



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 13 May, 2022
Week 4

Dear Parents/Care Givers,

THE IMPACT OF 1%ERS IN OUR SCHOOL?

As you hopefully read in our Week 2 Newsletter, our school is continually seeking ways to improve ourselves and therefore provide the best education for our children. Next week will see the beginning of the Parent Satisfaction Surveys. I ask that you please take some time to answer them honestly, so that we may make our great school even better.

For improvement to occur, organisations such as schools must continue to review and refine practices. What worked well yesterday may not be the best solution today. Next Monday you will be sent an email asking you to complete a School Satisfaction Survey. This survey will allow us to collect data about our school - aspects we are doing well at and areas we need to further enhance and develop. The following article from Steve Francis is about improvement.

In 2010 Dave Brailsford was appointed General Manager and Performance Director for Team Sky, a professional cycling team. Brailsford was confronted with a huge task. No British cyclist had ever won the Tour de France, but it was Brailsford's job to change that. Brailsford had a concept he referred to as the "aggregation of marginal gains". He explained it as "the 1 percent margin for improvement in everything you do". His approach was that if you improved every area related to cycling by just 1 percent, then those small gains would add up to remarkable improvement. But it was a lot more than just the obvious: the nutrition of riders, training programs, equipment etc.

They searched for the 1% improvements in the areas others had not thought about:

- the pillow that offered the best sleep
- the most effective type of massage gel
- teaching riders the best ways to wash their hands to avoid infection

He believed that this focus on the 1% improvements would put them in the position to win the Tour de France in 5 years. **They won it in three years.** Sir Bradley Wiggins became the first British cyclist to win in 2012. Then they did it again in 2013 with Chris Froome. In 2012 Brailsford coached the British cycling team at the Olympics. They dominated the competition by winning 70% of the gold medals available.

Let's consider this approach for our school. As parents what can we improve by just 1%?

- * 1% increase in parents reading to their children at home or following up on assignments.
- * 1% increase in parents reading the newsletter or volunteering.
- * 1% less students arriving late to school or leaving early.
- * 1% increase in parents' support of classroom activities.

I invite you to follow Brailsford's lead and take a moment to reflect upon aspects of your own lives that may benefit from the 1% principle.

Adapted from Steve Francis – Happy Schools newsletter

Have a wonderful weekend.
God Bless,
Olivia

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SFX?

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

PAUL STANLEY ONE PUNCH TALK



On Tuesday it was our great privilege to listen to Mr. Paul Stanley from The Matthew Stanley Foundation who spoke to our Yr. 5&6 students. Paul told the tragic story of his son Matthew's death due to a coward punch.

The students were very respectful of Mr. Stanley and the story that changed his family's life forever. Speaking to students in this age group has been an initiative Mr. Stanley has fought for, for many years. He has spoken to many high school students over the years, but he believes the message should be taught to this age

group, prior to them forming strong peer groups, which may influence their decisions.

Paul spoke of the many Queensland primary schools he had visited the and positive response he has had from students, staff and parents. His message is simple and clear "Walk Away and Chill Out".

Sergeant Steve Smith from Queensland Police accompanied Mr. Stanley today and congratulated our students on the way they received the important message Mr Stanley gave them.

We hope and pray the message stays with our students and rises up in their minds if they are ever in a volatile situation.



ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH, WEST MACKAY

SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION & EUCHARIST

Enrolment Mass Confirmation	Saturday 11 th June at 6pm or Sunday 12 th June 9am
Confirmation Workshop 1	Monday, 13 th June
Confirmation Workshop 2	Monday, 20 th June
Enrolment Mass Eucharist	Saturday 23 rd July at 6pm or Sunday 24 th July 9am
Eucharist Workshop 1	Monday, 18 th July
Eucharist Workshop 2	Monday, 1 st August
Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist	Saturday 13 th 6:30pm August Sunday 14 th 9am August

MJR

Following on from last week, our MJR focus is 'Teamwork – Together Everyone Achieves More'. This may seem like a simple statement but deep down we all like to be accepted as a team member. To be accepted we have to give some of our talent, time, energy, enthusiasm or interest to the team. Each team is unique, just as God made us. Whether it be a sporting, cultural, school or home team, we must first give of ourselves.

Remember that teamwork makes the dream work, so look for those in our school who help keep our school beautiful, who help in the classroom, or in the playground and give them an MJR token from our Prayer table. Have a dreamy week!

MANNER OF THE WEEK

Offer your assistance to others – it is important to keep notice of those around us, perhaps they are struggling to carry all their things, they may need a door opened for them or some help reaching something up high. We can offer others our assistance in a variety of ways. How have you offered your assistance to others this week?

FROM THE APC



NAPLAN 2022

NAPLAN is over for another year. The Year 3 and Year 5 children handled themselves extremely well when taking on NAPLAN Online this year. I was very impressed with their positive attitudes on arrival to school each day. The excitement for the NAPLAN treats each morning was lovely to see. Thank you to all the Year 3 and 5 parents for sending your children to school with a good mindset to take on the last 4 days. A big thank you to Mrs Amanda Griffin and Mrs Helen Ellis for ensuring NAPLAN ran smoothly in my absence. Results will be sent out to the schools later this year. If your child missed any NAPLAN tests, they have either been caught up during the week or will complete them during Week 5.



Our NAPLAN students were reminded on Day 2 how Bright they are! They were each given a very bright highlighter after they finished their test.



Yr. 3 were very happy to tick off Day 1 of NAPLAN! After all their hard work today our Yr. 3&5 students indulged in a Popper to congratulate themselves on all the great ideas that “popped” into their heads today.



NANNAS NEEDED!

ARE YOU A ST FRANCIS XAVIER GRANDMOTHER?

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP SOME STUDENTS
PRACTISE THEIR READING SKILLS?**

DO YOU HAVE A CURRENT BLUE CARD?



IF THE ANSWER IS.....

YES!

**PLEASE CONTACT OUR FRIENDLY APC, MRS
JODIE BENFER.**

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phone 49511861



Mercy

Awards

Love Mercy



Faith

Excellence

Term 2 Week 4 Awardees



PREP B CLASS CAPTAIN

Congratulations to Harvey McClelland

HOUSE POINTS WINNERS



CONGRATULATIONS TO...



Nate Clark, winner of our prize pack worth \$500 from Rebel Sports Mackay. Thanks to those parents who completed the ECSI surveys! Those children who have yet to receive their Zooper Doopers will get them next week.

YEAR 4 NEWS

In **Year 4B/L** this term, we are reading 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman during RADICAL. After each chapter, we complete activities that will help us become better writers. We are learning about narrative writing and are going to create adventure stories which we will publish in Book Creator.



This week in **Year 4T**, students are becoming (pretend) chef trainees, making burgers that represent the place value of 4-digit numbers. Students experimented with the different ways the values, or "ingredients", can be used to make the same number. Some of these burgers were straight-forward, with one of each unit represented by a single ingredient, while others were a

little more complicated. For example, some burgers missed one type of ingredient, so others had to be used. Students have worked well at their burger-building and are ready for the challenge of making even larger numbers (or burgers). Well done Year 4T!



FROM THE REEF GUARDIAN CLUB

Check out the Reef Guardian's new initiative!! We haven't received the official box to put the bread bags in, however the children have made a box to use in the meantime. This will be positioned outside Miss Ellis' Year 5 classroom for people to place the bags. Mrs. Therese McLean and the RG Club

Help us turn
BREAD BAGS into
SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT

COLLECTIONS CLOSING SOON!



Our school' is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.

Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points to redeem on new RHSports equipment.

It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school' with your kids! We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school' earns!

Collections close 9th September.

Tip for collecting:
 Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

Did you know?
 We can now collect our bread bags over the holidays!

BRING IN YOUR BAGS BEFORE SEPT 9TH!

*Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

Tag [@wonder.australia](#) #wonderrecyclingrewards to share all your recycling champion stories!

Wonder
 Full of Goodness

P & F NEWS

WHY COME TO P&F MEETINGS?

We need help making decisions.

What should our hard-earned fund raising be used for?

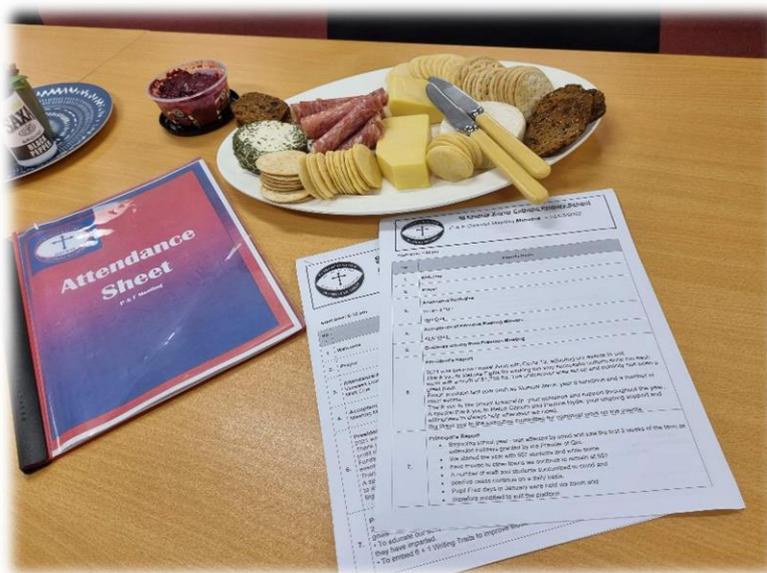
Perhaps...

- Year 6 senior shirts
- Buses for excursions...

Bring suggestions.

and of course ...snacks!!!

WHAT DO **YOU** THINK? PLEASE COME ALONG AND BE PART OF THE DECISION MAKING.



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday the 14th of June, at 6pm - We hope to see you there.

We need your help! September Twilight Fair Co-Ordinator search

The P&F request that each grade assists in the making of a fabulous event with helpers and contributions to the event. We are requesting a year co-ordinator just to make light work with many hands. You are still able to spend the evening with your children, we request a little help to get the ball rolling with the full support of the P&F team. If you can help out or interested to know a little more, please reach out to us at SFXM_PandFSecretary@rok.catholic.edu.au Each grade will be allocated an area listed below. Get in first and allocate your grade and put your name forward to be a co-ordinator

- ~~Santa~~ Photo's (Being September, we would look to possibly have a theme for photo's – idea's welcomed)
- BBQ
- Glow Products
- Cent Sale
- Bar
- Tuckshop
- Ham Wheel

What does a year co-ordinator do for the Twilight fair?

Help liaise with the parent helpers in your grade for the area allocated to your grade. Whether it is sorting names to the time slots (pre-done by the P&F), corresponding between your grade level parents and the P&F. We really rely on helpers for this event as this is a huge job on a few people, or smaller work on a larger group. Please help where you can, majority of us are time poor and really appreciate any time given to volunteer.

Thank you to each and every one for putting your hand up for this amazing event.

Raffle Sponsors

We look for any businesses who may be interested in donating to the P&F Christmas Major raffle in the coming months. Please reach out if you know of a business interested in donating. More to come in the coming months - keep an eye on the newsletter.

Cent Sale

Each Fair (this year, it is in September), we run a cent sale that everyone loves to take part in. We try to gather gifts that you would love to take home yourself. If you are a business who would like to donate, please reach out to us. We would love to advertise your product to our many families in the SFXM community by showing off your product that you may make or a service you may provide. More to come in future Newsletters for when these are needed.

Great time to hit the Uniform Shop!

Just a reminder that 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 (starting to get cool now), house shirts and all sports and formal uniforms. Thank you to Mel Figlia who donates all of her time and ensures we have the opportunity to offer this to our parents. Thanks Mel!

Did you know?

Fact #1 - Without our Parent's and Friend's volunteers, our kids would miss out on great events such as school discos, Mothers' & Fathers' Day stalls and the end of year school fair. The P&F donate amazing resources back to the children, such as games, books, goodies for events just to name a few. More hands make light work, we would love to see you at the next upcoming Meeting. We sincerely thank those who attend each meeting and volunteer at every event, we would love to see some more faces as we greatly appreciate an hour of your time can help so much.

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

1st Disco PJ Themed - Friday 20th May 6pm - **(Parents must stay with children please)**

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

Future P&F Meetings – in the staffroom

Tuesdays @ 6pm June 14th August 9th (Future dates to follow)

Have a wonderful weekend!

The P&F Executive Team



COVID-19 and Flu Staying safe at school

Good habits that protect you from COVID-19 can keep you safe from catching other cold and flu viruses too.

Keep these habits up all the time:			Stay home from school if you have any of these symptoms:	
 Wash your hands	 Cover your cough	 Let fresh air in	 Sore throat with or without runny nose	 Fever
 Wear a mask on public transport	 Stay up to date with your COVID-19 and flu vaccinations		 Cough	 Diarrhoea
			 Loss of taste	 Trouble breathing
			 Vomiting or feeling ill	 Loss of smell
			 Feeling more tired than normal	

Stay informed at www.health.qld.gov.au/covid19/prevention

Queensland Government



Vinnies Youth
good works

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 16+!
COME AND SEE WHAT WE ARE ALL
ABOUT



**FREE OPEN
TRIVIA NIGHT**



TUESDAY MAY 24 2022

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MACKAY
CNR JULIET ST & HAMLET ST

6.00PM-7.30PM

SINGLE BOOKINGS OR TABLES OF UP TO 6
AVAILABLE.

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