

Friday 15th March 2019
WEEK 7

St Francis Xavier
Catholic Primary School
WEST MACKAY
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TERM ONE

WEEK 8 PREP HB PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Tues 19 Mar Cross Country Training
Wed 20 Mar Cross Country Training
Thur 21st Mar Harmony Day
Cross Country Training
Fri 22nd Mar House Day
Lenten Mass 9am

WEEK 9 PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Mon 25 Mar War Cry Practice 2.30pm
Tues 26 Mar Cross Country Training
Wed 27 Mar Cross Country Training
Thur 28 Mar Cross Country Training
Future Leaders ECO
Challenge Day
Fri 29th Mar Athletics Carnival

WEEK 10
Mon 1 Apr Naplan Practice Test
Yr 3 & Yr 5
Tues 2 Apr Stations of the Cross
11.30am
Wed 3 Apr Cross Country
Thur 4 Apr Prep Easter Party 9am
Fri 5th Apr **LAST DAY OF TERM ONE**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today, our school joined with many other schools around Australia as participants in the **National Day Against Bullying and Violence**. This is such an important day, as it spotlights a daily challenge for us all, to be ever watchful for the signs of bullying and/or violence within our school community and to act in order to keep those in our care, safe.

At Assembly this morning, we listened to our Yr. 6 student leaders as they reminded us to be welcoming to all and not to judge people based on the colour of their skin, or the country in which they were born. As a Catholic school, our mission is to follow Jesus' message, by treating others as we wish to be treated. Our school's mission statement contains the words, **Love, Live the Gospel** and **Celebrate Life**; a constant reminder to us all, that bullying and violence are not tolerated here.

One of the most inspiring Facebook pages I have come across is called Dolly's Dream. As you may or may not know, the page was set up by Kate and Tick Everett, who lost their precious daughter Amy "Dolly" to suicide, at the age of 14. Amy had been a victim of bullying. Dolly's Dream speaks a simple and effective message. The focus is always positive, it encourages adults to build resilience in children, it encourages children to be kind in their words and actions, and it challenges us all to stand up and to lead with kindness.

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

At
St Francis Xavier
School we will

Learn
Love
Live the Gospel
Witness our Faith
and
Celebrate Life



*"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time.
We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."
(Barack Obama)*

God Bless,

Mary Oxenham Assistant Principal Administration





Assistant Principal Religious Education
Amanda Griffin

LENTEN SEASON

During the season of Lent our school participates in a variety of fundraising and awareness activities. Fundraising together is a great way to build community and show solidarity with the people around the world who are in need. Please visit the Caritas website to learn about what your money is achieving.

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

**Second Sunday of Lent
17th March 2019**



Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia. She is a mother of three who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment, Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home.

Lives change when we all give 100%.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



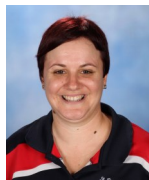
CHURCH CELEBRATIONS

Lenten Mass
Friday 22nd March 9am
St Francis Xavier Church



Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 2nd April 11:30am
St Francis Xavier Church





Assistant Principal Curriculum (Acting) Jodie Benfer

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW BOOKINGS CLOSING SOON

It is that time of year again when we hold Parent/Teacher interviews. The purpose of the interview is to inform you of how your child has settled into the new year and the progress they have made so far. It is a great time to discuss any questions you may have regarding homework, student expectations in the classroom and general achievement and behaviour.

Interviews for students in all classes **except Prep HB** will begin on **Monday 25th March**. Parent lounge will only remain open until **5pm Friday 22nd March** for parents to make bookings with teachers.

Parent lounge for **Prep HB** booking times **closes today, Friday 15th March, 5pm**. The interviews will take place next week, Week 8: 18th March – 22nd March.



NAPLAN ONLINE

Our students in Years 3 and 5 will be undertaking NAPLAN testing online in May this year for the first time. Moving NAPLAN online brings many advantages, including a test design that offers test items tailored to students' knowledge and ability.

We will also be participating in a national practice test on **Monday 1st April**. This is an excellent opportunity to fine tune any technical and logistical needs, as well as familiarise students and teachers with the online testing process. It is not an assessment of student ability and there will be no reporting of student results.

Parents and caregivers of students in these NAPLAN year levels will need to be aware of important information relating to privacy, which can be found on the NAPLAN Online Queensland website's [parent information page](https://naplanonline.qld.edu.au/getting-ready/parent-information) - (<https://naplanonline.qld.edu.au/getting-ready/parent-information>). Teachers will also be taking students through the Public Demonstration Site prior to the practice test and real NAPLAN tests so the students are familiar with the layout of the tests. Parents are welcome to access the Public Demonstration Site at home and chat to your child about it.

Public Demonstration Site: <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

TUCKSHOP NEWS

TUCKSHOP CLOSED

Tuckshop will be closed on Monday 25th March, 2019.
Please remember to pack your child's lunch this day.

Many thanks ,
Cam and Maria



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL NEWS

The countdown is on to our first carnival at the newly opened Mackay Aquatic & Recreational Complex (Mackay ARC). It is a beautiful facility and will be a very exciting day.

Please ensure your child brings their school hat and water bottle for the day. Sunscreen will be available at the track.

At the Athletics Carnival, all children must compete in shoes. If your child would like to wear spike shoes they need to be 'Christmas Tree' or 'Pyramid' style. Refer to the picture below. Needle, tartan and pin spikes (football boots) are strictly prohibited from this facility.



7mm or 9mm

Xmas Tree

Allowed



7mm or 9mm

Pyramid

Allowed



NO

NEEDLE

SPIKES



NO

TARTAN

SPIKES

No food is to be brought onto the track throughout the day (water is the only exception). We will have a snack break and a lunch break after the 100m events (approx. 11.30am). There is a canteen open throughout the day and the menu is below.

The facility have also asked that only competitors and officials be inside the track. Parents and spectators will need to stay outside the boundary of the track. There will be a \$2 entry fee for spectators on the day to be paid at the Aquatic Office on arrival.

Thank you,

Courtney Rutland.

MENU

Sandwiches & Wraps
Cakes & muffins
Fresh fruit salad
Hot Chips
Pies & Sausage Rolls

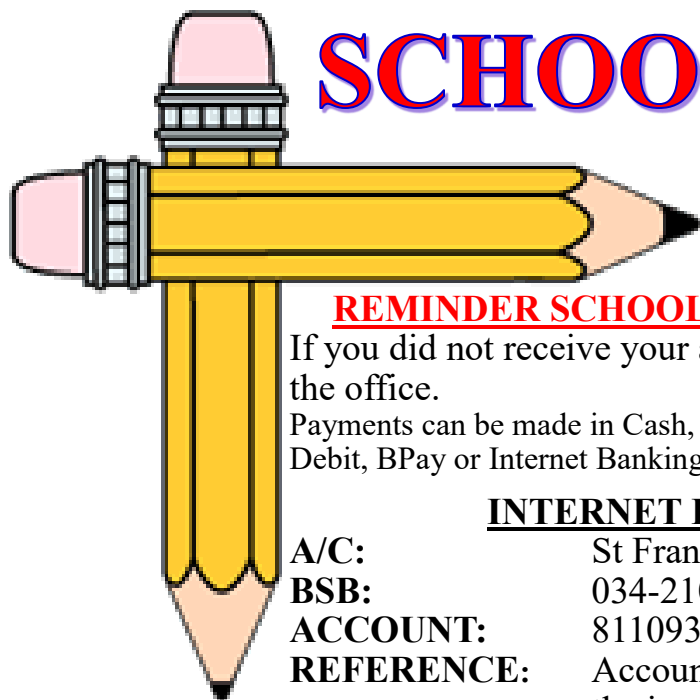


ENROLMENTS 2020

Enrolments for Prep are currently being taken for the 2020 school year. If you have a child due to commence Prep next year, (born July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015) please complete an enrolment form available from our school office or our St Francis Xavier School Website - www.sfxm.catholic.edu.au.

Enrolments for Years 1—6 are also currently being taken for 2020. When returning the enrolment form, please ensure there is a certified copy of your child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate & immunisation information.

It is essential that we have our current families accounted for, so that we know the number of places available for new families.



SCHOOL FEES

REMINDER SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE

If you did not receive your account, please contact Pauline in the office.

Payments can be made in Cash, EFTPOS, Cheque, Credit Card, Direct Debit, BPay or Internet Banking

INTERNET BANKING DETAILS

A/C: St Francis Xavier School
BSB: 034-210
ACCOUNT: 811093
REFERENCE: Account code at top right hand corner of the invoice.

School fees were due on FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 2019 and are now overdue.

Prompt payment would be appreciated.

Pauline Hyde—Finance Secretary

2019 ANZAC CARE PACKAGES FOR OUR TROOPS OVERSEAS

We will again be sending ANZAC Care packages to our troops serving overseas. The students will be asked to bring in a non-perishable food item for the package. Please keep in mind that the box is not to exceed 2KG, otherwise we have to pay for postage and that can be very expensive. Examples of appropriate items could include; lollies, biscuits, muesli bars, chips, coffee sachets, gum and tic-tacs. ***The best way to donate these items is to purchase a multiple pack and we can then share them amongst the many boxes we have to fill.*** Any jars for example, peanut butter or vegemite, should not exceed 120 grams in weight. A note or two of thanks from the students is always appreciated, as are the drawings our little ones contribute.

The packages must be posted by the last week of Term 1, in order to reach our Troops by ANZAC Day. The donations will be required by the **end of Week 9**, at the latest, to give us time to organise postage.

Thank you again for your support, we know that those who receive a package are always very appreciative and we have received many letters of thanks from grateful service men and women.

Year 5 Teachers



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - WEEK 6



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - WEEK 7



CARITAS FUNDRAISING

Chickens for Caritas!

As you know, we as a whole school participate in the Project Compassion appeal for Caritas. For the Lenten season this year, the whole school will be participating in a "Chickens for Caritas!" appeal to raise money to buy chickens for families in need.

The details:

- * 1 Chicken = \$15
- * Each class will be competing with the rest of the school to raise chickens/money to go towards the appeal.
- * The class with the most chickens/money will be able to choose from some of our awesome staff volunteers to perform a special "chicken dance" show at the end of term.
- * There will be a display in the office to show the progress of each class over Lent.

We ask that instead of simply donating money, the children are asked to earn the money by doing (age appropriate) jobs around the house. This way, the children can make a connection between how there are children, as young as they are, working hard to survive and support their families.



As you can see, the display board in the office has quickly filled with chickens in the last week. Class 1S is now in the lead, with 5R & 6R trailing closely behind.

Easter Egg Raffle

Our Year 2's are organising an Easter Egg Raffle!

- ♦ **3 tickets for \$1**
- ♦ Tickets selling before school in Week 9 in the undercover area
- ♦ All prizes drawn in Week 10 at our Monday assembly

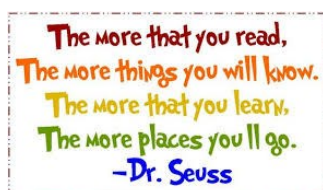
Year 2 students are donating the Easter eggs towards our school raffle. There will be many prizes to win!

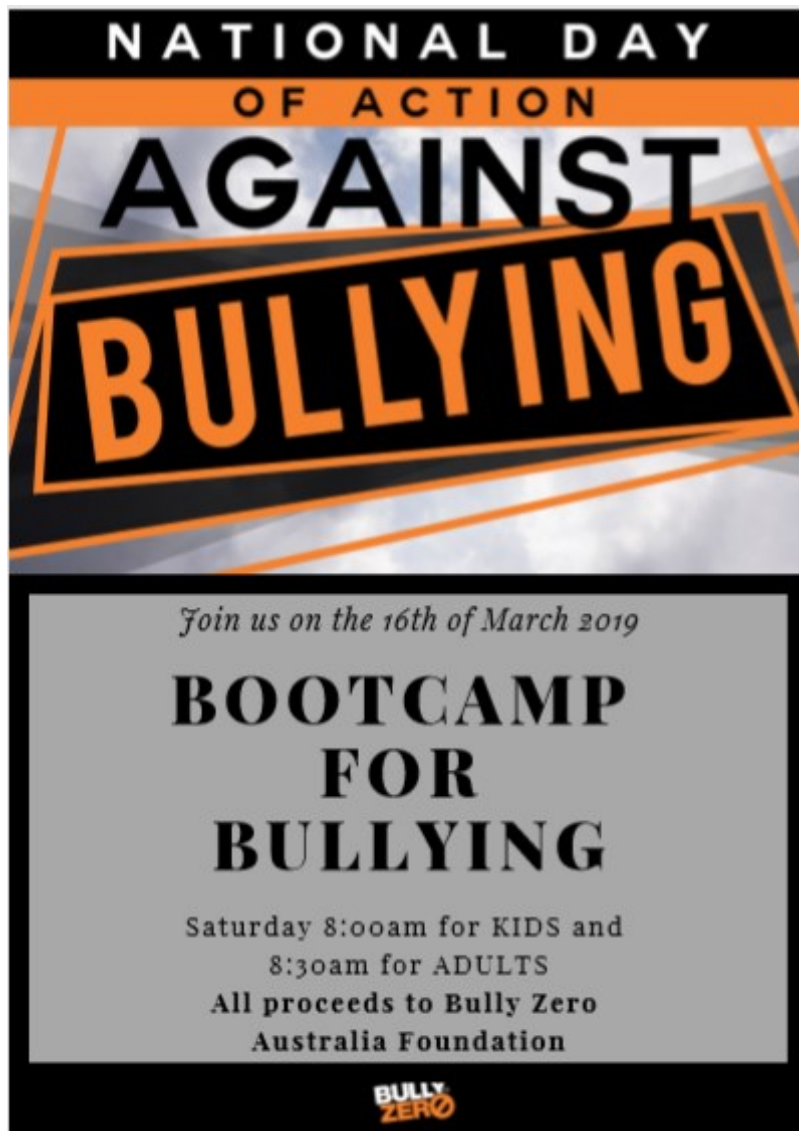
Thank you for your support,
Year 2 teachers.



BOOK SWAP

There were many excited students with new books to take home, at the very busy and successful Book Swap last week. This event will return in Term 2. Stay tuned to the newsletter for more information.





TWENTYONE LAPS
PERSONAL TRAINING & FITNESS

Bullying in schools affects 1 in 4 students in Australia. This affect is not just short term, but can be felt for years. The profile for Bully Zero Foundation is helping raise awareness of the cause and we are wanting to continue this. Exercise is way to build confidence and resilience and help in dealing with issues like this.

KIDS -\$5

ADULTS \$10

DONATIONS WELCOME

100% of the proceeds and donations will go straight to Bully Zero Australia Foundation. Come and support this fantastic cause.

Location:

13-17 Evans Avenue
(Old Soutions Gym building)

[Mercy College Enrolment Information for Yr 7 2020](#)

Pre-registration for Year 7 2020

The first step in enrolling your current Year 6 student at Mercy College for the 2020 school year is to complete the pre-registration form. The second step is to collect an enrolment pack from Mercy College during our Enrolment Evening on Tuesday 7 May from 4.30pm - 7.30pm.

The pre-registration form can be found at our website.



**MERCY COLLEGE ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING
FOR YEAR 7 IN 2020**



Tuesday 7 May 2019
4.30pm to 7.30pm
Pre-register NOW online
www.mercymackay.qld.edu.au



MERCY EDUCATION –
‘Connecting the dots’

POSITION VACANT



Finance Secretary (term-time contract)
St Brendan's Catholic Primary School (P-6)
Northern Beaches
Commencing 23 April 2019 until 14 July 2019
(with the possibility of further extension)

Applications are now invited from suitably qualified and enthusiastic persons for the position of Term Time contract Finance Secretary (32HPW) Monday to Friday.

The successful applicant will have relevant experience and an understanding of, and a commitment to, the ethos of Catholic Education. A Working with Children Check (WWCC) and eligibility for a Suitability Notice will also be required. In addition, you will have excellent time management skills, well developed interpersonal skills and a high proficiency of computer skills.

Tertiary requirements at Certificate level or equivalent knowledge, qualifications and experience relevant to the position is required.

To apply for this position, an application package can be obtained from the school office:

Applications should be addressed to:

Mr David Paul, Principal
St Brendan's Catholic Primary School
799 Mackay-Bucasia Road
RURAL VIEW QLD 4740

or email to sbnm@rok.catholic.edu.au

Applications close Tuesday, 19 March 2019.

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POSITION VACANT



Outside School Hours Care Coordinator
St Brendan's Catholic Primary School
Northern Beaches
Full Time 38 HPW (negotiable)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and enthusiastic persons for this full-time position (negotiable).

The successful applicant will have relevant experience and an understanding of, and a commitment to, the ethos of Catholic Education. A Working with Children Check (WWCC) and eligibility for a Suitability Notice will also be required. In addition, you will have excellent time management skills, well developed interpersonal skills and a high proficiency of computer skills.

It is a requirement of the position that the successful applicant undertake a National Crime Check (Police Check) or provide details of a Police Check that is not more than six months old.

Tertiary requirements, at Diploma in Children's Services or equivalent, knowledge, qualifications and experience relevant to the position are required (www.acecqa.gov.au/qualifications/check).

For further information and to apply for this position, please visit our website: -

www.roc.catholic.edu.au

Applications close 5.00pm Friday, 22 March 2019.

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MACKAY YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES

Who's in Charge?

Does your child threaten, hurt or intimidate you?
Do you feel you are losing control?
Want to better handle conflict?



Reclaim respect and calm in your family!

The *Who's in Charge?* group is an 8 week program for parents or carers of young people (10 to 18) who are abusive, violent or defiant.

The group aims to

- Provide a supportive environment to share experiences and ideas
- Reduce the guilt and shame which most parents feel
- Offer ideas to help you develop individual strategies for managing your child's behaviour
- Explore ways of increasing safety and well-being
- Help parents feel more in control and less stressed

Starts : 2019 Term 2 : Tuesday 7th May 9.30am -11.30am
Thursday 9th May 10.30am -12.30pm
Thursday 9th May 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Place: Mackay Youth Support Services
CASA office, Cnr Gregory & Alfred Sts, Mky.
Contact: Karen 4951 4299 or 0417 223 747
Email u-nite@myss.org.au