

NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL WE WILL:

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

Friday 1 September 2023

Week 8

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES 2023

Catholic Social Teaching, Writing, Mathematics, Wellbeing and Regulating

Dear Parents & Care Givers,



to those wonderful mums who turned up to run the Fathers' Day stall on Monday and Tuesday. The children were so excited to be able to purchase 'a little something' for the significant male in their lives.

We wish all those who are tasked with taking on the 'father' role in children's lives a wonderful day on Sunday.

A PRAYER FOR FATHERS

Composed by Rev. Chuck Currie

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.

Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail.

We ask for Your blessings for them all – and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways – both big and small – they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent – grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches – and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting.

Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray.

Amen

Have a wonderful weekend.

God Bless,
Olivia

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERM 3 WEEK 9?

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| Monday 4 Sept: | Child Protection Week |
| | Year 5 Camp |
| Tuesday 5 Sept: | Year 5 Camp |
| Wednesday 6 Sept: | Year 5 Camp |
| | Deadly Day Out |
| Thursday 7 Sept: | World Duchenne Awareness Day (Dress in Yellow) |
| Friday 8 Sept: | Assembly 8.30am UCA
HOUSE DAY – House Polos to be worn
TWILIGHT MARKETS 5.00pm – 9.00am |

MONDAY 2 OCTOBER 2023
KING'S BIRTHDAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2023
TERM FOUR
COMMENCES

FROM THE APRE



Celebration of Sacrament of Communion & Eucharist

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 supported by Fr Matthias.

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.

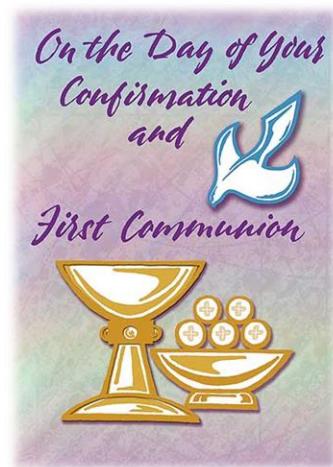
And our final thanks go to the Leadership team, teachers, and Catechists for sharing their faith with the children.

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'.



FATHER'S DAY PRAYER CELEBRATION

Our Father's Day Prayer Celebration is one of our favourites for the year. It is such a blessing to have so many dads and grandads join us for their special day. Happy Father's Day to all those who are such wonderful role models for our children! Thank you!



FROM THE APA

ST FRANCIS XAVIER FACEBOOK PAGE



Our school's Facebook page gives us wonderful opportunities to disseminate information to parents, share photos of school events and classroom activities, send reminders for upcoming events, and congratulate students for a variety of milestones.

We would like to sincerely thank all the parents who write positive comments about the posts we upload.

Do we have one request – Please do not ask questions in the comments section of our posts with the expectation that a staff member or another parent will answer those questions. We have found that, at times, incorrect information has been given and this has resulted in confusion for others.

If you are unsure about the information on the post, please contact our school on 49511861 or contact your child's teacher via email. If your teacher cannot answer the question, they will forward your question to the appropriate staff member.

We are grateful to the many parents who use our Facebook page to congratulate students for their achievements and/or thank staff members.

We do ask that you do not use our Facebook page to vent your disapproval of school decisions or make comments that may be perceived as negative. We are very happy to receive feedback, or hear your thoughts and ideas, we simply ask that you do so via email, a face-to-face interview, or a phone call.

WORLD DUCHENNE AWARENESS DAY ~ Thursday 7 September STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO WEAR YELLOW

An inherited disorder of progressive muscular weakness, typically in boys.

Many people with muscular dystrophy have Duchenne syndrome. Girls can be carriers and mildly affected, but the disease typically affects boys. Symptoms include frequent falls, trouble getting up or running, waddling gait, big calves and learning disabilities.

There is no cure, but physiotherapy and medication, such as corticosteroids, can help control symptoms and improve quality of life.

Treatment can help, but this condition can't be cured.

- Requires a medical diagnosis.
- Lab tests or imaging always required.
- Chronic: can last for years or be lifelong.



HOUSE DAY ~ FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Students are invited to wear house polos.

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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">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) 	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.

YEARS 3-6 SWIMMING CARNIVAL GUIDELINES

Thursday 14 September ~ MARC

- Please ensure you or your child/ren do not bring glass water bottles into the pool grounds.
- Children must not wear coloured zinc or hair spray as this causes issues for the pool water.
- No crepe paper is to be brought into the pool grounds, as the colour runs if wet.
- Please follow the photos below for allocated seating and out of bounds areas.
- Please ensure your child is at school by no later than 8.30am, as buses leave around 8.45am.

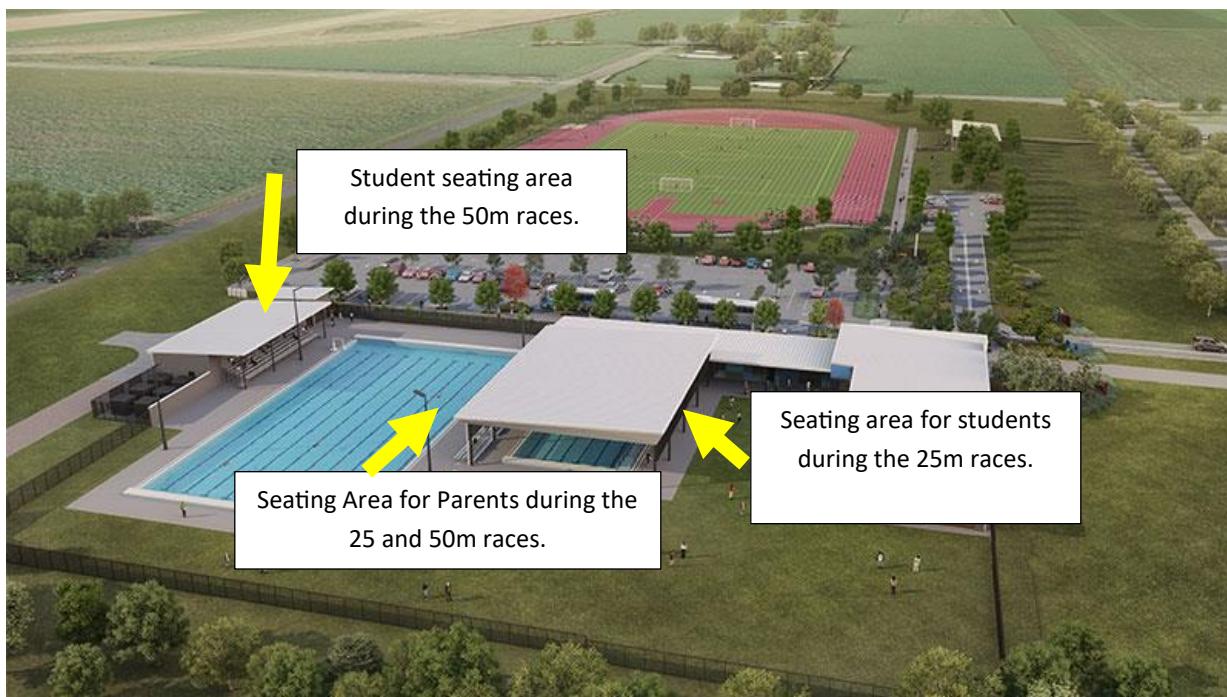
TUCKSHOP AND SNACK

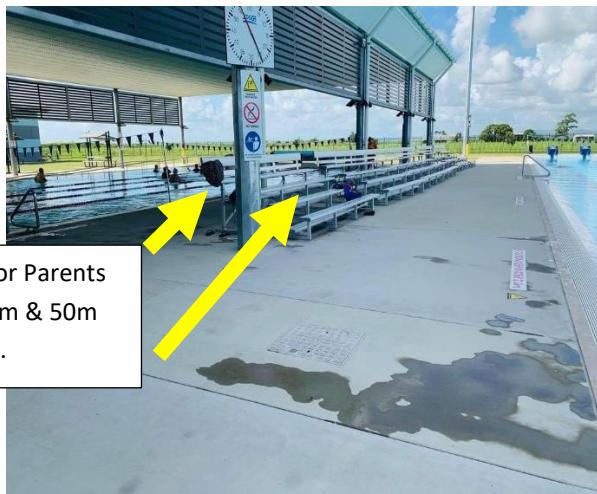
- Please pack your child a morning tea snack, as the children will eat before going on the bus.
- Children are required to bring a packed lunch and can purchase snacks during the day.
- The MARC Tuckshop will be open during our carnival; however, children are not to use the tuckshop prior to our set lunch break. **Parents are welcome to purchase their own items but please do not go purchasing items for your child prior to the set break.**
- **Lollies will not be for sale until 12.30pm.**

CLOTHING AND ITEMS NEEDED

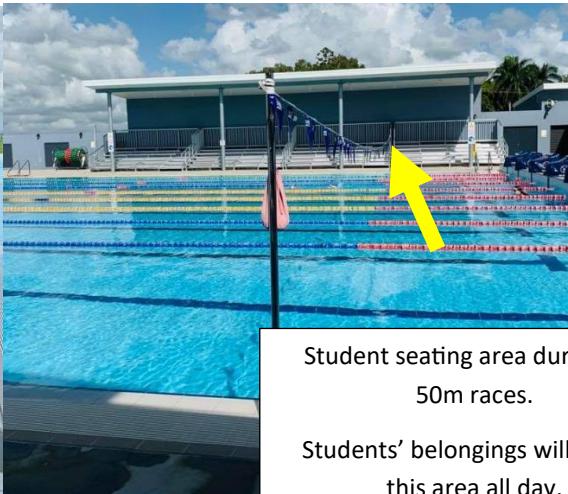
- Please ensure your child comes to school with their swimming gear underneath their house shirt and sports shorts. **Children are welcome to wear thongs for the day.**
- Please pack the following items – goggles, towel, spare underwear, water bottle, hat etc.
- Sunscreen will be provided by each classroom teacher – if you wish to pack your child extra that is fine.
- **YEAR 4 – 6 PLEASE LEAVE YOUR iPADS AT HOME**

SEATING AREAS FOR PARENTS/STUDENTS DURING THE CARNIVAL



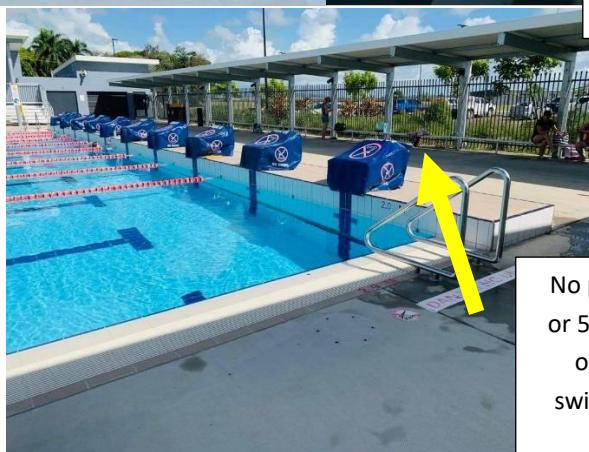


Seating Area for Parents
during the 25m & 50m
races.



Student seating area during the
50m races.

Students' belongings will stay in
this area all day.



No parents at the 25m
or 50m finishing area –
only timekeepers,
swimmers and record
keepers.

Mercy Award

Love Mercy Faith Excellence

TERM 3 WEEK 7 AWARDEES



TERM 3 WEEK 8 AWARDEES



We are asking families and friends for contributions towards our Plant Stall, Cent Sale and Bake and Sweet Stall at this year's Twilight Fair and Market on Friday the 8th of September.

Cent Sale donations can be dropped at the office in the two weeks leading up to the fair (up until the day before), we ask that donations for the Plant Stall and Bake & Sweet Stall be brought in on the day before and day of the fair.

Money raised by the P&F is used to buy resources and provide services for the school. Items purchased by the P&F include (but not limited to) musical instruments, sporting equipment, play equipment, books and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) supplies.

CENT SALE

Prizes do not need to be wrapped as our volunteers will put 'prize packs' together.

Items that make great Cent Sale prizes include (but not limited to): glassware, crockery, sweets, bottles of wine, stationery items, toys, board games, gift vouchers, handmade items, photo frames, body care... the list goes on!!!



PLANT STALL



For the Green Thumbs, we will be holding a Plant Stall this year!

We are looking for living donations such as propagated cuttings, seedlings, or grown plants that we can sell in our Plant Stall. There is no need for fancy pots – a simple paper cup is all that is needed.

BAKE AND SWEET STALL

Last year's Bake and Sweet Stall was a big success – so we are doing it again!!!

Contributions towards this can be brought into the school on the day of the fair. If you are preparing a homemade treat, we would kindly request that a list of ingredients be sent along.

Items could include cupcakes, slices, lolly bags, chocolates – Anything Sweet!!



THANK YOU!

We would like to thank you for your continued support with running events for the enjoyment and benefit of the school community!

If you have any queries, please contact the school so that we can assist you.

The St Francis P&F Executive

Cash accepted, limited Eftpos available

St Francis Xavier

Spring Fair & Twilight Markets

Lucky door prize - win a bike

**Friday 8th September
5pm-9pm**

SFX Catholic Primary School fields.

FREE ENTRY
Arm bands pre purchased \$35 or \$40 on the night

Join us for lots of fun!

- Super slide •
- Roller coaster •
- Tea cups •
- King flyer •
- Inflatable jumping castle •
- Cent Sale •
- Market stalls •
- Yummy food vendors •
- and much more!

Slushies, bake stall, glitter tattoo & hair stall & glow wands.
Made with PosterMyWall.com Win a meat tray and bar for the adults

SPRING FAIR 2023

Unlimited Ride Passes

What is it?
An Unlimited Ride Pass is just that - it entitles the person to unlimited entry to any and all rides at the Spring Fair (age and height restrictions apply).

How much is it?
Pre-purchased passes are \$35, purchasing one on the night will cost \$40.

How do I buy one?
Unlimited Ride Passes can be purchased online by visiting <https://www.trybooking.com/CKKHW> or scanning the QR code below. They will also be available for purchase using cash or EFTPOS in the Undercover Area at school leading up to the Fair (sale days TBA). On the night you will need to visit the Bill's Amusements ticket booth to purchase.

What do I do on the night?
When you arrive at the fair, you will need to visit the Bill's Amusement ticket booth (at the beginning of the night there will be a line). You will need to present either your receipt (if purchased at school) or online booking confirmation to the staff who will provide you with an armband. It is important that this armband is kept on for the entire event to ensure that you are not denied entry to the rides!

Do I need to have one to attend the fair?
No, you do not need to have a ride pass. Ride tickets can be purchased individually from the ticket booth. There is no charge for entry to the Spring Fair.

HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

Dodgems - 100cm - 130cm NEEDS a driver (parent is covered on child's armband to drive)
Crazy Wave & Drop Zone 122cm & over
King Flyer - 100cm & over
Roller Coaster - 90cm & over (no adults)
Tea Cups & Super Slide - 4 yrs & under must ride with a responsible person

A standard black and white QR code located in the bottom right corner of the page, intended for users to scan and be directed to the online booking website for ride passes.



CONGRATULATIONS

On Sunday Luke raced the Grasstree Beach Races, the only race like it in Australia .

He came away with 2x 1st Places in both his Bike Classes (65cc 10-12yrs & 85cc 9-12yrs). This is a massive achievement, and we are super proud of the little MotoX star taking on and beating the Speedway & Flat track racers. A 10yr old racing at more than 100km/hr. Well done, Luke!



RCIA INQUIRY NIGHT: An inquiry session will be held on Wednesday 20th September at 7.00pm, at St Mary's Parish Office, Morley St, South Mackay for those interested in learning, without any pressure or commitment, about Jesus Christ, the teachings of His Church and the meaning that only He can give. Inquiry is for adults who: want to know the basics about Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church, have never been baptized, or have been baptized but have not been Confirmed in the Catholic Church. Please contact the Cluster Office on 49574807 or email cluster@smky.catholics.org.au to register your interest.

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WE ARE HIRING

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, MACKAY

► TERM-TIME CONTINUING, 38HPW
► COMMENCING FROM OCTOBER 2023

APPLY TODAY

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
8 SEPTEMBER 2023

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WE ARE HIRING

TEACHER ASSISTANT (CASUAL)

MACKILLOP CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, MACKAY

► CASUAL CONTINUING
► FOR AN IMMEDIATE COMMENCEMENT

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JUNIOR SIGN-ON

**WEDNESDAY
6TH SEPTEMBER
HARRUP PARK
4:30PM - 6PM**

JUNIOR SEASON 2023 - 2024

MACKAY JUNIOR CRICKET

- JUNIOR BLASTERS (AGES 5-7)**
- MASTER BLASTERS (AGES 7-10)**
- JNR CLUB CRICKET (AGES 11-17)**
- HEAT GIRLS LEAGUE (AGES 11-15)**

Website: mackaycricket.qld.cricket.com.au

JUNIOR CRICKET CLUBS

- BROTHERS CRICKET CLUB**
E: brotherscricketmackay@gmail.com
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F: facebook.com/BrothersCricketClubMackay
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- MAGPIES CRICKET CLUB**
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- WALKERSTON CRICKET**
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Location: Juliet Street, South Mackay

Facebook: www.facebook.com/MackayCricket



PIONEER SWIM CLUB
CLUB NIGHT 23-24_02
6:00PM 14 SEPTEMBER 2023
MEMORIAL SWIM CENTRE

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

EVENT	DISTANCE	STROKE
1	200 metres	Breaststroke
2	25 metres	Backstroke
3	50 metres	Backstroke
4	25 metres	Freestyle
5	50 metres	Freestyle
6	25 metres	Breaststroke
7	50 metres	Breaststroke
8	25 metres	Butterfly
9	50 metres	Butterfly
10	100 metres	Backstroke

COME & TRY!
**NEW DOLPHINS
ALWAYS WELCOME**

- Relaxed, friendly & encouraging environment
- Swimmers placed in races with others at a similar skill level
- 25m (half-lap) races available
- Beginners never 'thrown in the deep end' (metaphorically) – guidance & support provided
- 100% free – pool & race entry is covered

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NORTH MACKAY MAGIC

JUNIOR BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

START: 5th October 2023
FINISH: 16th March 2024

PLAYERS AGE GROUPS

BOYS & GIRLS: U8s, U10s, U12s, U14s, U16s & U18s

LOOKING FOR U8, U10, U12 GIRLS

NEW MEMBER SIGN-ON DAY

WHEN: Sunday 10th September
WHERE: McDonalds Mackay Stadium from 9am-12pm

SIGN UP WITH MAGIC!

For more information
Contact: Darren - 0467 335 453



SURF SKILLS FOR LIFE

Embrace the Sun, Fun and Family Friendly Beach & Water Activities at our Sunday Nippers.

COME & TRY DAYS!
Sarina Beach Surf Lifesaving Club
8:30am - 11:00am

SUNDAY 3 & 10 SEPTEMBER

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SPRING HOLIDAY

ENGINEERING, ROBOTICS & ELECTRONICS 2 DAY CAMP

WONDER KIDZ

CQUniversity Campus Ooralea

Monday 25th September - Tuesday 26th September

Eligibility	Date	Time	Fee	No. of Days	Book online*
Yr 1 - 6	25-26 Sept	9:00am to 3:00pm	\$175	2	www.trybooking.com/CLCR

* Always consult the booking link for any changes. Every effort is made to ensure this brochure is accurate but all changes are reflected online.

From Sustainable farming to self-driving cars, Advanced Engineering & Robotics model a range of real-world situations that teach students a complete understanding of how the technology works and used to solve the issue at hand. The engineering lessons engage kids with a hands-on learning environment and immerse them in the applications and possibilities of modern technologies. Through PBL (Project-based learning), students combine hardware, Lego® compatible building blocks, and coding to create a prototype and solve real-world problems. The projects are designed to encourage students to invent other viable solutions to these real-world issues and explore ways to utilize existing technology. The completion of these projects will boost confidence and create problem solving ability in students to overcome any challenge from working in their future jobs to solving our world's current or future problems. All activities are adjusted to the student age and we tackle different challenges on each day.

STEM EDUCATION

Limited spots available!
Early bird discounts apply for a short time.

YOUNG ENGINEERS Australia

Build Your Tomorrow. Today!

Engineering & Robotics Program provides theoretical knowledge in software and mechanical engineering combined with mathematics and physics.

Electronics: Our electronic kits are specifically designed to minimise assembly time which creates more opportunity to explore the learning's behind how each experiment works. Learn to build circuits in the classroom.

Build-Up Program is designed for little children where they start from learning the basics of building Lego Models including improving them and end up building models independently with a friend and enjoying group game.



Uniform Solutions, is moving address from 8-12 September (closed during this time).

- Current Address - 118 Wood Street, Mackay
- New Address - 134-140 Diesel Drive, Paget (next to BP Truck Stop, entry via Stockroute Road)

All other contact details remain the same:

- Phone: 07 4951 3549
- Website: www.uniformsolutions.com.au

