



NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL WE WILL:

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

Friday 14 July, 2023

Week 1

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES 2023

Catholic Social Teaching, Writing, Mathematics, Wellbeing and Regulating

Dear Parents & Care Givers,

Welcome back to you all. I hope you managed to have some down time as a family and recharge the batteries for what is going to be another very busy term. You will have received this term's calendar at the end of last term, so you will be aware and prepared for events of the next coming weeks. To set the term off to a smooth start there are a few reminders below regarding collection of children throughout the day.

THREE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ANSWERED

What do I do if I need to collect my child before the end of the school day?

If you need to collect your child to take them to an appointment or you need to take your child from school before the last bell, this is the procedure to follow –

- All parents must go to the office and make the request to Mrs. Grech, Mrs. Hunt or Mrs. Hicks, who will then ring through to the classroom and ask for the student to be sent to the office. You will then need to sign your child out on the Attendance Laptop at the front door of the office. (Our secretaries will give you any assistance you require)
- If your child is returning to school on the same day, you will need to bring them back through the office, sign them back in using the Attendance Laptop and then the student will be able to return to their classroom.
- ***No child is to be collected from or dropped to the classroom, they must go through the office to enter or exit the school outside of the normal school entry and exit times e.g. between 8.30am and 2.50pm.***

What do I do if someone else is collecting my child?

- Please ring the office and advise who will be collecting your child. Please ask for the information to be passed on to the classroom teacher. If possible, ensure your child is aware of and comfortable with travelling with this person. The classroom teacher will confirm with the child who they will be travelling with, and that you (his/her parent) have made the request.

What do I do if our family situation changes?

- If the family's living arrangements change e.g. a marriage separation, we ask that you please advise the school. We will need information such as new addresses, any changes to emergency contacts etc. If there are any court orders, a copy will need to be given in to the office to be kept on your child's student file. These changes in a child's life are huge and so we encourage you to keep in close contact with the teacher to monitor your child's mental well-being as well as any academic or social changes. You may wish to seek the advice of our school's guidance counsellor as well.

God Bless and have a wonderful weekend.

Olivia

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERM 3 WEEK 2?

Monday 17 July:	Art Competition commences
Tuesday 18 July:	NAIDOC Mass – St Joseph's Church 9.30am Year 5 Camp Meeting – 5.00pm
	Board Meeting – 6.00pm
Friday 21 July:	Mackay Primary School's maths challenge Assembly UCA – 8.30am
Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 July	Eucharist Enrolment Mass – 6.00pm Eucharist Enrolment Mass – 9.00am

FROM THE APRE



Date for the Sacrament of Eucharist and Confirmation
26th and 27th August

Whole School Activities to end Catholic Education Week

9:00 - 10am	Catholic Education Week Mass
10 - 10:45 -	'Drawing God' Art Exhibition in library and Open classrooms (come and see what your children are up to in class)
10:45 -	Family picnic
11:30 -	Colour Run



FROM THE APA



National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence Friday 18 August

Please join us as we participate in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on **Friday 18 August 2023**.

This year, the theme is **Growing connections with each other, with our schools and our communities to create positive action** for Australia's key bullying prevention initiative.

Each year, the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is **an important day in our school calendar** as we join with schools across Australia to say 'Bullying. No Way!'.

Together we can make a change. Everyone has a role to play for bullying prevention. This important event promotes the importance of school, parent and community **connections to build safe and supportive learning environments**.

It is an opportunity for our school to deliver the powerful message that **bullying is never ok**. At our school we encourage students and our school community to join the conversation to find evidence-informed solutions to proactively address bullying.

Growing connections helps students feel accepted, respected, included and supported. The 2023 theme offers an opportunity to increase student connectedness and sense of belonging.

Research has shown that **a sense of connection to school supports the development of positive social behaviours and decreases the likelihood and negative impacts of bullying.**

Please stay tuned to our newsletter for more important information on this topic.

FROM THE APC



School Improvement Plan School Priorities and Goals 2023

1. Catholic Identity and Ethos  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.	• Effective Teaching and Learning (NSIT Domains 2,5,6,7,8) 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)  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. Leadership, Partnerships and Resourcing (NSIT Domains 1,4,9) 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. 

NAPLAN 2023 Results

NAPLAN results are due to be released in early Term 3. The 2023 reports will be very different to those to which we have become accustomed.

Instead of students being placed on a 10-band scale, there will be four proficiencies.

- **Exceeding:** the student's result exceeds expectations at the time of testing.
- **Strong:** the student's result meets challenging but reasonable expectations at the time of testing.
- **Developing:** the student's result indicates that they are working towards expectations at the time of testing.
- **Needs additional support:** the student's result indicates that they are not achieving the learning outcomes that are expected at the time of testing. They are likely to need additional support to progress satisfactorily.

NAPLAN
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

Years 3 and 5 parents please keep an eye out for your child's results. The results will be sent home in a sealed envelope.

REMINDER : Year 5 Camp

This Tuesday, all parents of Year 5 SFX students are invited to a meeting regarding our Leadership Camp to Kinchant Dam (**Sept 4-6**).

This information session is designed for Year 5 parents; students will be involved in preparations for camp later in the term.

Date: Tuesday 18th July; Week 2

Time: 5pm-6pm

Location: SFX A Block - Year 5 classrooms

We will email our slideshow (PDF) to all Year 5 parents after our meeting has taken place.

Thank you!

**Trish, Carlie and Bernadetta
Year 5 Teachers**

ROCK POP MIME

(and how you can watch)

If you are wanting to view our school's performance at ROCK POP MIME – the link to live stream is below. Enjoy the performance!

<https://youtube.com/live/cdqhh8atnYk?feature=share>

National Science Week – Week 6

The **National Science Week theme for 2023 is Innovation: Powering Future Industries**. The theme incorporates the advancement in technology in all industries, especially using artificial intelligence (AI). The curriculum focus of the theme is:

- Science as a Human Endeavour
- Chemical Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Earth and Space Sciences, and
- Biological Sciences.

Along with the Sustainability cross-curriculum priority, it is versatile and accessible to all students and teachers. Student investigations could include the use of AI in industry, recent advancements in renewal energy technology, data science, and environmental monitoring. With topics of interest from medicine to marine research, agriculture, climate change and mining there are opportunities to engage with the theme from a variety of perspectives.



Colour Run Shirts

Those students who are registered for our school colour run on Friday 28th July, will need to bring into the classroom from Monday 17th July, the clothes they will need to change into for the colour run.



These clothes need to come in a labelled plastic bag. Please ensure all clothes inside are labelled.

The colour run clothes will go back in this bag afterwards to bring them home.

What do I need?

1. White shirt - or any old light-coloured clothes are suitable, **you do not need to buy anything new.**
2. Old Shorts / leggings (these will get messy)
3. Shoes are required, socks are optional
4. Towel for drying off afterwards
5. Undies - you will be getting wet, so will need dry clothes for afterwards
6. Sports bra / crop top - (older students) you may get wet, so shirts can become transparent.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Prep to Year 6 students

Monday, 8th May 2023

concludes on

Friday, 25th August 2

2023
Premier's
reading
challenge

ICAS MATHS nominations~Close Monday 17 July

Dear Parents,

- It's ICAS time again! ICAS is a school competition that inspires, celebrates and challenges children and is conducted at school on their iPads. The competition questions are set in modern, real-world scenarios where school students are assessed on their ability to apply classroom learning to new contexts, using higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills.
- The assessments we offer are English and Mathematics for Years 4, 5 and 6. These will be conducted in August. Each test costs \$19.25
- If you would like your child to participate, ICAS assessments can be ordered using the online Parent Payment System in the ICAS shop.

<https://www.icasassessments.com/>

The parent code is: UMS576

Kind Regards, Mrs Tracey Galletly (Year 5 teacher)

NUNEE DINGOES



A HUGE congratulations to the 2023 Nunee Dingoes team who won the overall Athletics Carnival shield as well as the War Cry shield last term. Well done to all!

**Nunee Dingoes Captains
Liam Manning and Ruby Ruston**

CAPRICORNIA HOCKEY

Congratulations also to Lucy Mansfield, Hudson Mayfield and Thomas McLean who recently travelled to Rockhampton with the Capricornia teams. All students played well.

Hudson was selected in the Qld boys hockey team to travel to Tasmania in August. Good luck at your next tournament, Hudson.

The Capricornia boys team won gold and the girls team won silver. Well done!



Changed traffic conditions on Lagoon and Holland streets

Mackay Regional Council wishes to advise that drainage improvement works will be occurring within Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens and on Lagoon, Holland and Barton streets.

From Monday, July 17, Stage 1 will commence in the Botanic Gardens for about three months, weather permitting. During this time, changed traffic conditions will be in place on Lagoon and Holland streets with detours including no right turn from Lagoon Street into Holland Street.

The existing Lagoon Street bus stop located near the Holland Street entrance will be temporarily moved a short distance to the west. The temporary bus stop will be located near Mackenzie Street. Pedestrians can expect detours around the work site – please follow all signage.

Stage 2 will begin in the southern end of Holland Street and progress to Barton Street - this stage will commence when the Botanic Gardens component has finished.

To learn more about this project visit www.connectingmackay.com.au/barton-street-drainage

Council sincerely appreciates your patience during these essential works.



Special General Meeting

Tuesday 25th of July

6pm in the Staff Room

From the P&F



Important Dates

Pie Drive

Delivery: Thursday 20th July

Special General Meeting

Tuesday 25th 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

Pie Drive Delivery Day

Thursday July 20th

Pick up from 2:30pm to 3:30pm



HELPERS NEEDED!
Please scan the
QR code or follow the
link in your email



**MACKAY TOUCH
2023 JUNIOR
SEASON**

**REGISTER
YOUR TEAM NOW !!!**

**STARTS 11 AUGUST 2023
GRAND FINAL: 17 NOV 2023
NO GAMES IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

AGES:
8&U; 10&U; 12&U;
14&U 16&U
GIRLS & BOYS
PLUS
14&U; 16&U MIXED

FOLLOW LINK TO REGISTER
<https://mackaytouch.com.au/register/participant/team>
CONTACT admin@mackaytouch.com.au or
0409050554 for further information

COST:
\$22 TFA FEE PLUS
\$90 PER PLAYER
FAMILY DISCOUNT
AVAILABLE FOR 3 OR
MORE
Teams must have 8
registered to be included
in comp

ATOM SOCCER PROGRAM

TRAIN BETTER

Atom Soccer Program is offering fun, junior skills training sessions focussing on the 4-Core Skills of soccer.

- Striking the ball.
- First touch,
- 1 v 1,
- Running with the ball.

Also including ball mastery and game settings.

Our program is designed to give children more opportunities to train, enjoy their soccer and get a ball at their feet.

Cost: \$20 per session.

Coach Tom is Football Queensland certified (Miniroos, Skills Training, Games Training), and has been coaching U5-U11 for the past 5 years.

Important - Children attending will need to be wearing soccer boots and shin pads. They will also need a water bottle.

U5-8 Sessions (Discovery) - TERM 3
For children aged 5 to 8, no previous playing experience is required. All schools and clubs are welcome.

Monday's at St Mary's 3.15 - 4.15pm.
Tuesday's St Francis 3.15 - 4.15pm, and
4.30 - 5.30pm.

Runs every week of the school term.

SAP PREPARATION - TERM 3
For children aged 8 to 10. These sessions are intended for those children who are playing and would like to refine their individual skills.

We are focused on assisting those children who are intending to trial for FQ Academy later this year

Monday's at St Mary's 4.30 - 5.30pm.

Runs every week of the school term.

SPECIAL

Atom Soccer Program is excited to offer these sessions at half price for new registrations, for the whole term.

Contact us today!

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