



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 6

Dear Parents/Care Givers,

Last night, at a Regional Leadership gathering held at HSC, long standing staff who are retiring, were thanked and farewelled at a mass followed by dinner. One of those long-standing staff is our wonderful Finance Secretary, Pauline Hyde.

Pauline's quiet, calm, patient and cheerful ways have endeared her to staff, parents and students and after 17 years in the role, she will be relocating to Brisbane to be with family.

Pauline has been the heart and soul of our school and she will be so very dearly missed.

I asked the children to think of words to sum up Mrs Hyde and this is what they have said... Mrs Hyde

- Always helps us when we ask for it
- Finds it very easy to make a joke to make us feel better in any situation
- Helps us set up for fundraisers
- Always there at special school events – challenge cup, carnivals, Anzac Day
- Really easy to talk to
- Always has a smile on her face
- Fixes things that are broken
- She's a very good friend
- Happy to lend a hand
- A legend
- Enthusiastic cheerer at Challenge Cup
- Super organised
- Gives good advice

I'm sure you would like to thank Pauline yourselves before the end of the year.

Have a wonderful weekend.

God Bless.
Olivia



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SFX IN TERM 4?

15 November	Final Board meeting Johnathan Thurston's visit
16 November	Seniors' morning tea
17 November	Prep transition session
18 November	House Day Swimming continues Special Assembly to present past student Arabella Cole's book.
22 November	SFX Awards Ceremony – 9:00am
23 November	Prep Information session – 6:00pm Prep Book Pack pick up Year 6 fun day out
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) Prep & year 1 wet day
28 November	Moving day for those teachers moving classes Year 1 – 6 Book Pack pick up
29 November	Year 1 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 Year 1 – 6 Book Pack pick up Moving day for those teachers moving classes
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



Remembrance Day

At 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month each year we remember the moment in 1918 when World War I came to an end. On Remembrance Day, we remember Australian men and women who have served in war and peacekeeping activities. Remembrance Day does not glorify war – it honours the memory of all those who laid down their lives for Australia. As a mark of respect to those who have served, we stop to observe one minute's silence. This year will mark the 104th anniversary of the Armistice, which ended the First World War. One thing we can do for the people who fought for our country, is to continue the tradition of remembering them.

Scripture A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 15:12)

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.”

Reflection by Rachel McLean

Images of war, violence and destruction fill our social media feeds. Pope Francis has been inviting us to think of our neighbour, we are called again to consider who is our neighbour. When we look through the news and some of our social media feeds, we can be brought to tears by the vulnerability of children caught in war zones, in places that we may have heard about in geography and religion classes, but not necessarily known about in terms of human cost and the impact of war. Why not search beyond your 'likes' to see what is happening to those communities. Let's do more than 'like' an image; engage in the image. Learn about the story and share the story with others. Each of us is responsible for his or her neighbour: we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they live.

<https://www.cns.catholic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Remembrance-Day-Prayer-and-Reflection-for-Parents-2020.pdf>

FROM THE APA



KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE.

The safety of our students is of paramount importance to our staff. We are always looking for new and or improved procedures to ensure we keep our students as safe as possible. Our staff wear High Visibility Vests whilst on duty. Studies have shown that children feel safer when there is a supervising adult wearing one of these vests. It enables our students to easily identify a staff member who is supervising in their area and who can assist them

Each year, many of our staff take up the opportunity to complete a First Aid course to provide emergency first aid response in an education care setting, including training in CPR.

Staff on duty carry First Aid packs, these help to alleviate the number of students who present to the office at lunchtime, with minor injuries, these students can be attended to immediately, in the playground by a supervising teacher.

All teachers carry a whistle with them on duty, not only to attract the attention of students, but also, when other staff hear 3 short, sharp blows on the whistle, they know to go to the assistance of that teacher, who may, for example, have an injured student who requires more than one staff member to attend to them.

All staff members, going on duty, carry a lanyard with emergency cards attached. These are used in an emergency situation when medical assistance is required.

We have a number of students in our school who have special medical needs which must be catered for. The important medical information and photographs of students with serious medical needs is given to all staff and discussed and updated at meetings throughout the year, to ensure we are all aware of the individual medical needs of these students. Keeping our students healthy and safe is our highest priority.

FROM THE APC

REPORT CARDS



Report cards will be available via Parent lounge from **4pm on Wednesday the 30th November.**

1. To access Parent Lounge, start your internet browser and type in the URL for St Francis Xavier School website: www.sfxmrok.catholic.edu.au
2. Click on Parent Lounge using the Quick Links halfway down the page
3. Login with your username (6 digit ID code) and the password remains the same as previously used.
4. If you have forgotten or misplaced your password, click 'Forgot Password?'
5. Type in your username (6 digit ID code, which can be found on your school fee account) and you will be emailed a link to reset your password.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's report card, please contact your classroom teacher to arrange an appointment.

BOOKLISTS FOR 2023

Money orders to the school for booklists has now closed. If you choose to still, make an online order that is fine; however you may need to collect your book pack from Mackay School Supplies as the school order/delivery date has now passed.

2023 Prep book packs will be available on Prep Orientation Info Night, Wednesday 23rd November. All left over packs will be given out the following day.

2023 Years 1-6 book packs will be available for collection from the School Library on:

Tuesday 29th November, 8am – 9.00am & 2.15pm – 3.15pm

Wednesday 30th November, 8am – 8.45am

Please choose one of these timeslots to collect your child/ren's book packs as they are often quite heavy.

PREP PARENT EVENING
WEDNESDAY 24 NOVEMBER at 6.00PM – SCHOOL HALL

There will be an introduction to our school and then I will talk to parents about the transition to Prep for 2023. Book Packs will be available for pick-up on that evening.

PREP ORIENTATION MORNING
THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER
9.00AM—10.30AM

- On this day, please bring your child to their prep classroom at 9.00am.
- Teachers will help parents settle the children into their prep classrooms and will have activities arranged for them to enjoy.
- On the morning, Olivia Rostirolla (Principal) will present a short talk about the school, and we will have a representative from Uniform Solutions present so that you can size, order and view uniforms if you wish. School hats are available only from Uniform Solutions. Sports house polo shirts are also available from Uniform Solutions.



Mercy

Awards

Love

Mercy

Faith

Excellence

Term 4 Week 6 Awardees



2022 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

This year children from Years 4 – 6 elected to enter the annual ICAS competition. The children below are recipients of Participation, Merit or Credit awards in English. Well done to all these girls and boys – it's a tough competition!!



World Wildlife Foundation



Three of our Year 6 girls – Brylee and Addyson Roche and Mia Jackson, have fulfilled their wish of raising funds for WWF – World Wildlife Foundation. These three young ladies, along with friends, have busily sold tickets each morning for some weeks, so that they could reach their goal of \$150. They blew this target out of the water by raising a fabulous \$418.30. Well done girls and thank you for using your leadership skills for such a worthy cause. The happy winners are...

Nathaniel Whittaker, Indi Norton and Joel Lamb

We're Hiring



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term-time (20hpw) commencing 23 January 2023



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