

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 10 Term 3

Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### From the Principal.....

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have come to the end of another eventful term at St Francis Xavier School. Traditionally, term 3 was considered less busy than the other terms. This is certainly no longer the case. In all the standard and extra-curricular activities provided for our students this term, we have shared in some wonderful achievements at local, Diocesan and State level. I congratulate all children for their respective individual achievements this term and encourage you to assist your children in determining new goals for next term.

Next term our Year 3 team will look slightly different with Mrs Maureen Clarke on Long Service Leave. We are in the process of replacing Maureen and will advise of her replacement via email to parents over the holidays. We wish Maureen well on her leave and look forward to seeing her on her return.

Albeit sad to have to announce, I congratulate Mrs Jenny Powell on her recent decision to retire at the end of the year. Jenny has played a vital role in supporting our children with additional needs as Additional Needs Teacher and been a teacher and member of our parish school community for 36 years. We will formally farewell Jenny later in the year and wish her all the very best for her retirement.

We are currently in the process of interviewing for teaching positions for 2020. We will have the vast majority of these completed early next term.

Thank you to those parents who have replied and will be attending our Japanese Cultural Morning on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October. This opportunity to join with staff from the Japanese Consulate in Sydney to engage in cultural activities will be a lovely addition to our school holidays. I look forward to joining with you in this experience.

We have been advised that Fr Peter Padsungay has been appointed as Parish Administrator of St Francis Xavier Parish commencing on November 7<sup>th</sup>. We congratulate Fr Peter and welcome him to our parish.

I wish all our school families a safe and restful break and look forward to seeing you all back after the holidays. Sincerely,

Dan Gubby  
**PRINCIPAL**

## From the Assistant Principal.....

I find it hard to believe that term three is already over. It has been a very busy term, full of wonderful learning opportunities. The highlights for me would have to have been our Science day, the visiting school band and Book Week celebrations to merely name a few.

At our staff meeting this week our teachers were involved in a technology afternoon. We have been very fortunate to secure several funding grants this year and our school has purchased a variety of Science and Technology resources with these funds. Our new Science, Technology and Maker Space Room in the Library has been well utilized by the lunchtime clubs and it is filling up with lots of really great resources. The focus was on using these new resources more in the classroom. Teachers enjoyed learning together to use the Sphero robots, filming with the new green screen and programming with Makey Makey's.

Technology is a tool for learning just like any other learning tool. The key is how technology is incorporated into the learning program. When technology, high-quality pedagogy and excellent subject knowledge are combined together, a student will achieve a richer and deeper learning experience. When given the opportunity and the right learning tools it can be amazing what students can produce. In term four Kristie Coster and I will be further supporting teachers in classrooms with incorporating different technologies into their weekly planning.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday,

Matthew Ritchie  
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

TERM 4 - 2019		
Week 1	Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>FIRST DAY TERM 4</b>
	Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Crowley Visit 1S (9.40am)
	Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Polding Athletics Homebush
		Assembly 2:30pm (Year 6 Prayer)
Week 2	Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Exuro Year 5 Proclaim Retreat
		Kinder 2020 Transition Day – 9am to 11am
		Parent Forum Meeting (All parents welcome, 6pm-7pm)
		Assembly 2:30pm – (Kinder Prayer)
Week 3	Thursday, 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Crowley Visit – KM (9.40am)

	Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Whole School Mass – 12 Noon (Stage 1 & ES1)
Week 4	Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Dolphin Dreaming Excursion (9am)
		Kinder 2020 Transition Day – 9am to 11am
	Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Crowley Visit – 5OF (9.40am)
Week 5	Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day Liturgy - 10.30am
	Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> November	XCC Year 7 Transition Day
	Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Cocciola Cricket Cup – (Lismore)
		<b>No Assembly</b>
	Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Week 6	Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
	Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> November,	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
		Kinder 2020 Transition Day – 9am to 11am
	Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
	Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
	Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>No Assembly</b>
	Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Family Mass-Early Stage 1 – 6pm
Week 7	Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Assembly – 2:30pm (Year 1 Prayer)

## 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)



### Year 12 Xavier Catholic College Graduation

Many congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2019 who graduated on Thursday.

These students were the Kinder class of 2007. Mrs Miles and Mrs Jelfs have many fond memories of these students from the beginning of their school journey at St Francis Xavier, Ballina. We will be praying for these students as they start their HSC exams from the beginning of next term. Best wishes for your exams.



## Exuro Retreat

The Exuro Retreat will be held on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, Week 2 at Tullera Hall Lismore. There was a lot of interest from Year 5 students to attend this retreat. Students will be notified early week 1, term 4 if they have been successful in their applications for the retreat.

## Canteen News...

### Canteen Roster - Term 4, Week 1 14.10.19 to 18.10.19

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	S. Gale, <b>HELP NEEDED</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	L.Ross, <b>HELP NEEDED</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	L. Ryan, <b>HELP NEEDED</b>

## CANTEEN URGENTLY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Tammy is looking for volunteers for canteen, if you are able to spare a couple of hours, **between 9am and 11:30, once a month** please contact the school office on 66863370 or see Tammy in the Canteen and just let her know what day suits you.

## Friday Specials Term 4

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ON OUR FRIDAY SPECIAL DAYS STUDENTS CANNOT ORDER ANY OTHER FOOD**

<b>Week 2</b>	Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Pie and Sausage Roll Day
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<b>Week 3</b>	Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Roast Beef and Gravy Roll
<b>Week 4</b>	Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Pasta Day
<b>Week 5</b>	Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Pie and Sausage Roll Day
<b>Week 6</b>	Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Sliders Day
<b>Week 7</b>	Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Sausage Sizzle Day
<b>Week 8</b>	Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Pie and Sausage Roll Day
<b>Week 9</b>	Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Chicken Sub/Wrap Day

## Pie & Sausage Roll Day Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October

### **COST:**

**Plain Pie - \$4.60**

**Party Pies - \$1.60**

**Sausage Roll - \$4.20**

**Party Sausage Roll - \$1.60**

**Sauce – 40c**



## Sushi Day - Term 4

<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>

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

**Chicken, Tuna, Avocado or Vegetarian**



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

## Happy Birthday...

**27<sup>th</sup> September to 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

Scarlett Collins	Alexander Twiname	Amy Sharpe
Sophie Meany	Sienna Judge	Lilla Morley
Alysha Miller	Callan Ross	Zac Thick
Willow Hilyard	Flynn McKay	Zion Apanui
Mia Sten	Taj Arthur	Max Jarzynski
Jack Keough	London McGregor	Lara Endres
Raine Wallace	Dimity Jackson	Amelie Law
Ada Campbell	Oliver Rehwinkel	Ryan Kealy
Seaira Haynes-Taylor		





## Sports News...

### Cocciola Cup Cricket

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to attend the Cocciola Cup Cricket competition to be held on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November (Week 5). Notes to those successful students will be handed out at the beginning of Term 4. Please note that this will also clash with our school swimming lessons in term 4, therefore your child will miss one swimming lesson and the cost will be reduced for the swimming package. Please refer to swimming note to be handed out next term.

#### SFX Cocciola Cup Cricket 7's Team - 2019 - Term 4

- Bryce Pettingill
- Kai Dalli
- Jake Clark
- Bodhi Smith
- Jack Kennedy
- Jonty Hughes
- Zayne Jonsson
- Kye Suffolk (8th man)



**Parents will need to organise your child's transport to and from the venue.** Students will need to wear their School Uniform and have protective equipment such as gloves, pads, bat, cricket protector and a hat. The games are usually played on the sporting fields at Trinity Catholic College in Lismore. If you can provide a lift for other students, please contact Mr Cook or indicate on the note sent home.

Mr Cook  
Sports Coordinator

## School News...

**First Day Term 4**  
**Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019**



### LOST PROPERTY

We have a number of winter jackets and jumpers in our lost property (no names are on these items). If your child is missing their jacket or jumper could you please ask them to have a look in Lost Property, or perhaps you could have a look at some stage early next term. Lost Property is located in front of our Canteen.

# Community News...

## Creative Story Competition

The Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People is inviting entries for the NSW Children's Week 2019 Creative Story Competition.

The competition is open to all children and young people up to the age of 18 living in NSW.

Creative story submissions are required to be between 200-500 words in length. Entries close Sunday 6 October 2019.

For more information and to enter click here: <https://www.acyp.nsw.gov.au/childrens-week-2019-creative-story-enter>



A large, vibrant poster for the Bruton Fundamentals Clinic. The background is a basketball court with a large 'BBB' logo in the center. The 'B's are blue and white, with a basketball in the middle. Below the 'BBB' logo is a yellow and blue basketball. The text 'BRUTON FUNDAMENTALS CLINIC' is prominently displayed in large, bold letters. Below this, it says 'HOSTED BY NBL HALL OF FAMER CAL 'BLACK PEARL' BRUTON'. At the bottom, it provides details about the clinic: '2 Day Clinic Sep 28 - 29 2019 9am - 3pm \$120 per player', the location 'Ballina Basketball Association 57 Cherry Street Ballina', and registration information: 'Register at www.blackpearlbasketball.com.au or contact Secretary 0428 874 346'. The bottom of the poster features the 'Healthcare is Everywhere' logo.



# Family Retreat

**2nd and 3rd November or 9th and 10th November**  
**Tyalgum Ridge Retreat, 783 Tyalgum Creek Rd, Tyalgum**

**Spend a weekend deepening your family's faith,  
enjoying beautiful surroundings and connecting  
with other friendly families.**

The Family Retreat is open to all families with children in Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Lismore. Enjoy some time out from the busy-ness of life to reconnect with God and each other.

- Choose from 2 weekend dates.
- Saturday 10am - Sunday 2pm.
- Engaging programs for all ages from infants to adults.
- Adult Faith Sessions facilitated by experienced retreat leaders Valerie Murphy and Martin and Ann Costigan.
- Powerful and motivating Secondary Sessions led by experienced youth leader, Hogan Rogers from Unleashing Personal Potential.
- Fun outdoor activities to do as a family including flying fox, canoeing and bushwalks.
- All costs covered by Lismore Catholic Schools Parent Assembly.
- To register click [here](#) or go to <http://bit.ly/2kyWRLO>

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