

St Francis Xavier Primary School

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Dates to Remember

12 February
Open Night 6pm

13 February
Parent / Child
Reconciliation Meeting
Catholic Centre
3.20 or 5pm

15 February
Welcome Mass 9.30am
Cathedral

19 February
P&F Meeting
School Library 7pm

4 March
Labour Day Public
Holiday

From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to all families and a special welcome to new families joining our vibrant school community for the first time. I look forward to working collaboratively throughout the year.

As we commence the school year, I encourage all parents to take a mental snapshot of your children today as the growth that they will make in the next Four Terms will be remarkable.

Some children will commence reading for the first time. Others will learn to write their name. Children will grow in confidence when speaking to an audience and develop resilience when faced with challenges. Each learning moment should be treasured and celebrated as a partnership between your family and St Francis Xavier Primary.



Welcome to our new students Yr 1 - 6

St Francis Xavier acknowledges families as the first teachers and the essential role they play in educating their children. It is a privilege that you entrust your greatest gift to us and as a school we look forward to meeting the unique needs of each child.

Our vision statement calls, "To provide an exemplary Catholic Education." I look forward to leading the school in 2019 and the many successes we will share.

God Bless
Ben Doyle
Principal

Staffing

I am excited to welcome Miss Cooper and Mrs Whyatt to St Francis Xavier. Miss Cooper joins our Early Childhood Team in Pre-primary and Mrs Whyatt as the Music Specialist.



Miss Cooper getting to know everyone



Mrs Whyatt and Year Three

Join Us

Mar 1
World Day of Prayer
Catholic Centre 9am

Mar 1
Assembly 6V
Undercover Area 2.20pm

Mar 6
Ash Wednesday Mass
11.30am Undercover area

Mar 8
Liturgy Year 6
Multipurpose Room 9am

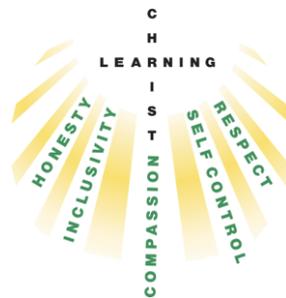


OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday 12th February 6pm

“May we learn to say “thank you” to God and to one another. We teach children to do it, and then we forget to do it ourselves!”

Pope Francis

Discipleship



School Code Of Conduct

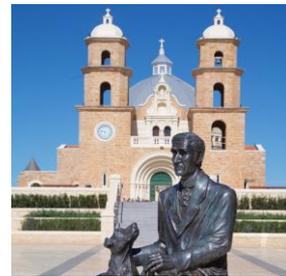
At St Francis Xavier Primary School we are committed to providing the best possible educational opportunities for all of our students, in an environment where all members of our community feel a sense of connectedness and belonging. Where quality teaching and learning maximises educational, social, emotional, physical and spiritual outcomes for all.

St Francis Xavier Primary School’s Student Code of Conduct allows children to develop as Christian people in a safe, caring and supportive environment. It seeks to encourage behaviours centered on gospel values, while at the same time developing an awareness of the expectations we all share in being part of a Christian community. Through the implementation of our ‘Student Code of Conduct’, we are attempting to create a happy and safe school environment where all students can learn to their potential.

To achieve our school vision we must always look to the example of our saviour, Jesus Christ. We strive for excellence by learning through Christ and displaying values that he displayed in the Gospels. St Francis Xavier Primary School has identified five gospel values we consider important for all of our

school community and these form the basis of our Student Code of Conduct: Compassion, Honesty, Respect, Inclusivity & Self-Control.

A copy of the Code of Conduct was emailed out to all families. Please take the time to read it with your child and sign and return the agreement sheet your child has brought home.



Beginning of Year Mass

This Friday the school will be celebrating the beginning of another school year with Mass at the Cathedral beginning at 9.30am, followed by a parent morning tea back at school in the library. All parents, especially new families, are invited to join us.

Sacramental Celebrations

There has been a change in the order of the celebration of Sacrament this year. First Reconciliation for year three students will be during first term, first Eucharist for year four in second term and Confirmation for year six children in third term.

The preparation the Sacrament of Reconciliation begins this week with parent / child meetings on Wednesday at the Catholic Centre at 3.20pm or 5pm.

Learning

Crunch & Sip

This year all classes will be encouraged to pack some fruit or vegetables to enjoy as part of the Crunch & Sip program.

Time is set daily during the school day to eat vegetables and fruit and drink water in the classroom. Students bring vegetables or fruit to school each day for the Crunch & Sip break.



Each child is also encouraged to have a bottle of water in the classroom to drink throughout the day to prevent dehydration.



Giving students the chance to refuel with fruit or vegetables helps to improve physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom, as well as promoting long term health.

Further information is available from <http://www.crunchandsip.com.au>

