

NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL WE WILL:

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

Thursday 25 January 2024 Week 1

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES 2023

Catholic Social Teaching, Writing, Mathematics, Wellbeing and Regulating

Dear Parents & Care Givers.

Welcome to the 2024 school year. We are looking forward to another great year ahead. We are very fortunate to have such a vibrant community. A community is a group of people who share time together, it may be to work, live or to be a part of something. It is a place where people help and support each other. A place where challenges can be shared and success celebrated. The core of a community is that the people care about each other, that people are in relationships with each other and therefore have a sense of belonging. In a community we are better because we are together.

The start of the school year is a great time to share with our children the importance of being a part of a community. As members of the St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School community, we all have responsibilities, our most important being our children. We need to both model to our children how to act within a community and also to directly talk to them about these actions.

Some things that we can talk to them about include:

- Using manners please, thank you, excuse me, etc. Basic manners build the basis of a courteous community.
- Smile and greet people. If people are new to the community, introduce yourself and make them welcome.
- Look after the resources in the community. Ensure they are taken care of.

St Francis Xavier is a dynamic community, welcoming of everyone, inclusive of everyone and proud of who we are. It was great to see our children greeting each other with joy and sharing the first days together. The positive atmosphere will set the tone for the rest of the school year.

Have a wonderful weekend. God Bless, Olivia

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERM 1 WEEKS 2 & 3

NEWSLETTERS ~FORTNIGHTLY

WEEK 2

Monday 29 Jan: Volunteer Induction for parents 8.30am – Library

Assembly – 11.30am

Tuesday 30 Jan: Volunteer Induction for parents 8.30am – Library Wednesday 31 Jan: Volunteer Induction for parents 8.30am – Library

Thursday 1 Feb: Assembly – 8.30am – Term 1 Class Captains presented with badges.

Friday 2 Feb: Opening School Mass – 9.00am – Hall

WEEK 3

Monday 5 Feb: Volunteer Induction for parents 8.30am – Library

Assembly - 11.30am

Tuesday 6 Feb: Volunteer Induction for parents 8.30am – Library

P & F Meeting – 6.00pm - Staffroom

Wednesday 7 Feb: Volunteer Induction for parents 8.30am – Library

Friday 9 Feb: Assembly – 8.30am

Visit to school –Ms Leesa Jeffcoat - Director DCEO, Bishop Michael & Michael

McCusker - Northern Supervisor

TERM DATES/PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ~ 2024

Term 1	Monday 22 January – Thursday 28 March	(10 weeks)
Term 2	Monday 15 April – Friday 21 June	(10 weeks)
Term 3	Monday 8 July – Friday 13 September	(10 weeks)
Term 4	Monday 30 September – Friday 6 December	(10 weeks)

Public Holidays:

Australia Day Friday 26 January
Good Friday Friday 29 March
Easter Monday Monday 1 April
Anzac Day Thursday 25 April
Labour Day Monday 6 May
Show Holiday Thursday 20 June
King's Birthday Monday 7 October

Pupil Free Days:

Term 1: Friday 17 February (Bishops Inservice Day) (**PUPIL FREE DAY**)

FROM THE APRE



This year we will be starting a new initiative called Pastoral Groups. These groups will occur three times throughout the term on a Friday afternoon. The students will be a mix of Prep – Year 6, all our Year 6 students will have the opportunity to be leaders within these groups. The pastoral groups will be with

the same teacher each week. There will be a variety of activities taking place within these groups, these will be organised by our Club Teachers and the student club leaders. We will begin our first Pastoral group in Week 3. Our Year

6's and students in the upper school will be provided with an opportunity to put into practice the concept of servant leadership. Based on the teachings of Dave Jorna (Director of Project and the 'Do Life better' podcast), our groups will encourage others to believe in their own worth, value and dignity. Students will look at the importance of a healthy mindset and explore ways that make them feel important, special and loved.



This year as a part of our school goals we are looking at prayer within our school, how we pray, when we pray and the different types of prayer we can participate in. Over the course of the year, you will be given a variety of information about prayer, your children may come home and talk about the different types of prayer we are participating in at school. We look forward to your support in this area, and hopefully making some positive connections between home and school in this area.

BISHOP'S INSERVICE DAY FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2024 (PUPIL FREE DAY)

(Please mark date on your calendar)



FROM THE APA



VOLUNTEER GUIDELINES

The safety and protection of our students is our priority, and we follow all guidelines set in place by Catholic Education Office Rockhampton.

Our school, like most others, relies on the good will and generosity of our parents to assist our students in classrooms, the tuckshop and on excursions and camps. These valued volunteers assist us in providing rich and varied learning experiences.

However, our volunteers are required to meet the same Student Protection Guidelines as our staff. A Volunteer Guidelines form must be completed each year.

If you wish to volunteer in our classrooms in 2024, your classroom teacher will ask you to read and complete a Volunteer Guidelines Form.

If you are a new parent to the school and would like to volunteer for classroom activities or excursions, we ask that you *attend one short in-service* (Approximately 10mins). These will be offered on the following dates: -

WEEK 2: WEEK 3:

Monday 29 January

Tuesday 30 January

Wednesday 31 January

Monday 5 February

Tuesday 6 February

Wednesday 7 February

Each session will be in the library at 8.30am. You need only attend one session.

NOTIFYING PARENTS WHEN CHILDREN BECOME SICK AT SCHOOL

At times, your child may become sick at school. We have very strict guidelines we are required to follow. These guidelines are provided to us by Catholic Education Office Rockhampton and are informed by Queensland Health.

If your child presents at our office with any serious or contagious symptoms, they will be provided with first aid and you will be contacted immediately.

If your child requires and ambulance, we will not hesitate to call one, if we believe your child is in danger and we are unable to assist them, medically.

We do have students who present themselves to the office on a regular basis, advising they are not feeling well. At times, this is more about not wanting to be in class, not feeling comfortable with a change in the school routine or perhaps even an issue that is not school related. Over time and with communication from home, we get to know these students and follow advice from parents as to what helps them to return to class, if they are not genuinely unwell.

How can you, our parents help us?

If one of our office staff rings and ask you to collect your child from sick bay, please comply with this request. We have two beds in our sick bay and often have an office full of students, who are not well. This means, some children must sit on chairs in the office. This is not conducive to getting well quickly. If your child has contagious symptoms such as cold or flu or vomiting and diarrhea symptoms, we will contact you to collect your child as we are mindful, not only that your child needs to be in a comfortable bed at home to rest and recover, but also that we have 570 students and 70 staff whom we need to protect.

We understand, when parents are working outside of the home, it is sometimes difficult to stop work to collect a sick child, but we also need to consider the health and safety of our staff and students. Whilst our office staff are all trained and have up to date first aid certificates, they are not medical professionals and so they need you to collect your child, if he or she is sick.

If you believe your child is sometimes inclined to imagine symptoms and fain illness, we ask that you speak to them about it and provide them with strategies to assist them to only present at the sick bay when they are genuinely ill.

We thank you for your help and support.

FROM THE APC



St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School



Strategic Priorities and Goals 2024 – 2026

1. Cath	olic Identity			ching and Learning
			(NSIT Domair	ns 2,5,6,7,8)
PRIORITY	GOAL		PRIORITY	GOAL
1.1 To explore and embed the	To engage and educate staff	2.1 To c	reate a culture of data	To improve student
tradition of prayer within the	and students in a variety of	informe	ed practices where	learning outcomes in
Catholic faith.	prayer opportunities and	every st	udent is engaged and	writing.
	experiences.	learning	successfully in their	_
	•	own wa	iys.	
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3. Pastoral Su	pport and Wellbeing		4. Leadership, Parti	nerships and Resourcing
(NSIT Do	omain 3)		(NSIT Doma	ains 1,4,9)
PRIORITY	GOAL		PRIORITY	GOAL
3.1 To implement a student	To assist students in regulating	4.1 To 6	enhance and develop	To engage parents in the
wellbeing program that focuses	emotions by understanding	parent	and community	everyday life of the school.
on each child being the best	their readiness to learn.	partner	ships to improve	
version of themselves.		student	learning.	
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HOMEWORK

Starting week 2 or 3 your child will be bringing home their first lot of homework for the year. No matter what year level your child is in, take the time to look through their work and the expectations that have been set by the classroom teachers. It is extremely important that your child completes their homework each week and submits it on time. Take the time to set up some home routines around completing homework and reading. This will create a smoother flow for the year. If you are experiencing difficulties, make time to chat with your child's teacher early in the term. Homework is due in on a Monday for all year levels and is sent back out by the teachers on a Tuesday.

HOME READING

where your child can read quietly.

In the lower year levels home readers will start to be sent home weekly. Please ensure you take the time to sit with your child and assist them with reading. Ask questions and explore the story or information book with them. Encourage them to take out their library book and read and talk about it. The children are welcome to borrow in the morning before school, as well as their class library time. Older children are required to choose their own readers/novels for home reading. Even though they are older, it is still important to sit down with them and ask questions about what they are reading, join in and read with them from time to time etc. Again, while setting up homework routines, reading routines also need to be set up at home. Create an area

Please remember to sign off your child's home reading in their homework book or diary. This is to acknowledge that your child has read each night for the week.

ICT FORMS

ICT Code of Practice Student Forms must be returned to classroom teachers no later than Friday 2nd Feb. No devices will be used until the form is signed.

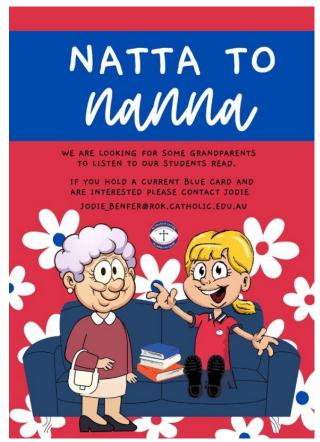
ATTENTION YEAR 4 PARENTS

Year 4 Out of the Box Chromebook Session will be held on Wednesday 14th February at 3.30pm in the Year 4 Classrooms

ATTENTION YEARS 3 and 5 Parents - NAPLAN 2024

The 2024 NAPLAN testing will begin on Wednesday 13th March. The children will participate in 4 tests over 4 days. Please ensure your child is present at school during these dates.





STUDENT PROTECTION OFFICERS

All children have the right to feel safe all the time and nothing is ever so awful that they can't talk about it with someone.

At our school, we have many people who will support students with personal issues that may relate to family or other areas of life. Miss Olivia Rostirolla, Miss Mary Oxenham, Mrs Amanda Griffin, Mrs Jodie Benfer, Mr Brendan Clews and Mrs Ninette Nell have special roles as Student Protection Officers, to support and protect children.













Olivia Rostirolla

Mary Oxenham

Jodie Benfer

Brendan Clews

Amanda Griffin

Ninette Nell

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

▼ FOOTWEAR: Black leather type joggers (no coloured markings of any kind). Shoes are to be enclosed, not a Mary-Jane style. Velcro on shoes is great for children who can't yet tie their own shoelaces.



- ✓ **HAIR:** Hair is to be neatly groomed and, if it is longer than shoulder length, tied back away from the face, with a navy, red or white ribbon or scrunchie.
 - Hair may not be dyed nor bleached nor worn in a style that is extreme or inappropriate for school, for example the following haircuts are not appropriate at our school:
- rat's tails,
- mullets/skullets/undercuts,
- dreadlocks,
- mohawks,
- · tracks, words or symbols shaved into the hair,
- hair is not to be cut any lower than a gauge 2,
- hair needs to consistently be above their eyebrows and above the collar, or any future fad hairstyles that are contrary to the spirit of the policy.





✓ JEWELLERY

Girls

- A Christian symbol such as a crucifix or medal worn on a plain chain
- The only piercings permitted at the school are single ear lobe piercings. One pair of matching studs or sleepers. These are to be small and of appropriate colour (gold, silver, blue, red, or white) and inexpensive (No euro balls)
- School badges only
- No bangles
- a watch (NO smart watches that can access Wi-Fi or take photos)
- a plain signet rings

Boys:

- A Christian symbol such as a crucifix or medal worn on a plain chain
- School badges only
- A watch (NO smart watches that can access Wi-Fi or take photos)
- NO studs, sleepers, or earrings of any kind.

✓ OTHER

Nail polish and make up are not permitted.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday – 8.00am to 4.00pm

- ✓ Personal Details Do we have your correct personal and address details? Please ensure all residential addresses and other personal details held by the school are up to date and correct. The easiest way for families to check this information is by logging into your Parent Lounge account by visiting the St Francis Xavier School's website: www.sfxmrok.catholic.edu.au to review what is recorded.
- 1. Click on the Parent Lounge icon
- 2. Enter your Username (Parent code located on school fees statements 6 digit number) and Password. If you do not know or have misplaced your password, click on 'Forgot Password'.
- 3. Click 'Login'
 - Once logged in click "Parents Details" then "View Address Details".
 - If address details are correct, no further action is required.
 - If the address is incorrect, please change it via "Update Address Details". Once saved the address will be updated.
- ✓ **Students arriving late to school, MUST sign in at the school Office**. If you collect your child early before 3.00pm, you **MUST** also notify the school office before leaving school, so the school roll can be updated.
- ✓ **Student Medication** All medications administered during school hours require a completed medication form signed by a parent. These are available from the school office. All medications need to be labelled by the pharmacist with your student's name and dosage. Please inform the office staff of any student allergies.

EARLY ARRIVALS & BELL TIMES

This is a reminder to all parents of the school's morning bell times. All children are to remain *seated* in the assembly area until 8:15am should they arrive at school prior to this time.

- 8:15am Children go to classrooms to unpack then may play hand ball in the designated areas.
- 8:25am Children make their way to classrooms.
- 8:30am Classes begin.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF ZONE REQUIREMENTS

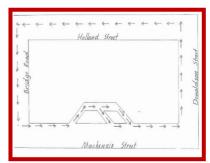
The Pick-up and Drop-off Zone is available for use by parents of Year 1 - 6 students. As we are situated in a very busy area of West Mackay and traffic is quite horrendous between 2:45 and 3:05pm, there are some procedures parents **must follow** for the smooth running of this facility and the safe keeping of our students.

- Do not get out of your car to help your children with bags or to strap them in. If your child cannot do this alone, then you need to park your car and collect them.
- PLEASE adhere to the 'no standing' times for some of our car parks—morning and afternoon, as you turn into Mackenzie St from Bridge Road.
- Should your child be late for pick up in the afternoon, please do not hold up the 20 or so cars behind you by insisting on waiting move on, turn LEFT and join the cue again.
- Please ensure your child is aware they are being collected from the Pickup Zone
- In the *mornings*, again, please do not get out of your car to do hair, kiss goodbye etc. as there is also a line up at this time of the day.

If these simple procedures are followed, then our Pickup Zone will certainly be freer flowing and safer for both the students and you.

Please see the diagram on the right which shows how to use this area safely.

Prep children are able to use the Pickup Zone from Term 3.





TUCKSHOP 2024

Welcome Back to 2024!

For the new families to the school, our tuckshop is operating Tuesday – Friday for 1st break only. It is operated through the school budget, we have 2 staff – myself and Heather, we do need and welcome helpers – mums, dads or grandparents (grandparents just need a blue card) and if you have completed the volunteer induction you just need to complete a volunteer form.

<u>Helpers</u> – Tuesday to Friday - any time available 8.30/9am to 11.30, if you can make a sandwich or even just wash up you qualify. Email <u>Fiona horsfall@rok.catholic.edu.au</u> or call office and they can pass your details onto Tuckshop. Wednesday & Friday are our busiest days with Pizza Hut on Wednesday and Fish from Vellas on Sydney on Fridays.

<u>Quickcliq</u> – We use this online system for ordering, you create an account and select St Francis Xavier for School, any issues we are in tuckshop from 8am Tuesday – Friday to help set up your account. Website - quickcliq.com.au

<u>Menu</u> - this year we have added a couple of new items, and we will also run specials during the year, the menu is also in this newsletter.

Thank you Fiona Horsfall Tuckshop Co-ordinator

ST FRANCIS XAVIER TUCKSHOP 2024



Sandwiches	
Vegemite/Cheese	\$3.00
Egg/Egg & Lettuce	\$ 3.50
Chicken/Ham	\$ 4.00
Chicken/Ham & Cheese	\$ 4.50
Salad with Cheese	\$ 4.50
Chicken/Ham & Salad	\$ 5.50

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Toasties	
Cheese	\$ 3.50
Chicken/Ham & Cheese	\$ 5.00
Croissant - Plain	\$ 3.00
Croissant - Cheese & Tomato	\$ 4.00
Croissant -Ham & Cheese	\$ 4.50
Muffin - Bacon, Egg, cheese	\$4.50
BLT	\$ 6.00
Breakfast Wrap	\$ 7.00

Gluten Free bread/wrap/roll # Lactose Free Cheese

	Wraps	
Salad	Wrap - Sml	\$ 5.00
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. Ham or Egg
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d Egg, Vege

(Cheddar, Camembert, Vege Sticks, Olives,

Hot Food		
Chick	en Nugget	\$ 1.00
Chick	en Drummies	\$ 1.50
Swee	t Chicken Chilli Ter	nder\$ 2.50
Sausa	age Roll - Sml	\$ 1.30
	- Lge	\$ 3.50
Meat	Pie - Sml	\$ 1.50
	- Lge	\$ 4.50
Hot D	og - & Sauce	\$ 3.50
•11	& Cheese	\$ 4.00
. no	Bun (sausage on	y)\$2.00

Hot Meals		
\$6.00		
\$ 7.00		
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\$ 2.00

Juice Poppers \$ 2.50 (Orange/Apple/Apple & Blackcurrant) Milk Popper \$ 3.00 (Strawberry/Chocolate/Vanilla)

Water ..

Drinks

Snacks		
Cherrios (2)	\$ 1.50	
Garlic Bread	\$ 1.50	
Boiled Egg	\$ 1.00	
Popcorn	\$ 2.00	
Jelly Cup	\$ 2.00	
Jelly & Custard	\$3.00	
Chocolate Mousse	\$3.00	
Chocolate Brownie	\$ 2.50	
Sweet Muffin	\$3.00	
Banana Bread	\$3.00	

Wednesday Specials

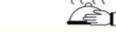
Gourmet Snack Bowl

Salami, Jatz & Dip)

2 Slices	\$4.00
3 Slices	\$5.50
4 Slices	\$7.00

Thursday Specials

Burger or Wrap Day	
Mince/ Cr Chicken	\$8.00
Comes with solod & souce	



Friday	Specials
Fish Day - (Vella's on Sydney)	
Piece	\$ 4.50
Burger or Sandwich	No Salad\$ 6.00
Burger or Sandwich	& Salad\$ 7.50
Salad Box	\$ 8.00
Options - Crumbed / - Grilled Plain	Battered / or Lemon Pepper

Special Occasions				
Birthday Bucket	ss)			

Cupcakes - available on request 3 days notice required Contact Fiona - 0401946393

If your child has a food allergy, please make Tuckshop aware via Quickcliq
Volunteers are always welcome - Please make contact with Tuckshop to arrange
Absent Policy - If Tuckshop is not notified by 9am on the day, no refund will be given
on hot food ordered through Quickcliq, Cold food can be given the following day





What is the School Student Broadband Initiative?

To boost education opportunities and narrow the digital divide, the Australian Government is providing up to 30,000 eligible families with school age children with no internet at home access to free nbn® until 31 December 2025¹ under the School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI)

Access to the SSBI will become easier, with the announcement of a National Referral Centre that parents/carers with school students can contact directly to check their eligibility.

Who is eligible for the SSBI?

It is important to note the SSBI is primarily intended as an affordability measure to help those with school-age children.

To be eligible for SSBI, families working directly with an SSBI Nominating Organisation, or selfnominating through the National Referral Centre, must:

- Have a child living at home that is enrolled in an Australian school (up to year 12 including from Prep in Qld/Vic/Tas, Kindy in NSW, Reception in SA, Transition in NT/ACT and Pre-Primary in WA).
- Not have an active nbn® network internet service at home. Having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility.
- Live in a premises that can access a standard² nbn service.
- Not have had an active nbn connection during the previous 14 days.
- Either be referred by a nominating organisation or have your suitability determined via an assessment conducted by the National Referral Centre.

How can I check my eligibility?

To check your eligibility, follow these simple steps.

- Contact the National Referral Centre on 1800 954 610 (Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm AEDT), or <u>www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet</u>. Callback and webchat functions are also available via the website.³
- Check your eligibility the NRC team will assess your eligibility, by checking your residential address and asking you some questions to determine if you meet the Government's eligibility criteria.
- If eligible, you will be issued a voucher which can be redeemed at any of the participating SSBI retail service providers. The National Referral Centre will also be available to assist with contacting your SSBI internet service provider of choice or providing follow-up support.

¹ This is subject to continued involvement in SSBI of participating internet providers beyond the previously announced deadlines, and provided the cap of 30,000 SSBI services has not yet be reached.

² A standard nbn service refers to a <u>standard</u> installation of nbn supplied equipment. This includes connecting a fibre optic cable from your street to the nbn utility box outside your premises, then inside to the nbn connection, nbn does not charge end customers for a standard installation. Remember to ask your chosen SSBI participating internet provider if they have any other fees. A small number of premises located in Limited Access Areas (any area within the footprint of the Satellite Network that cannot reasonably be accessed by road and would require some element of air or water transportation) are ineligible to access the SSBI.

³ The National Referral Centre is operated by Anglicare Victoria and is open to eligible Australian parents/carers.









PRIMARY SCHOOL GALA DAY

This gala day will be run by Netball Old

More information will be coming soon







PRIMARY SCHOOL CUP

This gala day will be run by Netball Old

More information will be coming soon







MOB'S				
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TALENT				

Application Form

Name	ti Group					
Date of birth:						
Telephone:			Email:			
Address:						
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Full name of Contestant/Group Name					
Contestant Signature:		Date:			
Parent/Guardian Signature:		Date:			

Submitting Application Form

Applications form can be sent to events@atsichs.org.au or handed in at YuwiYumba Cultural Hub (9 River St, Mackay)

For any enquiries, please contact Veronica Ah-Wang on 0499 029 709.