

# 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"***



**A Big Welcome Back** to school for all our children, families and staff. 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 back at school, eager to learn and ready to accept all the challenges that lay ahead this year.

**A very big WELCOME to our school the 2020 Kindergarten children. It has been wonderful to see Indigo, Charlie, Jaydn, Caden, Dustin and Elwina rejoin our school and become a special part of our school family.**

I apologise for no photos being published yet in our newsletter but as soon as permission notes are returned we will share some of the special moments of the first week for 2020! Please note that we are aiming to create a FaceBook page for St Francis Xavier and have requested permission for photos and student work to be added to this page and the website. Please let us know if you have any concerns regarding your child being a part of our social media.

***During 2020 our main educational focus will be to continue to improve our students' Literacy and Numeracy abilities— staff, students and families working together so all our students achieve at least 12 months growth. Other goals for the year are:***

- *Build a community that continues to learn Enhance and maintain the wellbeing of all*

- *Build a community that is connected*

**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 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) Children benefit 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 on Friday 14th February** as we celebrate the beginning of the new school year. The 2020 school leaders will be presented with their leader badges after they have been blessed by Fr Dominic.

**SINCERE SYMPATHY** is extended to the Keeley family, Max and Scarlet on the death of Joan Pola who passed away last week. Also to Miss Joy for the loss of a nephew and great nephew over the holidays, and to the Elwin family on the death of Fay Elwin.

Also sympathy is extended to the Nicholson family, Will and Lochie, on the death of Jason's mum Julie. And to Irene Kelly on the sudden death of her son Bruce.

## BEGINNING OF SCHOOL NOTES

**Please sign and return the permission notes sent home 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 and local excursions each term
- Acceptable use Agreement
- Swimming Note (for students in Year 3-6)

## St. Francis Xavier Prayer

Help me become a hero—  
One who executes both spiritual and physical feats;

One who gives himself up to be a part of something greater;

One who departs on a journey and returns changed.

Help me to emphasise the magis—

One who does his best in every area;

One who strives to be great in all aspects of his life.

Help me become a person with and for others—  
One who respects himself as well as others;  
One who performs deeds not for himself, but for others.

Help me become a leader—

One who persuades others to do the right thing;

One who guides others through action, not talk. We pray to you for help, St. Francis Xavier.



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.

Monday 10th Feb	<b>Swimming for Sport—Year 3-6 ~ <u>please return permission note</u></b>
Tuesday 11th Feb	Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day First Interagency Meeting for the year—need volunteer to make the sandwiches please.
Thursday 13th Feb	Anniversary of the National Apology
Monday 17th Feb	WR Swimming Carnival at Harden
Wednesday 26th Feb	Ash Wednesday Beginning of Lent Mass— 2.00pm.
Thurs- Fri.27th- 28th Feb	Emma McRae - School Counsellor visit
Friday 28th Feb	First Reconciliation / First Eucharist Formation Meeting
Friday 29th Feb.	AECG Meeting at St Francis Xavier School @ 3.30pm - All Welcome
Thurs-Fri.27-28th Mar	Emma McRae - School Counsellor visit
Friday 8th March	Year 5/6 Assembly at 11.30am
Friday 13th March	Year 3/4 Assembly at 11.30am
Friday 27th March	Kinder / Year 1 / Year 2 Assembly at 11.30am
Friday 20th March	Publication Celebration and Books in Home Assembly Open Day for families
Friday 3rd April	First Reconciliation for students in Year 3/4
Tuesday 2nd April	Cross Country Carnival

### **ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL** **UNIFORM PRICE LIST**

#### **SUMMER UNIFORM**

Polo Shirts (Girls & Boys)	\$20
Navy Skorts (Girls)	\$22
Navy Shorts (Boys)	\$18
School Hats	\$15
School Dresses	\$35

#### **SPORT UNIFORMS**

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

#### **WINTER UNIFORMS**

Navy Blue Trousers (Boys)	\$25
Navy Blue Slacks (Girls)	\$25
Blue LS Shirts	\$25
School Ties	\$10
Polar Fleece Jumpers	\$30
Beanies	\$10
Scarves	\$ 5
Head Bands	\$ 3
Scrunchies	\$ 2



**Please remember  
we have a 'NO HAT NO PLAY'  
policy. Sports days are Fridays**

### **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.

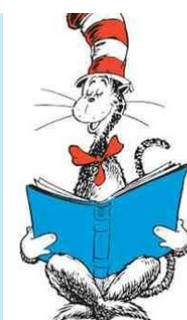
To assist in encouraging reading all students will receive a Home Reading Log to complete at home to record any book they read (or others read with them). Children will be rewarded for each total of 10 books they read and additional rewards for each 25 books they read.

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.

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

—Dr. Seuss



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

## **STAFFING for 2020**

<b>Fr. Dominic</b>	Parish Priest – West Wyalong Mission
<b>Jacinta Elwin</b>	Principal - Teaching Religion in Y5/6 + Library
<b>Rachael Morris</b>	Religious Education Coordinator Classroom Support Teacher Aboriginal Contact Teacher
<b>Amy Golding</b>	Kindergarten / Year 1 / Year 2 class teacher Sports Coordinator
<b>Marilyn Shaw</b>	Year 3/4 class teacher
<b>Alison Wheeler</b>	Literacy and Numeracy Support for K/1/2 Art/craft teaching K-6
<b>Teaching position still vacant</b>	Year 5/6 class teacher
<b>Sue MacRae</b>	School Officer – clerical <i>Mon- Thurs</i>

Miss Sharon Thorpe, Miss Joy Kelly, Emma Brown, Miss Georgina Kelly and Maddi Wiencke will work with individual students, small groups and all classes supporting teaching and learning.

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.

### **School Matters!**



### **STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

We are aiming to improve the attendance rate of students in 2019. All students who achieve more than 95% attendance for the term will be rewarded and acknowledged. The class with the highest attendance percentage will also be rewarded and acknowledged. Please help our students achieve their full potential by being at school consistently. Students who come late to School must report to the Front Office or Principal's Office and explain reason for being late. Absences are to be covered by a written note from families. This note is to be given to the

### **SPECIAL DAYS:**

***LIBRARY DAY - Tuesday ~ Yr 3-6 and Wednesday ~ K/1/2 .***  
Children will need a library bag to take books home.

***SPORT DAY for all students is FRIDAY***

Children can wear their sports uniform and joggers on this day.  
Monday 10th February students in Year 3-6 will be having sport at the pool to collect times for the Western Region Swimming Carnival that is being held the following Monday 17th Feb. All students will need to return their permission note and will need to bring \$2.70 entry fee (unless they have a season ticket), swimmers, towel and sunscreen.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **REMINDERS**

#### **Bus Travel**

Bus Travel is available for students.  
Applications online

#### **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.

#### **Student Safety Leaving School**

Staff are assigned duties at the end of the school day to ensure the safety of students as they leave the school grounds.

**NO CHILD IS TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL PREMISES ALONE.**

Children who are picked up will wait on the lunch seats for families to come and collect them. Children need to be picked up from the Grace St entrance to the school, not from the Conapaira St entrance near the buses.

#### **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 family member telephone a teacher or student during class time a message will be passed on or a more convenient time to call back will be suggested.

**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.

Ongoing changes in society today have made it difficult to ensure students are secure whilst at school. **Therefore all visitors to the School are expected to first call at the Office for security reasons.**



**CANTEEN WILL BE HELD EACH FRIDAY** - Canteen will be available this Friday for recess and for lunch orders. Jenny from Fisho's has offered to operate the lunch time orders again this year. **Children will be able to purchase home cooking, chips and Zooper Doopers for \$1.00 each.** **Please Note that this is a price increase for home cooking.**

Price list for this week orders on the newsletter.

**PLEASE PUT THE EXACT MONEY FOR THE ORDER IN A BAG. ORDERS WILL BE PICKED UP BY FISHO'S STAFF.**

**Do not put fruit box money in the lunch bags. FRUIT BOX = \$2.50**

**HELP WITH HOME COOKING FOR FRIDAY WOULD BE APPRECIATED.**

## **Volunteers Needed—thanks!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

*Please circle your response and return to school if you can assist, or contact Sue on 68981611 if you can help. Thank you!*

Canteen cooking for recess - I am able to cook 1 / 2 times a term

*Some suggestions for cooking – cakes, slices, biscuits, fruit*

I can assist by making 2 platters of sandwiches for the Interagency Meetings held once a month.

Once / Twice this year

Yes / No

## **SFX COMMUNITY COUNCIL —**

### **Annual General Meeting**

### **Staffroom on Thursday 7th March at 6.00pm.**

The first School Community Council Meeting will also be the 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 at 6.00pm Thursday 7th March. Items on the agenda include Canteen, Uniform, Car Rally Fundraising on the 30th March (catering for more than 200) and 2019 school goals. If you would like to add any items to the agenda or become a committee member please let Sue, Jacinta or Andrew McFadyen (Chair Person) know.

Thank you and looking forward to working with you all.

### **Menu for Friday Lunch Canteen**

#### **Pizza**

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

#### **Sandwich or Roll**

Ham, Chicken, Roast Beef, Silver-side, 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

#### **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 \$2.50

### **Mass Times this week for Our Lady of Lourdes Church**

**Friday 7th Feb:** 11.30am

**Saturday 8th Feb:** 6pm

**Friday 14th Feb:** 11.30am

**School Open Mass**

**Parents and Friends are Welcome**

**Saturday 15th Feb:** 6pm

### **Shout Outs...**

A hug **THANK YOU** to Stan for keeping everything alive during the hot summer break and for all the time and effort he put into getting the school and grounds ready for the start of the new school year.

We are very grateful for his dedication to our school community!



For God & Australia