

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S SCHOOL

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Sailing into the Future"*

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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.'

Last week the teachers spent time with Mrs. Kerry O'Callaghan from Catholic education refining their teaching skills to continue to implement quality teaching in their Literacy blocks in their classrooms. Some of the key features in these Literacy blocks are that all students are to have a free reading and writing block of about 20 minutes each and that the teacher is able to conference and give feedback once a week for reading and writing for each student in their class. One of the priorities in the classrooms are that they are filled with quality literature for the students to access that is appropriate to their stage of learning. Later in the term Mrs. Kerry O'Callaghan will be conducting some parent sessions to inform and assist parents about best practice and how they can support the school and their children in developing their literacy skills.

This week we will farewell Mrs. Giemza who will finish this Friday 12th May. Mrs. Giemza has been teaching the Yr.3/4/5/6 class and we thank her for all her wonderful work she has been doing with the primary classes. On behalf of the school community we would like to say a generous thank you for the support of St. Francis Xavier school and wish her well in her future endeavours.

Last Thursday I took our magnificent cross country runners to Murrumburrah for the Western Region carnival. A big thank you to Leanne Middleton and Kirsty McFadyen for their help on the day. Whilst we didn't have any students progress to the next level, all our runners competed with resilience, pride and commitment. They represented St. Francis Xavier school very proudly. Well done, students. Thank you to Trinity Murrumburrah for hosting a wonderful carnival.

The Yr. 3 and Yr. 5 students are sitting the NAPLAN testing this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with Friday being the make up test day. Students will be sitting these tests in the Library. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests and only form one aspect of school data collection.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone of the Yr. 3/4/5/6 class assembly this Thursday at 11:30am. All families and friends are most welcome and we look forward to the K-2 excursion this Friday 12th May to the Griffith Regional Theatre to watch "Diary of a Wombat".

Have a great week everyone!
God bless



Paul Corcoran

For God & Australia

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.

What's happening this week?

9th May—14th May:	NAPLAN-Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Thursday 11th May:	3/4/5/6 Class Assembly at 11:30am
Friday 12th May:	Excursion for K/1/2 to Griffith Regional Theatre “Dairy of a Wombat”
Monday 15th-21st May	National Families Week: Stronger Families, stronger communities’.
Tuesday 16th May:	CWA Public Speaking –Condobolin
Friday 19th May:	Small Schools Athletics Carnival at St. Frances Xavier School
Tuesday 23rd May:	ICAS—Computer
Wednesday 24th May:	National Simultaneous Story Telling
Friday 26th May:	National Sorry Day—20th Anniversary

Western Region Cross Country

Congratulations to Ruby Wallace, Jamie Kirby, Jadye Mitchell, Bryanne King, Benji Bartholomew, Deakin Smith, Carter McFadyen, Jack Middleton, Lachlan Middleton and Ned Phillips for competing at the Western Region Cross Country trials last Thursday 4th May.



Playground Supervision:

I would like to remind all families and carers that morning supervision times begin at 8:30am. Students should not be on the school grounds until 8:30am as they can't be supervised.

Head lice: If we detect a child who has head lice at school, the parents will be contacted to come and pick their child up. Due to health and safety regulations your child can not come back to school until they have been treated for head lice. Girls are reminded to wear their hair tied up to prevent infection.

Year 1/2 Maths Work: In 1/2 students have been doing some great maths activities. It is expected that all students can numerate and Mr Corcoran has been very impressed with 1/2 numeracy skills.



1/2 students using their addition strategies to solve problems and number charts. Try the one below and complete

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	6	7	
5			6
4		3	
			7



CWA Public Speaking-Condobolin

Good luck to Lachlan Middleton, Bailey McDonald, Hamish Middleton and Leah Hayward who will compete in the CWA Public speaking in Condobolin next Tuesday.



Excursion to Griffith Regional Theatre K-2 on Friday 12th May

Safe travelling and have fun for the K-2 Excursion to Griffith this Friday.

School Fees

This term's school fees were posted at the end of last week. Thank you to the families who always pay their school fees on time. It is important that each family meets this important obligation. The school also has to meet their commitments each month and cannot do so if families do not pay their school fees. There are a number of options available to families to pay school fees. Attached is a fee schedule letter which gives a break down of paying fees weekly, monthly or each term. Centrepay is also another option. Please give this matter serious attention.

Small Schools Athletics Carnival Friday 19th May.

Euabalong West are hosting the Small Schools Athletics Carnival this year which is being held Friday 19th May. The carnival will be held at SFX school oval. The carnival will involve schools from Euabalong West, Naradhan, Rankin Springs and ourselves. The children have been entered in all events. Parents, carers and friends are welcome to come along and support the children. More information will be sent home in a letter early next week.

Please remember to send in your sold raffle books for our Mother's Day Raffle.

**This is one way everyone can support the school through the fundraising committee fundraisers.
The raffle will be drawn on Friday 12th May**

Mother's Day Prayer

Blessed be all mothers who have come into our lives, whose kindness, care and loving remain with us to guide

Your inspiration in us made us strive in every way especially to remember helping others makes our day.

Mothers, this little tribute flows directly from the heart. You are so loved and cherished, invaluable, one and all you are.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all the mums, we hope you have a happy, relaxing and enjoyable day with the family.



Have a great day!

CANTEEN NEWS: PLEASE MAKE SURE THE CORRECT MONEY FOR THE LUNCH ORDERS IS IN A BAG WITH THE CHILD'S NAME, YEAR AND ORDER.

No late orders will be accepted after 9.20am

Children need to remember to get their orders out of their school bags first thing in the morning.

PLEASE NOTE: Canteen is operating this week. RECESS CANTEEN AS USUAL.

INTERAGENCY MEETING ROSTER
(2nd Tuesday of each month)

Sandwiches can be dropped at school by 10.15 am

June 13th: Therese Stenhouse
July 11th: Kirsty McFadyen
August 8th: Amy Golding
Sept 12th: Tara Wallace
Oct 10th: Sharna Hayward
Nov 14th: Kirsty McFadyen

CANTEEN ROSTER for Term 2

Friday 12th May: Amy Golding, Leanne Middleton
Friday 19th May: Shane Phillips, Kirsty McFadyen,
Friday 26th May: Sharna Hayward, Shannon Nicholson
Friday 2nd June: Lana Clarke, Georgina Kelly
Friday 9th June: Sue MacRae, Anita Clarke
Friday 16th June: Sharon Thorpe, Rachael Morris
Friday 23rd June: Amy Golding, Shane Phillips
Friday 30th June: Leanne Middleton. Kirsty McFadyen

UNIFORM PRICE LIST

Winter Uniforms:

Navy Blue Trousers (Boys)	\$25
Navy Blue Slacks (Girls)	\$25
Blue LS Shirt	\$25
School Ties	\$10
Polar Fleece Jumpers	\$30

Sports Uniforms

Sport Shorts	\$15
Sport Polo Shirts	\$20
Track Pants	\$28
Jackets	\$40

School Uniforms:

I have noticed that students are not wearing the proper school winter uniform. I encourage all parents to take note of the full school winter uniform as seen in the photographs. Please see the attached uniform price list to ensure your child is dressed appropriately.

CANTEEN HELPERS REQUIRED

Canteen helpers needed for Small School Athletics Carnival being held next Friday 19th May . The fundraising Committee are running the canteen. Please complete the following table if you are able to assist with the canteen on the day. The small school carnival is being held on the grounds of St. Frances Xavier School. Please return ASAP!

Canteen Roster - Friday 19th May 17

Names	9am - 11am	11am - 1pm	1pm - 3pm
Kate O'Connor			