



NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL WE WILL:

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

FOUNDING VALUES OF SFX

Love

Mercy

Faith

Excellence

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES 2022

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

Friday 29 April, 2022
Week 2

Dear Parents/Care Givers,

SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEYS

As part of our ongoing commitment to continuously improve the school, we believe it is critical to seek each parent and guardian's opinion on a range of issues relating to St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School. Your feedback is very important to us as we continue to build a successful school and strengthen our reputation as an 'educator of choice'.

As such, we have engaged the professional services of MYP Corporation (MYPCorp) to undertake a **strictly private and confidential School Results Survey** on our behalf. The survey should take approximately 10 - 15 minutes and will need to be completed online between 16th May and 27th May, 2022.

There are no right or wrong answers and we ask that you respond honestly to each statement.

Please note that this survey will be **confidential**. No member of the leadership team at St Francis Xavier will have access to your individual responses. We will be provided with a summary of **collated** results only.

MYPCorp will undertake the following process to ensure anonymity:

1. Parents and guardians will be emailed **individual** survey logins.
2. Results will be collated externally.
3. A summary of collated results will be provided to the school leadership team.

On the survey start date, survey instructions and a personalised login link will be emailed to all parents. You will continue to receive friendly reminders during the survey period until you have submitted the survey. If you do not receive your survey instructions on the survey start date, please check your spam and junk email folders before contacting myself or Mrs. Helen Ellis or the MacKillop School office.

While we strongly encourage you to participate, the survey is not compulsory. If you decide that you do not want to complete the survey, simply click 'Unsubscribe' in the instruction or reminder email.

Thank you for your assistance in helping to shape the future direction of St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School.

A huge thank you and congratulations to all students and staff who were able to attend the ANZAC Day march on Monday. The heavens may have opened, but this did not dampen the spirits of those who attended. Thank you also to the parents who brought their children along to commemorate such an important occasion.

HOLA! This week Mrs Natalia Penalzoza, a TA at SFX and qualified teacher in her home country of Colombia, began Spanish lessons with our Prep and Year 6 classes. The children loved their first lesson, and the challenge was to remember 3 words – **hola** (hello), **adios** (goodbye) and **amigos** (friends). I am hoping that we will be able to add a new year level each year until Spanish is across the school.

We are desperate for helpers in the Tuckshop.



Grandparents are welcome – we can help you with your volunteer Blue Card!

We are getting up to 100 orders or more on Tuesday and Wednesday, increasing on a Thursday and around 200 orders on a Friday. Yesterday there were no helpers at all. I was able to follow orders from Fiona but can't cook to save myself!!! If you are able to spare a regular day, please contact

Fiona Horsefall and give her your name. We need 1 volunteer on a Tuesday, 2 volunteers on a Wednesday and Thursday and 3 volunteers on a Friday.

Have a wonderful weekend.

God Bless,

Olivia

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SFX?

2 May	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
3 May	P & F Meeting – 6:00pm in staffroom Mercy College open night
3 – 6 May	Catholic Identity conference – Amanda Griffin and Shannon Cross away
4 & 5 May	Mothers' Day stall
5 May	Board meeting
6 May	Mothers' Day liturgy and morning tea
8 May	<i>Happy Mothers' Day</i>
9 May	Paul Stanley from the Matthew Stanley Foundation - Home to talk to the Year 5/6 students about <i>One Punch Can Kill</i> Prep interviews begin
10 – 13 May	NAPLAN – Years 3 and 5
13 May	House Day
16 – 20 May	NAPLAN – Years 3 and 5
24 May	Board Meeting
25 May	National Simultaneous Storytime
26 May	National Sorry Day
27 May	Edward the Emu – Preps at the MECC 9:30am
30 May	'Try it Tucker Day' – from the tuckshop
2 June	Senior Athletics
5 June	Pentecost Sunday
7 – 10 June	Year 6 Camp
10 June	Disco 6:00 – 7:30pm Date may change.
14 June	P & F Meeting 6:00pm in staffroom
14 & 15 June	School Photos
16 June	SHOW HOLIDAY
17 June	Junior Athletics
20 June	Under 8's Day
21 June	S. S. Athletics Day – good luck to all our competitors P & F Pie Drive Orders due in Board Meeting
22 June	Mrs Benfer's Appraisal
23 June	Report Cards available on Parent Lounge at 4:00pm
24 June	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

FROM THE APRE



Making Jesus Real - Be a Grinner and a winner

This week's **MDR focus** continues with our theme of "Be a Grinner and a winner".

Therefore, let us reflect on how we went being a grinner and a winner last week; was it hard? How did you find flipping those negative thoughts into more constructive ones?

It isn't always easy, and we are going to trip along our path to a stronger mindset, however persistence is key. Every journey starts with a first step, so persevere with your thoughts, be patient with yourself and stay strong!

Remember, positive people are gridders and winners in life!

Our **Manner of the Week** is - **Use a person's name when speaking to them.** This manner is particularly important. When we are born the name given to us becomes our identify, who we are. Our parents thought long and hard about our name and often it has a special family connection. When we greet someone in the morning and use their name, it may be the very first time they have heard their name in a positive way. Every time you use someone's name, they feel important, they feel like they have more of a connection to you. They listen more to what you have to say.

From The Apa



Playground Rules for After School

At the closure of the school day, all students who are not met by their parents outside the classroom or in the undercover area are required to move immediately to the supervised areas, which are our Pickup Zone and Bus Stop.

All students going to After School Care or walking /riding home are required to be on the move, immediately they are released from class. We remind students of these procedures regularly. The Pickup Zone and the Bus Stop are both supervised by teachers. Other areas of the school are not supervised after school.

Our school's play equipment, both the Senior and Junior playgrounds are out of bounds before and after school. These areas must be supervised by staff members. We ask parents to ensure their children are not on this equipment before and/or after school.

Our school rules must be adhered to by all students at all times. Students are not allowed to be running around or playing before the 8.15am bell or after school, while waiting for their parents and must stay in full school uniform (including shoes and socks).

Parents who pick up their child after school and remain on school grounds, for any reason, should be aware that their children are under their supervision during this time. We ask all parents who are supervising their child/children while exiting the school, ensure school rules are followed.



Would you and your dog like to volunteer for our Read to Rover program?



Just ring Mary O on 49511861 or email on mary_oxenham@rok.catholic.edu.au



From The APC

Reading and Comprehension



This year we have set one of our school Teaching and Learning goals as improving our student's reading comprehension. We firstly placed a focus on setting up our class literacy blocks to ensure we maximise the teaching and learning of literacy skills – reading, writing, and spelling.

In Term 1, we worked with Sandra Comben (CEO Consultant) to develop effective literacy block times to get the most out of our students. The work we did with Sandra was very effective. We also worked on developing each student's love of reading. This was done through allowing them to select the classroom library books rather than the teacher selecting books. We created heart maps to find out what the students are interested in, and some classes even had a book café tasting session. This term we are now specifically focussing on comprehension in reading.

The teaching of comprehension skills is a huge component of our literacy block time. Comprehension means understanding text and is an active and complex process. Active comprehension skills are employed by good readers of all ages, to deepen their independent comprehension skills. The term 'active comprehension' refers to the reader's deliberate and consistent effort to interact strategically with the text for meaning. The text is questioned to make personal meaning, through use of the following comprehension strategies.

Each of these strategies are taught explicitly, in classrooms across our school.

As part of support our school improvement goal of improving reading, we have created sets of school comprehension bookmarks to assist

our students in deepening their understanding of what they are a reading, through whole class and individual reading and comprehension goals.



Prior Knowledge



Predicting



Questioning



Main Idea



Evaluating



Visualising



Inferring



Making Connections



Summarising

What parents can do to help at home

- Hold a conversation and discuss what your child has read. Ask your child probing questions about the book and connect the events to his or her own life. For example, say "I wonder why that girl did that?" or "How do you think he felt? Why? And "So, what lesson can we learn here?"
- Help your child make connections between what he or she reads and similar experiences he has felt, saw in a movie, or read in another book.
- Help your child monitor his or her understanding. Teacher him/her to continually ask themselves whether they understand what they are reading.
- Help your child go back to the text to support his or her answers.
- Discuss the meanings of unknown words, both those they read and those they hear.

Mercy Awards

Love Mercy Faith Excellence

Term 2 Week 2 Awardees



Our Term 2 Class Captains



House Points Winners



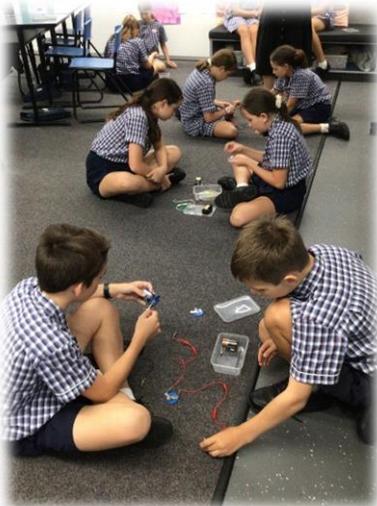
Year 6 News

This week Mercy College students visited our Year 6 children to share a little about high school and answer our questions. Here is Mr. Sorbello with Zane Saye - 2021 School Captain and Kade Coburn - 2021 Year 6 student.

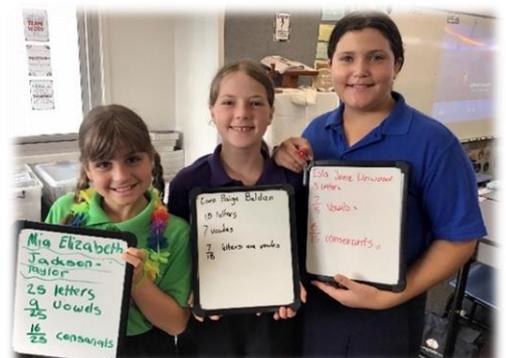
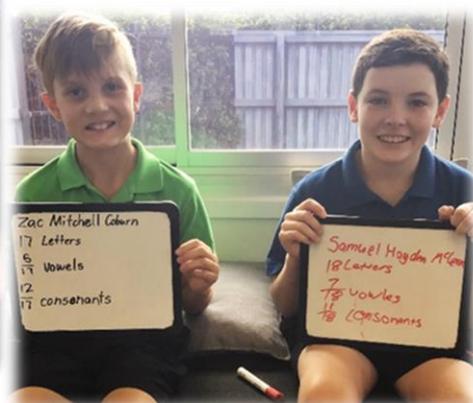
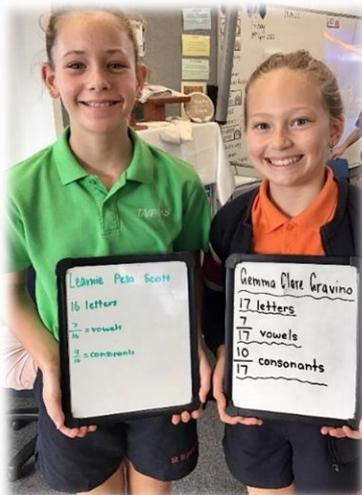


6G are busily creating circuits in Science.

Year 6W in their first Spanish lesson.



6P looked at ways they can split up different quantities into fractions. We came up with some pretty interesting brain teasers – can you think of a word where $\frac{1}{3}$ of the letters are vowels? Take a look at what fractions our students came up with using their own names!



Whitsunday School Futsal Titles

On Tuesday we took 2 teams to Sarina State High School to compete in the Whitsunday Schools Futsal Competition. Our 2 teams were the U10 Strikers and the U12 Stars. The boys and girls demonstrated beautiful manners, team spirit and great sportsmanship. The Stars made it through to the semifinals against Mercy College and fought hard. They did our school proud in the way they conducted their defeat in the semis. The Strikers went undefeated throughout the day and won the U10 championship. Well done to all.



P & F News

MOTHER'S DAY STALL 4th & 5th May

Next week we have our Mother's Day Stall where we ask if anyone has some spare time to help sell the gifts for the kids to purchase for their Mum's/Nanna's or beloved ladies close to them. We ask that your child has no more than \$10 to purchase a gift or two (gifts range from \$1.50 - \$6). The stall is run Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th of May and if you can help out, please complete the google form. Thank you for donating your time to help so our kids don't miss out. Thank you for supporting the P&F to be able to offer the stalls for our children.

P&F Meetings (Upcoming – Tuesday May 3rd)

We welcome all parents, friends and carers to our meetings. Your input is valued and appreciated, on the best way to offer funds for equipment and events for our children. Ideas for events or equipment that you may think would benefit our children, are welcomed for discussion at our upcoming meeting on **MAY 3rd** at **6PM** in the Staff room. Please come along and have your say, your time offered is very much appreciated.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open every Monday morning from 8.15am - 9am in the school hall. **Don't forget your cash!**

Items start from \$5 each - including jumpers, house shirts and all sports and formal uniforms. Head over to the Hall and see Mel who can help with your uniform needs.

PIE DRIVE!

Our amazing Pie Drive is coming up, this is one of our best fundraisers to help fund experiences and items for our kids. Please keep an ear our about ordering and when to have your orders in by. We anticipate having the orders placed through QuickCliq again this year, although there will be copies made available

if need be. We appreciate your support and if you have time to assist, please keep an eye out for our volunteer google sheet for this event, we really appreciate any help from our school community. Who doesn't love a good pie and lamington from Crusty's!?

Did you know?

Both kangaroos and emus lack the ability to walk backwards (and it was for this reason they were chosen for Australia's coat of arms – to symbolise a country always moving forwards).

P&F Contacts

President - Kelly Walz SFXM_PandFPresident@rok.catholic.edu.au

Vice President - Amanda Ramsay

Treasurer - Kathleen Di-Filippo

Secretaries - Laura Cole & Matt Cole sfxm_pandfsecretary@rok.catholic.edu.au

Should you need to contact Amanda or Kathleen, please contact Laura/Matt or Kelly and we can put you in touch with the team.

Upcoming Dates

Mother's Day Stall - 4th & 5th May

Mother's Day Liturgy - Friday 6th May

1st Disco - Friday 10th June 6pm

Pie Drive - 21st June (Delivered 13/14th July)

2nd Disco - Friday 5th August 6pm

Father's Day Stall - 31st Aug & 1st September

Father's Day Liturgy - 2nd September

Twilight / Spring Markets (Amazing Fair!) - 9th September

Upcoming P&F Meetings

Tuesday 6pm

May 3rd June 14th August 9th (Future dates to follow)

*Please note, all provided dates may be altered for unforeseen circumstances such as Covid or scheduling clashes.

Have a wonderful weekend!

The P&F Executive Team

Playgroup

Come and join our playgroup each Friday morning in the hall @ 9:00am.

