

Friday 31st January 2020  
**WEEK 1**

**St Francis Xavier  
Catholic Primary School**  
WEST MACKAY

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**TERM ONE**

**WEEK 2**

- Mon 3 Feb Year 2 - Parent Information Session 3:30pm (2H)  
Tues 4 Feb Year 6 - Parent Information Session 5pm (6W)  
Wed 5 Feb Opening School Mass 9am in the Church  
Year 1 - Parent Information Session 5pm (1H)  
Thurs 6 Feb Year 3 - Parent Information Session 4pm (3M)

**WEEK 3**

- Mon 10 Feb Prep - Parent Information Session 3:30pm (Prep C)  
Tues 11 Feb Year 5 - Parent Information Session 5pm (5L)  
Thurs 13 Feb National Apology day  
Fri 14 Feb **PUPIL FREE DAY**  
Bishop's Inservice Day for all Staff

**WEEK 4**

- Mon 17 Feb Year 4 - Parent information Session & Out of the box iPad night 6pm (School Hall - *Students must attend*)  
Wed 19 -  
Thurs 20 Feb Prep Eye Testing  
Fri 21 Feb House Day

**SCHOOL MISSION  
STATEMENT**

**At  
St Francis Xavier School  
we will**

**Learn  
Love  
Live the Gospel  
Witness our Faith  
and  
Celebrate Life**



**SFX SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES 2020**  
**Reading, Problem Solving, MJR, Data Collection & Analysis**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Do you remember the feelings you had when you went back to school on the first day of a new year? Do you remember the anticipation, excitement and nervousness? Some of my strongest memories are of the smells of new books, lunchboxes and shoes. On Tuesday, all of these feelings were very evident as 560 students met up with old friends, met new friends, checked their new classrooms and their new teachers. For the Preppers, it was especially exciting, as they had their first day at the 'big school'. I would like to thank all parents for the wonderful way you prepared your children so that they were all ready for school. I would also like to thank the staff for working so hard to make sure all was prepared for a smooth start to the year.

This year we welcome a number of new staff members to our St Francis Xavier School Community.

Mrs Kylie Norton – Yr 6, has been a regular relief teacher and now has a 12 month contract.

Miss Shannon Cross – Yr 2, is a graduate teacher and has her first posting with us.

Mrs Fiona Carney – Prep, has returned to Primary teaching after spending 2 years at the SFX Kindy.

Miss Tania Wood – Year 4, completed her final year practicum with us last year and has a 12 month contract.

Mrs Karen Linwood – Prep, has joined us from West Mackay State School.

Miss Tayhla Wood – Year 5 joins us for her first full time teaching position after extensive travel overseas.

Mr Brendon Brauer – PE, has had a number of years as a senior teacher at St Patrick's High School and now joins us in a part time capacity as PE teacher.

Annette Sutton and Rita Jewell join our Learning Support team as Teacher Assistants.

We welcome of course, all our new Prep families as well as families of the following...

Allegra <b>Brady</b> – 3	Fiona <b>Carey</b> – 3	Nate – 2 and Matilda <b>Clark</b> – 6
Millaa <b>Ellis</b> – 2	Ruby <b>Galletly-Hope</b> – 5	Owen – 4 and Riley <b>Tanti</b> – 6
Moses <b>Grigg</b> – 2	Eamon <b>Henderson</b> – 4	Tahli – 1 and Liam <b>Eves</b> – 6
Tora <b>Tapera</b> – 3	Cooper <b>Meng</b> – 2	Sophie – 2 and Charlotte <b>Pisters</b> – 5
Mia <b>Holmes</b> – 4	Matteo – 3, Sophia – 4 and Massimo <b>Stevens</b> – 5.	

We hope that you find St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School a friendly and welcoming community and that your time with us brings you much joy.

Have a wonderful weekend.

God Bless,

*O. Hostuella*

Olivia

We are all very aware of the horrendous fires that have swept across so many parts of Australia for the past number of months. Let us pray for the families of those who have lost their lives, for those who have lost their homes and livelihoods as well as all those who volunteer to fight these infernos that continue to leave disaster in their wake.

### **PRAYER FOR NATURAL DISASTER**

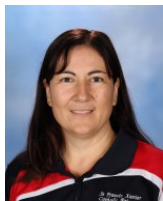
*Compassionate Lord, we pray for those who have been devastated by recent natural disasters. We remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly. We hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort. Surround them with our prayers for strength. Bless those who have survived and heal their memories of trauma and devastation. May they have the courage to face the long road of rebuilding ahead.*

*We ask your blessing on all those who have lost their homes, their livelihoods, their security and their hope. Bless the work of relief agencies and those providing emergency assistance. May their work be guided by the grace and strength that comes from You alone.*

*Help us to respond with generosity in prayer, in assistance, in aid to the best of our abilities. Keep our hearts focused on the needs of those affected, even after the crisis is over.*

*We ask this in Jesus' name,*

*Amen*



**Assistant Principal Religious Education (Acting)**  
**Karen Gaviglio**

Welcome back everyone!

I hope you had a chance to relax and enjoy the Christmas season with family and friends.

## **OPENING SCHOOL MASS 2020**

On **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**, St Francis Xavier will celebrate our opening school Mass at **9am** in the Church.

During this Mass, we ask God's blessing upon us as we begin a new year together.

We also induct our school leaders for 2020 and pray for them in a special way as they officially take on their roles of school leadership. We recognise the important role each Year 6 student plays as positive role models for the students at St Francis Xavier.

Please join us on this special day.



## SACRAMENTS INFORMATION

Bishop Michael has confirmed the dates for Confirmation/Eucharist at St Francis Xavier for 2020.

Students in Year 4 (or older) who have participated in the Reconciliation program are invited to join our sacraments program to prepare for Confirmation/Eucharist.

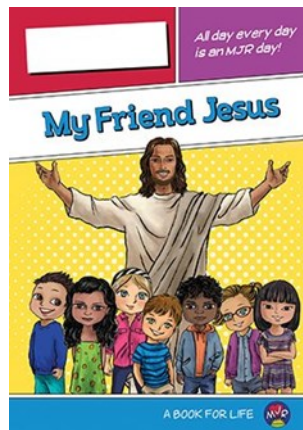
As the date for **Confirmation/Eucharist at St Francis Xavier church is Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 9am**, we will begin preparing for these sacraments in Term 2.

If you have any questions regarding sacraments, please let me know.

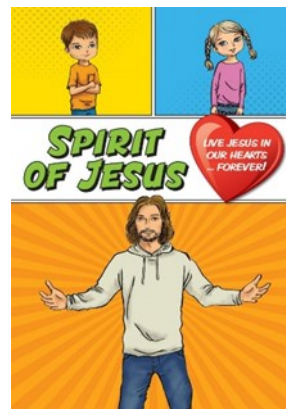
## MJR - MAKING JESUS REAL

We will be continuing to build our knowledge of the MJR (Making Jesus Real) program with the introduction of the MJR books in each class.

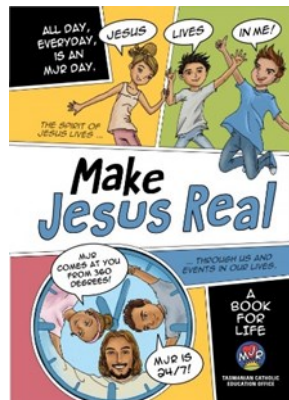
### Prep – 2



### Year 3 - 4

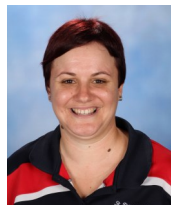


### Year 5 - 6



I am looking forward to spending time in each class to support the children in developing their knowledge of the MJR program.





**Assistant Principal Curriculum (Acting)**  
**Jodie Benfer**

## ICT CODE OF PRACTICE FORMS

ICT Code of Practice notes were sent home this week and **must** be returned before students are allowed to use technology at school.

These forms must be signed and returned to their classroom teacher no later than Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Thank you.

## Parent Information Sessions 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>3/2</b> Year 2 3.30pm (2H classroom)	<b>4/2</b> Year 6 5.00pm (6W classroom)	<b>5/2</b> Year 1 5.00pm (1H classroom)	<b>6/2</b> Year 3 4.00pm (3M classroom)
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>10/2</b> Prep 3.30pm (Prep C classroom)	<b>11/2</b> Year 5 5.00pm (5L classroom)		
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>17/2</b> Year 4 Info and Out of the Box iPad Night 6.00pm (School Hall)  <b><i>Students must attend this session.</i></b>			

## PREP EYE TESTING

Prep eye testing will be conducted on 19th and 20th February at school.

Permission notes for Prep Eye testing must be returned by next **Friday 7th February**.

*Important*  
**INFORMATION**

## COMMONWEALTH SCHOOL BANKING

The school banking program provides a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good saving habits. When children join the program, **(please set up your child's account at the Commonwealth Bank)** they will receive a Dollarmites deposit wallet to use when making School Banking deposits. Please make sure the deposit slip is completed correctly.

Please drop the Deposit Wallet into the office in the morning for processing.

**School Banking is on Wednesday's.**





## Assistant Principal Administration Mary Oxenham

### ANAPHYLAXIS AWARENESS FOR PARENTS

Parents should be aware that **there are a number of students at St Francis Xavier who are anaphylactic**. Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction. It occurs when a person is exposed to an allergen to which they are sensitive. There are many potential allergens that can result in an anaphylactic attack, however the most common (and most publicised) are nuts and eggs.

**Schools have a duty of care to take reasonable steps to keep students safe at school.** With regard to anaphylaxis procedures, our school ensures we meet our duty of care by:

- Training staff in the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis and how to respond in the event of an anaphylactic attack.
- Ensuring a general use EpiPen is available for use by first time anaphylactic sufferers.
- Ensuring Individual Action Plans and individual EpiPens are available in an emergency, when they have been provided by parents.
- Communicating known allergens to camp staff if anaphylactic students are attending camp.
- Encouraging parents of relevant year levels not to bring known allergens if a severe anaphylactic are present in that year level.
- Encouraging all parents not to send food containing the most common allergens.

**St Francis Xavier cannot and does not claim to be nut or egg free.** It is not advised schools do this, because a school has no day to day control over what food is placed in lunch boxes in the home and is not in a position to be checking lunch boxes during the school day and determining what the ingredients of all items in the lunch box are. However, **we do request that parents avoid sending products that contain nuts or eggs to school.**

Exposure to allergens is impossible to manage in public places (such as a school), the most effective risk management procedures with regard to anaphylaxis are:

- Parents of anaphylactic children educating their child so that, as they become more independent they are more likely to identify their own signs and symptoms of an anaphylactic emergency and raise the alarm.
- Parents of anaphylactic children educating their child about their allergies and how to minimise risk of exposure (such as not sharing food or utensils if allergic to food, or precautions outdoors if allergic to insects).

It is also requested that **parents of anaphylactic children:**

- Notify the school of the student's allergies and risk of anaphylaxis and provide appropriate medical information.
- Ensure that the school is notified of changes to the student's medical condition or medication order.
- Ensure the student has an anaphylaxis emergency kit which includes their Action Plan completed by the student's doctor and the student's personal adrenaline auto-injector.
- Monitor the expiry date of the student's adrenaline auto-injector and replace if used and before it reaches its expiry date.



## COUNSELLOR NEWS

As a loving and caring parent, do you ever ask yourself questions such as:

- What's wrong with my child... How can I change his behaviour?
- Why would she behave like this.... Is it just to get attention?

What if the problem is in the question we ask....?

What if we ask questions like:

- How can I improve my relationship with my child?
- What is her behaviour telling me?
- How can I help my child regulate their emotions in a safe way?

*A child's need for **ATTENTION** is a need for **CONNECTION**!!*

*Children are more likely to behave well when they're feeling secure in their emotional connection and secure in their love with their parents/caregivers.*

See the attached flyer for this exciting Circle of Security Parenting Workshop.

Bookings are essential and spaces are limited.

Contact myself for further information at [ninette\\_nell@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ninette_nell@rok.catholic.edu.au)



**A workshop for Bigger, Stronger, Wiser and Kind Parenting**



**FREE 8 week Program:** All dates **HAVE** to be attended.

**Program Dates:**

**Wednesdays: 5 February; 12 February; 19 February; 26 February; 4 March; 11 March; 18 March & 25 March**

**Times:** 6 to 7:30 p.m.

**Place:**

**St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School Library**

**RSVP to [ninette\\_nell@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ninette_nell@rok.catholic.edu.au)**

**Limited space available. Bookings are Essential.**

## TUCKSHOP—ONLINE

Our St Francis Xavier Tuckshop is online for all orders. Have you registered your student/s with QuickCliq (Online On Canteen)? Are your details up-to-date for the new school year? Please click on the link and be ready to start ordering today. [www.QuickCliq.com.au](http://www.QuickCliq.com.au)

Volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated in our tuckshop. If you are able to help out in the tuckshop, please contact Cam in the tuckshop.

### Tuckshop menu and price list available online.

Thank you, Tuckshop Convenors

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- Sign up by completing the registration form
- Receive a confirmation email with activation link
- Activate your account and login to the website
- Add a student and nominate their school
- Order whenever you like

**How to order meals:**

- Select a student
- Select date
- Add items
- Confirm

*It is that simple! It is our job to make your life easier.*

Using QuickCliq helps you stay organised, order up-to four weeks in advance.

## Mackay Hospital and Health Service

### Mackay Oral Health Services – School Dental Service

Dear Parents,

The School Dental Service is now offering services to students enrolled at your school.

Medical/Consent forms will be sent home and need to be fully completed and returned to the school office by **Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2020**

The school Dental Service will contact the parent/guardian to make an appointment at

#### Victoria Park School Dental Clinic

If you have any enquiries please phone **49514745**

**A Parent/Guardian must transport and accompany their child to all appointments at this clinic.**

For further information on this service, please visit our website:

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/oralhealth/services/school.asp>





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## Position Vacant Administration Secretary Term Time, Contract (6 HPW)

### St Brendan's Catholic Primary School, Northern Beaches

Applications are currently invited for the position of term time Administration Secretary (6HPW) at St Brendan's Catholic Primary School, 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 re-placement until 11 December 2020.**

Application packages can be obtained from the School Office.  
[sbnm@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sbnm@rok.catholic.edu.au) or 49695022

**Applications close Friday 7 February 2020.**

Catholic Education is committed to best practice in student protection policies and procedures.

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# Who's in Charge?

Does your child threaten, hurt or intimidate you?  
Do you feel you are losing control?  
Want to better handle conflict?



## ***Reclaim respect and calm in your family!***

The *Who's in Charge?* group is an 8 week program for parents or carers of young people (10 to 18) who are abusive, violent or defiant.

The group aims to

- Provide a supportive environment to share experiences and ideas
- Reduce the guilt and shame which most parents feel
- Offer ideas to help you develop individual strategies for managing your child's behaviour
- Explore ways of increasing safety and well-being
- Help parents feel more in control and less stressed

**Starts : 2020 Term 1 : Tuesday 4th Feb 9.30am -11.30am**  
**Thursday 6th Feb 10.30am -12.30pm**

**Place:** Mackay Youth Support Services  
CASA office, Cnr Gregory & Alfred Sts, Mky.  
**Contact:** Karen 4951 4299 or 0417 223 747  
Email [u-nite@myss.org.au](mailto:u-nite@myss.org.au)



## St Francis Xavier Majellan Craft

Enrolment Day and Morning Tea – Tuesday 4/2/2019  
at St Francis Xavier Hall, Holland Street, at 10.00am.  
Classes start the following Tuesday 9.00am – 11.00am  
for 6 weeks.

Classes this term include Quilling, Card-making, Knitting &  
Crochet, Scrapbooking, Hardanger/Tatting, Water Colour/  
Drawing, anything else you would like to bring & finish.  
Cost for the term is \$15.00.

**All welcome.**

For further info please contact Joanne 49521278, Joan  
31513641, Anne 49575908.



REGISTER NOW FOR  
**ALL FEMALE**  
*Competition U10, U12, U14, U17*

contact

duncan watt 0439 024 176 or kerri day 0437 224 982

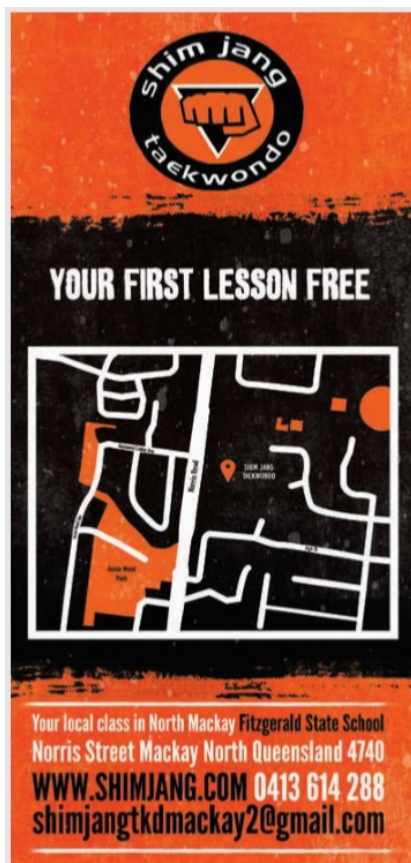
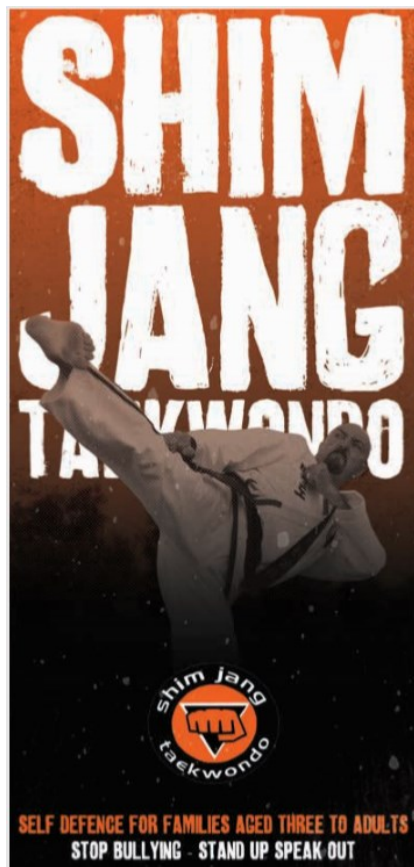
email [secretary.wanderers@outlook.com](mailto:secretary.wanderers@outlook.com)

follow us on facebook - wanderers junior rugby league



TRAINING LOCATION MACKAY - TBA





## ⚽ City Brothers FC Sign On ⚽

City Brothers FC Fields, Juliet street.

Sunday 2nd February

3:00pm - 5:00pm

All existing and new players encouraged to come along.

Sausage sizzle and cold drinks supplied.

Or register online now.

Ligon to <http://playfootball.com.au> and select where can I play.

From the list tab choose City Brothers Football Club.

Email all enquiries to - [info@citybrothersfc.com.au](mailto:info@citybrothersfc.com.au)

# HAVE A BLAST!

**MACKAY CRICKET ASSOCIATION**  
**GIRLS ONLY POP UP BLAST 2020!**  
 4 Week Program \$35.00 AGES 5 - 12  
 Starts Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 4pm-5pm @ Harrup Park  
 Register @ [PlayCricket.com.au](http://PlayCricket.com.au)  
 More Info, Contact Bo @ [Bo.Saunders@qldcricket.com.au](mailto:Bo.Saunders@qldcricket.com.au)





OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM




# RUGBY LEAGUE MACKAY FEMALE RUGBY LEAGUE 2020

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COME AND PARTICIPATE IN OUR "FEMALE ONLY"  
RUGBY LEAGUE COMPETITIONS IN 2020

	BIRTH YEAR
UNDER 10	2010 & 2011
UNDER 12	2008 & 2009
UNDER 14	2006 & 2007
UNDER 17	2003, 2004 & 2005
OPEN WOMEN'S	AGES 17+

**RUGBY LEAGUE MACKAY & DISTRICT**

Additionally, Rugby League Mackay will also host Under 6 League Tag and Under 7 Tackle Safe competitions in 2020 for mixed boys and girls.

For further information contact Jade Johnson at [j.johnson@qrl.com.au](mailto:j.johnson@qrl.com.au)



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Contact Janet Jackson (AMusA; QMTA  
Professional Member) on 0421 707 740;  
[pj\\_jackson@bigpond.com](mailto:pj_jackson@bigpond.com)

## Ever wanted to try AFL?

Well now is your chance! Australian Football is the sport for everyone from AFL Auskick to Junior Football and beyond, AFL is fun for all. So if you're new to the game, want to play socially or hope to become an elite AFL Sports Star.

You can find a version of football that's right for you at the Free Come & Try AFL Day hosted by Bakers Creek Tigers AFL with the support of AFLQ Mackay and the Gold Coast Suns.

The Day is proudly sponsored by BHP 'Benefiting my Community' Program. So make sure you join in the fun and give AFL a go.

**Go over to the Event on Bakers Creek AFL  
Facebook 'Come & Try AFL Day Proudly  
Sponsored by BHP' to register your interest.**

Gold Coast Suns AFL/ALFW Players Attending

Venue. To Be Advised

Date: Saturday 08 February 2020  
2:00pm - U6 to U8's (Male & Female)  
2:30pm - U10's to U12's (Male & Female)  
3:00pm - U14's to U17's (Male & Female)



SAVE THE DATE

**COME & TRY**

**AFL DAY**

**8th Feb**

SATURDAY

**OPEN TO MALES  
& FEMALES**

Aged 5-17



**BHP**

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Venue & Time To Be Confirmed  
More information coming soon!



# **Brothers Bulldogs JRLFC Mackay** **Sign up for Rugby League today!!!**



**Brothers Bulldogs Junior Rugby League club are looking for players for season 2020, if you want to be involved in a fun and healthy activity sign up at [www.playrugbyleague.com](http://www.playrugbyleague.com) now!!! We have excellent training facilities and are very inclusive and welcoming to new players and volunteers.**



**We ensure all participants learn and have fun under the watchful eyes of our highly experienced coaching staff.**  
**Registrations are now open and our friendly committee is always available to help you with the registration process if you would like to sign on and play.**  
**We will be fielding teams from under 6 through to under 17 again in season 2020, and will also be fielding under 10, 12, 14 & under 17 girls sides.**



**If you would like any further information please follow our Facebook page or feel free to contact our President on 0423161662 and he can help you with your enquiries.**

## **Come & join the family club today!!**

RUGBY LEAGUE MACKAY & DISTRICT

# CITY VS. COUNTRY

**FEBRUARY  
22ND**

@ THE MACKAY JUNIOR  
RUGBY LEAGUE  
GROUNDS

**JUNIOR & SENIOR**

Adults **\$5 Entry**

Pensioners **\$3 Entry**

Students 12 & Over **\$3 Entry**

Children Under 12 **FREE Entry**

**CANTEEN OPEN ALL DAY**

**HOT FOOD AVAILABLE**

**BAR OPEN FROM 11AM**

**BRING YOUR CASH**

## Game Times

**Field 5  
(Main Field)**

**Field 2**

**11:45am**

U14 Boys

U13 Boys

**1:00pm**

U15 Boys

U14 Girls

**2:15pm**

U17 Girls

**3:30pm**

U16 Boys

**5:00pm**

A Grade Women

**6:30pm**

A Grade Men



**Field 1**

**Under 10 Girls  
Come and Try  
Gala Day**

**11:30am - 12:30pm**