

# 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"*



**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**

To help achieve the first goal we are aiming to encourage and reward school attendance. We are aiming this year for all students to have an attendance rate to be 95% or more!

Students with 95% attendance rate in 2019 were rewarded last week - **Ruby Wallace and Scarlet Keeley achieved 100% attendance**

in 2019, with **Sophie, Leigha, Hamish, Ivy, Belle, Leah, Will, Haydn, Sasha, Aidan** and **Ruby** Templeton all achieving 95% or more! Congratulations to all these students.

## St Francis Xavier School Opening Mass

All families and friends are invited to join the school for our **Open Mass on Friday 28th February** as we celebrate the beginning of the new school year. The 2020 school leaders will **All Welcome!**

### **2020 Student Residential Address Collection Notice:**

A letter is attached from the Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment advising parents that they have requested your child's school to provide a 'statement of addresses' in accordance with the Australian Education Regulation. Please read this letter carefully.

**A very big WELCOME to our 2020 Kinder students and their families.** It has been a real pleasure to see these amazing Kinder students fit seamlessly into our school family. We look forward to continually seeing their growth and learning journey.



### **School Matters!**



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**

God of all peoples and nations,  
As you accompany us on our Lenten journey,  
May our fasting strengthen our commitment to live in solidarity,  
Our almsgiving be an act of justice,  
and our prayers anchor us in love and compassion.  
Awaken our hearts and minds that we may be one human family as we all go further together.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

**"not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love"**  
St Theresa of Calcutta



*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*

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.

<b>Wednesday 26th Feb</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Beginning of Lent Mass— 2.00pm.</b> AECG Meeting @ 3.30pm at St Francis Xavier School - All Welcome!
<b>Thurs-Fri.27th- 28th Feb</b>	<b>Emma McRae - School Counsellor visit</b>
<b>Friday 28th Feb</b>	<b>SCHOOL OPEN MASS FOR 2020—11.30am ALL WELCOME</b> First Reconciliation / First Eucharist Formation Meeting
<b>Friday 6th March</b>	<b>Year 5/6 Assembly at 11.30am</b>
<b>Monday 9th March</b>	<b>School Community Council Meeting - 6pm - in the Staffroom</b>
<b>Friday 20th March</b>	<b>Publication Celebration and Books in Home Assembly</b> <b>Open Day for families</b> <b>Kinder / Year 1 / Year 2 Assembly at 11.30am</b>
<b>Tuesday 2nd April</b>	<b>Cross Country Carnival</b>
<b>Friday 3rd April</b>	<b>First Reconciliation for students in Year 3/4</b> <b>Year 3/4 Assembly after school mass</b>



**NETBALL:** Our school has been successful in Sporting School grants over the past year and during Term 1. This grant has funded the Netball lessons that all students will be attending throughout the term with Deanna Stenhouse or Brooke Brown (from Netball NSW). We are very grateful for the extra opportunities that Sporting Schools grants offer our school community. Last Friday was the first Netball session and these sessions will continue on most Fridays this term.



## WR Swimming Carnival



On Monday 8 students, Carter and Rose McFadyen, Will Nicholson, Leah and Jay Hayward, Maddie Jones, Belle and Beau Golding travelled to Harden for the Western Region swimming carnival. All students who attended the carnival participated with enthusiasm and proudly represented our school.

A huge thank you to the families who attended and supported their children and assisted on the day with time keeping.

Congratulations to Carter and Will who have qualified on to the next swimming carnival which will be held in Narrooma.



## HOME READING PROGRAM



There is no app to replace your lap

READ TO YOUR CHILDREN

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. These Reading Logs will

be given to the students this week or sent home with homework.

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.

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

<b>Friday 21st Feb:</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Saturday 22nd Feb:</b>	<b>6pm</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday 26th Feb:</b>	<b>2pm</b>
<b>Friday 28th Feb:</b>	<b>11.30am School Mass</b> <b>Parents and Friends are Welcome</b>
<b>Saturday 29th Feb:</b>	<b>6pm</b>

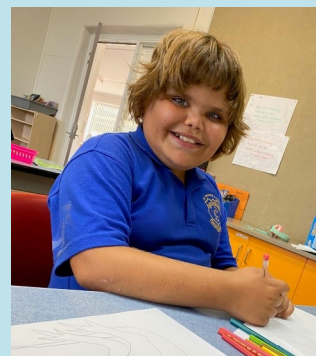


# Year 3/4 Information...

Welcome parents of 3/4, to a new year of learning for your child. I am looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure that your child can achieve to their highest potential. In order for your child to be successful at school we need to make sure there is support from both the home and school. As your child's teacher, I hope we can work together in developing a strong partnership that will make a great difference in your child's education. To do this the following needs to be guided and supported by you to support your child's learning-

- \* attends school every day
  - \* complete all homework assignments
  - \* read daily to develop a love of reading and this will also improve their richest skills
  - \* This year I am introducing Digital portfolios will be introduced this year—to share your child is working on and doing at school—your child will upload their work into this portfolio as often as they wish. Please make sure that you get the **Dojo app** on your phone so that you can look at what your child is doing at school.
  - \* Home work will be given out Monday of Week Three, and returned Thursday of Week Three. There will be home work in History and Science over the next two terms.
  - \* A diary will be sent home with their homework, goals and notes, this will need to come back daily.
- I feel it is a privilege to be teaching your child and if you have any concerns please come and speak to me.

**Marilyn Shaw 3/4 Teacher**



## Year 5/6 information...

Year 5/6 students have had a great start to the year, showing leadership and willingness to learn. Interviews for the teaching position for the Year 5/6 teacher for 2020 were held last Friday and hopefully in the next week (or so) we will have a teacher contracted for this position. In the meantime Mrs Morris is teaching Numeracy, assessing their skills to date. In Literacy students have been working on Sizzling starters for the story-writing and reading the novel "**Just a Dog**", the story of Mr. Mosely, the story of how sometimes a dog isn't "just a dog". Sometimes he's the glue to hold a whole family together.



Homework books were sent home yesterday, Excel Mathematics /English books—each student is asked to complete a unit each week. If there are any problems that the students have difficulty with please let one of the teachers know so we can follow up these with the students at school. Reading at home is essential—all students should be reading every night - the challenge to all students is to read 100 books this year! Encourage and support your children to achieve this goal!

## Homework K/1/2

Homework is a bridge between home and school. It provides an opportunity where you can see your child's learning and for you to express positive attitudes towards your child and their education. Homework is an opportunity to practice and revise learning tasks.

**How much homework:** We have the expectation that your child will read every night at home for 10 - 15 minutes. Homework sheets will also be sent home for completion. This can be completed over the week spending 10 minutes each afternoon assisting your child.

Homework will be sent home Mondays and can be returned Fridays. If you would like more readers during the week please return your child's homework folder.

If you have books at home and are reading with your child these books can also be added to your child's reading log.

If you have any questions about homework please contact me on 68 981611. Mrs Golding



## Kinder, Year 1 & Year 2 News

The year has started and everyone seems to be settling back into school routines.

We have welcomed back our 6 kindergarten students as they start on their new journey at big school.

In the K/1/2 classroom, we have jumped straight back into our learning and we are all very excited about the adventures we are going to have.

# 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

## FRIDAY RECESS CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1 2020

7 <sup>th</sup> February	Sharon Thorpe, Sue MacRae, Therese Stenhouse
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Jenna Kelly, Emma Brown
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Kirsty McFadyen, Sharna Hayward
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Kate Alexander, Kristy Brooks
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Shane Phillips, Anna Wojecik
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Maddie Frankel, Rachael Morris
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Amy Golding,
27 <sup>th</sup> March	
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	

## INTERAGENCY MEETINGS (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month)

February:	Rachael Morris, Sue MacRae
March:	Kirsty McFadyen
April:	Sharna Hayward
May:	Kristy Brooks
June:	Anna Wojecik
Sandwiches can be dropped off at school by 10am.	

## SFX COMMUNITY COUNCIL —

### Annual General Meeting

**Staffroom on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Items on the agenda include Canteen, Uniform, Car Rally Fundraising on the 30<sup>th</sup> March (catering for more than 200) and 2020 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.



For God & Australia

## 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)	
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

# Butts 4 Buck\$

Supporting local not-for-profit clubs and organisations

## ATTENTION WOOL GROWERS

Moses & Son are giving back to the clubs and organisations that support them.

After you clean out your shed be sure to drop your "cash wool" off to your local Moses & Son store.

Moses & Son will donate 7c for every kilogram to your club/organisation AND pay you the market value for your butts & bags.

Be sure to tell the wool buyer that you want the kilograms allocated to:

**Lower Lachlan Community Services Inc - Down the Track Program**



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\*Wool purchased by Moses & Son through our Private Purchase Rehandle Facility, does not include wool sold at Auction. Note: Not-for-Profit clubs & organisations are required to apply to be a part of the program. Please contact 6977 3100 for more information.

Wool growers, **Down the Track** is seeking your support. Moses & Son are currently running an initiative that supports Not-For-Profits. All you need to do is sell your Butts to the Moses & Son re-handle facility and nominate Lower Lachlan Community Services Inc – **Down the Track** as your Not-For-Profit choice. For every kilogram of wool, Moses & Sons will donate 7c to the **Down the Track** program.