



# St Francis Xavier School

# newsletter

*Kids who care*

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## Date Claimer

Date	Event
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Book Parade
6 <sup>th</sup> September	Gala Day 1 (Year 5/6)
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Prep – Year 3 Swimming Lessons (Waterworx)
13 <sup>th</sup> September	Gala Day 2 (Year 5/6)
16 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Prep – Year 3 Swimming Lessons (Waterworx)
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Catholic Schools Choral Festival
11 <sup>th</sup> September	St Stephen's Cathedral Visit – Year 5
17 <sup>th</sup> September	ICAS English
19 <sup>th</sup> September	ICAS Maths
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Gala Day 3 (Years 5/6)
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Last day Term 3
8 <sup>th</sup> October	First day Term 4
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Cushion Concert
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day Term 4. School finishes at 12 noon

## Principal's Message

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

### Around the World School Fete



My sincere thanks go to Bec O'Hara, the Fete Committee, our parents and extended community and Kate Ferguson for their untiring efforts to bring our Around the World Fete to fruition.

I appreciate the countless hours of work behind the scenes, which made our Fete such a success. Proceeds from the Fete help support the purchase of resources and this year in particular the construction of the new Tomasi block, which is scheduled to commence in September.

### External School Review

I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff, students and parents who participated in our recent External Review. The report from the review is still in progress but initial comments from Ms Helen Sinclair, Panel Chair indicated that she was pleased with the collaborative and collegial approach to curriculum planning amongst our teachers and the mutual support amongst all staff, which was evidenced during interviews.

Best wishes for the coming week

*Veronica Lawson*

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## Assistant Principal's Message

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### Thought for the Week

*The secret of a happy life is respect. Respect for yourself and respect for others. Ayad Akhtar*

**FETE FETE FETE.....**

**WHAT AN AMAZING DAY WAS HAD BY ALL!! A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR HARD-WORKING FETE COMMITTEE WHOM HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY IN THE BACKGROUND PREPARING FOR THE BIG EVENT. WHAT AN AMAZING JOB YOU ALL DID IN SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. THANK YOU, COMMITTEE.**



**As you can see below the gratitude of those who had a wonderful day enjoying themselves with family and friends.**



## **NAPLAN Online School Readiness Testing (SRT) Testing in September**

Next year St Francis Xavier join a number of Catholic, Independent and State schools transitioning our students to the National NAPLAN Online program.

As part of our preparations, we will be conducting a 'School Readiness Test' (SRT) in September to confirm we have everything in place to administer NAPLAN Online successfully and seamlessly for our Year 3 and Year 5 cohorts in 2020.

The focus of the school readiness test is not on assessing literacy and numeracy skills, but to test school readiness in terms of IT capacity as well as logistics and administration processes. It will therefore involve simulating an online test for our students who are currently in Year 2 and Year 4 and we expect it to only take approximately one hour. Year 4 students will perform a Writing test and Year 2s and Year 4s will complete an omnibus test which is a combination of Numeracy, Language Conventions and Reading.

The School Readiness Test forms one part of our approach to transitioning to NAPLAN Online, with preparations well in hand with our teaching and IT support staff. Our focus for the remainder of this year and in the lead up to the online testing period in May next year will be to ensure our students are ready and confident, and we will continue to provide regular updates on our progress.

NAPLAN Online align with our *Excellent Learning and Teaching: Moving Forward* strategy at Brisbane Catholic Education and our commitment to improving literacy and numeracy skills and build the capacity of our students in information technology.

We'll continue to provide you with updates, but in the meantime, you can read more about NAPLAN Online, and view sample questions, at the public demonstration site at <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment> and <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>.

## **BOOKLISTS**



Teachers have spent the last few weeks discussing booklists for the 2019 school year. We are presently working with our book suppliers SEQUEL, to get these organised ready for your ordering. All going well, booklists will be available for ordering early Term 4. Booklists and payment will be required with your order. You may need to make allowances for this in your family budget over the next few weeks.

## **LOST PROPERTY**



Please ask your child to check the lost property box as there are many unloved items overflowing from the box. Many of these items are unnamed and therefore difficult to find their way back home. Any item still not claimed by the end of the term, will be packed up and sent to St Vincent de Paul.

## SWIMMING PREP TO YEAR 3



Swimming will begin on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September and will continue for 2 weeks.

Please ensure that your child comes to school organised for the lessons. Students will need

- \*a swim cap (no cap, no swimming)
- \* sunscreen
- \* shoes to wear on their feet to the pool
- \* a sunshirt (if possible)

We are still chasing a number of permissions, medical forms and payment for these swimming sessions. If you have not yet given permission and made payment, please do so as soon as possible. Children without permission forms will not be able to attend these swimming lessons.

*Carolyn (ADA)* (Assistant Principal)

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## Religious Education and Religious Life of the School

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### Father's Day Prayer and Assembly

Tomorrow, year 5Red and year 5White will lead our school Father's Day Prayer. All fathers, grandfathers, uncles, friends and significant males in the lives of our students are invited to join us for this prayer celebration followed by morning tea. I look forward to sharing this time with you.

### Catholic Perspectives with teaching and learning at SFX

Through Term 3 we have had many opportunities such as Catholic Education Week, Open Classrooms, Assemblies and Liturgies to acknowledge and celebrate the wonderful opportunities offered to our students through a holistic education. As a Catholic community, our faith and values are an integral part of our daily life, with both being expressed through our interactions with each other. For us all, it is important our students are immersed in an environment that supports their continued growth and development not only academically, but also emotionally, socially, physically and spiritually.

One way in which we do this is through the implementation of Catholic Perspectives across key learning areas. For the past 3 years, St Francis Xavier has been implementing this within the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Curriculum. It focusses on humans being created in the image of God, the dignity of the human person and personal safety. At a primary school level, the concentration is on positive relationships, love, empathy and moral choice.

Throughout this year staff at St Francis Xavier have engaged in professional development focussed on ensuring a Catholic perspective and elements of the Brisbane Catholic Education Shape Paper are integrated through the curriculum appropriately. It has been an affirming exercise to date, as much of what is required is already being covered in classrooms. We will continue to look at ways to successfully implement Catholic Perspectives within our teaching and learning and will keep you updated through our newsletter in coming months.

*Kate Ferguson* Assistant Principal – Religious Education

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## School Fees 2019

**School Fees for Term 3 have been emailed. Term fees were due on 9<sup>th</sup> August unless a Direct Debit has been set up.** School Fees are issued at the beginning of each term and payable end of week four of each term. Direct Debit, BPay, Bpoint, EFTPOS and Credit Card facilities are available. Fees do not include other costs such as excursions, swimming, camps, school photos or extra-curricular activities.

	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children	4 Children
<b>Fees for 2019</b>	<b>\$1900</b>	<b>\$2650</b>	<b>\$3300</b>	<b>\$3800</b>
Payment in full by week 4 of each term	\$475	\$662.50	\$825	\$950.00
<b>Direct Debit</b> of 10 Monthly payments	\$190	\$265	\$330	\$380
<b>Direct Debit</b> of 20 Fortnightly payments	\$95	\$132.50	\$165	\$190
<b>Direct Debit</b> of 40 Weekly payments	\$47.50	\$66.25	\$82.50	\$95

## Enrolments for Prep 2020 at St Francis Xavier School

All families with children to commence in **Prep 2020** are invited to complete an Application for Enrolment online via the School Website **ASAP**. 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. Remember the school website [www.stfrancisxavier.qld.edu.au](http://www.stfrancisxavier.qld.edu.au).

Children ready for Prep in 2020 must be born between **1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015**.

## Class Awards 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019

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Evallyn G, Arek B, Layla C, Alistair B, Adit, Thora C, Ezaan S, Jayda S, Paige K, Lual A, Jackson C, Vinay V, Mary G, Jake M, Kieran C, Ioana R, Isla O, William P, Cadence G, Jack O, Jacob N, Koby L, Taigalu R, Tarkyn C, Davis K, Calista S, Whyne B, Laetitia O, Sebastian B, Tereise R, Thalia D, Ethan B, Sunny P, Friday H, Samantha N, Christina A, Arok D, Lauren W

## KWC Awards 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019

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Rainie W, Anyang M, Tate F, Kurtis C, Archer G, Lincoln M, Paige K, Sonny M, Melissa G, Marlena T, Junior C, Akon D, Sophia C, Calista S, Amy H, Sofia G, Ethan B, Jay C, Oliver P, Lual M, Chloe R

## Class Awards 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2019

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Raine W, Katie A, Monalisa F, Jenny G, Mark J, Joanna O, Kurtis C, Annabele D, Janaya F, Ellie C, Antonina R, Cienna Z, Malakai T, Hanna N, Adam S, Olivia V, Yifan L, Indigo C, Edward L, Cruz Z, Zack G, Amelia O, Stephanie W, Akon D, Joyal A, Reece P, Levi O, Curtis K, Jarryd K, Yuki L, Isabelle W, Reza G, Lily W, Nelson D, Lynette W, An N, Catherine T, Emily B, Ryan W

## KWC Awards 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2019

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Riley A, Julianna D, Ajak G, Charlee C, Evie F, Sara I, Adhel A, Brax H, Kushia A, Ulises R, Jack O, Andrea A, Emily H, Jacob T, Alex M, Johnathon V, Hezekiah N, Ryan N, Lulu D, Jayana F, Kushal G

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## The Arts (Mrs Susan Vassella)

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Thank you to **all** involved with the entertainment at the fete last weekend. The year levels presented dances from around the world, with much spectacle and audience participation encouraged. The rich cultural spirit was shown through performances of the school African Dance and Samoan Dance groups, and at a community level with Indigenous representation and Welcome to Country, African drumming and Belly dancers.

A big thank you to Mrs Katie Gillman and Mrs Cristelle Mulvogue for their generosity of time, organisation and direction on the day. Thanks to Mr Mellifont and Mr Wynn for their role as MCs. Thank you to Mrs Aiken for her time with the African dance troupe, and Mrs Timu and Miss Hill with the Samoan Dance group, and Mrs Parker with the CHORC group.

## Drama Club

The Drama Club perform next Tuesday 3rd September after the book parade. Students can come dressed for book week in their drama costume or have been encouraged to bring a simple costume that they can quickly change into.

## Catholic Schools Choral Festival



Catholic Schools Choral Festival is to be held on Tuesday 10th September at St Thomas Moore College Sunnybank, commencing at 7pm. Students will meet Mrs Parker and Mrs V at 5.30pm. A sausage sizzle and refreshments will be sold on the night. Information has been emailed to parents via Edmart about the rehearsal day and evening performance. If you have not received this notification, please contact Mrs V.

Tickets can be purchased via Qkr @ \$10 per seat. There is no family discount this year. Tickets will be sold until 9th September at SFX and then available at the door on the evening.

## Cushion Concert

Please note change to date!!! Due to interschool Gala sport, the cushion concert will be rescheduled to early in Term 4. The date will be 11<sup>th</sup> October (1.50pm – 2.50pm).

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## Sport News (Mr Liam Bromilow)

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### Date Claimer :

-  6<sup>th</sup> September – Gala Day
-  13<sup>th</sup> September – Gala Day
-  20<sup>th</sup> September – Gala Day

Gala Days for Years 5 and 6. Students will compete in either Basketball, Oztag or Netball.

### Gala Days

*Sport*

The Term 3 Gala Days are closing in, taking place on the Fridays of September 6th, 13th, 20th (Week 8, 9 and 10). The three sports on offer are Basketball, OzTag and Netball. OzTag and Netball will take place at Evan Marginson Park, Goodna, while the Basketball competition will take place St Augustine's.

## SFT Gift Race



The Gift Race will now be held early in Term 4.

## Twitter Page

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.

Liam Bromilow

## Library News (Mrs Louise Brooks, Mrs Kimberley Nearhos, Mrs Debbie Kenny)

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BOOK PARADE - TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER -

### Let's Celebrate

### READING IS MY SECRET POWER

Students and Staff are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character from a book **THAT INSPIRES OR DELIGHTS THEM**. Please do not be pressured into buying pre made outfits but rather help your child identify either clothing or items that the character in their book wears or uses. Most importantly we want the children to be able to tell us who their favourite character is and why **READING GIVES THEM POWER!**

### 5 More Ways Reading is a Secret Power

#### Reading increases empathy and social awareness.

Reading allows us all to walk in the shoes of others and experience historical and current world events from the safety of your bedroom.

#### Reading is knowledge.

Readers are lifelong learners who gain new knowledge from each new book they read.

#### Reading improves your problem solving.

Seeing characters make sense of their problems and seeing patterns in the ways issues are dealt with in written form improves your analytical thinking and your flexibility in problem solving.

#### Reading offers an escape from the daily grind.

It offers a place to retreat and experience another reality.

## Reading exercises the imagination.

It provides the mind with the opportunity to create visuals that are unique to the reader. © CBCA 2019



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## Tuckshop (Mrs Anna Timu, Convenor)



Due to the minimal number of volunteers every week, it's with great sadness that we will have to reduce our tuckshop menu as of the **30<sup>th</sup> August**. Please order before 10am Thursday morning via Qkr. We will **NOT** take Friday morning orders. If your child/ren are sick or away, please call us **ASAP** to inform us.



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TIP OF THE WEEK

### Q. How do I cancel food orders that have already been paid for?

#### A. To cancel a food order from your itemized eReceipt:

1. Open Qkr! and tap Activity.
2. Scroll down to 'Order History' and sign in with your password.
3. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.
4. If your eReceipt contains food orders for more than one child, you will need to cancel one by one.

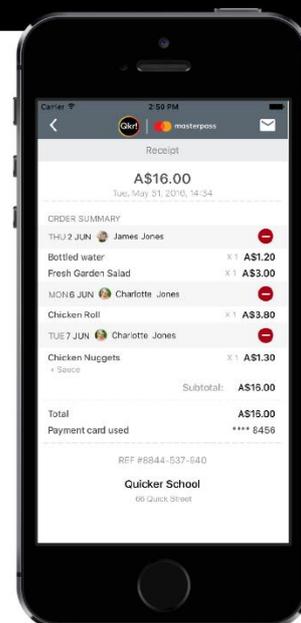
OR

#### To cancel a food order from the calendar view:

1. Open Qkr! and select the relevant menu.
2. Tap on the tick icon on the date for which you want to cancel the order.
3. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.

Cancelled items are shown in red on your eReceipt confirming they have been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any credits will be automatically deducted from your next Qkr! food order.

Please contact your school office to cancel any other (non-food) school payments according to school policy.



## QKR Ordering

Qkr (pronounced Quicker) is used for our online Tuckshop ordering. 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. Parents need to insert child's name and class when ordering tuckshop. **Please VOLUNTEER in 2019 !!**

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.

## WE ALWAYS LOVE TO SEE NEW FACES



### Volunteer Pack

As a Workplace Health and Safety requirement, all volunteers need to complete a Volunteer Pack each school year. They are available from the tuckshop.

### Orders

Orders are via Qkr, no later than 10am Thursdays. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school office on 3818 0100.

## Uniform Shop (Mrs Tania Siganto, Convenor)

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## QKR Ordering

Qkr (pronounced Quicker) is an excellent option for Uniform shop orders. 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. Parents need to insert child's name and class when ordering uniforms. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school office on 3818 0100.

### 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](mailto: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 October 2017

[Click here to download price list](#)

## St Francis Xavier Kindergarten

Our Kindergartens offer a beautiful, calm, natural environment that welcomes children and their families to be at the centre of the learning journey. Children will discover and develop their love of learning through play and extended literacy and numeracy rich daily activities.

Each Kindergarten is located on a school site helping to build partnerships with local schools and transition children to Prep. 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.



## St Francis Xavier Outside School Hours Care

Outside School Hours Care has been successful in receiving approval to increase our Licensed Numbers. As of this Term, we are now able to have 90 Children in our care at any time. So, if you are needing your Child in care we are now able to offer them a position.



Please contact Sonia Ledger or Tracey Ballerini for an Enrolment Package on:- [goodnaoshc@bne.centacare.net.au](mailto:goodnaoshc@bne.centacare.net.au) or 38182715.

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

## Contact Numbers

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*Have you changed any details such as your phone number/email address/home address? If so, 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.

## P&F News

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### Date Claimer: 15<sup>th</sup> September

BBQ in the park. Meet and greet. Come and get a sausage and meet the P&F at Rotary Bicentennial Park on Cedar and Redbank Plains Road Park - September 15th at 2.30pm.

### P&F Meetings

P&F committee **now meets** the last Tuesday 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 next P&F Meeting will be Term 4 6.30pm.**

### Don't forget...



Don't forget... If you shop at Rebel Sports stores, and nominate our school on your account, every time you purchase anything at Rebel stores Australia wide, our school receives in store credits.



We have an account at SPENCIL ([www.spencil.com](http://www.spencil.com)). You can save 10% off purchases of stationary and earn 15% cash back for the school, by giving them the following code. Your school's unique code is: F2019STFRANCISXAVIER

## Community Notices



<https://www.facebook.com/UQEveryFamily/>



### Parents Stay Positive!



The Every Family initiative at the University of Queensland is helping families in your area

We offer **FREE Triple P Positive Parenting Programs**

Check out what's on in **IPSWICH** in **Term 3 2019**.

Available for parents and carers of children up to 12 years old.

When	What's On	Where
21 August 6:00PM - 7:30PM	Raising Resilient Children	Redbank Plains
26 August 4:30PM - 6:00PM	Raising Resilient Children	Ipswich
4 September 12:30PM - 2:00PM	The Power of Positive Parenting	Gailes
5 September 9:30AM - 11:00AM	The Power of Positive Parenting	East Ipswich
5 September 6:00PM - 7:30PM	The Power of Positive Parenting	Bundamba
11 September 12:30PM - 2:00PM	Raising Confident, Competent Children	Gailes
12 September 9:30AM - 11:00AM	Raising Confident, Competent Children	East Ipswich
12 September 6:00PM - 7:30PM	Raising Confident, Competent Children	Bundamba
18 September 12:30PM - 2:00PM	Raising Resilient Children	Gailes
19 September 9:30AM - 11:00AM	Raising Resilient Children	East Ipswich
19 September 6:00PM - 7:30PM	Raising Resilient Children	Bundamba

**REGISTER NOW** at [www.triplep-parenting.net](http://www.triplep-parenting.net)

For more information call 0438 937 350 or email [lena.krause@uq.edu.au](mailto:lena.krause@uq.edu.au)





**Are you living with a disability  
or mental illness?**

**Are you wondering what to do  
once you've finished school?**

**Are you caring for a young  
person or adult with a disability?**

**Are you looking for realistic  
options for your future?**

**Then this market is for you.**

**Wednesday 4 September 2019**

9.00 am – 1.00 pm

The Workshops Rail Museum,  
North Street, North Ipswich

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