

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 10 Term 1

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

## From the Principal.....

Dear Parents,

This year, the Easter weekend lies in the middle of our school holiday block. We will therefore not have our usual preparation of Holy Week next week with our students at school. There is no more significant time in our liturgical calendar than this period that forms the foundation of our Catholic faith. However, you celebrate this period with your family, I hope that you take the time to reflect on the Mission of Jesus and appreciate and experience the real essence of His ministry. We talk with the children about seeing Jesus in each other. May you recognise this goodness in those around you during this period, and may it guide your reactions to others as we all strive to build positive relationships in our families and community.



Thank you to Mr Ryan for organising another successful Cross Country Carnival on Monday. Thank you also to all the parents who supported our carnival. Please refer to Mr Ryan's Sport News for full details.

In the coming week, we will have distributed around 500 promotional packs to preschools in our local area in preparation for our Kinder 2020 Information Night on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. In order to maintain the wonderful community that we have, it is important that new families come into our school with a supportive attitude and the best intentions. Considering that historically our best advertising has been through word of mouth and community reputation, I would appreciate your support in spreading the word about our Information Night to any families you believe would support and respect our school's values.

Recent renovations have seen the removal of a number of aluminium wall frames, windows and a variety of doors. We also have some old furniture that needs to be removed. If you have any interest in any of these items, or would like further information, please contact the school office directly to arrange an inspection. Any items left by the end of the school holidays will be dumped.

Have a great week.

Dan Gubby  
**PRINCIPAL**

# DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note – Newly added events or date changes will be highlighted in blue.

## TERM 1 - 2019

Week 11	Monday, 8th April	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>
	Thursday, 11th April	Last Day of Term 1
		Holy Week Liturgy 9:30am-School Hall
	Friday, 12th April	Pupil Free Day

## TERM 2 - 2019

Week 1	Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupil Free Day
	Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day Term 2-All students
		Easter Hat Parade-K-2 (9am-School Hall)
		Easter Liturgy-2:30pm-School Hall
	Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Zone Cross Country-Lismore</b>
	Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Crowley Visit- 1N
Week 2	Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>
	Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Kinder 2020 Information Night 6-7pm-Kinder Rooms
	Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Camp- Camp Goodenough
	Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Camp- Camp Goodenough
	Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Camp- Camp Goodenough
Week 3	Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>
		Kinder 2020 Interviews
	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Kinder 2020 Interviews
	Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Kinder 2020 Interviews
		Year 6 Incitare Retreat Day
	Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Kinder 2020 Interviews
		Crowley Visit-6M
	Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Kinder 2020 Interviews
Week 4	Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>

		Kinder 2020 Interviews
	Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Kinder 2020 Interviews
	Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Kinder 2020 Interviews
		<b>Confirmation Reflection Day</b>
		<b>Confirmation-SFX Parish - 5:30-6:30pm</b>
	Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Kinder 2020 Interviews
	Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Kinder 2020 Interviews
		<b>Diocesan Cross Country- Bowraville</b>
Week 5	Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>
	Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> May	School Photo Day
	Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY- Staff Proclaim Day</b>

## RE News...

### Weekend Mass Times

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Ballina</b>	<b>6:00pm Vigil</b>	(No Children's Liturgy)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Ballina</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	(With Children's Liturgy)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Lennox Head</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	(With Children's Liturgy)



### PROJECT COMPASSION

#### Caritas Lent Appeal- Project Compassion

This week our focus is on Salma who lives with her husband, Masud, in the rural community of Gazipur, two hours from Bangladesh's bustling capital.

She was just 18 years old, pregnant and fearful for her life and that of her unborn child, when she featured in Project Compassion 2013

In Bangladesh, maternal and infant mortality rates are still tragically high. During her first pregnancy, Salma was very sick, she experienced abdominal pain and couldn't eat. She sought the help of a midwife called Pronoti, trained by Caritas Australia's Safe Motherhood Program.

Pronoti helped Salma safely through two pregnancies, thanks to her comprehensive training in midwifery, antenatal and postnatal care.



The program has reduced maternal and infant mortality in the area by almost 70 percent. Over 400 women have been trained in midwifery since 2008 – and they have given over 28,000 women antenatal checkups and delivered more than 15,000 babies.

Each class has a Project Compassion Box in their classroom and children are encouraged to donate generously during Lent. This week we raised \$82.20. This was with help from the School Mission Team who sold chicks that the Carmelite Sisters kindly made. Your ongoing support is much appreciated.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

- Groups start from Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.
- Reflection Day- Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 at St Francis Xavier School.
- Sacrament of Confirmation -Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2019 at 5:20pm



**Holy Week Liturgy** - Week 11, Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April at 9:30am in the School Hall.

**Easter Liturgy** –We will be holding an Easter Liturgy Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April at 2:30pm. We hope to see you there to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection.

## Easter Hat Parade



Students from Kinder to Year 2 will participate in an Easter Hat Parade on the first day next term, Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April. The parade will be held at morning assembly. There will be two Easter egg prizes for each grade, kindly donated by Woolworths. We are looking forward to seeing the great hats that will be made during the holidays.

## Easter Egg Guessing Competition

Year 5 and 6 children will be invited to take part in a guess how many Easter Eggs are in the jar competition which will be held next week. The cost of a guess is 50c that will be donated to Project Compassion. We thank Olivia Ryan from the Mission Team for organising donations from Woolworths for this.



## Easter Colouring-in Competition

An Easter colouring-in competition will be offered to Years 3 and 4 students. The colouring-in competition has been given to classes and will be due back on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April for judging. We thank Woolworths for their generous donations of Easter Egg prizes. The competition winners will be announced at the end of the Easter Liturgy.

## Crowley Visits

As part of our Religious Education social justice program, every class has a visit to see the residents at Crowley Village during the year. This is an enjoyable experience for both the students and the residents. During Week 9, Year 4E visited the residents. Here are some photos and reflections from the visit



We first made cards for the residents. At Crowley they were bright and fun filled. We really made the residents smile. They loved the visit! It was fun. We played a lot of games. At Crowley we saw a hairdresser, how amazing would that be having a hairdresser where you live! I love how they are all unique!

**Oliva 4E**

My visit to Crowley Village today was awesome! The first thing we did was say hello to the people sitting near reception. Next, we said hello to some residents near the dining area and chose one or two to play a board game with. I overall I love going to Crowley and really want to go there again soon!

**Myles 4E**

## Teaching and Learning News...

### Problem solving in Mathematics

During the Mathematics block, students have opportunities to work like mathematicians, investigating a range of possible answers using a variety of strategies. These rich tasks are directly connected with the content of the syllabus. When students are required to find a number of possible answers they develop their ability to think flexibly and work fluently with numbers.

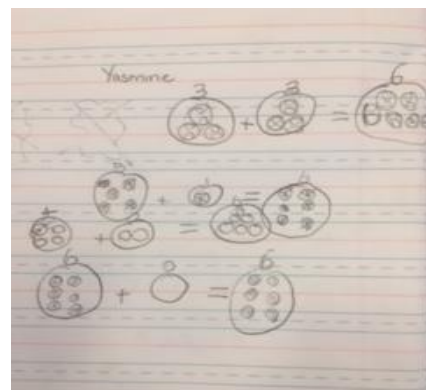
At this time students experience 'productive struggle' and learn to use an increasingly sophisticated range of mathematical processes.

Early in Term 1, Year 1 students were engaged in the task "How many ways can we make 6?" This task was also differentiated to challenge students by asking "How many ways can we make 16?". Students could use blocks or counters to find a number of possible answers or draw their findings.

Here are two student work samples.

Kristie Coster

Leader of Pedagogy and Catechesis



## Canteen News...

**08.04.19 to 12.04.19**



<b>Monday:</b>	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	L. McMahon, <b>HELP NEEDED</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	A. Spencer, L. Starkey
<b>Thursday:</b>	K. Kelly, C. Whitty
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>

**Tammy is looking for any volunteers for canteen on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. If you are able to spare a couple of hours, please contact the school office on 66863370 or see Tammy in the Canteen.**

## **SUSHI DAYS FOR TERM 2**

**\$3.90 each - Sauce 20c each**

**Chicken, Tuna, Avocado or Vegetarian**



<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> July</b>

**Please note that any chicken or tuna sushi that are ordered will NOT have avocado in them.**

**Or place your lunch orders on our QKR App**

## **Happy Birthday...**

**5<sup>th</sup> April to 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Chloe Pignat	Rhemi Mackay
Maddie Sommerfeld	Einin Shannon
Bodhi Smith	



## **Sport News...**

### **SFX Cross Country Results**

The following students came in the top 5 in their age group at our cross country and are now invited to compete at Richmond Zone Cross Country on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May at Riverview Park, South Lismore.

Kai Colegate	Nash Gasnier	Max Sharpe	Lachlan Colegate	Callan Ross
Alexandra Dogan	Peyton Whitty	Saoirse Lockwood	Alana McCarthy	Maia Howie
Kaden Clark	Jett Haley	Jye Miller	Jayden King	Isaac Bell
Marley Donald	Erika Wisemantel	Ellie Campbell	Aliyah Gerada	Lillian Bruncke
Max Buchanan	Finley Wallace	Kyran Hannah	Eli Yates	Yali Amit
Skye Dogan	Elizabeth Quinn	Liliana Thompson	Kiarna Hickey	Paris Kelly
Kayden Thompson	Elijah Cowan	Cooper Gerada	Cooper Powell	Aidan McCarthy
Amelie Law	Ava Ryan	Amy Henderson	Amelia Axman	Brianna Walsh
Tyler Dogan	Oliver Brisbane	Jake Clark	Bryce Pettingill	Zac Thick
Faith Finlayson	Imogen Ross	Phoebe Ryan	Amity Sweeney	Piper Wallace

A very big thank you to the parents who helped at the carnival. It certainly made the day run well without any dramas.

Kinder and Year 1 also ran in the Cross Country but do not progress to Zone.

Gali Amit	Beau Bruncke	Luke Bell	Chase Thompson	Archie Scott
Sophia Fahey	Amity Pettingill	Alysha Miller	Evie Clark	Matilda McDermott

## From The Counsellors Couch... with Lyn O'Neill

### Celebrating Mothers Expo

On Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May we hope to facilitate an Expo for Mums/Carers at St Francis Xavier School Hall. This Expo will be open to all Mums/Carers who have students at our school. It will highlight the importance of your role as a Mum and offer you some enjoyable experiences/information relating to self-care to support your journey of motherhood. If you have a particular skill and you would be happy to volunteer your time to run a group/workshop/stall, I would be really grateful to hear from you. Your input and energy would really enhance this day. Please email me on [lyn.oneill@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lyn.oneill@lism.catholic.edu.au) or leave a message for me at the school office and I will get back to you.



Warm Regards,  
Lyn O'Neill  
Student Support

## Coffee and Chat News...

Please join us for a chat and a beverage prior to collecting your child from school.

**Welcome:** Stage 1 Parents (Years 1 and 2) however all families are welcome, please BYO mug or cup.  
**Guest Speaker:** Leanne Robins –Parent Assembly CSO  
**Where:** Old School Hall (Parent Hub)



**When:** Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April - Week 11 at 2pm  
**Why:** Because we want to foster community and strive to help you feel valued.

## School News...

### **Pupil Free Day**

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

#### Staff Development Day

All staff will be participating in Professional Development.

**Students do not attend school on this day.**



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### **First Day Term 2**

**For All Students**

**Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019**



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## Kinder 2020 Information Night

**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**6-7pm**

**Kinder Rooms**

