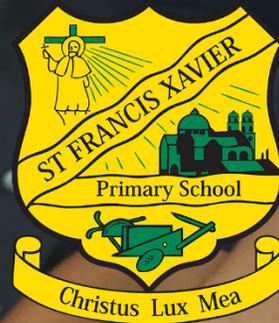


# St Francis Xavier Primary School



## From the Principal's Desk...

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Did anyone miss NAPLAN last week?

The COVID-19 has been devastating for our community and the wider World. The impact on health and finances has been deeply saddening and the disruption to our way of life significantly challenging. As a learning community we have not been immune to the challenges and we will be required to continue to adjust and operate in uncertain times. In adapting, it is also important to highlight how challenges have strengthened and improved aspects of our school community. Being forced to change has made us implement new processes, many with positive outcomes. Eventually, some changes will resort back to past traditions whilst some will become the new traditions.

Assemblies continue to be held to celebrate individual classes and students work. As adults are not permitted on school grounds, they have been streamed live enabling working parents and extended family from around the world to join in. This has been an opportunity we would otherwise not have known.

The closure of water fountains has improved students' hygiene whilst reducing time outside of classes. Students now have access to their own water on demand. Students having their own water bottle will continue into the future with the removal of water fountains a consideration.

Drop off and Pick Up is an interesting change. Welcoming children by name and escorting them to classrooms has had many benefits. Reduced separation, greater independence and enabling students to have a voice are all positive outcomes. But we miss having parents involved in the school and active in classrooms... tough choice on this one.

The School Canteen will recommence this Thursday with a few additional restrictions. Recess and lunch orders will only be available online and, as a result of volunteers not being onsite, the menu has been reduced. To create your account and access the canteen online follow the link: <https://www.quickcliq.com.au/>

These are a few changes resulting from the COVID-19 crisis. As parents, your feedback and opinions are appreciated. If you have any thoughts to share, please email them [admin@sfx.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@sfx.wa.edu.au)



God Bless  
*Ben Doyle*  
Principal

# Discipleship & Learning News

## The Season of Easter

Over the next two weekends in the Church we celebrate two very important feast days: The Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost.

### The Ascension

This Sunday we celebrate Jesus' last bodily appearance on earth before he is taken up to heaven, 40 days after his resurrection, in the presence of his disciples. Christ is risen up after advising them to stay in Jerusalem until the arrival of the Holy Spirit.

We profess our faith in this glorious mystery when we say in the Nicene Creed: He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. It is important to understand that the Ascension does not mean that Jesus has departed from us. He has not abandoned us or left us orphans. He remains with us in an invisible way. He is always close to us.

### Pentecost

At Pentecost, the Apostles and their followers were gathered in a room. Jews from all over the world were gathered with Peter, the leader of the Apostles and the Eleven. At this time, a great wind blew and a flame appeared as a tongue of fire, which split itself into many individual flames above the heads of all those present. The Holy Spirit came upon these people and each began to speak in tongues. Despite the fact many had no common language, they were perfectly able to understand one another.

Pentecost means 50th day in Greek. It marks the end of the Easter season and is referred to as the birthday of the Church, as it is from this event that the disciples went forth with courage, from the Holy Spirit to spread the Good News and establish the Church.

*Murray Gardiner*  
Assistant Principal R.E.

**Congratulations**  
*Carter Wass 2C*  
*& Teale Jeffery 6R*



## Reporting

Thankyou for the many ways you have supported your child's continued learning as, together, we have responded to the challenges of COVID-19. In response to changes to the learning and teaching environment during this time, we have needed to adjust our assessment and reporting processes. While this Semester's report will look different, it will still provide parents with valuable information about your child's learning.

This Semester, students will receive a report based on the guidelines from the Federal Government. Teachers will report on English, Mathematics and Religion and then supply a statement based on your child's general capabilities.

Our teachers have worked hard to ensure students have received descriptive feedback around their learning either by written comments on work completed, audio comments, phone calls, Teams meetings and many other tools afforded by the technology platforms. Of course, reports never surpass the richness of learning conversation parents can have with their child's teacher. Parents are encouraged to request an interview via Teams or phone to further discuss your child's progress.

## Honour Board

The introduction of Head Boy and Girl commenced in 2014 yet sadly there was no recognition on the current Honour Board. We would like to thank our Groundsman, Mr Brett Miller, who recently crafted our new bBoard now on display in the front Office and includes all recipients.

YEAR	CITIZENSHIP	BIANCHINI AWARD	HEAD GIRL	HEAD BOY
2014	Harry Moulds	Essie Pirottina	Kayley King	Harry Moulds
2015	Lachlan Morphew	Anto Benny	Oliver Stokes	Antonio Priolo
2016	Diaz Potluch	Niamh Blake	Ben Warr	Ben Warr
2017	Hien Tran Thi Thu	James Gardiner	India Newman	Alexander McKenzie
2018	Yui Yeung Lin	Dakota Singleton	Ashleigh Fishwick	Nate Warr
2019	Amy Sellars	Linette Louis	Kate McKenzie & Lorena Sansone	Zeke Forrester
2020			Clare Gardiner	Gus Osborn

*Judi Hollands*  
Assistant Principal Curriculum

This week we are focussing on:

# HONESTY

