

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S SCHOOL

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

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Mission through courage, kindness and reconciliation.



Our mission 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.

"You are the light of the world, let Jesus shine through you to others"



VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We would like to support the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal this year. St Vincent de Paul aim to provide hampers to families in need at Christmas time and this year the need has increased substantially.

We are asking for any donations of non-perishable food, like packets of biscuits, chips, cans of food. There will be a box for donations in the staff room and we will take any donations down Tuesday 17th December after presentation night.

With over two million people living below the poverty line in Australia, including over half a million children, your donation allows the St Vincent de Paul Society to provide more than immediate help, it provides something much more valuable – the opportunity of a better life.



**BECAUSE NOBODY
SHOULD GO HUNGRY
AT CHRISTMAS**

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Special Congratulations to Shynita Cromelin and Oscar Bartholomew who received a special NAIDOC award from CE Aboriginal consultant Kerry O'Callaghan last week. Both students were recognised at the NAIDOC Mass in Canberra at the commencement of Term 3 and would have received these awards at this celebration if they were in Canberra. Oscar's award acknowledged his academic achievements and Shynita's award recognised her leadership qualities. Well Done and thank you for your efforts!



St Francis
Xavier Feast
Day 3rd Dec
Creator
God in-
spired by
the example

of St Francis Xavier. We pray to you for the courage to be missionaries, reaching out and leading others to Jesus.

Like St Francis Xavier, may we help those in need, may we live a life of prayer and may we bring Christ to all those we meet.

This we ask through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Awards 20th November, 2019

	Merit Awards	MJ Real Award
Kinder	Leela, Wayne	Marley
Year 1/2	Jay, Macayla, Rose	Margaret, Sophie
Yr 3/4/5/6	Seraya, Leonie	
Principal's Award: <i>Maddie Jones, Sophie Phillips</i>		

Awards 27th November, 2019

	Merit Awards	MJ Real Award
Kinder	Sasha	Stephen
Year 1/2	Belle, Jacob	Lochie
Yr 3/4/5/6	Will, Belle, Carter, Jack, Ivy (Yr2)	Leah, Max, Ruby, Wayne (Yr1)
Principal's Award: <i>Leah Hayward, Amelia Smith and Zheng Mao</i>		

Sincere Sympathy is extended to Tony and Sharna Hayward and family on the death of Betty Hayward, Tony's grandmother and Leah, Jay and Sasha's great grandmother.
Rest in peace.



Rest In Peace

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. May we walk gently forward together.

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

Thursday 28th November	Final Kinder Transition Day ~ Information Session 10am in Library, Morning Tea 11.00am and then Graduation Assembly at 11.30am— PLEASE JOIN US!
Monday 2nd December	6 Day Intensive Swimming Program commences
Tuesday 3rd December	St Francis Xavier Feast Day - Lunch at the pool
Thursday 5th December	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
Wednesday 11th December	Swimming Program finishes
Thursday 12th December	Small Schools Swimming Carnival
Friday 13th December	Last School Mass for the year ~ Thanks for the year and farewell to
Saturday 14th December	Rotary Christmas Carnival
Monday 16th December	Presentation Night—Awards and Play—starting at 6.30pm
Tuesday 17th December	Reward Day—Movies and visit to City Park
Wednesday 18th December	School finishes for the year
FEBRUARY 5TH February 2020	ALL STUDENTS RETURN FOR START OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR.



K/1/2 Assembly:

Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students entertained us at assembly last week with their thoughts on the best thing so far this year at school and showcasing their dancing skills again in a boot scooting dance.

Some of the best things included...

Dads in Schools has been my favourite event this year because I get to see my Dad. While he was here we draw a portrait of each other, neither really look like us. Dads in School day is important because I don't normally to see Dad during the day and it's great to show him what we do at school.— **Ivy**

My Dad doesn't come to school very often so this day was my favourite. The sausages were the best part of the day!— **Zheng**

The best thing about this year is my teachers. They are all nice! Some are a little cranky and bossy but only when we be naughty. We've had lots of teachers this year, my faves are Mr K and Ms Wheeler because they are the most fun! I have learnt something from every one. Mr K should be our teacher all the time. **Rose**

My teachers have been my favourite part of the year cos they are making me smarter. My teachers are fun all the time and we learn without knowing that we are! - **Eli**





Down the Track Special Breakfast with visitors—

Thank you to the families and staff that supported Lana and her Down the Track group at the breakfast last week. I had the privilege of joining the group on Tuesday evening for a meal with the visitors and am extremely proud of the work that the group do for our community. Congratulations to Lana and her supporters for your success so far and we all look forward to continued success in our community.



CE Visitors to our school ~ Over the past few weeks we have supportive visits from many CE consultants and expert teachers. Last week saw K/1/2 staff and students working with expert teacher Karen Westen and CE Literacy consultant Colleen Caddy-Murphy. These visits are invaluable to our school as they assist in staff professional learning and system collaboration.

PUBLICATION CELEBRATION/ BOOKS IN HOME ASSEMBLY:

Thank you to all the families that supported our Publication Celebration today. It is always a pleasure to witness the joy our students have when sharing their creative thoughts and published written work, particularly to an audience that they love. Your support is invaluable and greatly appreciated!



Thank you to Judy Bartholomew for being our Books in Home Role Model today. Having significant people in our community express the importance of reading helps spread the Reading message. We are extremely grateful to Circus Group who have sponsored our school over the past 12 years with the Books in Home Project, providing each of our students with 9 free books each year, 3 received today. Our Year 6 students have now received 63 free books since they started in Kindergarten - an enormous gift to learning!



Year 3/4/5/6 News:

This term 3,4,5,6 have been quite busy. We have had a focus on spelling and students need to be congratulated for their achievement in this area. They have been busy making solar cars and seeing how they can improve on their design.

All students have been assessed in reading, maths, writing and comprehension all the results were very pleasing. It clearly showed that attendance is the most important factor in students progressing in their learning.



Thank you to Year3/4/5/6 for sharing some of their learning at assembly this morning!

Kinder Transition News

Over the last two weeks we have been having a blast at big school. We have been doing lots of reading, singing, art and craft, cooking and exploring in the playground.

Last week we went on one exciting adventure looking for some treasure. All the children went exploring and looking for treasure starting with the letter T. We were all very excited to see a tiger sneaking around the playground.

This week is our final day of transition with our special graduation celebration starting at 11:30.



FRIDAY RECESS CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO ROSTER

29th Nov: Kirstin Morris, Kate Alexander

6th Dec: Shane Phillips, Alison Wheeler

13th Dec: Jodi McFadyen, Amy Golding

If anyone cannot assist on the weeks that you are rostered on please let Sue know—or organise a swap with someone. Thank you for your support.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

\$10 @ TICKET ~ 1st Prize = \$1 000
2nd prize = \$250 + 9 more cash prizes
Drawn Saturday 14th December after
6pm Mass



St. Francis Xavier Feast Day 3rd December

The Spanish Jesuit St. Francis Xavier (1506-1552) was a pioneer of

Catholic missions in eastern Asia. Known as the Apostle of the East Indies, he has been acclaimed as one of the greatest missionaries in history. He devised Christian instruction focusing on children who taught their parents the message of the Gospel, in songs. Possibly one of the reasons our school is named after him.

To celebrate this special day we will have lunch at the pool after our swimming lessons. Any child that wishes to purchase lunch at the pool will need to complete a lunch order and hand in to the canteen before lessons commence.

Mass Times for Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Friday 29th Nov	11.30am
Saturday 30th Nov	6pm
Friday 6th Dec	11.30am
Saturday 7th Nov	6pm

Menu for Friday Lunch Canteen

Pizza

Small cheese & bacon	\$4.00
Small cheese, ham & pineapple	\$4.00

Sandwich or Roll

Ham, Chicken, Roast Beef, Silverside, Egg, Cheese, Vegemite	\$3.50
Add Salad—lettuce, tomato, beetroot, cheese (eg: meat & salad)	\$4.00

(White, wholemeal or grain bread available)

Wrap

Sweet Chilli Wrap (1xtender & salad)	\$5.00
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Hot Food

Chicken & corn roll	\$4.00
3 x Yummie drummies	\$3.50
6 x Chicken Nuggets	\$3.50
4 x Chicken breast wedges	\$3.50
6 x Chicken Goujons	\$3.50
Hot Dog (tom sauce)	\$3.50
Plain Pie	\$3.50
Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Sauce	.50
Fruit Juice	\$2.50
Fruit Box	\$1.50

IMPORTANT REMINDERS for Families: -

- Swimming lessons start Monday 2nd December—please pack swimmers including swimming rashie, towel and sunscreen—return permission notes!
- Tues.3rd Dec.—lunch at the pool—orders needed to be handed in before lessons
- Thursday 5th Dec.—Year 6 Graduation Dinner—we need numbers asap please!
- Friday 13th Dec.—Thanks giving Mass—last school mass for the year—Year 6 students will receive their school certificates
- Monday 16th December—Presentation Night—starts at 6.30pm in Fr Mayne Hall
- Tuesday 17th December—Whole School Reward Day ~ to Griffith City Park and Movies



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