



NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL WE WILL:

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

Friday 2 June, 2023

Week 7

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES 2023

Catholic Social Teaching, Writing, Mathematics, Wellbeing and Regulating

Dear Parents & Care Givers,

What do I do if I need to speak to my child's teacher about an issue?



Sometimes, in this busy world we live in, it is difficult to find the time to touch base with your child's teacher. It is important to know the correct procedure and the appropriate time and place in which to meet. We hope this will help –

The best way to contact a classroom teacher is via email. All teachers at our school give their school email address out to parents at the beginning of the school year. If you do not have this, you may contact the office and ask for it.

The next step is to ***email the teacher and ask for an interview time.*** You will need to ensure you give the teacher time to organise this and provide a number of times/days you will be available to meet.

Please do not arrive at the classroom door either before, during or after school and expect the teacher to be available for a meeting on the spot. We are sure you understand the importance of not interrupting teaching time. Please do not ring the school and ask for the teacher to ring you back. We prefer you email teachers, if you wish to organise a meeting.

What do if you have met with your child's teacher and you are not satisfied with the outcome?

The next step is to meet with the Leadership Team member assigned to your child's year level. They are –

Prep – Jodie Benfer

Yr. 1 & 2 – Olivia Rostirolla

Yr. 3 & 4 – Amanda Griffin

Yr. 5 & 6 – Mary Oxenham

It is often best, in these meetings to have the classroom teacher present to ensure a full picture of the situation. However, you may request a meeting without the classroom teacher. In these cases, the leadership team member will meet the classroom teacher prior to the meeting with you, the parent.

If this meeting still does not answer your needs, you may then request an interview with our principal, Olivia Rostirolla. Again, Olivia will meet with the classroom teacher and leadership team member prior to meeting with you, to gain any necessary information and prepare possible solutions, if required. If you are still not happy with the options offered, you will be referred to a Catholic Education Office representative.

Mary Oxenham - APA



Yesterday we had a lovely visit from our Diocesan Director, Miss Leesa Jeffcoat (OAM). Leesa addressed all the assembled children, visited the 6P's who had a Spanish lesson, the Year 2 cohort perform a song and poem, Prep M who were busy learning shapes and Year 1M finding words with the blend 'pl'. She was also introduced to all new staff to the Diocese. It is always so special for the children and staff to meet Miss Jeffcoat and learn of the important role she plays in the Catholic education of our children.

Have a wonderful weekend.

God Bless,
Olivia

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERM 2 WEEK 8?

Sunday 4 June – Friday 9 June: BOOK FAIR

Sunday 4 June: Rock Pop Mime Practice 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Monday 5 June: Try it Tucker Day
Walkathon for Caritas – Year 1
Puberty Parent Session
Tuesday 6 June: Year 5 Puberty talks
Wednesday 7 June: Year 6 Puberty talks
Thursday 8 June: Reader's Cup ~ St Mary's
Friday 9 June: Assembly 8.30am
Playgroup 8.45am – 10.45am (Hall)
DISCO 6.00pm – 7.30pm



Week 9: BOOK SWAP

ST FRANCIS XAVIER ATHLETICS CARNIVALS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Years 3 – 6	Tuesday 13 June	MARC
Prep – Year 2	Friday 16 June	School Grounds

FROM THE APRE



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING WITH ST VINCENT de PAUL

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week our Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 students had the opportunity to work with Annamaria from St Vincent de Paul to help develop further our understandings of the Catholic Social Teachings.

Catholic Social Teachings (CST) offers a way of thinking, being and seeing the world. It provides a vision for a just society in which the dignity of all people is recognised, and those who are vulnerable are cared for. It consists of an interrelated body of Catholic social thought and principles which can be used to reflect on and guide how we relate to one another in our local and global communities.

The students worked to better understand what "Dignity of the Human person" means. We looked at everyday scenarios on what we should do if someone is being teased or not treated fairly.

We talked about how we need to be aware of not just ourselves, or our close friends and family, but we need to be aware of the common good of all. We played some games in which we had to ensure our team as well as others all achieved the required goal.

In our school we have our student council, we learnt how that is a way of giving all students in our school a voice – an opinion and the right to be heard. During the construction activity, only one student was able to have a voice and share their ideas and many of us struggled to be silent and just do what was asked, without having the opportunity to share our opinion. It was a very worthwhile experience for our students, and we look forward to continuing this next term with the remaining Catholic Social Teachings.





COLOUR RUN

As a Catholic school, we are always looking for ways to raise funds and awareness to ensure the dignity of every human being and to ensure that as a community we are caring for our common home.

This year, we are taking on a new challenge – Colour Run! During Catholic Education Week we will be participating in a Colour Run at school. But before we get to enjoy the run itself, we have work to do. A link will be sent home to parents in the coming week to explain how the fundraising works. At school, we will be discussing with the students the charities and organisations that we would like to support with the funds that we raise and why. But in the meantime, all you need to do is get your white shirt ready and some old shoes.



FROM THE APC



School Improvement Plan School Priorities and Goals 2023

1. Catholic Identity and Ethos 	• Effective Teaching and Learning  (NSIT Domains 2,5,6,7,8)
1.1 To embed and align Catholic Social Teaching and the Mercy charism throughout the Curriculum and the Teaching and Learning Framework. Goal: To continue developing student awareness of Catholic Social Teachings and how they relate them to the opportunities provided by the school.	2.1 That our school has a culture of data informed practice where every student is engaged and learning successfully in their own ways. Goal: To improve student learning outcomes in writing. Goal: To strengthen student learning outcomes in Mathematics.
3. Pastoral Support and Wellbeing  (NSIT Domain 3)	4. Leadership, Partnerships and Resourcing  (NSIT Domains 1,4,9)
3.1 Based on the Diocesan Wellbeing Framework implement a student wellbeing program that focuses on each child being the best version of themselves. Goal: To strengthen student ability to regulate their emotions.	4.1 To enhance and develop parent and community partnerships to improve student learning. Goal: To engage parents in the ability to understand and apply strategies to regulate their children’s emotions.

REPORT CARDS

Over the last several months, teachers have been monitoring the progress of the students in all subject areas and have been preparing a report for your child to be published at the end of this term. These reports will be available on Parent Lounge on Friday 23rd June from 4pm. Please ensure you are able to access Parent Lounge prior to this date. If you have concerns regarding access to Parent Lounge, please see Heather Hicks in the office. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s report card, can you please arrange an appointment with your child’s teacher.

Changes to Report Cards:

The Curriculum Team at our Catholic Education Office in Rockhampton set up a reporting committee to focus on adjusting the reporting scale in Years 1 and 2. In the past, the reporting scale focussed on very high through to developing. The new change now reflects the A – E scale, the same as Years 3 – 6. This creates consistency and continuity, across Years 1 – 6.

The final change that has been made to report cards this year is in the effort section of each subject area, Lifelong Learner Attributes and Early Years Curriculum. Under each subject area the effort is now titled ‘effort and attitude,’ and all ‘appropriates’ are now changed to ‘satisfactory.’ Please remember that a satisfactory is the standard and what a child should be doing. A commendable mark is given if a child is putting in an effort that is always at a very high standard.

Prep

Applying (AP)	The student applies the curriculum content and demonstrates a thorough understanding of the required knowledge. The student demonstrates a high level of skill that can be transferred to new situations.
Making Connections (MC)	The student makes connections using the curriculum content and demonstrates a clear understanding of the required knowledge. The student applies a high level of skill in situations familiar to them and is beginning to transfer skills to new situations.
Working With (WW)	The student can work with the curriculum content and demonstrates an understanding of the required knowledge. The student applies skills in situations familiar to them.
Exploring (EX)	The student is exploring the curriculum content and demonstrates a basic understanding of some aspects of the required knowledge. The student can apply some skills in situations that are familiar to them.
Becoming Aware (BA)	The student is becoming aware of the curriculum content and demonstrates a limited understanding of some aspects of the required knowledge. The student is beginning to use some skills in situations that are familiar to them.

Years 1-6

A	Evidence in a student's work typically demonstrates a very high level of knowledge and understanding of the content (facts, concepts and procedures) and application of skills
B	Evidence in a student's work typically demonstrates a high level of knowledge and understanding of the content (facts, concepts and procedures) and application of skills
C	Evidence in a student's work typically demonstrates a sound level of knowledge and understanding of the content (facts, concepts and procedures) and application of skills
D	Evidence in a student's work typically demonstrates a limited level of knowledge and understanding of the content (facts, concepts and procedures) and application of skills
E	Evidence in a student's work typically demonstrates a very limited level of knowledge and understanding of the content (facts, concepts and procedures) and application of skills

DO YOU HAVE 2 LEFT THUMBS OR JUST NO TIME...



to sew on those buttons or mend a hem or a tear?? Never fear Mrs Annette Sutton – past member of staff - is here to help you with your child's uniform woes.

You can contact Annette on 0423092257 or suttonannette@hotmail.com

Once you've made contact, drop your uniform in at the front office and Annette will collect and mend. Thank you so much Annette for offering this valuable service.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Prep to Year 6 students
Monday, 8th May 2023
concludes on
Friday, 25th August 2023

2023
Premier's
reading
challenge

Mercy Award

Love Mercy Faith Excellence

TERM 2 WEEK 7 AWARDEES



BOOK FAIR TIME!



SENIOR AND JUNIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVALS

We need Helpers!

If you are able to assist at the Senior Carnival 13/6 or the Junior Carnival 16/6, please fill out the Google Form by no later than Monday 5th June.

Lunch will be provided by the school.

<https://forms.gle/emnAia3rpiW9ddd7>

WATER AWARENESS CHALLENGE ~ PREP - YEAR 2

In Year level groups, the P-2 students will walk across the church oval carrying a bucket. The 50m obstacle relay will be completed in House teams.

SFX will complete this challenge in solidarity with Thandolwayo and the large number of women and children who walk for water every day.

Caritas Australia continues to support disadvantaged communities where water continues to be a life and death issue.



From the P&F

Uniform Shop

Monday 8:15 am to 9 am in the School Hall
(Holland Street side)

Most items sold for \$5 - CASH ONLY (electronic payments not available)

Pie Drive 2023

This year's pie drive will be supplied by Bushman's Pies.

Order forms have gone home with the oldest child in your family, a copy has been sent via email.

Orders close on Monday 19th June, when ordering select the date 'Monday 19th of June' and use the Special Event Menu.

2023 P&F Executive Committee

President: Toni O'Connell
SFXM_PandFPresident@rok.catholic.edu.au

Vice President: David Serginson

Treasurer: Caitlin Place

Secretary: Kelly Walz
SFXM_PandFSecretary@rok.catholic.edu.au

Next Meeting

Tuesday 25th July
6pm in the Staff Room



Important Dates

Term 2 Disco
Friday 9th June

Pie Drive
Orders close: Monday 19th June
Delivery: Thursday 20th July

Father's Day Stall
Tuesday 29th and
Wednesday 30th August

Spring Fair and Market
Friday 8th September

Term 4 Disco
Early Term 4

Christmas Raffle
Drawn at Christmas Carols



Reef Guardian News



This week our Reef Guardian Club were busy planting vegetable seedlings in the raised garden bed at the back of the senior buildings. The seedlings were purchased with money raised from our 10c collections and the reusable T-shirt bags the children made last year.

Our school vegetable garden will help keep the Tuckshop stocked with fresh vegetables from sometime after the June/July holidays. The cos lettuce, tomatoes, shallots and oregano grow especially well in our garden each year.



Did you know that planting Marigold flowers in your vegetable garden will help deter pests?

The large white PVC pipes contain food scraps which then break down to help our soil.



Keep collecting bread bags to place in the box in the office. We have 4 more boxes to fill.

GO PINK FOR NATIONAL BREAST CANCER



GO PINK
Wear it. Shave it.
Colour it.

National Breast Cancer Foundation

FRIDAY 9th JUNE 2023

Dress up in PINK Day - Gold Coin Donation

All proceeds will go to the National Breast Cancer Foundation

YEAR 3 STUDENTS & ST VINNIE'S WINTER APPEAL



Winter Warmers Appeal

OUR YEAR 3 STUDENTS HAVE PARTNERED WITH ST VINCENT DE PAUL TO ASSIST WITH THE VINNIE'S WINTER APPEAL.

HELP US WARM THE HEARTS OF THOSE IN NEED THIS WINTER BY DONATING

- ♥ New or second hand winter clothing
- ♥ New or second hand blankets
- ♥ Non perishable food items

ITEMS DUE MON 12TH JUNE

St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

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more



- Term-Time (8hpw) contract
- For an immediate commencement
- Applications close Wednesday, 7 June 2023

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Catholic Education is committed to best practice in student protection policies and procedures and is an equal opportunity employer. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

FREE
ENTRY

YOL1000 PRESENTS:

**PICNIC IN
THE PARK**

ORGANISED BY YOUNG PEOPLE, FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
BYO PICNIC RUG - FB EVENT @ MACKAY YOUTH CONNECTIONS NETWORK

LIVE MUSIC
YOUTH STALLS
FOOD VANS
GIANT GAMES
+ MORE

TEENAGERS
11 - 17 YRS
WELCOME

JUNE 11
JUBILEE PARK
2PM-6PM

FEATURING MUSICIANS:

TIFFANY GRACE
ALESSANDRO
WILL BLUME
& MORE!

BRING
CASH