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NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL WE WILL:

Learn, Love, Live The Gospel, Witness Our Faith & Celebrate Life

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES 2026

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT, PRIORITIES and GOALS 2026

Friday 5 June 2026
Week 7

Dear Families and Friends of our School Community,

On **June 19**, our school community will come together in a special way by wearing **pink shirts** to support **breast cancer awareness**. As a Catholic school, we stand in solidarity with families and community members who are facing the challenges of this disease and who may need our prayers, compassion and practical support.

While we do not teach our primary students the detailed or sensitive aspects of breast cancer, we do acknowledge with them in an age-appropriate and gentle way that it is an illness many people need support in. Our focus is on fostering empathy, kindness and a spirit of care for those who may be going through difficult times.

We also want to share that Mrs Goody, our librarian, has committed to wearing pink **every single day throughout June** to show her support for breast cancer awareness. We invite our students and families to keep an eye out for her and help encourage her to complete her month-long challenge. Your cheerful reminders and friendly check ins will mean a lot to her.

By wearing pink, on the 19 June, we become a visible sign of hope and encouragement for all who are affected. Thank you for helping us nurture a community grounded in love, dignity and service to others.

Amanda Griffin ~ Acting Principal

WHAT'S HAPPENING – TERM 2 Weeks 8 & 9

Term 2 Week 8

Mon 8 June:	» Assembly ~ 8.30am
Wed 10 June:	» Parish Mass ~ 8.30am
Thurs 11 June:	» Readers Cup Competition (St Mary's School)
	» CMC visiting Year 1 (Reading)
Fri 12 June:	» Assembly ~ 8.30am ~ UCA
Sun 14 June:	**» Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist ~ 9.00am ~ SFX Church**

Term 2 Week 9

Mon 15 June:	» Assembly ~ 8.30am
	» Year 4KR Home Visit
Wed 17 June:	» Parish Mass ~ 8.30am
Thurs 18 June:	**» MACKAY SHOW HOLIDAY**
Fri 19 June:	» Mky District Cricket (10-12 years)
	» Assembly ~ 8.30am ~ UCA
	» ROCK POP MIME
	» Pastoral Groups ~ CIRCLE

FROM OUR APRE

WELCOME BISHOP DANIEL MEAGHER

On Thursday, 28th May, Bishop Daniel Meagher was installed as the 11th Bishop of Rockhampton at St. Joseph's Cathedral.

This installation marks both a moment of gratitude and transition. Bishop Daniel Meagher succeeds Bishop Michael McCarthy, whose leadership has guided the diocese for almost 12 years.

We would like to thank Bishop McCarthy for his many years of dedication to our Diocese and wish Bishop Meagher a warm welcome. We look forward to meeting Bishop Meagher at our upcoming sacraments in June.

FAREWELL BISHOP MICHAEL McCARTHY

It was a wonderful opportunity to gather at St Joseph's Church on Friday evening to farewell Bishop Michael.
Thank you Bishop Michael for your ministry and faithful leadership to the people of Mackay over the last 12 years.

RCIC SACRAMENTAL STUDENTS

On the weekend, we proudly celebrated a special milestone for three of our students—Laylia, Hunter, and Kane—who received all three Sacraments of Initiation at St Francis Xavier Church.

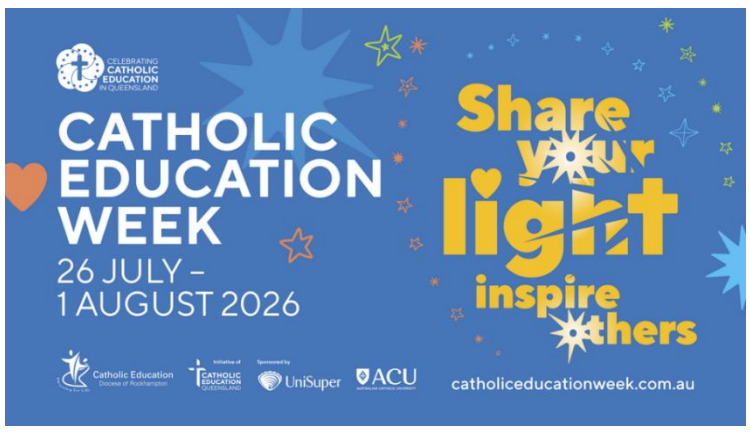
Over the past several weeks, these children have shown commitment and dedication as they prepared for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. They celebrated this significant occasion with the parish community of St Francis Xavier, and we extend our sincere thanks to Fr Matthias for presiding at the Mass and administering the sacraments.

We also thank Mrs Paula Eva for her dedication in preparing the students and for ensuring the occasion was marked with a very special treat afterwards.

We warmly congratulate them on this important step in their faith journey and extend our prayers to each student.

EXCITING FORMATION OPPPORTUNITY – XAVIER SCHOOL OF MISSION

Are you a parish employee or volunteer, a Catholic school teacher or staff member or perhaps someone who would like to be more involved in the mission of the Church but are not sure where to start? Join us on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 July in Rockhampton for Xavier School of Mission – Renewed, Equipped & Connected. For more information and to register scan the QR code or contact formation@rok.catholic.net.au (hosted by the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton and the Holy Spirit Seminary).



FROM OUR APA

BULLYING PREVENTION at SFX

At St Francis Xavier, bullying and harassment have no place in our school community. We are committed to creating a culture of care, respect and support for every student.

Bullying is not a normal part of growing up, and all reports are taken seriously. Bullying can happen in different ways, including physical, verbal, social and online behaviours, and each can have a significant impact on a child's wellbeing and learning. Children should not have to manage these concerns alone. They need trusted adults to guide, support and help them through.

When a student reports that they believe they are being bullied, our first step is to investigate calmly, fairly and without judgement. This allows us to listen to students, gather information and provide appropriate support to all involved. The wellbeing of every student remains our priority, and we aim to keep parents informed as we work through the process.

Preventing and responding to bullying is a shared responsibility between students, families and staff. Parents play an important role by watching for signs that their child may be experiencing bullying, encouraging their child to speak to a teacher or trusted adult, and contacting the school if they have concerns. We also ask families to actively discourage bullying behaviours, model respectful interactions and support the school's guidelines and procedures when concerns are raised.

As parents, it is natural to advocate for our children. At times, this also means helping them take responsibility for poor choices, learn from mistakes and understand the impact of their words and actions. Our goal is always to help students grow in respect, honesty and integrity.

It is also important to define what is not considered bullying behaviour. Bullying behaviour is not:

· Arguments and disagreements

· Disliking someone

· Single episode acts of nastiness or spite

· Random acts of aggression or intimidation

Ways to Report Bullying

Students often feel that to deal with the problem of bullying can only make it worse. Students are encouraged to realize that bullying can only be dealt with if a significant adult knows about it. The significant adult could be a parent or a teacher. Bullying can be reported by:

· Telling a parent, teacher or member of the Administration Team.

· Having a friend speak to a significant adult on your behalf

· Speak with the school counsellor

· Self-refer by using the 'Voice Box' in each classroom.

Together, we can help students feel safe, supported and valued.

Our Bullying Policy can be found on the school website under **Student Wellbeing**.

FROM OUR APC

St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School

Improvement Plan

The school improvement plan is a response to the school's self-assessment of the four Dimensions of the School Improvement Framework (SIF):

- Catholic Identity
- Effective Teaching & Learning
- Pastoral Support & Wellbeing
- Leadership, Partnerships & Resourcing

A range of school data is utilised to inform the school improvement plan.

1. Catholic Identity

PRIORITY	GOAL	TARGET
To enhance and develop teachers' knowledge, understanding and implementation of the Religious Curriculum.	To provide a variety of assessment modes for all learning cycles in the Religion Curriculum that allow students to demonstrate evidence of learning in ways that align with their strengths.	By the end of 2026, multimodal opportunities will be applied to 50% of the assessment tasks.

2. Effective Teaching and Learning
(SIT Domains 2,5,6,7,8)

PRIORITY	GOAL	TARGET
To create a culture of data informed practices where every student is engaged and learning successfully in their own ways.	To improve achievement and learning in writing.	Decrease % of Year 5 matched students in bottom 2 bands for writing.

3. Pastoral Support and Wellbeing
(SIT Domain 3)

PRIORITY	GOAL	TARGET
To implement wellbeing strategies that benefit the whole school community.	To improve the engagement levels of students and their readiness to learn.	By the end of 2026, improve the engagement levels of students to 64% to meet the norm from the "Tell Them From Me" survey.

4. Leadership, Partnerships and Resourcing
(SIT Domains 1,4,9)

PRIORITY	GOAL	TARGET
To promote community partnerships that enhance student learning.	To empower students to actively participate in community-based initiatives through student voice.	By the end of 2026, all students have had the opportunity to engage in community-based initiatives.

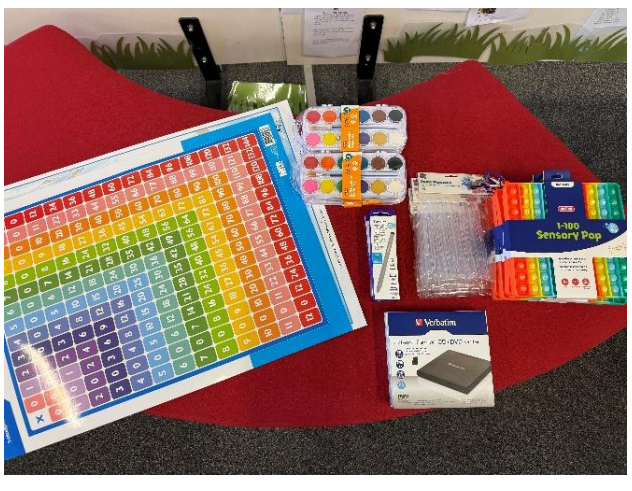
Dear Parent Engagement Group,

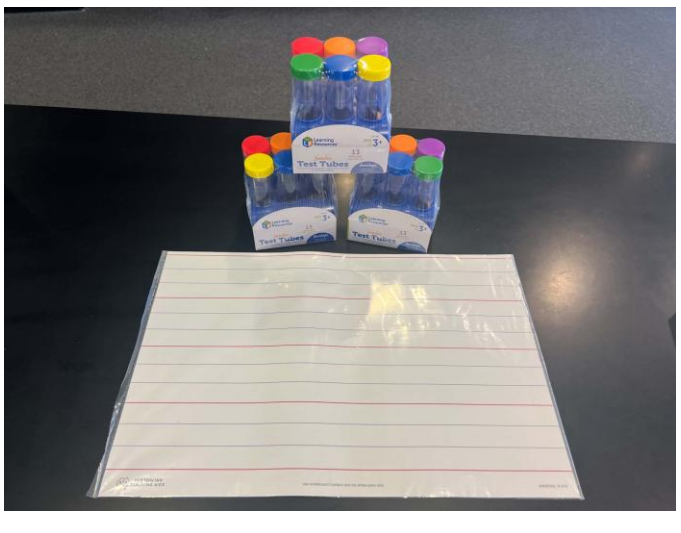
We would like to extend our sincere thanks for your generous support and for saying *yes* to our school wish list. Your commitment to our students and staff is truly appreciated.

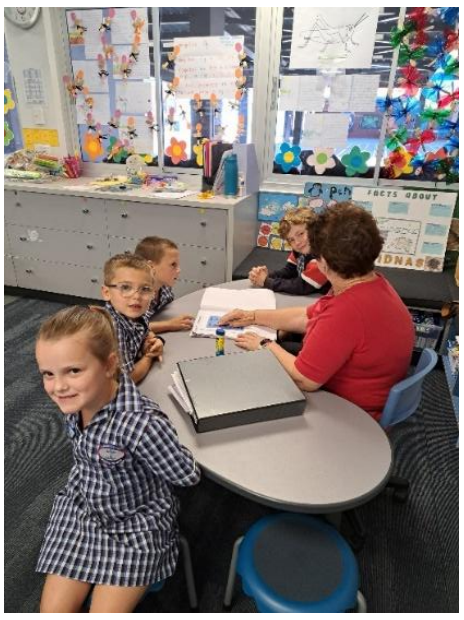
We are excited to share that the items we ordered are beginning to arrive, and already they are making a meaningful difference. Both our children and teachers are incredibly grateful for these wonderful resources.

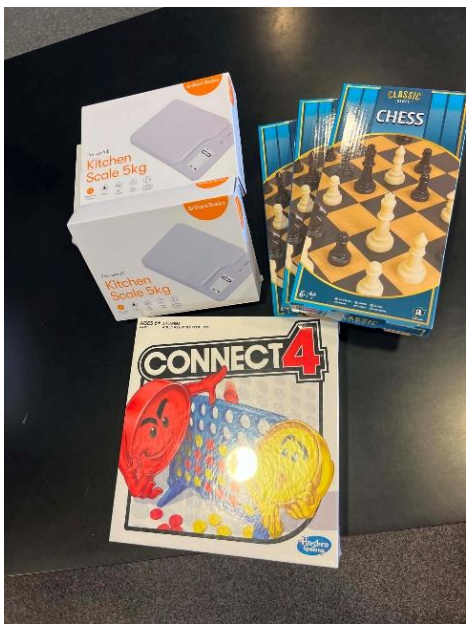
These new additions will support learning, play, and everyday experiences across the school, enriching our environments and creating even more opportunities for engagement and growth.

Thank you once again for your kindness, generosity, and ongoing partnership. It makes a real difference to our school community.









NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 2026

Last week, students at St Francis Xavier joined hundreds of thousands across Australia for National Simultaneous Storytime 2026. Children, teachers, parents and library lovers across the country came together to read Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller by Adam Jackson and Adrian Beck, illustrated by Jake Minton. This year's story was a wonderful choice, encouraging students to think about the courage and determination needed to keep going when things feel challenging. Luna Roo's journey reminded us that nerves and tricky moments are all part of learning and growing. What a great reminder of the joy that books can bring when we share them together.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

Recently, St Francis Xavier took time to acknowledge National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week, a time for learning, reflection and walking together towards reconciliation. On Monday our students enjoyed a special treat of pumpkin and wattle seed scones with Kakadu jam for lunch, thanks to our wonderful Senior First Nations Liaison Officer, Karlie. We hope the students enjoyed trying something new, and we look forward to continuing our learning through our Reconciliation and Sorry Day pastoral group activity on Friday.

UNDER 8'S WEEK

What a wonderful morning celebrating Under 8's Day at SFX!

Our Prep to Year 2 students gathered for a fun-filled morning of hands-on activities, including temporary tattoos, beading, playdough, lassoing, noughts and crosses, disco dancing and so much more!

Under 8's Day is all about nurturing children's natural curiosity through play, creativity, hands-on experiences and community connection. It was beautiful to see our littlies laughing, exploring and enjoying time together.

A huge thank you to our wonderful early year teachers for their hard work in organising such a special occasion for our youngest students to enjoy. What a fantastic morning.

NEWS FROM PREP and YEAR 1

Our Preps and Year 1's had the BEST day ever last Friday. Pure joy, pure energy and pure magic they watched Pevan and Sarah light up the stage at the MECC. They were singing at full volume, dancing like no one was watching and absolutely beaming from start to finish. Their little hearts were bursting with excitement and honestly…so were ours. Days like this remind us why school is such a special place for our youngest learners.

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE CULTURAL TOUR

It's one of our favourite days of the year! We welcomed St Patrick's College Cultural Tour to school last Friday morning. If your child came home last Friday and wants to sing, dance, play an instrument or drum, you can thank the show. Our St Francis Xavier Drum Corp were very excited to join their role models on stage in performing a piece together.

A SPECIAL VISITOR AT SFX!

We were lucky to welcome Nigel Dalton MP to St Francis Xavier, where he visited our students and delivered free fruit for brekkie. Our students enjoyed hearing about his role as a Member of Parliament and learning more about what a typical day in his job involves. It was a great opportunity for them to ask questions, make connections with our wider community and see how leadership and service can make a difference. A big than you to Nigel Dalton MP for taking the time to visit SFX, speak with our students and support a healthy start to the day.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY

Display & Lunchtime craft for
Luna Roo the Simultaneous Storytime book

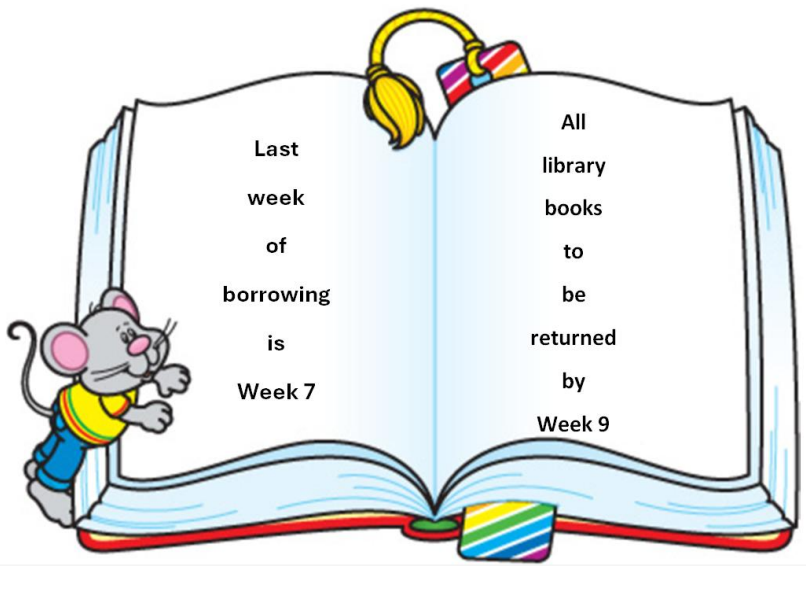
Display for Reconciliation

SCHOLASTIC

Book Clubs

Orders due for delivery

Week 8



FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOOL PHOTOS

TUESDAY 9 JUNE & Wednesday 10 JUNE 2026

Photo envelopes were handed to all students today.

If you did not receive yours, they may be collected from the office.

Sibling envelopes are also available from the office. School Captains & School Leaders envelopes were handed to students this week.

Envelopes for split families also available from the office.

Completed order envelopes may be dropped off to the office on or before photo day.

UNIFORMS to be worn on photo day/s

Queensland School Photography
"Putting a smile on every face"

PREPS: Prep uniform
YEARS 1 – 5: Formal uniform
YEAR 6: - Senior Polos
- School Captains to bring along their formal uniform as well.
- The House Captains, Circle Leaders, Cultural Leaders, Earth Care Leaders are to bring their respective club polos.

PHOTO TIMETABLE

Tuesday 9 June:	Commencing at 8.00am:	Siblings A – L, 6L, 6B, 6D, 3LS, 3N, 3R, 4D, 4KR, 4P, 2C, 2W, 2F, 5RG, 5B, 5G
Wednesday 10 June:	Commencing at 8.00am:	Siblings M – Z, Prep S, Prep A, Prep M, 1N, 1C, 1B, Circle Leaders, Cultural Leaders, Earth Care Leaders, School Captains, House Captains

PARENT REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

As you can imagine, the planning and organisation of athletics carnivals is huge and involves many staff members. We understand that not all parents are able to volunteer their time to these events, but just being a spectator makes it so much more enjoyable for our whole community, particularly the children. There are a couple of requests we have from the staff which will make the running of the day much easier, and we hope you will help us out by ensuring you read the list and follow these easy requests –

- Please remember this is not the Olympics and it is supposed to be about participation and having a go. Certainly, we have students who will go forward to represent in the Southern Suburbs competition, but for primary school children the goal is to provide them with an opportunity to either improve their skills or to move out of their comfort zone. We ask that you be kind and respectful to those who are working at the carnival. Arguing over the results with officials does not send the right message to children.
- We ask that you do not take your children away to the canteen or to sit with you, as this is how races are missed, and students are disappointed. If it has not been announced that certain students are allowed to go to the canteen, please leave them in their House tent.
- The students are supposed to be with their House, in their tent for the day. In this way, they will be able to be marshalled easily for races and safe as we are responsible for them in this public setting. Please do not take the students to sit with you, as it defeats the purpose of them feeling the team spirit of being in their House and cheering on their fellow competitors.
- When we have field events, we have them on the school ovals. This is not a big space, particularly when you add in all the students from Years 3-6 and all their parents too. We ask that you remember this when the students are lined up ready to compete in a race or other event. When parents come over to speak to their child at that time, they can, for want of a better term,' get in the way' of the staff who are overseeing the event. Please feel free to see them whilst they are in the tent waiting for their event or after the event is over.
- When you are videoing or photographing your child, please be mindful of any other students who may also be in the photo. There is a problem if you then post the video/photo on social media without permission of the other child's parents. We, as a school, are required to have media consent to upload photos to our Facebook page.

These are simply guidelines which will help everyone to have an enjoyable day. We ask that you please follow them. Thank you.

SFX SENIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL ~ Years 3 – 6

MONDAY 8 JUNE ~ ARC ~ commencing at approximately 9.30am

HOUSE WARCRYS ~ ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

DINGOES WAR CRY

Dingoes are you ready! Are we ever! I can't hear you! Are we ever!

Dingoes! Dingoes! Hear us say!

Orange team will win today! Orange power burning bright!

Shining strong with all our might. Run it fast, jump up high.

Watch the dingoes fly on by. Fast, fierce, loud and proud.

Orange stands out in the crowd.

GOOOO DINGOES!

D. I. N. G. O. E. S! DINGOES! AWOOOOOOOOOOO

STINGERS WAR CRY

Stingers are you ready! Are we ever! I can't hear you! Are we ever!

Stingers Stingers can't be stopped.

Feel the spark as we rise to the top.

Stingers Stingers who's the best?

Of course it's us, we put 'em' to the test.

Watch us sting, hear us fight. We will rule with all our might.

GOOOOO Stingers! S-T-I-N-G-E-R-S Stinger ZAP ZAP ZAP!!!

TAIPANS WAR CRY

Taipans are you ready! Are we ever! I can't hear you! Are we ever!

V-I-C-T-O-R-Y. That's the Taipans battle cry.

We are in it, we're on top. Mean Taipans we never drop.

Strong and fast, we can't be stopped.

Green Taipans we've got them blocked.

We'll take the win; we'll take the lot!

Goooooo Taipans T-A-I-P-A-N-S Taipans Clap Clap Hissss

EAGLES WAR CRY

Eagles are you ready! Are we ever! I can't hear you! Are we ever!

Eagles, Eagles hear our call,

We rise up proud, we stand up tall.

Stronger, faster than the rest,

Every challenge we'll out-test.

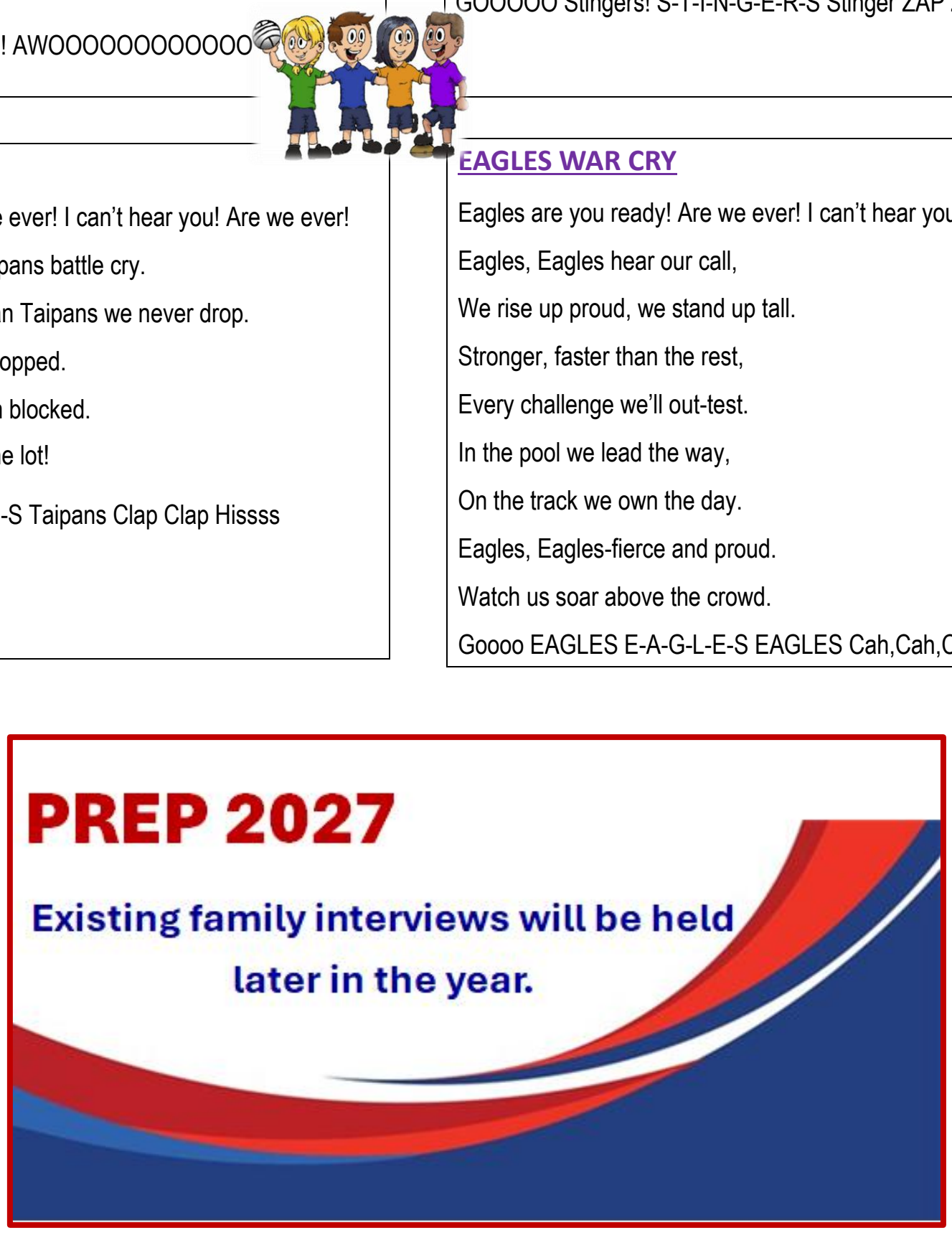
In the pool we lead the way,

On the track we own the day.

Eagles, Eagles-fierce and proud.

Watch us soar above the crowd.

Goooo EAGLES E-A-G-L-E-S EAGLES Cah,Cah,Cah,Cah



LOST PROPERTY

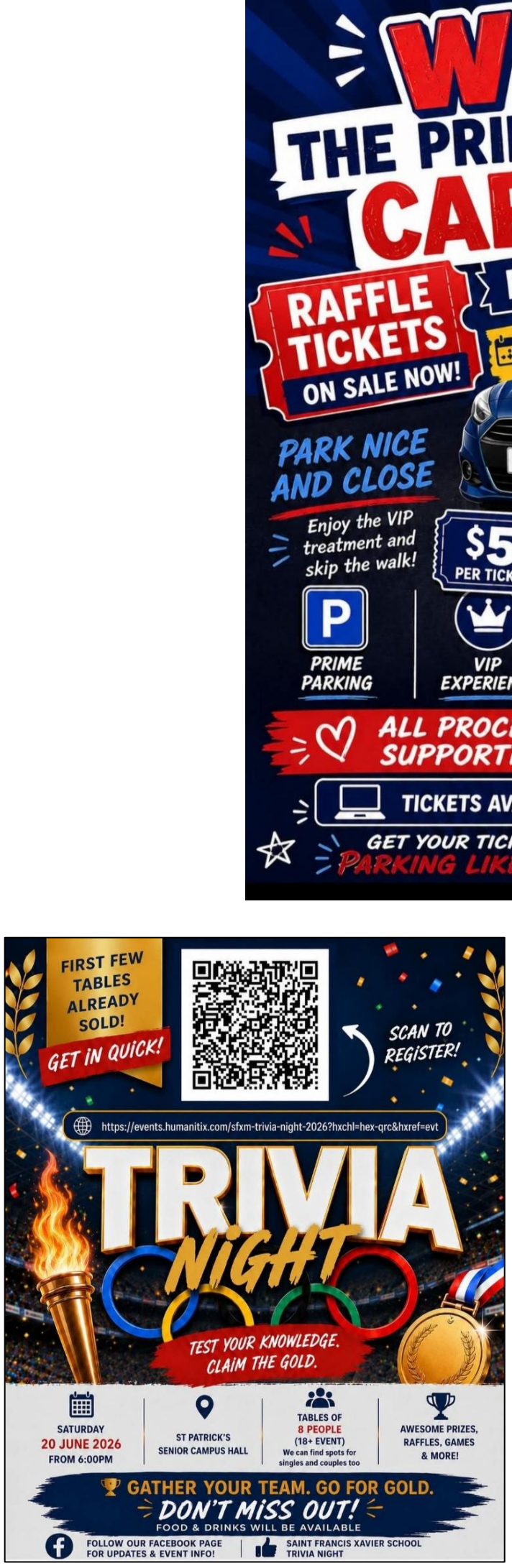
A lost property box is in the Under covered Area. Any item found, whose owner cannot be identified, will be placed in this box. Parents are asked to ensure that all items of clothing and personal belongings are **CLEARLY LABELLED** with the child's name. At the end of each term, this area is cleared and items of clothing in good condition are donated to our school second-hand clothing shop.

FROM THE TUCKSHOP

HELP NEEDED

Calling on all grandparents, mums, dads, carers, aunties, uncles and friends…our wonderful tuckshop needs volunteers!! Our tuckshop is open Tuesday – Friday, 8.30am – 11.30am. Our busiest days are Wednesday and Friday, but we are grateful for any help or time you can spare. Also, you can earn a tuckshop voucher for your child. You may also need to sign our volunteer induction first; however, we can help you with that!

PARENT ENGAGEMENT GROUP



Saint Francis Xavier Mackay

SFX Trivia Night

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help make our annual Trivia Night a success. There are a range of roles available, including bar, set up and pack up, errands, games and more.

Please consider volunteering — every little bit helps!

Or email Suzette directly:
suzette_windridge@rok.catholic.edu.au

Scan to volunteer

forms.gle/GHY6disfuaVWBr8n7

Thank you for supporting our school community.

Mercy Awards

Love Faith

Mercy Excellence

AWARDEES: Term 2 Week 6 & Week 7