

# Centenary Snippets

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2010 is the year we celebrate 100 years of Catholic Education at St Francis Xavier School, Goodna. At the end of 2009 we launched our history "Welcome Learning. A Brief History of St Francis Xavier School" by John Browning, celebrates more than 100 years of education at our school. At this launch we were privileged to have the four original Sisters of Mercy share with us their memories of the first school days at Goodna. We welcomed Sr Scholastica the first principal (Mrs Hogg) and teachers, Sr Anselm, (Mrs Mesken), Sr Evaristus (Mrs Nelms) and Sr Fabian (Mrs Vassella). We were appreciative of the Q150 grant of \$10 000 to support us in writing this history and because of this donation, Mrs Joanne Miller represented the Queensland Government and launched our book. The sisters of Mercy were represented by Sr Mary Lawson who spoke to us about the early foundations of the school and the tireless efforts of the sisters when there was no government funding support in their day.

Our book is available in the front office for \$15.00.

Our official celebrations will be held during the weekend of 11 and 12 September 2010. On 10 September, we will officially open and bless our new administration building and classrooms, classrooms currently being constructed, our new covered walkway and the soon to be started multipurpose hall. Please put these dates in your diary.

