



ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S SCHOOL

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

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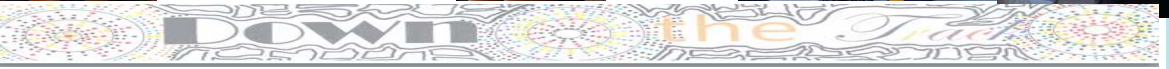


is 'to work in an environment of mutual respect for cultures and backgrounds and celebrating the Gospel principles in order to achieve quality education for all.'

God of Love,
Your son,
Jesus, is
your
greatest
gift to us.



He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love
during the weeks of Advent,
As we wait and prepare
for his coming.
We pray in the name of
Jesus, our Saviour.
Amen.



BREAKFAST PROGRAM Down the Track Program—run by Lana Masterson, has enabled our school to be the recipient of a healthy breakfast for our students and families on Wednesdays mornings. This program started last week and as you can see from the smiling faces, and as the staff noticed from the positive learning occurring Wednesday mornings, the program will be a success. Last week the students enjoyed healthy pancakes—the recipe is below for families to use.

This morning we had Lana with helpers from Murrin Bridge health service transport and Murrin Bridge Aboriginal Land Council cooking another healthy breakfast consisting of bacon and egg rolls (healthy version), banana oat muffins and fruit and muesli cups. All families are welcome to join us so come along next Wednesday and have a healthy breakfast at school! (Recipes on the back of the newsletter for you to use at home)



2017 Presentation Night – Monday 11th December, 2017

for all students and families

Mass at 6.00pm - followed by awards and Musical in Hall

Monday evening is our 2017 Presentation Night—starting with **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!





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.

Wednesday 6th December	Last School Community Council Meeting—5.30pm All Welcome
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 Day Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Friday 15th December	Final Day for Term 4 - Happy Holidays!
Thursday 21st December	CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT—in the hall.
Friday 3rd February 2018	Staff return for Term 1 2018
Monday 5th February 2018	2018 School commences—student returns to school
Friday 16th February 2018	Western Region Swimming Carnival

Leadership Retreat at Mt Bolo

On Monday this week the students in Year 5/6 went out Mt Bolo for a Leadership Retreat with Mrs Morris, Fr Emil and Mrs Elwin. This was a great opportunity for the Year 6 students to share some of their leadership skills and ideas

with the Year 5 students, who will be our Leadership Class of 2018. Fr Emil had a couple of great leadership games for the students to play helping them realise some of the qualities and skills they need to have as a leader. Mrs Morris also talked to the students about Jesus as a great leader to follow and model their leadership on! We celebrated Mass in the chapel and concluded the day by walking up the Stations of the Cross, up the hill, reflecting on the leadership skills Jesus displayed in each of the stations.

I would like to thank Lachlan and Bryanne, as our 2017 school captains and Darcy and Bailey as our leadership class of 2017 for the wonderful leadership they have displayed this year and previous years at St Francis Xavier School. They have been to our younger students a positive role model in leadership!



SCHOOL REPORTS will be sent home today by post. If you have any concerns or questions regarding the reports please feel free to contact the school and arrange a teacher meeting next week. Thank you.

Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be held tomorrow, 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. **Children can meet us at the pool at 9.15am or come to school as normal and travel to the pool in the school bus with Mrs Elwin. Please ensure all children have paid their entry fee and bring their swimmers, towel, hat, food and water. Thank you!**

PLEASE NOTE—we still need volunteers for this day to assist with timekeeping. If you can help for an hour or more please let Mrs. Morris know! Thank you!

The Annual Rotary Carnival is on this Saturday 9th December. We will be helping with running of the Rotary Wheel again this year. If you can give 1/2 hour or so from 6.30pm please let Mrs Elwin know—this is a fantastic opportunity for the school to raise funds to assist in the purchase of Government Stores (all pencils, books, art and craft materials etc) for next year. So far we have Mrs Elwin, Mrs Golding, Miss O'Brien and Ms Wheeler—it would be great if there are any parents that could assist us!

2018 Western Region Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 16th February, here in Lake Cargelligo. We will be hosting the event. This is a great opportunity for our students as they will not need to travel! We will need many helpers on this day to assist with the organisation and running of the day. If you are available and can assist in any way for a hour or more we would be most grateful! Please let us know if you think you can help out!

2018 Staffing The staffing for 2018 has been finalised with the classes being the same as 2017. In 2018 Mrs Amy Golding will teach the Kindergarten class, Mrs Rachael Morris will teach the Year 1/2 class and Mrs Shaw will teach the Year 3/4/5/6 class.

As with this year the Kinder and Year 1/2 class will come together for some of the Key Learning Areas (KLAs) - and Mrs Morris will teach them for Religion and Mrs Golding will teach them for PDHPE, History and Geography and Science and Technology.

Ms Alison Wheeler will work 3 days a week in 2018 and she will assist Kinder / Year 1/2 with Literacy and Numeracy and work with small groups and individual students in these areas.

Mrs Elwin will also assist Mrs Shaw with Literacy and Numeracy on some days in Year 3/4/5/6. Mrs Elwin will also teach Religion in Year 3/4/5/6 and will cover Library and some Music and Dance lessons.



Christmas Raffle: All sold books of tickets must be returned to school by this Friday 8th December. The raffle will be drawn at our Presentaton Evening on Monday 11th Dec. There is still time if anyone is able to sell tickets down the street. Please make a special effort to sell your book of tickets as money raised goes towards the purchase of resources your children's education. The Fundraising Committee are always very generous in subsidising excursions and performances for the children.

SO PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT.

Every Day Is An MJR Day Gratitude – Week 9

Gratitude is an important life skill. By acknowledging our opportunities, children learn to become sensitive to others, developing empathy and positivity. When we express gratitude we begin to looking outside ourselves. Showing gratitude is a learned behaviour. It is saying thanks and meaning it. It is appreciating the effort of others. It is appreciating others. People who show gratitude show more kindness, happiness and opti-



Healthy Pancakes *Ingredients:*

3 cups of light milk
2 eggs
2 cups of self raising flour
2 cups of wholemeal flour



Method:

Whisk milk and eggs together in a jug
Sift flours into a bowl. Make a well in the centre.
Add milk mixture and whisk until combined.
Heat large frying pan over medium heat.
Brush pan with margarine.
Using a 1/4 cup mixture per pancake, cook pancakes in batches for 2 - 3 minutes or until bubbles appear on surface.
Flip pancake and cook until cooked through.

Banana oat muffins

Ingredients:

1 1/2 cups Self raising flour	1 egg
1 cup wholemeal self raising flour	
3/4 cup brown sugar	2 tablespoons Margarine
250ml reduced fat milk	2 Ripe bananas
1 teaspoon Vanilla essence	1/2 cup Rolled oats

Method:

Preheat oven to 180°C.
Lightly grease a muffin pan or line with muffin paper.
Sift flours into a large bowl.
Stir in sugar and oats and make a well in the centre.
In a small bowl, whisk melted margarine, milk, egg, vanilla and banana together then add to flour mixture.
Stir until mixture is just combined but don't over beat. Spoon mixture into prepared pan.
Bake for 20-25mins or until muffins are well risen and spring back to the touch. Leave in pan for a few minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool, or eat warm.

Note: add 1/2 cup of choc chips just before baking between 12 muffins if desired

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 obesity rates by 5% over 10 years.

https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/active_kids

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

Canteen Roster Term 4 2017

8th Dec: Amy Golding, Shane Phillips

NO CANTEEN FRIDAY 15th DEC

Thank you to all the ladies who so generously offered to be part of the Canteen Roster and the Interagency Roster this year

POGO STICKS FOR SALE

We have a number of Pogo Sticks for sale—\$10 each. We are getting rid of them as we are concerned for the safety of all children!

Buyers must be aware that some of the rubbers on the end of the sticks are missing or damaged.

My child / children _____

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

Signed: _____

Yes / No we would like to be picked up in the school bus.