



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.'

This is our school

Let peace dwell here
Let the room be full of contentment
Let love abide here
Love of one another
Love of mankind
Love of life itself
And love of God
And help us remember
That as so many hands build a house
So many hearts build a school.
Amen



WHITE RIBBON DAY MARCH

Our students represented our school, our community and themselves with pride and respect last Friday at the Inaugural Lake Cargelligo White Ribbon Day March. The students, all dressed in a white shirt with a white Ribbon led the March and joined in with the chorus of NO to Violence in our community. The guest speaker, Mr. Barry Merritt—spoke to the crowd at the rotunda about making a choice to be non-violent and how this choice makes all our relationships better. We concluded the event by all joining in the oath, "I will stand up, speak out and act to prevent men's violence against women."



KINDER TRANSITION GRADUATION

Last Thursday our Kinder Transition group had their last transition day. To celebrate this special time the class presented a mini assembly before they celebrated their graduation. The

2017 Kinders helped their new Kinder buddies and entertained the school community with "Mr. Clicketty Cane". Then each transition student was presented with a Graduation Certificate and then had a little graduation party with a graduation cake (kindly cooked by Mrs Sue Riley).

We will miss these special children over the last weeks of the term but we look forward to them being a very special part of our school community next year. A very big THANK YOU to Mrs Morris and Mrs Golding for another wonderful Transition program!



For God & Australia

Jacinta Elwin Principal

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 families.

Thurs 30th Nov ~Fri 1st Dec	School Swimming Program—intensive swimming lessons from 11.30am ~ 1.00pm—Friday students can bring money for pool canteen
Thursday 30th November	St Joseph Boorowa visit—with Mr Paul Corcoran
Monday 4th December	Year 5/6 Leadership Retreat at Mt Bolo
Wednesday 6th December	Murrin Bridge Mass—9.30am Last School Community Council Meeting—5.30pm in staffroom
Thursday 7th December	Small Schools Swimming Carnival - with Naradhan and Euabalong West
Friday 8th December	Kinder 1/2 Reward Day at Movies in Griffith
Monday 11th December	2017 Presentation Night for all students and families Starting with Mass at 6.00pm - followed by awards and Musical in Hall
Thursday 14th December	Whole School Reward Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Thursday 21st December	CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT—in the hall.
Friday 15th December	Final Day for Term 4 - Happy Holidays!
	2018 School commences—student returns to school

CLAIMING THE DATE — Monday 11th December, 2017
2017 Presentation Night
for all students and families
Starting with Mass at 6.00pm
- followed by awards and Musical in Hall

Please add this special night to your family calendar—this is a very special night for our school community. **We will begin the evening with a THANKSGIVING MASS in the Church at 6.00pm.** We will give thanks for the great year and farewell our Year 6 students and Miss O'Brien. **Immediately after the mass we will continue in Fr Mayne Hall with our 2017 Awards and Certificates.** Then the children will entertain you all by presenting the **Musical “A Magical Christmas Jigsaw”**. Every child is in the Musical so please ensure you invite all your family to see the children shine!

We are planning on having a cake / drinks stall at this presentation night—if anyone can assist with cooking of cakes we would be most grateful. Thank you!

School Swimming Program: Last day of Intensive Swimming Program will be on Friday . The children are learning more about keeping safe in the water and improving their swimming skills! On Friday the students can bring money to spend at the pool canteen. **Please ensure all entry fees are paid by Friday, thank you!**

Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 7th December. We are hosting the carnival this year so will need help with time keeping, marshaling and other jobs. If you are able to help please let Sue know in the front office. The carnival commences at 9.30am. **If your permission note hasn't been returned please return this week. Entry Fee needs to be sent in as well please!**

PLEASE NOTE—we are still needed any parents, carers or volunteers that are available on this day to assist with timekeeping. If you can help for an hour or more please let Mrs. Morris know! Thank you!



Christmas Raffle: The Fundraising Committee is running a Christmas Raffle. A book of 20 tickets was sent home last week for families to sell. We are asking everyone to make a special effort in selling their tickets. If anyone can sell tickets down the street it would be appreciated.

The Catholic Church - Christmas Special is running again this year. Tickets are \$10 each—1st Prize is \$1000—anyone wishing to purchase a ticket can see Mrs Elwin or Mrs Morris.



Every Day Is An MJR Day Optimism – Week 8

Optimism helps people succeed. Optimism is more than seeing the bright side of a situation or expecting good things. It is also a way of explaining what has already happened. When something good happens, an Optimist will think about what they did to make the situation turn out so well. An Optimistic person believes they have the skill and ability to make good things happen, they think about how one good thing can lead to another. Optimism lets us see disappointing events as temporary situations that we can get past. It strengthens us to try again rather than



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CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

This year the Lake Cargelligo Carols by Candlelight will be held on Thursday 21st of December in the Memorial Hall. This is a week after school has finished, which makes us doing our school item a little tricky. For organisational purposes I need to know those families and students that would be interested in participating in the Carols. I am happy to organise a bus to pick up students so we can continue the tradition of presenting a couple of carols.

Please indicate (or contact Mrs Elwin at school) below if you would be happy for your child to participate in the Carols by Candlelight on Thursday 21st December. Thank you

My child / children

would like to participate in the Carols by Candlelight on Thursday 21st December, 2017.

Signed: _____

ACTIVE KIDS REBATE PROGRAM

The 2017-18 Budget will allocate \$207 million over four years to establish the Active Kids Rebate program to help NSW families meet the cost of getting their kids into sport and fitness activities.

From 31st January 2018, parents will be able to claim up to \$100 per school child, per calendar year, as a voucher to reduce the cost of sport registration or membership fees for after-school, weekend and structured fitness or physical activity.

These activities could include: traditional sport such as netball, football, basketball, swimming classes or lessons, as well as other fitness or physical activities such as gymnastics or athletics.

The voucher will not be means tested and available to every school child wanting to get active in their community through sport and active recreation.

Parents will be able to register online to get their voucher to a sports club or registered provider to receive the rebate.

The Active Kids Rebate Program will help deliver on the Premier's priority of reducing child overweight and

Canteen Roster Term 4 2017

FRIDAY RECESS CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4.

1st Dec	Sharon Thorpe, Rachael Morris
8th Dec	Amy Golding, Shane Phillips
15th Dec	Leanne Middleton, Kirsty McFadyen

Thank you to all the ladies who so generously offered to be part of the canteen roster each term.

If any other parent would like to be part of the roster please ring the front office.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Notices

NO MASS ON FRIDAY

SATURDAY 2nd November 6pm

**WEDNESDAY 6th December at Murrin Bridge
Preschool at 9.30am - ALL WELCOME!**

Holy Hour 2-3pm