NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL WE WILL:
Learn, Love, Live The Gospel, Witness Our Faith & Celebrate Life

Mercy Values →	SFX Virtues →	SFX Vision →	SFX Mission
Community	Love	Spirit filled faith community	Celebrate life
Spirituality	Faith	Nurture the Catholic faith	Witness our faith
Social Justice	Mercy	Fullness of life	Live the Gospel
Service	Excellence	Pursue excellence in learning	Learn

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES 2022

Catholic Social Teaching Mercy Charism Spelling Reading Wellbeing and Sustainability

Term 3 Week 6

Dear Parents/Care Givers,

Over the weekend, I was blessed to be able to witness a wonderful group of our children receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. We thank Bishop Michael who officiated at both masses and was supported by Fr Gasper and Fr Alex.
I was so proud of the children in the way they showed such reverence and respect throughout the celebrations. These young people are now fully initiated into the Catholic family.
If it 'takes a village to raise a child', it certainly takes a team to help our young Catholics along their spiritual journey. Thank you so much to the parents for walking this journey with your children. Thank you also to Amanda Griffin, our APRE, for the way in which you supported families throughout the preparation of the children for this special time in their lives. And our final thanks go to the Leadership team, teachers and Catechists for sharing their faith with the children.

Laying on of hands

Anointing with oil of Chrism

Receiving the Body of Christ

Did you know...

The Sacraments of Initiation are so named because all three of them are necessary for one to be a full member of the Christian community. Baptism is a re-birth of the individual into sharing the life of Christ.
To carry on Christ's mission in the world, the Christian needs the gifts of the Holy Spirit that filled Christ in his lifetime. These are bestowed through Confirmation.
The daily living of the gospel is not possible alone. It must be done in union with the whole Body of Christ and relying on the nourishment that God gives. First Communion introduces one to the Eucharist, which especially among its liturgical celebrations is the 'summit and source of the Church's life'.

Have a wonderful weekend.

God Bless.
Olivia

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SFX?

TERM 3

19 August	Regional Principals' meeting Art Competition entries close
23 August	Board meeting
26 August	Book Week dress up Disco 6 – 7:30pm (own choice theme)
30 & 31 August	Fathers' Day stall
31 August	Year 2 HaSS excursion
1 September	Fathers' Day prayer celebration & morning tea National Indigenous Literacy Day
2 September	**PUPIL FREE DAY**
4 September	**HAPPY FATHERS' DAY**
5 – 7 September	Year 5 camp
5 – 9 September	Book Fair
7 September	World Duchenne Awareness Day – **wear yellow**
9 September	**TWILIGHT MARKETS**
14 September	SFX swimming carnival
15 September	Dance concert
16 September	**LAST DAY OF TERM**

FROM THE APRE

Daniel Morcombe Curriculum

REACT

Over the last two weeks our students were learning to **recognise** if they were safe or unsafe in the *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum*. Our safety lessons will now be focusing on the second safety message: **react.**

When children **recognise** that they are in an unsafe situation, we encourage them to think about what they could do to be safe again. They will have opportunities to think about ways to **react** using real-life scenarios. Our students will also learn that breaking the rules (e.g., saying no to an adult who is behaving inappropriately) is sometimes necessary so that they can become safe again.

Please take the time to talk with your children about what they have been learning about safety and, in particular, the ways they could **react** if they are unsafe to make themselves safe again. Talking with your child about ways to stay safe will help them to develop life-long safety skills.

FROM THE APA

Before School Supervision

As you know, ***our first bell in the morning rings at 8.15am. From this time, the school provides supervision of our students.*** Each morning, all or most of the Leadership Team will be in the UCA until the 8.25am bell to supervise any students who wish to play handball, or just have a chat.

The school begins supervision at 8.15am to allow staff to complete tasks before this time and be ready to begin the school day. We remind parents that students should not be dropped at the school prior to this time, unless you, as parents, are able to stay with your own children and supervise them until the 8.15am bell.

If this is not possible, due to work or other commitments, we remind parents ***we have both Before and After School Care available, in our hall each school day. If you wish to contact our OSHC staff, please use one of the following phone numbers – 49949329 or 0407173822***

Students who arrive at school prior to 8.15am must sit in the UCA and wait for the 8.15am bell before moving safely to their classrooms to unpack their bags and prepare themselves for the school day.

In line with our Workplace Health and Safety Guidelines, we must remind parents that students who arrive before the 8.15am bell will not be supervised by staff.

FROM THE APC

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS FOR PREP—YEAR 6

Prep - Year 6 teachers will be holding their Parent/Teacher Interviews in Weeks 8 & 9 of Term 3. **Year 5 interviews will be held in Weeks 8 and 10.** The interviews will be 15mins long. All appointment times will be booked through Parent Lounge over a 1 ½ - week period between Weeks 6 and 7.

Please check to make sure you are able to access Parent Lounge before the interview dates. If you are having issues with this, please speak to Tanya Chick in our administration office.

Once you have selected your interview time, I encourage you to record this somewhere important, so you arrive to your child's interview at the correct time. If you need to check the time that you have selected, you are able to log in to Parent Lounge and click on the Parent Teacher Interviews tab and your interview times will be displayed on the screen.

Parent Lounge – Week 6 and 7 Booking Time for Parents:

OPEN to Parents for booking appointment times on

Wednesday 17/08 at 7:00am and closes on Friday 26/08 at 5:00pm.

Swimming Carnival Years 3 - 6

Our Annual School Swimming Carnival will held on Wednesday 14th September at the MARC (Mackay Aquatic Recreation Complex). The aim of our Swimming Carnival is to involve students in a school community event, regardless of their skill level, as well as developing school spirit and culture. The carnival will be for students in Years 3-6. **Year 3 children will attend the carnival until their races are completed and then they will return to school by bus.**
We encourage all students to compete in at least one event as this gives them one house point. All events are organised under the age your child is turning this year.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE IS DUE BACK TO CLASSROOM TEACHERS ON FRIDAY 26th AUGUST

National Science Week 13 – 21 August 2022

National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of science and technology. Running each year in August, schools across Australia celebrate by looking at a specific theme or an interesting learning topic in Science. The 2022 schools' theme is Glass: more than meets the eye. In 2022, the world observes the UN-declared International Year of Glass, celebrating what the UN describes as one of the most important, versatile and transformative materials of history. Glass will continue to have an enormous impact into our future, not only for its many applications, but also for the integral role it will play in sustainable development.

Glass: More Than Meets the Eye provides an excellent opportunity to understand a household item in a new light. Glass has many useful properties, which has led to it being used in various applications from kitchenware to telescopes. Glass is chemically inert. It is composed of silicon dioxide, the same as sand. It is also infinitely recyclable. Glass can be blown and crafted into intricate shapes, which is useful not only for making laboratory glassware but also for artistic pieces. Glass can also be made into fibreglass, which is an excellent insulation material, and also used in the aerospace industry for making fibreglass composite.

6W - Science experiments on cyclones. As part of our Natural Disaster unit, the students enjoyed filling the bottles to see the cyclones come to life!

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2MW - National Science Week with magnifying glasses. After listing glass objects that could be found in the classroom and watching a short video about making marbles, the children got to use magnifying glasses to take a closer look at different objects. The children have also been looking at the water cycle. In the experiment on the far right the children will be able to see the evaporation of the water droplets.

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Year 1: We watched how glass was made which is connected to our science unit ‘Materials and how they can change’. We learnt about the properties of glass e.g., Translucent - lets light through etc. We looked at how stained-glass windows are made for churches and connected it to our church windows. Then we created a stained-glass window for art using card and cellophane paper. We then took our windows out to see how light passed through the coloured cellophane and changed the colour of the light, just like in church windows. We will now connect it to English and write the procedure for making the window craft.

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This National Science Week, **4T** investigated how we could use gravitational force to redirect a marble into a preferred location. A lot of what we made turned into really fun games.

Year 5s – Experimenting with water, glass and light.

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This term in **3C** we have been learning about Solids, Liquids and Gases in Science and the Sugar Production Chain in Design Technology, so for National Science Week we have combine our learnings and been observing a ROCK CANDY EXPERIMENT! Each day this week we have been watching our candy crystals grow and on Friday we will take home our delicious-self-grown-science treats!

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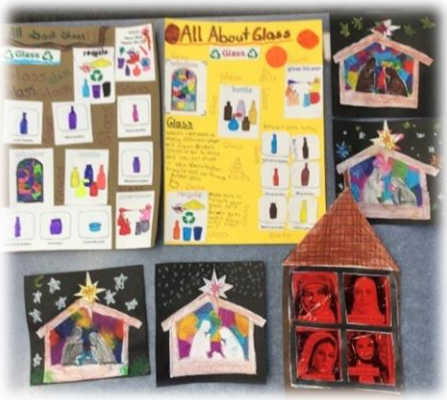
In class this week, **4BL** celebrated Science Week by learning all about different types of glass, uses for glass and that glass is recyclable. The students created posters of information about glass and made stained glass windows.



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6L The students are holding the 'layers of the Earth' from our core sample experiment and a seismograph.

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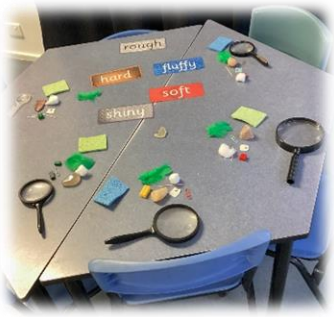
In **Prep B** we talked about stain glass windows. We discussed where we have seen stain glass windows and decided to make our craft for the week into a stain glass window.

In **Prep D** we have had a lot of fun deciding which items are magnetic and which items are not. Using our investigative and exploration skills we decided that items that are made of metal are magnetic, while items that were made of wood or stone were not magnetic at all. We have been learning about materials and their properties in Science this term, so using our magnifying glasses we explored the different properties of items found on the table, we used words like soft and hard, rough and smooth. It was a lot of fun exploring the materials, we sure love Science in Prep D.



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The **Year 4C** students made predictions this week about what would happen when they tapped different glasses that were the same size with varying levels of water.

They predicted correctly saying that we would hear tunes with high to low pitches. Some students predicted that the colours might change too. We also observed the vibrations moving across the water and investigated why the sounds were different. Lots of fun!

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6P Science Fun!

On Thursday, 6P learnt all about Glass as part of National Science Week.

We had some great discussions on how glass can be naturally and how it can be human created and found some fantastic knowledge about glass from our First Nations Peoples. We looked at how we can do our part towards a more sustainable future by following the key principles of reducing, reusing and recycling.

We finished by doing a sound experiment with different types of glass jars and bottles!

Mrs Powell and Miss Leotta

Science Week in 3H

Colour Blast Experiment – using food colouring, baking soda & vinegar.

We blew up a balloon by mixing vinegar and baking soda. The reaction between the two created a gas which inflated the balloon.

Rainbow Cloud Experiment

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Prep W – Exploring the Prep playground with magnifying glasses

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Year 2W planted bean plants and have enjoyed watching them grow. We have discussed how using one of our Natural Resources, water, is important but remembering that too much or too little, will not help our plants grow. Lots of discussion and learning has been around parts of the plant, how they grow and what is required for them to survive and provide beans. We have also enjoyed practicing our newly found measuring skills.

YEAR 3 NEWS

"*Find happiness in making others happy*." - Mary Mackillop

Last week we celebrated Mary Mackillop's feast day as a whole school by attending a prayer celebration in the church and doing some activities in class. **3H** were very busy working on their pictures of Mary Mackillop for the Year 6 Caritas fundraiser.

3K begin each day with our welcome circle. The children sit in a circle to welcome each other, share any exciting news they may have and spend some time in prayer. The welcome circle finishes with a positive primer, which the children think is a great way to start the day.

WELCOME BACK MRS HALL!

This week in **3C** we have welcomed Mrs. Hall back into our classroom. She has returned to complete her teaching degree with us. The children can't wait to learn and grow with her for the rest of the term!

Kid of the Day in 3H

This term we have been celebrating one different child each day in 3H as a part of our behaviour management system. The student who earns the most praise points for the day, becomes the kid of the day the next day. The children love being treated like royalty for the day.

Mercy Awards

Love Mercy Faith Excellence

Term 3 Week 6 Awardees

Congratulations to…

Some of our students competed in the NQ Junior Regional Championships last weekend and became regional champions (won the comp) – woohoo!!! All 3 girls are at PURE Gymnastics.

Haylee Kenworthy (6W)
Level 3 Open

Ruby Ruston (5E)
Level 4 Under 10

Ruby Smith (6W)
Level 6 Under 12

Our Reef Guardians continue to collect bread bags

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

St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Did you know?

Members help families with education expenses; like uniforms, books and stationery. They look at this during August and September for the next school year, they listen to the person being assisted, help with applications, communicate with suppliers, organise payments and supply required school materials.

Any questions? Contact office.mackay@svdpqld.org.au or a local St Vincent de Paul Member.

For the 12th year running the BMA River 2 Reef Charity Ride is raising monies for CQ Rescue and Sporting Wheelies & Disabled Association, every registration adds value to this cause. Kids will have a great (and safe) time on their wheels lapping the Botanic Gardens with much-loved and exciting colour hits along the way.

Distances will be based on age and ability:

- 3-4 years Special Mini-Course
- 5-7 years 1.5km-3km (2 loops)
- 8-10 years 3-6km (2-4 loops)
- 11-12 years 6-10km (4-6 loops)

This is an event for the entire family so bring everyone along including the grandparents for an afternoon of fun. There will be food trucks and live entertainment.
Kids can ride scooters or bikes. Helmets are essential, eye protection (sunglasses) is recommended. Only 12 and under can be registered. Parents can run alongside the cycle path but for safety reasons cannot be on the course. We encourage families to do some bike rides at the Mackay Botanic Gardens in the lead up to the event so that kids can build confidence and familiarity. This is a non-competitive event.
*LIMITED STOCK - Event T-Shirt stock is limited, register now to secure your child a t-shirt in the correct size.

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TERM THREE **EDUCATOR'S NEWS**

QUEENSLAND MUSEUM NETWORK PRESENTS

UNEARTHED *FREE EVENT*

Returning to Mackay this August!

Unearthed FREE community event
Sunday 21 August 2022, 9:00am – 2:30pm
Join us for an action packed program of STEAM inspired entertainment for the whole family!

- Discover local megafauna and prehistoric sea monsters from real fossils to digital models
- Live science experiments, music and talks
- Drones, robotics and virtual realities
- Meet Queensland Museum Network curators
- Battle it out in our Minecraft competition
- Get creative with the art of science and more!

Learn more: unearthed@qm.qld.gov.au

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PREP - 13 YEARS
MGI Members $50/Day
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Your child will need to bring morning tea, lunch and a water bottle
5 Snow Wright Crt Beaconsfield
To book call 49420032 or email
admin@mackaygymnastics.org.au

2022
KARYN MURPHY CUP

PRIMARY SCHOOL GALA DAY

Tuesday 13th September 2022

4:00pm - 6:30pm

Mackay Junior Rugby League Fields

The KMC Gala Day will consist of a Tackle Ready session and a round robin of games. The Gala Day will be run by the NRL team.

Please bring football boots, Mouth guard, water bottle and Head guard.

If you have any issues please contact Mathew Surha on msurha@nrl.com.au or Bede Aquilini on baquilini@nrl.com.au.