



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 4 Week 1

Dear Parents/Care Givers,

TERM 4 - WHATS IMPORTANT?

Term 4 always brings with it a multitude of occasions and celebrations. Each one of these, without wishing our year away, comes on us very quickly. They include Carols Evening, End of Year excursions, Orientation Days, Year 1 Christmas play, Grade 6 Celebrations and Final Assemblies. I'm almost exhausted thinking about them. Each one of these is an event in itself, each one requires careful planning and preparation, each one of these is important and each one of these will take place (unless a natural disaster occurs). We participate and celebrate in these occasions for a reason. Together they make up the fabric of our school. These events, in what they are, are unique to our school.

Holiday periods for me are opportunities to reflect on many things. They bring time for me to read, time to think, catch up with friends and time to consider what lies ahead. These holidays, however, were not the best I've experienced as I was unwell for most of them and I did wallow in self-pity for a while. However, it was while speaking with a friend whose little one is currently having chemotherapy that put my 'misery' into perspective. I ruminated over what lies ahead for this little one and his parents.

I wondered also for a moment would all of the children of the world be considering what lies ahead for their Term 4 of celebrations? From the nightly images that come across our television screens I knew that they had much more pressing matters to concern themselves. More than likely some children have no school to attend, in many cases they have lost family members to the ravages of war... for some children they can only dream of what lies ahead for the children of St Francis Xavier. For some children their daily battles aren't about learning spelling words, doing up shoelaces, solving schoolyard disagreements or maybe completing household chores... no for some children, to survive each day is to live.

Before we become swept up in the emotions of the events of our school, stop and consider what is really important? What really matters in our lives is to live life to the fullest, to enjoy every moment. Challenge your children and yourself this term to enjoy every occasion, enjoy every time you see your child accomplish something or equally be challenged by a situation, because that's how we learn, we learn through experience. And then remember how lucky each and every one of us is because we were indeed born in a lucky country, a country that is able to share occasions

such as those documented above. With these thoughts in mind, we can then all truly accept that there will be times in the term ahead when things don't go as they should or as we would want. Accept that life is like that.

We often share with our children that they control their attitude. If we approach a circumstance with an attitude that it "is someone else's fault" then we will blame others for the situation or alternatively we can accept a positive "can do" attitude to every situation, then difficult situations become a challenge that we can overcome. Enjoy this term, because we are truly blessed to be a part of St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School.

"Gratitude turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion into clarity...it makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow. (Melody Beattie)

"Mackay Hospital Foundation Dress for a Cause"

Last term I gave everyone the heads up that we would be having a fundraiser for the Mackay Hospital Foundation. Most people at some stage in their lives will need the services of a hospital. To support this wonderful cause and all those involved in this service, we will hold a gold coin (or more if you can afford to) dress up day where the children can come as doctors, nurses, paramedics, patients etc. – use your imagination! **All the money our school raises will be matched by an outside donor.** You can donate on the day or use the **QR code** provided on this picture. Just as an aside – the little cutie on the right is my great niece, Kasey Sanfilippo who needed the services of our wonderful Base hospital many times when she was being treated for Leukemia at the age of two. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.



Have a wonderful weekend.

God Bless.
Olivia

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SFX IN TERM 4?

7 October	Prep – 2 swimming commences Student leader nomination letters due to Principal
11 October	School Captain nominees announced
12 October	Hospital Dress Up Day – comes as Doctors, Nurses etc. – fundraiser for Mackay Hospital Foundation
13 October	House Day Swimming continues
17 October	School Captain speeches – 9:00am
18 October	House Captain nominees announced Board Meeting
21 October	Swimming continues
24 October	House Captain speeches – 9:00am
28 October	World Teachers' Day Swimming continues Day for Daniel
31 October	Cultural, MJR and Reef Guardian leaders announced
1 November	All Saints' Day Melbourne Cup
2 November	All Souls' Day
3 November	2023 Prep transition session (9:00am – 10am)
4 November	Swimming continues
10 November	Prep transition session
11 November	Remembrance Day Liturgy – (time to be determined) Swimming continues
15 November	Final Board meeting
16 November	Seniors' morning tea
17 November	Prep transition session
18 November	House Day Swimming continues
22 November	SFX Awards Ceremony – 9:00am
23 November	Prep Information session – 6:00pm Prep Book Pack pick up
24 November	Prep Orientation morning – 9:00am – 10:30am Whole school transition morning Year 6 Mercy and CMC Orientation
25 November	Year 6 end of Primary School celebration (evening – time to be determined)
28 November	Moving day for those teachers moving classes Year 1 – 6 Book Pack pick up
29 November	Christmas Play Year 1 – 6 Book Pack pick up
30 November	Report Cards available on Parent Lounge at 4:00pm SFX Christmas carols – 6:00pm
1 December	End of year mass in the church at 9:00am
2 December	Farewell to Year 6 and final assembly 11:30am in hall. Children welcome to go home early. LAST DAY OF 2022 SCHOOL YEAR

FROM THE APRE

Welcome Circle



Each week in our newsletter, I have been providing information regarding the school expectation for all classes to participate in a Welcome Circle. The Welcome Circle is an important part of the day as it provides a safe, calm and positive transition into the school day, it allows time to connect with our peers and the adults in our room. This is photo of 2MW using their good morning stones in their welcome circle. They choose a stone and say good morning to the person whose name is written on the stone. Mrs McLean says that the students are using a nice, clear voice and eye contact when welcoming their peers for the day.



Mary MacKillop Foundation Poster Competition

Last term, for their Caritas fund raiser, our Year 6 teachers organised for all students to participate in the school-based Mary MacKillop Foundation poster competition. Below are the winners in each year level.



FROM THE APA

Playground Rules for After School



At the closure of the school day, all students who are not met by their parents outside the classroom or in the undercover area are required to move immediately to the supervised areas, which are our Pick up Zone and Bus Stop.

All students going to After School Care or walking /riding home are required to be on the move, immediately they are released from class. We remind students of these procedures regularly. The Pick-up Zone and the Bus Stop are both supervised by teachers. Other areas of the school are not supervised after school.

Our school's play equipment, both the Senior and Junior playgrounds are out of bounds before and after school. These areas must be supervised by staff members. We ask parents to ensure their children are not on this equipment before and/or after school.

Our school rules must be adhered to by all students at all times. Students are not allowed to be running around or playing before the 8.15am bell or after school, while waiting for their parents and must stay in full school uniform (including shoes and socks).

Parents who pick up their child after school and remain on school grounds, for any reason, should be aware that their children are under their supervision during this time. We ask all parents who are supervising their child/children while exiting the school, ensure school rules are followed.

FROM THE APC

BOOKLISTS ~ 2023



Booklists will be handed out to students on Tuesday 11th October. Mackay School Supplies will open their shop and website on **Wednesday 12th October.** Book packs may be ordered online as per instructions outlined on the front page of the booklists. Purchasing book list requirements through the school, ensures that your child will have the correct items and material. If you wish to utilise this year's book pack service, you may either order online or use the hard copy handed out to the students. **All orders need to be placed by Friday 28th October.** Years 1 – 6 Book Pack collection will be early in

Week 9. Further details will be in the newsletter, later this term.

2023 Prep Book Packs will be available on the Parent Information Night and Orientation Day. Further details on collection procedures will be outlined in a newsletter closer to the collection date.

What to do with the list...

If you choose to order on-line the following instructions will guide you through the process.

- 1) Enter <https://mackayschoolsupplies.com.au/> into a web search engine (Google Chrome is the best platform)
- 2) Scroll and select St Francis Xavier
- 3) This will bring up all the booklists for each year level. Click on the appropriate Year level for 2020
- 4) Select the items you wish to order. **Please note: items from home/previous years are also noted on the list.**
- 5) You will need to ZERO any items that you DON'T wish to purchase. If you wish to purchase extras these are on a separate list, you will find them if you scroll down further.
- 6) Proceed to checkout - payment methods include Visa or MasterCard.

If you choose to use the traditional paper method, a collection box in the office will be available.

- ✚ Please select the items you wish to purchase.

- ✚ Please complete your order form carefully and **keep a copy** as a record of what you have ordered.
- ✚ Unless indicated, please ensure your child's name is clearly marked on all items.
- ✚ Payment methods include cash, cheques made payable to **Mackay School Supplies**, Visa or MasterCard.
- ✚ **IF PAYING CASH PLEASE ENSURE EXACT MONEY IS ENCLOSED, NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN.**



TERM 4 SCHOOL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS...

are no different than any other time of the year. I am currently finding students wearing incorrect shoes, socks, jumpers, hats, sports shorts worn with formal shirts, non-policy hair styles and the list goes on. If your child brings home a stamped note signed by a leadership member indicating that some part of their uniform is incorrect, I ask that you please read and then rectify the issue. Our uniform standard, at present, needs lifting. We are proud of our school and the correct uniform worn in the correct manner helps sustain that pride.



Mercy

Awards

Love

Mercy

Faith

Excellence

Term 4 Week 1 Awardees



DANCE ARENA SPECTACULAR

Last term our amazing Arts teacher, Mrs Leisa Persson, staged our inaugural Dance Arena Spectacular and what an event it was!! Who knew we had so many talented children and staff. Here are just some of the highlights of the evening. Thank you, Leisa, and thank you also to Keiron Place who was the photographer for the evening.



FROM THE REEF GUARDIAN CLUB

Today at 10am, Bruce Thompson from the Council came to speak to our Reef Guardian club members and where the children were assisted in getting our compost bins up and running again and being used on Mindful Mondays.

We are also collecting clean, old shirts that the Reef Guardian members can make into T-shirt bags. We are still collecting bread tags, however **no more bread bags please** – these can be recycled at Coles.

Thank you for your continued support.

Therese McLean and Rebecca Ellis

Reef Guardian Project

Do you have any clean, old shirts at home?

In Term 4 Our Reef Guardian club will be making some reusable T-shirt bags and are chasing any clean, old shirts you may like to donate to our project.

Please send in any donations to Mrs McLean or Miss Ellis.





Student Travel Rebates



Semester 2



Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a **school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your family spend more than **\$45/week*** on fares to and from school (* \$35/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available service** not owned or associated with the school?

Students With Disability

- Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for our financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and **apply at SchoolTransport.com.au during October.**

Late applications cannot be accepted after 31st October.

Bringing Up Great Kids



Overview

Bringing Up Great Kids is a reflective, mindful, respectful program that provides parents with an opportunity to reflect on their parenting journey.

Bringing Up Great Kids provides a friendly and safe environment for parents to learn from each other as they continue their parenting journey.

Program Content

The Bringing Up Great Kids' program supports parents and carers to:

- learn more about the origins of their own parenting style and how it can be more effective;
- identify the important messages they want to convey to their children and how to achieve this;
- learn more about brain development in children and its influence on their thoughts, feelings and behaviour;
- understand the meaning behind children's behaviours, and how to respond to children's underlying feelings and needs;
- explore new ways of communicating with children;
- discover ways for parents to take care of themselves and to find support when they need it.

Date: 6 FREE weekly sessions over consecutive weeks commencing 4th November, 2022

Time: 10am - Sessions are approximately 2.5 hours

Where: 110B Wood Street (Churches of Christ Care)

Contact: the *Child and Family Plus* Service on **4953 6100** to complete a referral

Note: Attendees must have a child aged unborn to 18 years, who are not currently subject to Child Safety Intervention.



Engaging Adolescents™

RESOLVE DIFFICULT BEHAVIOUR IN TEENAGERS

A PARENT EDUCATION COURSE

AT Churches of Christ - 110B Wood Street

ON 12-10-2022, 19-10-2022 & 26-10-2022 AT 5:15pm - 7:30pm



PARENTS WILL LEARN

- Some common ground shared by parents & reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents
- New understandings of adolescents
- A three-option model & flow chart for decision-making
- Self check-in, first, for parents
- Building a relationship with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them

PARENTS RECEIVE

- A workbook to apply the concepts learnt to their families
- A certificate of completion

WHO IS RUNNING THE COURSE?

The course facilitator is **Nadine van den Heever & Renate Behrens**

who completed the Engaging Adolescents™ practitioner training on **29-07-2020**

REGISTER TODAY

This is a **FREE** course. Attendees must have a child 18 years or under, who are not currently subject to Child Safety Intervention.

Please Note - all 3 meetings must be attended to complete the course.

Contact Child and Family Plus on 4953 6100 to complete a referral

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 Location: Sweeney Court, Glenella

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WBBL AT THE GREAT BARRIER REEF ARENA



Great South Bank

5 WBBL TEAMS OVER 6 DAYS!

6 GAMES OCTOBER 13, 15, 16 & 18

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THURSDAY 13TH OCT		HEAT	VS	SIXERS		6:40PM
SATURDAY 15TH OCT		STRIKERS	VS	SIXERS		2:40PM
SATURDAY 15TH OCT		HEAT	VS	STARS		6:05PM
SUNDAY 16TH OCT		RENEGADES	VS	STRIKERS		9:15AM
SUNDAY 16TH OCT		SIXERS	VS	STARS		12:40PM
TUESDAY 18TH OCT		HEAT	VS	RENEGADES		2:30PM