



NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL WE WILL:

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

Friday 20 October 2023
Week 3

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES 2023

Catholic Social Teaching, Writing, Mathematics, Wellbeing and Regulating

Dear Parents & Care Givers,

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide, **World Teachers' Day** was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to recognise the role of teachers in society.

World Teachers' Day is held internationally on 5 October. As the day usually falls during the Australian school holidays, Queensland celebrates on the last Friday in October (27th). It is a day to celebrate how teachers are transforming education. But also, to reflect on the support they need to fully deploy their talent and vocation, and to rethink the way ahead for the profession globally.

This day is the perfect opportunity to recognise and celebrate the incredible work of teachers who often go above and beyond to educate and support students. While teaching is their vocation, they fulfil so many other roles. They are mother/father, nurse, doctor, psychologist, coach, mentor, cheer squad, storyteller, advocate and much more.

This year's theme "**Teaching – where the future begins**" applauds the innovative and inspirational practices teachers use to help create better futures for their students.

Perhaps you might like to show your appreciation for what your child's teacher does by, writing a heartfelt note or letter of thanks, sending a small gift or gift card, or simply expressing gratitude and recognising their hard work.

On Friday, 27th October, let's all tip our hats to our amazing teachers on this globally recognised day.

DAY FOR DANIEL

This year we've been asked to do something extra special to commemorate Day for Daniel. We've decided that as a whole school we will walk to the Botanical Gardens and have a morning tea picnic. Parents are welcome to come along if they wish. We will leave school at 9:00am after a quick assembly and return to school in time for lunch. The children ...

- Can wear red
- Must have sunscreen
- Need to bring their morning tea and a water bottle
- Wear a hat
- Must wear a jogger style shoe

BEWARE OF MAGPIES

We have been advised there is a magpie swooping around Donaldson/Holland Streets intersection. If your child walks or rides to school, it would be advisable to suggest they use an alternative route to and from school, if possible.



Have a wonderful weekend.
God Bless,
Olivia

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERM 4 WEEKS 4/5?

Term 4 – NEWSLETTERS FORTNIGHTLY

WEEK 4

Monday 23 October:	House Captain Speeches & Voting
Thursday 26 October:	2024 Prep Transition Day 1
Friday 27 October:	Assembly ~ 8.30am Day for Daniel (Wear Red) Picnic Morning Tea World Teacher's Day Prep – Year 2 Swimming

WEEK 5

Monday 30 October:	Cultural, MJR & Reef Guardian Leaders announced for 2024. Year 3 Sugar Shed excursion.
Wednesday 1 November:	ALL SAINTS DAY
Thursday 2 November:	2024 Prep Transition Day 2 ALL SOULS DAY
Friday 3 November:	Assembly 8.30am

FROM THE APRE



October the Month of the Rosary

October is the Month of the Rosary. The Rosary is a great prayer honouring Mary, by praying the Rosary we are asking Mary to help us to become closer to God. The Rosary has been prayed in Christian families, households, and communities throughout the centuries.

Each “decade” of the Rosary consists of the Our Father, 10 Hail Marys and the Glory Be. It is a devotion which, through scripture-based meditation, leads us to reflect on the important events in the lives of Jesus and Mary.

Each day after lunch, a class is leading us in a decade of the Rosary to pray for a specific intention that their class has decided upon.

There are four different Mysteries, Pope John Paul II suggested that they are said on specific days.

The Joyful Mysteries

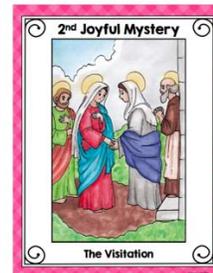
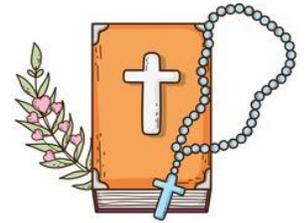
- The Annunciation
- The Visitation
- The Nativity
- The Presentation
- The Finding in the Temple

The Luminous Mysteries

- The Baptism in the Jordan
- The Wedding at Cana
- The Proclamation of the Kingdom
- The Transfiguration
- The Institution of the Eucharist

The Sorrowful Mysteries

- The Agony in the Garden
- The Scourging at the Pillar
- The Crowning with Thorns
- The Carrying of the Cross
- The Crucifixion



The
Joyful
Mysteries

The Glorious Mysteries

- *The Resurrection*
- *The Ascension*
- *The Descent of the Holy Spirit*
- *The Assumption*
- *The Coronation*

Mysteries for Certain Weekdays

Monday – Joyful Tuesday – Sorrowful Wednesday – Glorious Thursday – Luminous
Friday – Sorrowful Saturday – Joyful Sunday - Glorious

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Francis Xavier:

Monday 23rd October: 3:15pm Year 3/4/5/6 St Francis Xavier School

Sacrament of Reconciliation Monday 30th October 6pm St Francis Xavier Church

St Mary's Parish

Thursday 26th October 3:15pm - Early Years Classrooms

Reconciliation Sacrament: 9th November 6:30pm

St Michael's Parish

Sunday 22nd October: 10am – Workshop 2 (St. Anne's Library)

FROM THE APA



2023 SFX ART COMPETITION

The 2023 SFX Art Competition shone the light on some very talented student artists. Our Judge, Principal and People's Choice winners will have their framed entries added to our school Art Gallery in the library. Congratulations to our winners and we look forward to showcasing our students' artistic talent in 2024.





School Improvement Plan School Priorities and Goals 2023

<p>1. Catholic Identity and Ethos </p>	<p>• Effective Teaching and Learning  (NSIT Domains 2,5,6,7,8)</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>3. Pastoral Support and Wellbeing  (NSIT Domain 3)</p>	<p>4. Leadership, Partnerships and Resourcing  (NSIT Domains 1,4,9)</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>

Book lists for 2024:

Book lists were handed out to students last week. Book packs may be ordered online as per instructions outlined on the front page of the book lists (see below). 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.

ORDERS OPEN ON WEDNESDAY 11/10 & SHOP OPENS 18/10.

All orders (online or orders handed in to the school office) must be finalised by Friday 27th October 2023 for delivery to school at the end of Term 4, Week 8. No late orders will be accepted. Orders after this cut off must be collected directly from Mackay School Supplies.

2024 Prep Book Packs will be available on the Parent Information Night and Orientation Day. Years 1 – 6 Book Packs will have collection dates in week 9. Further details on collection procedures will be outlined in a newsletter closer to the collection date.

Teachers have prepared this list of basic requirements needed by your child to begin the new school year. Purchasing booklist requirements through the school ensures that your child will have the correct items. Our school receives commission on sales, which is put to good use purchasing equipment for the students. What to do with the booklist...

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.
- 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 2024.
- 4) Select the items you wish to order.
- 5) You will need to ZERO any items that you DON'T wish to purchase.
- 6) Proceed to checkout - payment methods include Visa or MasterCard, Layby.

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**

ATTENTION: Items being sent to the next year level

At the end of this year the classroom teachers will send the following items on to the next year level:

- Headphones
- Word dictionaries
- Calculators

If these items are not in good working condition your classroom teacher will notify you, so a new item can be purchased. These items will not be sent home at the end of the year. Please keep this in mind when organising school items for 2024.



TERM 4 WEEK 2 AWARDEES



TERM 4 WEEK 3 AWARDEES



TERM 4 CLASS CAPTAINS



ICAS ENTRANTS

ICAS stands for International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. This is a very difficult competition and congratulations to the following students for participating in the English component of the competition. Thank you Mrs Gallety for once again organising this for the students.



Arian Sonny (Certificate of Participation), Caitlin Manning (C of P), Navomi Nobi (Credit), Arella Radke (C of P), Liam Manning (C of P) and Ben Graffunder (Credit)

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Sonny Weder and Yenika Nunesco our 2024 School Captains and Corby Grima and Evie Saye our 2024 School Vice Captains. Well done to you all and we look forward to you sharing your leadership skills with the whole school next year.



2024 HOUSE CAPTAIN NOMINEES

We look forward to hearing our 2024 House Captain nominee speeches on Monday 23 October at 9.00am. We wish all these very excited nominees the very best of luck!



HOUSE DAY

House Day saw the House Captains taking the lead by organising some fun activities for the students. It was a great success!



FIRST NATION STUDENTS

Weaving started this week for some of our First Nation students with Mrs Tatchell. The students learnt about traditional uses of weaving and the connection to our Culture. Students were able to choose their own colours, some linking them to our First Nations Flag. Students were able to make the connection between being together and sharing our space with others in a caring respectful manner, offering to help others when needed with the weaving.

Karlie Tatchell-Senior Regional Indigenous Education Liaison Officer



CONGRATULATIONS

Nick and Liam travelled to Brisbane during the school holidays and joined the Under 11 Qld Country team to play in the 2023 National School Futsal Championships. The Under 11 competition had 16 teams from throughout Australia and Nick and Liam's team were undefeated grand final winners.

Here are Nick Gacia-Rosa and Liam Manning holding their grand final medals.



YEAR 1 DONATIONS



The Year 1 children require 22 baby formula tins with the lids for the Christmas play. If you have any used baby formula tins you wish to donate, we will be appreciative of your support.

From the P&F

MEETING 16TH OCTOBER 2023

Thank you to everyone who attended our meeting on Monday the 16th of October. At the meeting we voted to fund four new basketball hoops, plus an equipment locker for the Year 4, 5 and 6 area.

Olivia, Mary and Amanda from the St Francis Leadership team updated us on what is happening around the school.

We are looking forward to next year and discussed some ideas for events 2024, such as our Adults Only event the 'Mediterranean Mingle' on March 9th.

Attending one of our meetings is a great way to get your voice heard.

Do you have any ideas that you would like to put forward?

The more people at our meetings, the better we can serve the school community!

The date for our final meeting of the year will be confirmed shortly.

If there is anything you would like to add to our agenda, please contact a committee member.



Important Dates

Term 4 Disco

Friday November 10th
(Note change of date)

Christmas Raffle

Drawn at Christmas Carols

Mediterranean Mingle

March 9th - 2024

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

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Uniform Shop

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

The P&F Uniform Shop both sells items donated by parents and sells items on behalf of parents.

Please bring cash as we cannot take electronic payments.

Donated items are sold for \$5 each.

Items sold on behalf of parents have prices as marked (\$1 per item is donated to the P&F).**

Donations can be dropped off at the office. Please ensure items are in good used condition - ripped and/or badly stained clothing is unable to be sold.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets in our Annual Christmas Raffle will go on sale soon!

Win some cash for the holidays. \$2 per ticket.



1st Prize - \$1000

2nd Prize - \$500

3rd Prize - \$300

4th Prize - \$100

5th Prize - \$100



Ticket books will go home with the oldest child in your family in the coming weeks.

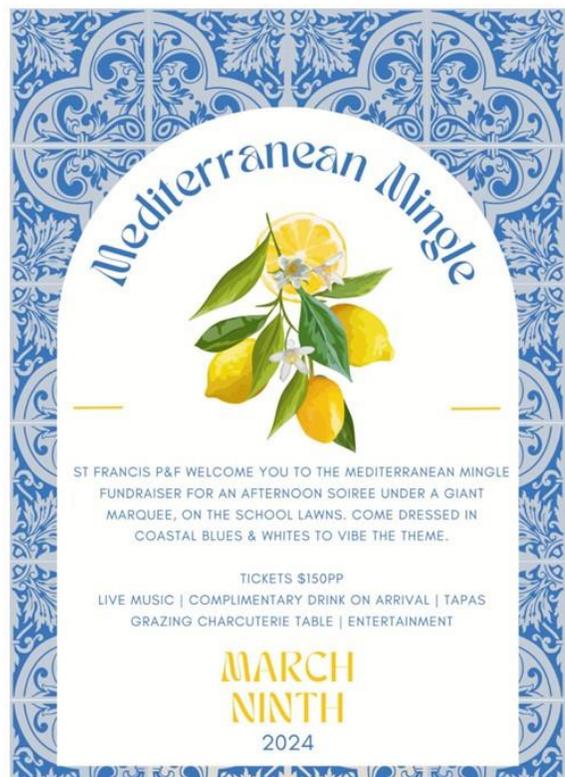
P&F EVENTS - *It's more than just fundraising!!!!*

While our events do raise funds (which are put back into the school for your children), the P&F is more than just raising money.

We aim to run events that enrich the school community that are fun for the kids to attend.

Our Mother's and Father's Day Stalls are run with a very small mark up (to ensure we cover costs) so that the kids have the opportunity to choose a gift for their special people - whether they have \$1 to spend or \$10. We keep the entry fees, food and drink at the disco low so that families can come along and enjoy the night without breaking the bank.

We would love for everyone to consider this when we ask for support!! Thanks!!!



LEARN TO SKATE



If you are interested in learning to skate come on down to the Mackay Leisure Centre on Thursdays from 4pm to 5pm and get your skate on. The first lesson is free and all abilities and ages are welcome. For further information contact Mackay Roller Sports Association at mrollerhockey@gmail.com or phone Lyle Denman on 0432170997.



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December 1



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When I was 3 years old, I was diagnosed with Leukaemia, which is a blood cell cancer. I received treatment for 3.5 years. I was lucky enough to survive and now I would like to help other people survive too. I'm raising funds for research because this is an important way to help people.

MY GOAL IS

\$3000





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Foundation



BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO THE

St Mary's Christmas Community Fair

SATURDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER 2023

5:30PM TO 9:00PM

42 JULIET STREET, SOUTH MACKAY

BBQ Food, Hot Chips, Hot Dogs and Cold Drinks
Snow Cones, Pop Corn & Fairy Floss
Mini Cent Sale & Raffles
Rides from Lets Jump
Lucky Envelopes
Sweet Stall
Bar & Live Music
Face Painting
Ham Wheel

Santa will be visiting!





CRICKET BLAST @ HARRUP PARK

SOUTH OF THE RIVER PROGRAM

START: Wednesday 18th October (6-week program)

WHERE: Harrup Park, Mackay

TIME: 4:00pm – 5:00pm

AGE: 5 -7

COST: \$75

For more information, please contact Bo Saunders on bo.saunders@qldcricket.com.au

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