

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S SCHOOL

*"Lake Alive with Dreamtime Knowledge, Waves of Learning,
Sailing into the Future"*

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Our mission is

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is 'to work in an environment of mutual respect for cultures and backgrounds and celebrating the Gospel principles in order to achieve quality education for all.'

A Big Welcome Back to school for all our children, parents and teachers. I hope the holidays provided you with the opportunity to spend some time as a family and to relax. It has been a real pleasure to see our students come back to school so eager to learn and ready to accept all the challenges that lay head this year.

The whole staff had two very productive Professional Development days last week focusing on **Understanding and Supporting Behaviours**. Students who experience behaviour difficulties can struggle to access learning and to feel socially excluded in school life. Behaviours are learnt and more appropriate behaviours can be supported in a positive way. Mrs Morris and Mrs Elwin also accessed training last week in Orange about Complex Trauma which was a very valuable learning opportunity. Staff were at school throughout the holidays getting organised for the commencement of the new school year.

During 2017 our main educational focus will be to improve our students' Literacy and Numeracy achievements.

FRUIT BREAK—10.00am each day: We are continuing this year with the fruit break at 10.00am each day. For new parents, each class has a fruit break at approximately at 10am each day. The children can bring their own fruit to have or **there will be a small variety of fruit to purchase at school for \$1.00. These need to be purchased before school time (before 9.00am)** We found from last year the children benefited from this small break.

HOT WEATHER: As the weather has been extremely hot please make sure that you send plenty of water to school with your children. All children are allowed a water bottle in the classroom at all times.

OPENING MASS: All families and friends are invited to join the school for our **Open Mass** as we celebrate the beginning of the new school year. The 2017 school leaders will be presented with their leader badges after they have been blessed by Fr Emil.

SPORTS DAY FOR TERM 1 for all classes is every Tuesday. Children are to wear their sports uniform and joggers on this day.

Next week we will have a mini **Swimming Carnival** for students in Year 2-6. This will start on Monday 13th February at 9.15am. Students will travel to the pool on the school bus. Notes have gone home to all students. Please return these notes this week to school and please check which events your child has nominated to compete in. All students will be going to the pool unless a note from families indicate that they are unable to participate.

We would be most grateful for any parents that can assist with time-keeping.

PLEASE NOTE that school Masses this year will be most Wednesdays at 10.30am. Assemblies have also changed to Wednesdays—please note the dates of these on the Calendar.

BEGINNING OF SCHOOL NOTES

Please sign and return the permission notes being sent home today as soon as possible—THANK YOU!

- Use of your child's photo and or work in the various publications
- Walking to and taking part in local excursions
- Use of sunscreen at break times and sporting and other excursions
- Local bus travel to Murrin Bridge Mass each term
- iPad Agreement
- Acceptable use Agreement
- Swimming Notes (for students in Year 2-6—this was sent home earlier in the week)
- Canteen note



*School Prayer
Lord, bless our school.
May it always be a place
where we are reminded of
your great love for us.
As we work and play to-
gether, help us to follow the
example of St Francis Xavi-
er, who spent his life telling
people the Good News of
your love.
May this love be shown in
our families, in our care for
one another and in the joy
of our classrooms.
Amen.*

We acknowledge that St Francis Xavier School is built upon the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri nation and walked upon by the Ngiyampaa and Barkindji peoples. We pay our respects to Elders, past and present and ask for their guidance as we work towards improving outcomes for future generations.

The following are dates on our school calendar which involve our families.

Wednesday 8th Feb	Maths at Home - 6.00pm in Year 3/4/5/6 Room ALL WELCOME Come along to learn some helpful tips to support your child with Maths at Home
Monday 13th Feb	Swimming Carnival—for students in Year 2-Year 6
Wed 15th Feb	Opening Mass—10.30am
Thurs/Fri 16th & 17th Feb	Heidi Minter School Counselor visiting
Thursday 16th Feb	WR Swimming Carnival at Cootamundra
Wednesday 22nd Feb	School Mass - Assembly S1—11.30am Community Council Meeting—AGM—6.00pm Staffroom
Wednesday 1st March	Ash Wednesday—start of Lent Mass at 2.00pm
Mon 6th to Fri 10th March	CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
Wednesday 8th March	Circus Challenge - Assembly Stage 2 & 3 - NO MASS
Thursday 9th March	Zoomobile
Friday 10th March	Mass at West Wyalong 11.30am - Catholic Schools Week

ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL
UNIFORM PRICE LIST

SUMMER UNIFORM

Polo Shirts (Girls & Boys)	\$20
Navy Skorts (Girls)	\$22
Navy Shorts (Boys)	\$18
School Hats	\$13
School Dresses	\$35

SPORT UNIFORMS

Sport Shorts	\$15
Sport Polo Shirts	\$20
Track pants	\$25
Jackets	\$38

WINTER UNIFORMS

Navy Blue Trousers (Boys)	\$20
Navy Blue Slacks (Girls)	\$20
Blue LS Shirts	\$20
School Ties	\$10
Polar Fleece Jumpers	\$25
Beanies	\$10
Scarves	\$ 5
Head Bands	\$ 3
Scrunchies	\$ 2

Mass Times this week for
Our Lady of Lourdes Church

SUNDAY 12th Feb: 9.30am

WEDNESDAY 15th Feb:
Opening School Mass 10.30am

HOLY HOUR 2—3pm

CONGRATULATIONS

- To Mrs Amy Golding, Luke, Belle and Beau on the safe arrival of sister and daughter, Brooklyn Rose.

- To Sharna, Tony, Leah, Jay and Sasha on the safe arrival of sister and daughter, Billie Patricia.

HOME READING PROGRAM We will be again aiming to encourage reading for all our students. Research has shown that the more children read the better they are at all areas of school and in turn better able to achieve success when they leave school.

To assist in encouraging reading all students will receive a Home Reading Log to complete at home to record any book they read (or parents read with them). Children will be rewarded for each total of 10 books they read and additional rewards for each 25 books they read.

Please help us to assist our students become better readers.

Please note if you wish to borrow books for your children to read at home our school is extremely well resourced and we will lend books to any family or student wishing for more books (or different choices of books) at home.

Students in Year 3/4/5/6 will also be aiming to read at least 40 Books this year (or to better their achievement last year).

Remember to Read with your children every day—10minutes a day makes the world of difference for their learning.

***The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.***

-Dr. Seuss



CANTEEN

Canteen will only operate for RECESS at the moment. Recess canteen will start tomorrow - children will be able to purchase home cooking, chips and Zooper Doopers for 50c each. Canteen will be on the agenda for the first Community Council Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday 22nd February. So if you have any ideas regarding canteen lunches please come along to this meeting or see one of the staff or Community Council members.

HELP WITH HOME COOKING FOR TOMORROW WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD WITH LUNCH ON THURSDAYS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

SFX COMMUNITY COUNCIL—Annual General Meeting This is the first meeting of the year and is an Annual General Meeting. All parents, carers and interested persons are most welcome to come along. Please show your support for your children and your school. The meeting will be held in the Staffroom on Wednesday 22nd February at 6.00pm. Items on the agenda include Canteen, Fundraising for the Year and 2017 school goals. If you would like to add any items to the agenda or become a committee member please let Sue, Jacinta or Shane Phillips (Chairperson) or Rebecca Keeley (Secretary) know. Thank you and looking forward to working with you all.

Reminder:- Phones, iPads or iPods sent to school with children should be sent to the office in the morning - NOT LEFT IN CHILDREN'S BAGS.

STAFFING for 2017

Congratulations to Mrs Rachael Morris our new Religious Education Coordinator. Rachael has taken on this Executive role this year and we are very excited to be able to utilise some of Rachael's many gifts and talents.

Mrs Morris, our Kindergarten Teacher, will work Monday to Thursday.

Mrs Tracy Johnston, our Year 1/2 teacher, will work Monday to Wednesdays

Ms Alison Wheeler will work Tuesday to Fridays and will work with Kinder /1/2 focusing on Literacy and Numeracy. Alison will teach Year 1/2 on Thursdays.

Miss Sharon Thorpe, Miss Joy Kelly and Miss Georgina Kelly will work with all classes but with a focus on Kinder/1/2.

As yet we haven't finalised staffing for the Year 3/4/5/6 class. We finally interviewed applicants (after the 3rd round of advertising) and are waiting for a contract to be organised. As soon as this has been finalised families will be notified. At the present time Mrs Elwin and Mrs Orr will be teaching the students and ensuring that they are covering expected learning and setting up classroom procedures and practices.

If there are any concerns regarding your child please do not hesitate to contact the school at any time. We wish to work with families to provide the best possible learning environment for all students.

Sincere Sympathy is extended to Erika & Lyndon Bartholomew and family as well as the Camp family on the sad passing of Erika's grandmother Mrs Judy Camp. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

ADMINISTRATION

REMINDERS

Bus Travel

Bus Travel is available for students. Applications online at student@transport.nsw.gov.au

To find out if you are eligible for school drive subsidy and to apply visit transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

Or call 131500

Brochure attached

Change of address / phone number

The School Office should be notified of any change of address or phone number immediately. If intending to transfer to another school the Principal should be notified.

School Hours

Teachers are responsible for supervision of students from 8.30am until all children have left the school grounds. Special permission needs to be sought if children are going to be on School grounds outside these hours, as teachers are not available to supervise.

Office Hours

The front office hours are from 8.30am until 4.00pm Monday to Friday. At times the phone may be unattended but messages can be left on the answering machine at any time.

Should a parent or carer telephone a teacher or student during class time a message will be passed on or a more convenient time to call will be suggested to call back.



Maths at Home



*Come along to learn some helpful tips to support your child
with Maths at Home*

Presenter: Leonie Anstey

Leonie is an experienced Maths Educator (25 years), who has taught children from age 5 to 18. Leonie has worked with students and their families to enjoy and thrive with maths ideas, games and concepts.



This workshop will explore hands-on activities for you to enjoy with your child at home. Parents/carers will have the opportunity to ask questions, play maths games and take some ideas to use every day.

When: Wednesday 8th February

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Year 3/4/5/6 Classroom



Supper will be provided after the presentation

ALL WELCOME

Next week's newsletter will have information regarding School Attendance, Homework and the Pastoral Care Policy.



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