice of content on legal drugs or legal and illegal drugs. Students explore the decision-making process and improve decision making skills by looking at choices, consequences, responsibility, facts, and influences.

- what is a drug and how drugs are classified
- effects of drugs on the body
- analysing health messages about drugs in the media
- messages around non-use – normative data – dispelling myths
- influences on decision making – family, peers, media, culture, financial, legal
- strategies and skills to be safe

I look forward to catching up with children and their families over the coming weeks.

Take care and God bless  
Natalie

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## School Fees 2018

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2018 school fees statements will be emailed towards the end of next week and due by 16<sup>th</sup> February. Please be aware that in 2018, fees will be invoiced per term and payment is due by week 4 or completion of direct debit form as per below. To assist with family budgeting, we ask you to consider the following payment options.

	1 child	2 children	3 children	4 children
<b>Fees for 2018</b>	<b>\$1890</b>	<b>\$2680</b>	<b>\$3450</b>	<b>\$3790</b>
Payment in full by week 4 of each term	\$472.50	\$670	\$862.50	\$947.50
<b>Direct Debit</b> of 10 Monthly payments	\$189	\$268	\$345	\$379
<b>Direct Debit</b> of 20 Fortnightly payments	\$94.50	\$134	\$172.50	\$189.50
<b>Direct Debit</b> of 40 Weekly payments	\$47.25	\$67	\$86.25	\$94.75

Fees do not include other costs such as excursions, swimming, camps, school photos or extra-curricular activities.

### Concession

Families experiencing financial hardship are invited to apply for a concession. Forms are available from the School Office/Parent Portal. **Each year a new application needs to be completed.**

### How to pay

**By Direct Debit:** Forms are available from the School Office/Parent Portal and can be completed now for 2018.

**By Credit Card Payment:** (10 monthly payments on 14th of each month). Forms are available from the School Office/Parent Portal

**BPay:** Please refer to the BPay section on the front of your statement for your Biller Code and Reference number. BPay requires a minimum of \$50.00 per payment

**In Person:** Payment can be made at the School Office by EFTPOS, Credit Card, Cash or Cheque

**By Phone:** Credit Card payments can be made over the phone on 3818 0100

**Centrelink Payments:** Payment may be arranged by Centrelink Centrepay. Forms are available from the School Office

**By Mail:** Detach payment slip and return with your cheque made payable to 'St Francis Xavier School' or fill in credit card details and mail to P O Box 402, Goodna QLD 4300

## The Arts (Mrs Susan Vassella)

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### The ARTS 2018

During "The Arts" sessions, students will participate in:

**Term 1** - Drama

**Term 2** - Music

**Term 3** - Dance

**Term 4** - A combination of *The Arts*

Students from Years 3 - 6 require an Olympic music book (contains manuscript lines in the middle), and this is used across all strands. Students in Years 4 - 6 require a descant recorder – to be used in Term 2.

There will be a range of lunchtime activities offered in The Arts, and these may change each term. These are kindly run by our staff members and parent volunteers who give of their time and talents. Students are welcome to try the activities and then permission forms will be sent home. Activities are free of charge. Please check the music room window and newsletter for notification and commencement in Week 3.

Our big events of the year will be a Cushion Concert in Term 2 and Term 4, the School Art Show in August and the Catholic Schools Choral Festival to be held at St Francis Xavier in September.

Looking forward to a creative year in *The Arts*.

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## Sport News (Mr Liam Bromilow)

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Hello and welcome to the Health and Physical Education year for 2018. My name is Liam Bromilow. As most of you are aware, Michael Thomson has moved on to another school, which means I have taken over the role as Health and Physical Education teacher. I have been at St Francis Xavier School for five years already, most recently as a teacher in Year 4. So, I am very familiar with the students in the school, and I'm looking forward to working with them over the next 12 months.

2018 marks a new beginning for our district, as it has been rebranded as Central Comets. The region has now been divided into larger areas, and thus we have taken on some new schools and with this, a new name.

We have hit the ground running for sport this year, as some Central Comets trials are already taking place.

Some dates for upcoming trials are as follows:

7<sup>th</sup> February- Central Comets Swimming Carnival

12<sup>th</sup> February- 10-12 years Boys Basketball

15<sup>th</sup> February- 10-12 years Girls Basketball

If you have any questions regarding the school PE program, or district sport, please drop into the office and see me.

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## Library News (Mrs Louise Brooks, Ms Yasmin Relja, Mrs Debbie Kenny)

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Next week library borrowing commences for all grades. Please ensure your child has a zip up plastic folder (listed on the book list) with their name clearly marked on it. Library borrowing days are as follows :-

**Monday - Year 4 and Prep**

**Tuesday - Year 6 and Year 1**

**Wednesday - Year 5 and Year 2**

**Thursday - Year 3**

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## Student Well Being (Mrs Rebecca Thompson)

### *Student Well Being News from the Guidance Counsellor*



I want to take this opportunity to welcome both new and returning students and parents of our St Francis Xavier community, and to share some tips that might help to get the school year off to a great start.

The start of any new year often includes a degree of excitement and some worries about what lies ahead. The balance between excitement and anxiety is influenced by a number of factors including: your family schedule, parent teacher relationships and opportunities for much-needed “downtime” from the weekday routine.

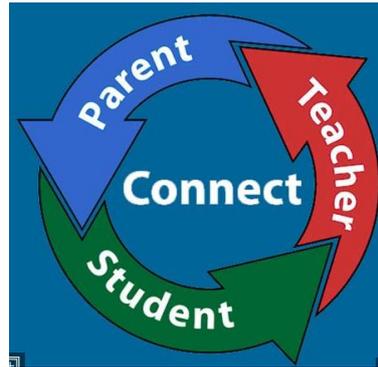


*Here are some tips for a smooth school year start that will help you beat the stress and organise your learning journey.*



#### **Establish a realistic schedule for your family.**

- \* Limit the number of extracurricular activities, the younger the child the fewer the schedule activities he should have to do).
- \* Make time for breakfast; the benefits to health/nutrition and starting the day off right are worth 10 fewer minutes of sleep.
- \* Have a device-free dinner as a family at least five nights per week. Research clearly supports the longterm benefits of family dinners, which allow for relaxation, problem solving, humour and socialisation.
- \* Involve your children, even the littlest ones, in household chores so everyone is contributing to the good of your family.



### Develop a “partnership” with your child’s teacher.

\* If a concern arises about something the teacher is or isn’t doing, raise the concern with the teacher and work through the issue in a way that is best for your child.

When you are uncertain of how to respond to a situation, rely on the teacher’s expertise in child development and learning for guidance. For example, ask questions such as:

- \* “What should we do at home to reinforce the math concepts you’re teaching in school?”
- \* “Jessica seems afraid to try new things. What would you suggest I do to help her feel more confident?”
- \* “Owen said he doesn’t have any friends in his class. How can we help him develop new friendships?”



**Have positive conversations with your children about their performance.** No one has a greater influence on the beliefs, attitudes and accomplishments of your child than you! Encourage your child’s abilities/accomplishments by:

- \* Modelling and actively encouraging a love of learning and joy in discovery.
- \* Having high (but realistic) expectations for your child’s school performance.
- \* Letting your children know you believe they will be successful because you know they work hard.
- \* Celebrating your children’s strengths and supporting areas where they need to grow.
- \* Sharing performance concerns with the teacher (versus your child) so you can find a solution together.



**Respond to your child's concerns.** If your child voices a concern relative to something happening in school, friendships or performance, seek additional information before jumping to conclusions (or your own solution). When your child raises a concern:

- \* Ask open-ended questions so you can understand the real cause of your child's anxiety.
- \* Support him in identifying possible solutions or responses to the concern.
- \* Stress the importance of perseverance and share stories of struggles you had as a child (preferably those you overcame through hard work).
- \* Focus on her accomplishments versus "what others are doing/thinking".
- \* Validate his concerns, but put the concerns in perspective by reminding him of his strengths as a person, student and friend.
- \* Contact the teacher and ask for her input (remember, this is a "partnership"). For example, "Jane cried as we put her to bed last night saying she hates school. Could we talk later today so I can better understand what challenges she is having and how I might help?"



**Ask yourself if your children are "happy" and are "enjoying" their childhood.** While school success is critically important, it is also important to think about all aspects of our children's development (social, emotional, physical and cognitive). For the good of your children (and yourself):

- \* Include informal opportunities for play, discovery and learning in your child's schedule.
- \* Set aside times for your family to relax and have fun (e.g., charades, board games, reading, playing with the dog and getting outdoors).
- \* End every day by cuddling up with your children for a bedtime story. Bedtime reading promotes literacy, fosters an emotional connection and reminds us of what matters most in our world.
- \* School affords opportunities for our children to grow and learn in a multitude of ways. Through active engagement in our children's school experiences, as a role model and a participant, we can help ensure there is joy in their learning and pride in their accomplishments.

If you would like to discuss any matters, please do not hesitate to contact me, either by calling the office to book a meeting time, or to email me directly on [bec.thompson@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bec.thompson@bne.catholic.edu.au).

Best wishes for a wonderful school year ahead!

***Rebecca Thompson***

Guidance Counsellor

## Tuckshop (Mrs Anna Timu, Convenor)

Our next tuckshop day will be Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018. Please note our ordering system is now via Qkr.

This replaces Flexischools for online ordering. Please see article from the Principal

### **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**

Orders are now via Qkr. This has replaced flexischools. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the school office on 3818 0100.

We will still accept brown paper bag orders but they need to be at the office no later than Thursday.

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## Uniform Shop (Mrs Tania Siganto, Convenor)

Welcome back to a new school year. I would like to say a huge thank you to the volunteers that helped last Thursday and Friday. It was greatly appreciated. Thanks to everyone for their patience during a very busy period in the uniform shop.

### **New payment option**

We are starting another payment option this year called Qkr. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the school office on 3818 0100.

## Senior shirts 2018

Senior shirts are now a stock item in the shop and they are ready to purchase now.

## 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.

[pgouniformshop@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pgouniformshop@bne.catholic.edu.au)

## Uniform Shop email

If you wish to contact me via email, please use [pgouniformshop@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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 October 2017

[Click here to download price list](#)

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## St Francis Xavier Kindergarten

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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).

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.

The Kindergarten program operates during school terms for children who are at least 4 years of age by 30 June in the year they participate. Families may be eligible for support to reduce out of pocket expenses or rebates and financial assistance such as QKFS Kindy Support to help cover the cost of fees.

At kindergarten your child will be:

- engaging in an approved Kindergarten program delivered by a qualified teacher to support learning as children transition to school
- learning about themselves others and their surroundings
- building partnerships with local schools to support children as they enter prep
- building relationships with children, families and the wider community
- engaging and participating in meaningful and quality play based teaching and learning experiences
- developing independence, thinking and problem-solving skills
- building self-confidence and resilience
- building a better understanding of the world around them.



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## St Francis Xavier Outside School Hours Care

Phone: 3818 2715

Email: [goodnaoshc@bne.centacare.net.au](mailto: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

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

## Thank You

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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

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Welcome to the new school year.

Our P&F team meets the last Monday of every month at 6.30pm in the room next to the Library and we always welcome new faces to our meetings. Being involved in the P&F not only means you are having a say about what happens in and around your child's school, but you also get to know the staff of the school and meet other parents and make great friendships. Please come along as we'd love to meet you and have your input!

Our first P&F Meeting for the year and AGM will be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm in the room next to the Library.

Our first fundraiser for the year is the Welcome Disco held on Friday 16 February. We really need some volunteers to help serve and cook and set up so please contact the P&F on [sfxfc@hotmail.com](mailto:sfxfc@hotmail.com) if you are able to help.

Don't forget...

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

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## Community Notices

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### **THISTLES LADIES HOCKEY CLUB**

**2018 COME N TRY & SIGN ON DAY**

**SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY - 3 PM to 5PM**

At Ipswich Hockey grounds, Briggs Road, Raceview.

**HOOKIN2  
HOCKEY**

Welcoming all player levels, from new junior players and up to masters age !

**Junior Grades: U11s—U15s : Senior Grades: Reserve & A2 Grades**

As well as the **Hin2H program** for Boys & Girls aged 4—9 years

All new sign on's will receive a hockey starter kit.



**Sign on Fees: All players \$100 : Hin2H: \$25**

Contact the club for more information



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### St Peter Claver College

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#### Enrolments for Year 7 2019

Recently, the demand for places at St Peter Claver College has been very high with significant waiting lists in place for Year 7 next year.

To ensure that our Catholic feeder schools are accommodated in terms of possible future enrolments in our College, we are striving to **complete the enrolment process for Year 7 in 2019 by the end of this year**.

Consequently, we urge our families who wish to have their daughters and sons with us for Year 7 2019, to submit an enrolment application by **15 September 2017**. This is the end date for this term but it would be advisable to complete the application as soon as possible.

Enrolment applications are available on the College website  
<http://www.spcc.qld.edu.au>

Or

By contacting the enrolment registrar on 38105907 Monday to Thursday

Or

By visiting us at 10 Old Ipswich Rd Riverview during Office Hours

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Kindest regards  
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