



# 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 3 Week 10

Dear Parents/Care Givers,

*“Sometimes, you have to look back in order to understand the things that lie ahead.” Yvonne Woon,*

The end of term is a great time to reflect on what we have learnt, what we have enjoyed and what our challenges have been. We have all had the experience of asking children ‘What did you do today?’ with a response of “Don’t know”, “Nothing” or even a shrug of the shoulders.

We need to direct our questions, so children not only have a chance to share their day but to reflect on their day. Try asking, ‘What was the best thing you did today?’ and if possible, follow up the answer with ‘Why?’ The ability to reflect on ourselves and our lives is an important skill for many reasons. It helps you learn from your mistakes. If we reflect on those mistakes, figure out what went wrong, see how we can prevent them in the future, we can use our mistakes to get better. Mistakes, then, are a valuable learning tool, instead of something to feel embarrassed or upset about.

Reflection is an important way to do that. It makes you happier. If you reflect on the things you did right, on your successes, that allows you to celebrate every little success. It allows you to realise how much you’ve done right, the good things you’ve done in your life. Without reflection, it’s too easy to forget these things, and focus instead on our failures. It gives you perspective. Often, we are caught up in the troubles or busy-ness of our daily lives. But if we take a minute to step back, and reflect on these problems, and how in the grand scheme of things they don’t mean all that much, it can calm us down and lower our stress levels.

Take the time to reflect on Term 3 with your children, find out what was the best thing, the most challenging thing, the thing that made them laugh and laugh. This time spent should not only be a time of sharing but a time of learning the importance of reflection.

I hope you and your children are able to have some down time and enjoy life as family over the two-week break. See you **Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**.

Have a wonderful holiday.  
God Bless.  
Olivia

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SFX IN TERM 4?

3 October	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
7 October	Prep – 2 swimming commences Student leader nomination letters due to Principal
11 October	School Captain nominees announced
12 October	<b>Hospital Dress Up Day</b> – 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 <b>Day for Daniel</b>
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**



# Mercy

# Awards

Love

Mercy

Faith

Excellence

Term 3 Week 10 Awardees



**ARENA  
SPECTACULAR!!!**

**SPECIAL THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO LEISA PERSSON AND HER 2 SIDEKICKS – MAREE POOTS AND SONIKA NELL, FOR THE AMAZING 'ARENA SPECTACULAR' LAST NIGHT. MORE ON THIS IN WEEK 1 NEWSLETTER NEXT TERM WHEN PHOTOS ARE AVAILABLE.**

## TWILIGHT FAIR – A FUN NIGHT HAD BY ALL

Our **TWILIGHT FAIR** was a great success once again and there are many who need to be thanked for this.

Firstly, to Kelly Walz, our P & F President for overseeing the organisation of this event. It is a huge task and Kelly has graciously given a great deal of time to ensure its success. Thank you also to her Executive team, as well as those parents who were able to offer some time on the various stalls etc.

A huge shout out to Helen Caporn, our Facilities Officer and Pauline Hyde our Finance Officer who gave many hours leading up to and on the evening.

Thank you to James Bailey, compere extraordinaire, for once again enthusing the crowd to part with some of their money!

And finally, to our sponsors who gave so generously. They are...



- A & J Ramsay – cold rooms
- Crokers Fuel
- Bunnings
- Vella's Fish Shop
- Dan Murphy's
- Chris Arnold – Daly Bay (Lighting Towers on the night)

### **PARKSIDE STORES WHO PROVIDED GIFTS AND GIFT VOUCHERS.**

- Enchanted Flowers
- Coles
- Baskin & Robbins
- Parkside Butchery
- Brumby's
- TSG

**PLEASE SUPPORT THESE LOCAL BUSINESSES**





Kieron Place  
ART & PHOTOGRAPHY



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## AN EARLY HEADS UP

On 12<sup>th</sup> October – Week 2 of next term, our school will be participating in Mackay Hospital Foundation Fundraiser. More information on this will be given early Term 4.

## Hospital Dress Up Day



Date:



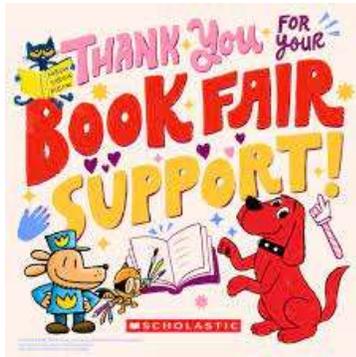
Join your school friends and dress as a hospital worker and make a donation to the Mackay Hospital Foundation



GIVING DAY



# Thank You For Another Successful Book Fair!



A big thank you to all the parents, students, and staff who supported our school library by purchasing items at our Scholastic Book Fair last week! The funds will be used to buy lots of exciting new books for our library. We also had over 20 beautiful books donated to our school by some very generous families, which I will be busy getting ready for the students to borrow in term 4.

A very special thanks to Mrs Grech & Mrs Ellis, the hard-working volunteers who

offered their time to help out. I couldn't have done it without you!



Stacey McSherry  
Library Co-ordinator

## A Message And 'Near Miss' (From One Of Our Parents)

I just wanted to let you know of an incident this morning - Tuesday. I was about to cross the road to my car after dropping my child to school when a woman almost hit me with her car - she was pulling in just outside the prep playground, she turned in dangerously close to me then swung around to do an illegal U-turn. She also then nearly hit my car that was parked on the opposite side of the road - she was obviously in a rush, but her driving was very dangerous.

Completely owning the fact that I should have been crossing the road at the end of the street, but I just wanted to report the incident anyway. Also, totally aware that you can't stop the parents that continually illegally U-turn on the street - I wish there were an easy solution!

Again, I just wanted to make note of the incident for record, just wish people would do the right thing!

## P & F Contacts

**President** - Kelly Walz [SFXM\\_PandFPresident@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:SFXM_PandFPresident@rok.catholic.edu.au)

**Vice President** - Amanda Ramsay

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Help us turn  
**BREAD BAGS** into  
**SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT**

**COLLECTIONS CLOSING SOON!**



**Our school is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.**

Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points to redeem on new RHSports equipment.

It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school with your kids! We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school earns!

**Collections close 9th September.**

**Tip for collecting:**

Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

**Did you know?**

We can now collect our bread bags over the holidays!

**BRING IN YOUR BAGS BEFORE SEPT 9TH!**

\*Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

Tag @wonderaustralia #wonderrecyclingrewards to share all your recycling champion stories!



**MACKAY GYMNASTICS**

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN DAYS

**INSIDE FUN, OUT OF THE SUN**

**2 - 4 YEAR OLDS**  
for younger boys & girls  
9.15am - 10.00am  
**COST \$16.50**

**WHEN:**  
Wed 28th September 2022

**5 - 12 YEAR OLDS**  
primary school aged boys and girls  
9.00am - 10.30am  
**COST \$27.50**

**WHEN:**  
Mon 26th, Wed 28th & Fri 30th September 2022

**COME AND HAVE FUN IN THE GYM**

**WHERE:** At our facilities  
5 Snow Wright Court,  
(Off Beaconsfield Road)

**Bookings Required**  
Phone: 07 4942 0032  
or email: [admin@mackaygymnastics.org.au](mailto:admin@mackaygymnastics.org.au)

**MACKAY BASKETBALL**

ROBATS NORTH MACKAY MAGIC SOUTH MACKAY WHITSUNDAY

2022-23 CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

## JUNIOR SIGN-ON

SAT SEPT 17, 9AM - 12PM  
NEW PLAYERS WELCOME  
AGES UNDER 8 - UNDER 18  
ALL SKILL LEVELS

MCDONALD'S MACKAY MULTI-SPORTS STADIUM • 107 JULIET STREET, SOUTH MACKAY

[MACKAYBASKETBALL.COM/JUNIORS](http://MACKAYBASKETBALL.COM/JUNIORS)

**AUSTRALIAN FUTSAL ASSOCIATION**

## WHITSUNDAYS SUMMER OF FUTSAL

BOYS & GIRLS

**JUNIOR & YOUTH COMPETITIONS**

**KICK OFF THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER, 2022**

**JUNIORS - 7 & 8, 9 & 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16+**

THURSDAY & FRIDAY EVENING - VICTORIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL, MACKAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL, AND MACKAY NORTHERN BEACHES STATE HIGH SCHOOL

REGISTRATION CLOSES ON FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

*Fun Friendly Futsal Fitness*

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REGISTER LINK: <https://ausfutsal.com/mackay2022Player>  
<https://ausfutsal.com/mackay2022team>

**QLD QUEENSLAND FUTSAL**

**CHEAH INTEGRATED MARTIAL ARTS**

## DUAL IMPACT MARTIAL ARTS

**SIGN UP FOR OUR HIT PROGRAM!**

*Gain fitness, flexibility and learn self-defence!!*

**BEGINNERS CLASS 5:30-6:30**  
**GENERAL CLASS 5:30-7:00**  
**TUESDAY & THURSDAY EVENINGS**

Classes for Adults and Children from age 5  
Family fee discounts available  
**First 2 weeks FREE!!**

**VENUE:**  
**MACKAY APOSTOLIC CHURCH HALL**  
Lot 8 Riverleigh Drive, North Mackay  
Ph: 0419 745 889

Cheah Taekwondo & Cheah Integrated Martial Arts Sarina & Mackay

[OR1]

**IT'S ON AGAIN !!**

## MACKAY TOUCH JUNIOR CARNIVAL

**SAT 8TH OCTOBER 2022 9.00**  
**AGES: U10'S - U16'S**  
**BOYS & GIRLS**  
**COST: \$30 PER PLAYER**

NOMINATIONS CLOSE: 1ST OCTOBER.  
FOR FURTHER INFO CONTACT: [ADMIN@MACKAYTOUCH.COM.AU](mailto:ADMIN@MACKAYTOUCH.COM.AU) OR 0409050554