



Friday 11 February, 2022  
Week 3

# NEWSLETTER

## SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL WE WILL:

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

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES 2022

Catholic Social Teaching, Mercy Charism, Spelling, Reading, Wellbeing and Sustainability

Dear Parents & Care Givers,

Officially... Welcome back! This is not the usual way we begin a new school year, however, these are the cards we have been dealt and so we will move forward and face each challenge with positivity and determination. It would have been lovely to begin the new school year without the restrictions that have currently impacted our schools and the wider community, but it seems Omicron had other plans for us! I hope you have been able to keep well, though I am aware that a number of parents have advised the school of positive Covid cases for either themselves, their children or both. These next number of weeks are going to be very challenging in trying to keep our staff and our little ones well. Therefore, I ask you to please adhere to all the procedures we have in place here at school so that we are able to operate in as 'normal' a way as possible. They are...

- Do *not* send your child to school if they are showing *any* symptoms of a contagious condition. i.e. sniffles, coughs, sneezes etc.
- Limit your presence on school grounds
- Use the QR code – **these are still required in our Catholic schools**
- Wear a mask – I also encourage children in Years 3 – 6 to wear these.
- If you are exempt from wearing a mask, you are asked to *please refrain from entering classroom*
- Hand sanitise
- Practice social distancing

I would like to thank all of St Francis Xavier's wonderful staff whose preparation time for the new term has been impacted by uncertainty about the classroom situation and the added pressures of contingency plans and health concerns: each of you is a gift to our school community, and I am grateful every day for your dedication and professionalism.

A big thank you also to each of the beautiful students who have taken the unusual start to the school year in their stride and are already filling our classrooms and playground with joy and excitement; it's wonderful to have you all back! It made my heart so full when walking amongst the students at lunch time this week and to see how happy they were to be back together.

Thank you also to Fiona Horsfall – our tuck shop convenor. The new menu is delicious! Don't forget if you can help out, I know Fiona will be very grateful.

Because of the necessary restrictions, many of our regular start-of-year events (Opening Mass, Student Leadership Induction) will need to be postponed or modified. Rest assured; we will keep families informed of any plans as soon as they are finalised.





This year I am trialling a **fortnightly** newsletter. The off weeks will simply be a "What's happening?" page with specific dates or events as reminders. Newsletters will occur each **odd** week.

You will notice a change in the format of the Newsletter as I am doing them until Heather's return.


Have a wonderful weekend and stay well.

God Bless,  
Olivia

## School Improvement Plan – School Priorities and Goals 2022

<b>1. Catholic Identity and Ethos</b> 	<b>2 • Effective Teaching and Learning</b>  (NSIT Domains 2,5,6,7,8)
<b>1.1</b> To embed and align Catholic Social Teaching and the Mercy charism throughout the Curriculum and the Teaching and Learning Framework.  <b>Goal:</b> Through dialogue, create opportunities for students to have a deeper understanding of why/how social justice and Catholic tradition are interconnected.	<b>2.1</b> That our school has a culture of data informed practice where every student is engaged and learning successfully in their own ways.  <b>Goal:</b> For students to know and apply a repertoire of spelling strategies through an inquiry process.  <b>Goal:</b> To improve reading comprehension.
<b>3. Pastoral Support and Wellbeing</b>  (NSIT Domain 3)	<b>4. Leadership, Partnerships and Resourcing</b>  (NSIT Domains 1,4,9)
<b>3.1</b> Based on the Diocesan Wellbeing Framework implement a student wellbeing program that focuses on each child being the best version of themselves.  <b>Goal:</b> To enhance student wellbeing through a greater understanding of how trauma impacts students' lives.	<b>4.1</b> To enhance and develop parent and community partnerships to improve student learning.  <b>Goal:</b> To gain awareness of the importance of sustainability practices.

### HPE UNIFORM DAYS – TERM 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3K 4BL 5N 2CP PB 2W 6W	6P 3H PW 2MW 1D 5G 4C	4T 5E 1S PBG 1C 3C 6G	<b>No Sports Uniform on this day</b>	<b>Years 1 - 6 to wear Red Sports shirts with embroidered sports shorts</b>  

### BISHOP'S IN-SERVICE DAY (PUPIL FREE)

For those of you who are new to the school or to the Catholic system, each year our bishop, Bishop Michael McCarthy, grants a pupil free day for all staff members to gather (under normal circumstances) and listen to and reflect on a variety of faith-based topics. The date has been **changed** this term **to the last day of term, i.e. Friday, 1 April**. Please mark this on your calendars.



### NATIONAL SORRY DAY – 13/2/22

National Sorry Day acknowledges and raises awareness of the history and continued effect of the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from their families, communities and culture.

Today we join with people all over Australia to say sorry for the actions that have robbed the First Australians of their life, culture, law and language. And we pray...

God, Mother of Mercy, stir within us compassion and a deep desire for reconciliation. On this National Sorry Day, may this compassion and reconciliation be strong and true so that justice flows, action flourishes a difference is made and peace is accomplished. Amen.

# We Need You



## Helpers wanted for our Tuckshop

**Tuesdays and Fridays 8:30/9:00 start – 11:30/12:00 finish**

Contact Fiona at [fiona\\_horsfall@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:fiona_horsfall@rok.catholic.edu.au)

- Price change – Icy Poles & Paddle pops now \$1.50
- Taco Tuesday – **22/2/22**
  - **Soft tacos** - taco mince or Fajita chicken – 2 for \$7:00 or 1 for \$4:00

## Check out our new menu

<p><b>HOT MEALS</b> SMALL \$ 4.00 (cooked on site)</p> <p>Fried Rice Mac &amp; Cheese Bolognese</p> <p><b>PIES / SAUSAGES ROLLS</b></p> <p><b>Sausage Roll</b></p> <p>Party Size \$ 1.00 Snack (MrsMac) \$ 3.00</p> <p><b>Pies</b></p> <p>Party Pie \$1.00 Pie (Byrnes) \$4.50 Extra—peas 0.20c</p> <p><b>HOT DOGS</b> \$ 3.00 Cheese 0.20 extra</p> <p><b>DRINKS</b></p> <p><b>Milk—250 mls \$ 2.50</b> Strawberry/Chocolate</p> <p><b>Juice—250mls \$ 2.00</b> Orange /Apple/ Apple &amp; Blackcurrant</p> <p><b>Water - \$ 2.00</b> 600 ml</p>		<p><b>St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School</b> <i>Learn - Love - Live the Gospel</i> <i>Witness Our Faith &amp; Celebrate Life</i></p>	<p><b>TUCKSHOP MENU 2022</b></p>
	<p><b>DAILY SPECIALS</b></p>		
	<p><b>Tuesday —</b> Weekly Special in Newsletter</p>		
	<p><b>Wednesday — Pizza Hut</b></p> <p>2 Slices \$ 3.00 3 Slices \$ 4.50 4 Slices \$ 5.50 (Ham &amp; pineapple/ Meatlovers or Cheese )</p>		
	<p><b>Thursday - Burgers</b></p> <p>Mini — \$3.00 (Sliders Size) Full Size \$7.00 Beef Patty / Cr Chicken</p>		
	<p><b>Friday - Fish</b> Crumbed / Battered / Grilled</p> <p>Piece \$ 4.00 Sandwich/salad \$ 6.00 Burger / Salad \$ 7.00 Salad Box \$ 7.00</p>		
		<p>Days of Operation Tuesday—Friday</p>	
		<p>Orders placed on Quickliq</p>	
		<p>Helpers always welcome</p>	
		<p><b>Birthday Buckets</b></p>	
		<p><b>\$15.00</b></p>	
		<p>* Icy-Poles for each student in the class*</p>	



**SANDWICHES**

Vegemite	\$ 2.00
Cheese	\$ 2.30
Ham	\$ 2.50
Egg & Lettuce	\$ 3.00
Ham & Cheese	\$ 3.00
Ham, Cheese & Tom	\$ 3.50
Chicken & Cheese	\$ 4.00
Ham & Salad	\$ 5.00
Chicken & Salad	\$ 5.50
(Salad—Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cheese)	
(Chicken Cooked on site)	

**TOASTIES**

Cheese	\$ 2.80
Ham & Cheese	\$ 3.50
Chicken & Cheese	\$ 4.50
Bacon & Egg Muffin	\$ 4.00
BLT	\$ 6.00

**WRAPS**

Salad	1/2	\$ 3.00
	Whole	\$ 5.00
Ham & Salad	Whole	\$ 5.50
Chicken & Salad		\$ 6.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken		
Tender wrap		\$ 7.00
Beef Patty Wrap		\$ 7.00

**SALAD BOWLS**

Garden	Sml	\$4.00
	Lge	\$ 5.50
(add egg \$ 1.00)		
Asian Chicken Lge		\$ 7.00
Chicken Caesar Lge		\$7.00

**FRUIT SALAD** \$ 4.00

**SNACK BOX** \$ 4.00

Cheese cubes, Carrot Sticks, Cucumber Sticks, Sultanas, Jatz and Dip

**GOURMET SNACK BOX** \$ 6.50

Cheddar Cheese, Camembert, Vege Sticks, Olives, Salami, Crackers and Dip

**SNACKS**

Boiled Egg	\$ 1.00
Corn Cobet	\$1.00
Garlic Bread (2 pieces)	\$ 1.00
Mini Quiche	\$ 1.00
Cherrios (2)	\$1.00

Chicken Yummy	
Drummie	\$ 1.25

Popcorn	\$1.00
Yoghurt Tub Vanilla	\$1.00
Jelly Cup	\$2.00
Custard & Jelly	\$2.50
Chocolate Mousse	\$2.50

Chocolate Slice	\$2.50
Sweet Muffin	\$2.50
Brownie Slice	\$2.50

**ICE BLOCKS**

ICY TWIST	\$ 1.50
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ZOOPER DOOPER	\$ 1.00
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FROZEN YOGHURT	\$ 2.50
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# St Francis Hockey

Welcome to St Francis Hockey. The 2022 season will commence on 4 March and finish in September

U7 mixed, U9 mixed (Friday between 4-6pm)

U12 Boys & Girls teams (Saturday mornings)

### COACHES:

We will be looking for coaches to help coach our teams. If you can help, please indicate below. It is a very rewarding position watching the kids grow, develop their skills & enjoy making lifelong friends. Please consider.

**TRAINING:** Training will take place once a week at the Hockey Fields on Bridge Road. Training days will depend on coach availability.

### UNIFORMS:

All players be supplied with a playing shirt for the season. These will be handed out by the coach at the start of the season and then will need to be returned at the end of the season in the same condition. **A \$50 replacement fee will be charged if the uniform is damaged or not returned.**

Navy playing shorts or skirts to be worn, preferably not school shorts

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

**GEAR:** Shinpads and mouthguards are compulsory. A hockey stick will need to be purchased. (There may be an option to purchase a pack for U7 and U9 players when registering through the association – this is still being organised and more information will be given out soon).



If your child is interested in playing hockey for St Francis in the 2022 season, please return this expression of interest as soon as possible. Teams will be organised in the first few weeks of the 2022 school year and I will send out further details about registration with Hockey Queensland and Mackay School Hockey Association. (Please be aware that this is an association sport, not a school sport and all registration will occur via the association).

Kind regards,

Mrs Therese McLean ([therese\\_mclean@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:therese_mclean@rok.catholic.edu.au))

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## ST FRANCIS HOCKEY - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR 2022 SEASON

Child's Name:..... DOB: .....

AGE GROUP: Under 7 [ ] Under 9 [ ] Under 12 [ ]

Parent's Name: .....

Phone: .....

Email: .....

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

