

Friday 28th February 2020
WEEK 5

St Francis Xavier
Catholic Primary School
WEST MACKAY
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TERM ONE

WEEK 6

Fri 6 Mar Year 1-2 Swimming

WEEK 7

Fri 13 Mar **BOOK SWAP WEEK**
Year 1-2 Swimming

WEEK 8

Fri 20 Mar **Parent Teacher Interviews**
National Day against
Bullying and Violence
All are welcome at our
School Day
Sat 21 Mar Harmony Day

WEEK 9

Fri 27 Mar **Parent Teacher Interviews**
Lenten Mass 9am

WEEK 10

Fri 3 April **Parent Teacher Interviews**
House Day
LAST DAY TERM 1

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

Writing, Problem Solving, MJR, Data Collection & Analysis

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Season of Lent

The season of Lent consists of the 40 days, not including Sundays, before Easter. Lent is a time to prepare for the holiest time of the Christian year by fasting, prayer, almsgiving, and other acts of penance. Many people give up something for Lent (a food, watching TV, etc.) or do something to bring them closer to God such as daily devotions or charitable donations. The church colour for most of Lent is purple which symbolises repentance as well as royalty.

Often the first thought that Lent brings to mind is giving something up. However, Lent is more than 'giving up' something. The goal of every Christian is to leave Lent a stronger and more vital person of faith than when we entered. Lent is about conversion, turning our lives more completely over to Christ and his way of life.

Conversion means leaving behind an old way of living and acting in a way to embrace a new life. We may choose to embrace the new by 'giving something up'; however, we could also 'take something on'. It could be something small such as a commitment to a cheery greeting to everyone in our workplace or a commitment to spend some time volunteering or a commitment to spend a small amount of time each day in stillness, reflecting.

One of our greatest gifts is our individuality that will make the Season of Lent a different experience for all of us.

Do You Want to Fast This Lent?

Fast from hurtful words; instead, say kind words.

Fast from sadness; instead, be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger; instead, be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism; instead, be filled with hope.

Fast from Complaints; instead, be satisfied.

Fast from pressures; instead, spend time in prayer.

Fast from bitterness; instead, be filled with joy.

Fast from selfishness; instead, think of others.

Fast from grudges; instead, forgive and reconcile.

Fast from many words; instead, be still & listen.

Have a wonderful weekend.
God Bless,

D. Hostuella

Olivia



Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockhampton

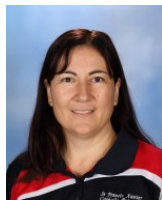
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

We have been deeply saddened by the tragic deaths as a result of domestic and family violence. Media reports into this tragedy may have triggered many different emotions for members of our school communities, or indeed made people stop and reflect on the impacts of domestic and family violence. Below is a list of support agencies that can support families experiencing domestic and family violence.

Domestic and Family Violence Support Services:

- In an emergency call the Police on Triple Zero (000)

DVConnect Womensline	1800 811 811
DVConnect Mensline	1800 600 636
1800RESPECT	1800 737 732
Women's Crisis Line	1800 811 811
Men's Referral Service	1300 766 491
Lifeline (24-hour crisis line)	131 114
Relationships Australia	1300 364 277
Family and Child Connect	133 264
Kids Helpline	1800 551 800



Assistant Principal Religious Education (Acting) Karen Gaviglio

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 26th February was Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent – a season in the Church year that focuses on reflection, prayer and service, as we prepare for Easter.

The Church prepares for Easter by inviting all people to examine their hearts carefully by praying, fasting and giving to others during Lent.

At St Francis Xavier, the children attended a prayer celebration for Ash Wednesday. During this celebration, we received the ashes (from the palm leaves used last year in Palm Sunday celebrations) and discussed how they are going to prepare for Easter through prayer and giving to others during Lent.

Thank you to our Year 6 Captains for leading our prayer celebration so beautifully.



MJR - MAKING JESUS REAL

Our MJR team is currently very busy creating badges and certificates to hand out to those who are 'Being a Giver.' During this Season of Lent, we decided that we wanted to do more than just give something up so we came up with many ways we can 'Be a Giver'.

Givers: Use Good Manners, Help Others, Be Friends with Everyone.

We can all 'Be a Giver' this Lent.



STUDENT PROTECTION OFFICERS



Olivia Rostirolla



Mary Oxenham



Jodie Benfer



Amanda Griffin



Ninette Nell



Brendan Clews

GOODBYE FR SATHISH

This week, we farewelled Fr Sathish during our Assembly. Fr Sathish is returning to India after spending 3 years in Mackay with us. Fr Sathish has been a regular visitor to our school and the students have loved his visits. Thank you Fr Sathish for guiding us on our Faith journey. You were always willing to visit our classrooms and answer the many questions from our students. We will miss your stories, good humour and dedication to our Catholic Faith.

St Francis Xavier wishes you all the very best for your travels back to India.



SHROVE TUESDAY (PANCAKE DAY)

On Tuesday, there was a lot of excitement as the smell of pancakes went through our school. The students were able to celebrate Shrove Tuesday and help those less fortunate through the wonderful work of Caritas, by purchasing pancakes. We have so many people who made this day possible for us. Mrs Frannetovich and Mrs Caporn worked tirelessly all day to make this a successful day for the students. We also had 15 helpers from our school community who came along to cook over 1000 pancakes. St Francis Xavier thanks everyone who helped, from the bottom of our hearts. You give of your time generously to help support those in need and give our students life long memories.



PANCAKE FLIP OFF

We were very fortunate this year to have a special guest, Declan Mulherin to help Mr Brauer judge the Pancake Flip Off.

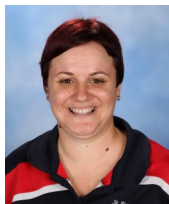
After careful observations and a long list of requirements, both Declan and Mr Brauer came to the unanimous decision that the Pancake Flip Off champions were the Dingoes!

Congratulations to all of our House Captains who took the task of creating the best pancake stack seriously. There was a lot of planning and practice before the big event.

Thank you to the teachers and students for encouraging your Houses so enthusiastically.

Can't wait to see who wins the Flip Off next year.





Assistant Principal Curriculum (Acting) Jodie Benfer

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS FOR PREP—YEAR 6

Prep - Year 6 teachers will be holding their Parent/Teacher Interviews in Weeks 8, 9 & 10 of Term 1. All appointment times will be booked through Parent Lounge over a 2 week period between Weeks 5 and 6.

Please check to make sure you are able to access Parent Lounge before the interview dates. If you are having issues with this please speak to Heather Hicks in our administration office.

Once you have selected your interview time, I encourage you to record this somewhere important so you arrive to your child's interview at the correct time. If you need to check the time that you have selected you are able to log in to Parent Lounge and click on the Parent Teacher Interviews tab and your interview times will be displayed on the screen.

Parent Lounge – Week 6 and 7 Booking Time for Parents:

OPEN to Parents for booking appointment times on Monday 2nd March at 7:00am

CLOSED to Parents – Friday 13th March at 5:00pm

NAPLAN ONLINE

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be undertaking NAPLAN testing online in May this year for the first time. Moving NAPLAN online brings many advantages, including a test design that offers test items tailored to students' knowledge and ability.

We will also be participating in a national practice test on **Tuesday 24th March**.

This is an excellent opportunity to fine tune any technical and logistical needs, as well as familiarise students and teachers with the online testing process. It is not an assessment of student ability and there will be no reporting of student results.



Parents and caregivers of students in these NAPLAN year levels will need to be aware of important information relating to privacy, which can be found on the NAPLAN Online Queensland website's parent information page - (<https://naplanonline.qld.edu.au/getting-ready/parent-information>).

Teachers will also be taking students through the Public Demonstration Site prior to the practice test and real NAPLAN tests so the students are familiar with the layout of the tests. Parents are welcome to access the Public Demonstration Site at home and chat to your child about it.

Public Demonstration Site: <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>



Assistant Principal Administration Mary Oxenham

SCHOOL SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Our first priority is always the safety of our students and it is important for us to reiterate our procedures on a regular basis. With this in mind, we thought we would go through our before and after school expectations again. Firstly, **we do not allow any students to play on the play equipment either before or after school.** This includes both the Prep Playground and the Senior Playground.

In order to meet our duty of care requirements, a staff member/s (not a parent) must be in a supervisory capacity, if students are playing on the playgrounds.

Before school, we have one teacher on duty in the UCA (undercover area) at 8.15am to supervise students walking safely to class and students playing handball (which is the only game students are to play before school). **There are no teachers supervising in either of our playgrounds, or on our ovals.**

After school, we have two teachers on duty in the Pick Up Zone and one teacher on Bus Duty.

Students are not to play with any sports equipment before or after school on the school grounds, unless a teacher, an OHSC carer or a sporting coach is supervising them, in an organised coaching session. (As mentioned above, students can play handball after the 8.15am bell)

After school, we have a 3.15pm bell. This is to signify that all students should have vacated the school premises before this bell rings, unless they are attending a coaching/drama session, homework club or after school care.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

TERM 1 SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS



Term 1 School Fee Statements have been emailed to all families with payment due Wednesday 4th March. Statements can also be viewed via parent lounge using the 'make a payment' tab from the menu bar and clicking on the paperclip. If you have not received your statement, please advise the office.

Are you the holder of a means-tested Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card? You may be entitled to a discount. Please contact the office for further information

School fees for Term 1 have been sent out to families.

If you did not receive your account, please contact Pauline in the office.

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

INTERNET BANKING DETAILS

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

Payment is due on or before Wednesday 4th March, 2020.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2021

Enrolments for Prep are currently being taken for the 2021 school year. If you have a child due to commence Prep next year born between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 please complete an online enrolment form available from the school website www.mnmrok.catholic.edu.au

Enrolments for Years 1—6 are also currently being taken for 2021. Interviews will commence in Term Two.

We need to sight the original birth certificate or have a certified copy please.

SCHOOL PHONE SYSTEM

We wish to advise parents that when receiving a call from St Francis Xavier, the number will display as a Rockhampton number - **4994 8275**.

However if you wish to contact the school office, please continue to phone on the usual number **4951 1861**.

We also have a designated number for student absences. If you wish to advise of your child / children being absent from school, please call on **4994 8276** or use the St Francis Xavier Skoolbag app.



EMAIL ISSUES

We are receiving reports of some parents and school community members using Microsoft email services (including hotmail.com, outlook.com, live.com.au), receiving bounce error messages when replying to or sending emails to Catholic Education – Diocese of Rockhampton recipients (email addresses ending in @rok.catholic.edu.au).

We have escalated this issue with support teams at Microsoft, and hope that these issues will be rectified as soon as possible. You may also want to check any junk or spam settings in your email client for anything that may be preventing sending emails. You may also try creating a “New” email message rather than replying as that has been seen to bypass the Microsoft error.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - WEEK 5



WELCOME TO THE 2020 HOCKEY SEASON

Hockey season will commence on Saturday 20 March, 2020.

We will field: U7's mixed, U9's mixed & U11 Boys & Girls teams.

UNIFORMS:

Under 7's & U9's to wear navy shorts/skirts, a playing shirt supplied to be handed out by the coach and then returned at the end of the season in the same condition. **If the uniform isn't returned, a \$50 fee will be charged for a replacement.**

Under 11 Boys/Girls will be supplied with a full uniform (accept for socks) and must be returned at the end of the season to the coach in the same condition.

If the uniform isn't returned, a \$50 fee will be charged for a replacement.

Red, White & Navy striped socks as in photo to be purchased from Intersport.

GEAR: Shinpads and mouthguards are compulsory.

COACHES:

We will be looking for coaches to help coach our teams. If you are able to help, please indicate below.

It is a very rewarding position watching the kids grow, develop their skills & enjoy making life long friends. Please consider.

Please contact me Heather Hicks, St Francis Xavier Hockey Co-ordinator on 07 49 511861 if you have any concerns. Here's to a great season of hockey!

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SFX HOCKEY FORM—2020

Child's Name: DOB:

AGE GROUP: Under 7's [] Under 9's [] Under 11's []

Parent's Name:

Phone: Email:

Are you able to coach? YES [] NO []

If your child is interested in playing hockey for St Francis Xavier this season, please return to the office by Wednesday 20 February to enable teams to be collated.

COME TRY HOCKEY AND ACHIEVE YOUR DREAMS

Mackay School Hockey

HUSTLE, HIT AND NEVER QUIT



FROM PLAYING FOR
MERCY COLLEGE

TO THE BRISBANE
BLAZE



TO REPRESENTING
AUSTRALIA

Play Like A Champion

Date: Playing Fees - 2020 Season

u7 - \$150

u9 - \$150

u12 - \$175

u16 - \$195

Plus HQ registration fee

COME AND TRY

Date: Saturday 29 February 2020

Time: 8am - 10.30am

Venue: Mercy College Oval

GO INTO THE DRAW TO WIN AN IPAD





DGH Engineering & Mackay Regional Council Present

Pancakes & Play

In The Park

Hosted by SHED Happens Mackay

Saturday, 28 March 2020 | 10:30am - 2:30pm
Mackay Sugar Bowl Skate Park

Pancakes thanks to Neighbourhood Watch Northern Beaches.
Coffee thanks to Mad Cow Coffee. *Games* and more.

For further details go to 'Shed Happens Mackay' Facebook Page

All made possible through funding from Mackay Regional Council.




Regional Disability expo

Free Entry

Free Come and Try Sport and Recreational Activities throughout the day
 Over 40 Exhibitors

McDonald Mackay Multisport Stadium

107 Juliet St Mackay |
19 May 2020 |
9:30 AM - 4pm |

<https://www.disabilityexposc.com.au/register-your-attendance/>




WOMEN'S TEAM SUNS **FREE ENTRY**

SUNS V CATS

FRI 6 MAR

GREAT BARRIER REEF ARENA

MINI EAT STREET **AFL ACTIVITIES & ACTIVATIONS**

KICK 2 KICK
MACCAS KICK 2 KICK POST-GAME

SUNS

SUMO **WARRIOR NATION** **Griffith University** **HARBOUR TOWN**

AFLW CO MAJOR PARTNERS OFFICIAL PARTNERS



International *Women's* Day

Monday, 9th March, 2020

Time: 9.30AM to 12.30PM

**at 10 Carlyle Street, Mackay.
(SEWB Unit - ATSICHS Mackay)**

***Light lunch provided**

***Pampering**

***Guest Speakers**

***Health and Women's Information Stalls**



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HARMONY DAY 21 MARCH



Festival of Cultures

9.00am-1.00pm

Mackay Civic Precinct, Gordon Street, Mackay

Cultural stalls with displays and craft activities

Children's Inflatable activities and games

Scavenger hunt

VIVA Music Entertainment

Music Circle

and much more!

The Neighbourhood Hub



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ATSICHS MACKAY PRESENTS

T★MOB'S GOT T★LENT

Can you sing? Dance? Act? Juggle?

Whatever your talent is, come down and celebrate
Youth Week 2020 by participating in our talent show!

You can perform solo, with a partner or in a group.

If you're not much of a performer then come and
submit your artwork into the art competition.

A healthy lunch will be provided.

All acts must be registered

Transport for participants is available
(see information below)

Open to ages 6 to 17 years old

Thursday, 9 April 2020

10am - 5pm

**Beaconsfield State School Hall
Nadine Street, Beaconsfield, Mackay**

Registration forms can be collected from
ATSICHS Mackay, 31-33 Victoria Street, Mackay.

Registration will close 26th March 2020

For any enquires please contact Mariah on 4957 9400

Please come down and support our young performers on the day!



First Name: _____ Surname: _____	
Other names known as: _____	
Date of Birth: ____/____/____	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Do you identify as any of the following?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Torres Strait Islander <input type="checkbox"/> South Sea Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Indigenous	
CONTACT DETAILS Address: _____ Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____ Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Contact Phone No: _____	
EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS Name: _____ Contact Phone No: _____ Relationship: _____ Known medical conditions (asthma, diabetes, epilepsy etc.) _____ _____	
TALENT SHOW Talent/Act: _____ _____ How are you performing? <input type="checkbox"/> Solo <input type="checkbox"/> Duo <input type="checkbox"/> Group (If yes, group name: _____) Age Category <input type="checkbox"/> 6-8 years <input type="checkbox"/> 9-11 years <input type="checkbox"/> 12-14 years <input type="checkbox"/> 15-17 years If submitting an artwork, please provide name of art piece: _____	
TRANSPORT Do you require transport? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please provide pickup address _____ Number of people _____ _____	
DIETARY REQUIREMENTS Please provide below (allergies, vegetarian, gluten free etc) _____ _____ _____	
PERMISSION I hereby give my child permission to attend and participate in Mob's Got Talent. Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____	

MOB'S GOT TALENT Rules & Guidelines

- All participants must be registered.
- All artwork must be submitted to ATSICHS Mackay by Monday, 6th April 2020.
- All acts must be no longer than five minutes.
- Each participant is responsible for providing their own music, instruments, props etc. There will be speakers and microphones available for use at the venue.
- Acts/music containing profanity will not be allowed.
- All children must be accompanied by an adult.