Dear Parents,

Today, we celebrated another milestone in the life of St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School – the official Blessing and Opening of our new and refurbished buildings as well as the St Francis Xavier Catholic Kindy. It was a beautiful celebration lead by the Most Reverend Michael McCarthy, Bishop of Rockhampton. Special guests included Miss Leesa Jeffcoat – Director of Catholic Education, Diocese of Rockhampton, and Mr George Christensen, Member for Dawson, both of whom addressed the school and with Bishop Michael officially opened the buildings. During the celebration, Bishop Michael also blessed special crosses fashioned in the shape of the Sisters of Mercy cross and made from the silky oak staircase from Fatima House, which was the original Convent for the Sisters. These will now be placed in all classrooms. There was a cake later in the day for both the Kindy children and our school, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you to the parents who came along to help celebrate this special occasion.

This Sunday, will see another special milestone reached, this time for some of the Year 4 children at our school. They will be receiving the Sacraments Confirmation and Eucharist. This will then make them full members of the Catholic Church. Please continue to pray for them and their parents as they take this next step along their faith journey.

Have a wonderful weekend,
God Bless

Olivia
Yes, it is that time of year again when we start preparing for the SFX Athletics Carnival. This year we will run events over two days, Thursday the 7th June and Friday the 8th June.

Thursday the 7th of June will see students 10 -12 years competing in high jump, long jump and the 1500m. The 1500m is a new event to primary school competition and if you have a child in this age group, who is interested in participating, we strongly recommend they start training now. Thursday’s competition will also include the Junior carnival. Students in Years Prep -3 will participate in modified athletics events and sprint races. The day will conclude with novelty events involving Students, Parents and Teachers – so bring your running shoes!

On Friday the 8th, students in Years 4-6 will be bused out to Slade Point oval for the senior carnival. Students will participate in discus, shot put, 800m, 200m, 100m and relays.

All families are invited to attend our athletics carnival on both days.

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**URGENT ATHLETICS HELPERS NEEDED**

If you are able to assist with the carnival, please complete the form below.

**Name:** ..........................................................  **Contact phone number:** .................................

I can assist on *(please circle)*:  THURSDAY 7th June    FRIDAY 8th June

FORMS TO BE RETURNED BY MONDAY 28 MAY, 2018
Our students, who have been preparing for their First Eucharist and Confirmation, will do so in our parish church this Sunday 27 May at 9.15am. We ask all in our school community to pray for them during this very special time. We know how proud their parents are, and so we have included a beautiful prayer from the Loyola Press website, just for them.

**A Parent’s Prayer**

Loving God,
You are the giver of all we possess,
The source of all our blessings.
We thank and praise you.

Thank you for the gift of our children.

Help us to set boundaries for them,
And yet encourage them to explore.
Give us the strength and courage to treat each day as a fresh start.

May our children come to know you,
God and Jesus Christ, Whom you have sent.

May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope, and love, so they may know peace, truth, and goodness.

May their ears hear your voice.
May their eyes see your presence in all things.
May their lips proclaim your word.
May their hearts be your dwelling place.
May their hands do works of charity.
May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord.
Amen
Health Notice: School Sores

As there have been some cases of school sores (impetigo) in our school recently, we need to make all parents aware of the correct procedures. The information below comes from the Queensland Health website.

School sores (impetigo) is an infection of the skin and called “school sores” because school age children are usually the most likely to be infected and sores can be spread throughout a school.

- Impetigo is caused by bacteria that are able to live in the nose, throat, on the skin or in other parts of the body.
- These sores can be anywhere on the body, but often appear on the face near the mouth and nose and/or on the arms and legs.
- Impetigo is easily spread.
- It is more common in hotter months.

What does it look like?

- Impetigo usually starts with a blister or a group of blisters
- The blister bursts leaving a patch of red, wet skin, which weeps.
- The spot becomes coated with a tan or yellowish crust.
- The spots can be itchy.

What to do?

- Please see a doctor to check the condition. Antibiotics are usually required to clear up the infection.
- Keep area clean with regular washing.
- Clothing, sheets and towels need careful washing.

Impetigo is contagious. Children need to remain at home until antibiotic treatment has commenced for 24 hours and sores must be covered with a watertight dressing.

Please advise our school office, if your child has been infected.

We are encouraging our students to be vigilant with hand washing.

Thank you for assisting us in all health matters.

Sick Students

With the high incidence of ill children at this time of year, it’s important to be very clear about responsibilities in regard to care of sick children.

Queensland Government Schools Policy stipulates that any student who suffers from the effects of diarrhoea or vomiting must be excluded from school for 24 hours after the symptoms cease. In the case of flu, students MUST be excluded until well.

In the interest of individual students, and our school community, we do call parents to immediately come and collect their children as soon as we reasonable suspect they are unwell. This clearly ensures students get the care they need, and very importantly, the risk of spreading illness to fellow students and staff is immediately and significantly reduced. Parents who both work must make arrangements with their employer, or have made arrangements with another care provider, to be able to collect their children when needed. It’s obviously not acceptable for individuals to be sent to school when they are clearly unwell, or not to have arrangements in place if they become ill while at school. Please make sure you have these arrangements in place, so that your children, and our community, are protected.
McDonald’s Maths
On Tuesday, Ms Volker took our nominated Year 5 and Year 6 students to the McDonald Maths Competition at Whitsunday Anglican School. Our students worked extremely well as a team to complete the Team Challenge. They also had to compete in a relay, where two students had to finish one challenge, before the next pair could begin. Ms Volker said the activities were quite complex. She also said the students’ behaviour was excellent. Thank you to Ms Volker and our students for doing a great job.

Drop Off & Pick Up Zone
You would have noticed, we have had the line marking in the ‘Pick-Up Zone’ repainted. Please make sure you move through to the first available bay, to keep the traffic flowing, as best as possible. A reminder to all parents that this is a Stop Drop Go Zone, so please do not park and leave your car during drop off and pick up times. Thank you.

SAD NEWS!!!!!!
Lost Items
We are asking for some help from you, our wonderful SFX parents! Every week, we have a “Lost Property Box” full of items with no names on them. It is extremely difficult for students to know which jumper, lunch container or water bottle is theirs, without a name. We ask you to please label all items, even snack containers, as many of these items are alike. If you have purchased a second-hand jumper from our Uniform Shop, please rename it, as students often are unaware of who the previous owner was. If you label all your child’s belongings, you will save us so much time each week. Thank you.

Your Child’s Belongings
- PLEASE label your child’s belongings (jackets, lunch boxes, backpacks etc.) with his/her first and last name.

We encourage responsibility, but sometimes things get lost!!!

Found
- A gold signet ring has been found in the school grounds. If this is yours, please pick up from the school office.
- A watch has also been found. Both can be claimed from the school office.
VISIT FROM THE KINDY KIDS

It was a very big day for our Kindy Kids last Tuesday! They came over to the church with our Preps to practise their part in our Blessing and Opening Ceremony. Then it was off to the Prep Playground to enjoy some Under 8’s Week activities. That is a very busy day, when you are only four years old!!
Term Two School Fee Accounts are now OVERDUE!

Prompt payment would be appreciated.

Payments can be made in Cash, EFTPOS, Cheque, Credit Card, Direct Debit, BPay or Internet Banking.

Internet Banking details as follows:

A/C: St Francis Xavier School
BSB: 034-210
ACCOUNT: 811093
REFERENCE: Account code at top right hand corner of invoice.

Pauline Hyde—Finance Secretary

Book Swap ~ Week 7
St Francis Xavier is a school that continually encourages its students to read. This term, we would like to continue with this event—"The St Francis Xavier Book Swap". Many children have tens and sometimes hundreds of books at home that they have read over and over again. Why not swap them for other books, without having to pay a cent!

FROM the P & F

Pie & Lamington Drive
All families have been issued with an order form which we would like you to promote to family, friends and neighbours. The products will be supplied by Crusty’s Bakery. All meat & fruit pies sell for $9.00, lamingtons $14.00 (per dozen) and peach squares $15.00 (per dozen). More forms available from the office.

Please return forms and correct money to the school no later than Tuesday 29 May, 2018.

Your order will be ready for collection on Friday 15 June, 2018, further details will follow with collection times.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support!

St Francis Xavier P & F
**Restoration of Fatima House Finial**

If you look at the top of Fatima House, you will see the finial was salvaged before the convent was demolished. It has now been restored and placed outside our office, as an ever present reminder that our school is part of the proud history of the Mercy Sisters, our founders.

Michael Ryan, who’s day job is a St Francis Xavier Prep student let his dad, Jason give him a hand to install it. Great to see Michael wearing his work shirt, we may need to talk about PPE though! Thank you Jason and Michael, you have done a wonderful job.
All families invited!

P & F MEETING
Tuesday 5 June, 2018
6.00pm
Staffroom

Your continued support is always appreciated.

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Bookclub

Issue 3 Book Club order forms were handed to students this week. Lots of fun and exciting reading is again available to all our students both old and new from the Scholastic Book Club. Once again, we are glad to offer you the benefits of purchasing resources from Scholastic at reasonable cost. The Book Club has the latest books available and introduces us to new authors throughout the year. The school is awarded bonus points from the total sales and from this, I purchase new resources for the library.

Closing date for Issue 4 is Wednesday 30th May, 3.00pm close of school. Sorry no late orders will be accepted. Please make cheques payable to ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL and NOT to Scholastic. If you would like to place an order after the closing date, this may be done online directly to Scholastic Book Club. Should you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to visit me in the library.

Mrs Argent—Library Co-ordinator
Position Vacant
Administration Secretary
Term Time, Contract (20 HPW)

St Brendan’s Catholic Primary School,
Mackay Northern Beaches

Applications are currently invited for the position of term time Administration Secretary (20HPW) at St Brendan’s Catholic Primary School, Mackay Northern Beaches.

The successful applicant will have appropriate experience and an understanding of and a commitment to the ethos of Catholic education. A Working with Children Check (WWCC) and eligibility for a Suitability Notice will also be required.

Previous experience and knowledge of TASS would be an advantage.

This position is a maternity contract replacement until 7 December 2018 with the possibility of further extension.

Application packages can be obtained from the School Office.
St Brendan’s Catholic Primary School, 799 Mackay-Bucasia Road, Rural View QLD 4740

Applications close Monday 4 June 2018 and should be emailed to sbnm@rok.catholic.edu.au

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QISSN Netball
Fundraising
High Tea

Saturday 9th June 2018
starting at 2:00 pm on the
Front Garden Area of St Patrick’s Hall.

Cost is $10.00 per person and all funds raised
will help the 2018 QISSN Netball team.

We ask that you bring along your own
cup and saucer. Prizes will be given
for unique cups.

So please get a group of friends together and
book your table now.

Bookings are essential and can be made
through the College office—4944 7200.