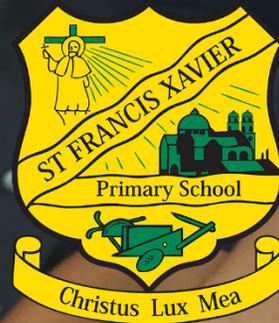


# St Francis Xavier Primary School



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## Merit Awards

Presented 8<sup>th</sup> May

PPA

Mila Newey Declan Turner

PPD

Ryker Lowe Nathaniel Nguyen

1J

Cassidy Riemer Max Brose

1R

Ethan Bose Amira Coyle

2C

Kalen White Sophie Bancilhon

2W

Roxy Lowe Lola Eastman

3C

Rocky Little Mila King  
Serena Patterson

3H

Bradley Miles Isabelle Nygren

4P

Mackenzie Cooper  
Luke Gardiner Mitchell Mann

4V

Aidan O'Brien  
Atharv Achar Juliette Louis  
Sanuth Witharana

5P

Caitlin Williams  
Harper March

5S

Maisie Vollmer  
Breanna Smith  
Izaak Shadforth

6D

Max De San Miguel  
Violet Steer

6R

Astin Drage Lachlan Curley

## From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I used the quote, "The More things Change the More Things Stay the Same," in my weekly blog to staff. It is an interesting quote to reflect on, especially as we have and continue to experience significant change as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.

Our method of teaching changed, our pick up and drop off processes changed, our ability to gather as a collective has changed to name a few and the frequency we wash our hands changed.

In amongst the disruption of COVID our focus did not change. We remained child focused. We continued to provide opportunities to develop lifelong learners. And as our vision states, we continued to provide an exemplary Catholic Education.

In this first newsletter of Term Two, I thank all of our staff and parents for their commitment to the students. Our collective success was our ability to change whilst holding true to what we believe in - our children.

As this new normal unfolds, we will continue to be agile and adapt to changes as required. As parents and caregivers, be assured that in every change, the focus will remain on our children.

God bless

*Ben Doyle*

Principal



To all Mothers and significant women in our community, Happy Mothers' Day. We hope you can join us Friday on Facebook for a live assembly that celebrates you all.

## The Easter Season

As a Catholic Church we are currently in the Season of Easter. The season of Easter begins with the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday and lasts for seven weeks, ending at Pentecost.

So for Catholics, Easter isn't just a single day of celebration—it's an entire season where we celebrate our new life in Christ. Just like Christmas, Easter is celebrated for an extended period of time—50 days to be exact!

The Gospels of the Easter Season focus on the appearances of Jesus after his Resurrection, near his tomb, in the Upper Room, on the road to Emmaus, and along the Sea of Galilee. It is a special time of celebration, renewal and joy.

This may seem hard at these times of restrictions, isolation and social distancing. We need to remember that Jesus is with us at this time. The Gospel readings are missionary themed and asking us to continue the work of Christ. How do we do this at the moment when we can't attend Mass or gather as a community?

Firstly, begin with ourselves, by strengthening our faith through prayer. Secondly, spread the word with others by our actions. Keep in touch, remain positive, be compassionate, patient and grateful, and most importantly spread the joy of living.

#begreatin-small-things



*Murray Gardiner*  
Assistant Principal R.E.

## School Attendance

During term 2 it remains important that your child attends their schooling either at home through remote learning or at school.

As you would be aware, each grade through Class Dojo has an opportunity for your child to log on as present for the day and in addition, opportunities to be involved in a discussion online. This alerts the teacher that your child has been online and is interacting with the lessons. Children at school will be marked as present and those who are working remotely will be marked as for online learning. This is not considered an absence.

As per our usual practices, if your child is sick please send through an email or sms. In this way the teacher will be alerted and will not expect your child to be continuing with their activities until they are well enough to do so.

## Working Together

One of the ways that we can support each other at this time is to access goods and services in our community. We understand that many businesses may have been impacted heavily by the pandemic. Therefore, the P&F have established a SFX Community Business Directory that provides an opportunity for members of the community to promote their business and assist in connecting all our members in supporting those businesses now and in the future as they return to normal trading.

If you are interested in adding your business to the Directory to be used in our school marketing platforms, please click the link <https://bit.ly/35FJ8G5> to complete an application form.

*Judi Hollands*  
Assistant Principal Curriculum

This week we are focussing on:

# COMPASSION

