

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 3 Term 1

Friday, 15th February 2019

From the Principal.....

Dear Parents,

We have certainly had an eventful start to the year and an action-packed Week 3 with our Swimming Carnival, Parent Information Night, First Holy Communion Parent Information Night and our School Leaders Induction Mass. I thank our dedicated staff for their tireless efforts in ensuring each of these events were well planned and facilitated. Thank you to all those parents who came along to our information night. I understand that it is not possible for some parents to attend such events due to shift work or family commitments, however, I would like to emphasise the importance of maintaining strong connections with your class teachers throughout the year in order to establish the team support that our children need to best guide them towards achieving their goals. Please ensure that you have received your year level information sheets for Term 1 and that you are familiar with the best methods of class communication so you can keep abreast of your child's learning agenda.

In order to ensure our school records are kept current, I ask that you read the correspondence in this newsletter from Mrs Lynlee Turner in relation to your child's medical needs and respond accordingly.

From one year level to the next, parents will be provided with different ways to engage in the life of their child's education. At a whole school level we encourage parents to participate whenever possible in parish and school Masses, liturgies and assemblies as well as in special celebrations throughout the year. Twice a term we hold a Parent Forum Meeting to engage parents in discussion around the current direction and future plans for our school. Our first Parent Forum Meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday Night March 19th at 6pm. These meetings will continue throughout the year on the Tuesday nights of Week's 2 and 8 each term. Please come along to support your fellow parents and contribute to our school community discussions.

Have a great week.

Dan Gubby
PRINCIPAL



From the Assistant Principal

Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) is an evidence based, whole school approach for the teaching and learning of Mathematics. This whole school approach emphasises quality learning and teaching of mathematics. The Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI) that was undertaken by every student at the beginning of this year provided valuable information for our school. Unlike some other whole school assessments where we wait many months for the data, the MAI data is available as soon as the school has completed student testing.

At St Francis Xavier Primary we believe that all students can achieve growth given the right time, support and opportunity. During our year level team meetings (PLT's) our Leader of Pedagogy, Kristie Coster collaborated with teachers to use the data gathered from the MAI's to discuss differentiation of student learning needs and inform teaching practice for 2019. This data is also used to target professional learning for teachers and inform whole school improvement in Mathematics.

We recognise that for some students this may not be sufficient to enable them to thrive mathematically and that they may require more targeted support with their Mathematics learning. Our EMU specialist teachers are qualified specialists with a deep understanding of the learning process of number and provide intervention for the most mathematically vulnerable students. EMU intervention accelerates growth in conceptual understanding and enables students to access the classroom curriculum.

We would like to thank our parents for valuing the MAI process and finding the time at the beginning of the school year to schedule the interview, for their children.

Regards and God Bless,

Matthew Ritchie
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

TERM 1 - 2019		
Week 4	Monday, 18th February	Canteen Closed
		First Holy Communion Groups Begin
	Wednesday, 20th February	Richmond Zone Swimming Carnival-Lismore Memorial Baths
	Thursday, 21st February	Zone Winter Sports Trials-Lismore-4pm
	Friday, 22nd February	Assembly - Prayer Year 6
Week 5	Monday, 25th February	Canteen Closed
		Back up Richmond Zone Swimming Carnival-Lismore Memorial Baths
	Friday, 1st March	Assembly-Prayer-Year 2
		Diocesan Swimming Carnival-Kempsey
Week 6	Monday, 4th March	Canteen Closed

		Catholic Schools Week
	Tuesday, 5th March	Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Day
	Wednesday, 6th March	Ash Wednesday-Whole School Mass-12 noon
	Thursday, 7th March	Dress Up as a Teacher Day
	Friday, 8th March	Picnic Afternoon Tea – Catholic Schools Week 1.30pm to 2.15pm
		Catholic Schools Week Liturgy 2.30pm to 3.30pm
	Saturday, 9th March	Family Mass-6pm
Week 7	Monday, 11th March	Canteen Closed
	Friday, 15th March	First Holy Communion Reflection Day at Holy Family
		Assembly-Prayer-Year 1
		Diocesan Winter Sports Trials-Grafton
	Sunday, 17th March	First Holy Communion-SFX Parish Church, Ballina-11am
Week 8	Monday, 18th March	Canteen Closed
	Wednesday, 20th March	SFX Cross Country
		Confirmation Parent Meeting-6pm
	Friday, 22nd March	Assembly-Prayer-Year 4
Week 9	Monday, 25th March	Canteen Closed
	Wednesday, 27th March	Polding Swimming Carnival-Sydney
	Friday, 29th March	Whole School Mass-12 noon
Week 10	Monday, 1st April	Canteen Closed
	Friday, 5th April	Assembly-Prayer-Year 3
Week 11	Monday, 8th April	Canteen Closed
	Thursday, 11th April	Last Day of Term 1
		Holy Week Liturgy
	Friday, 12th April	Pupil Free Day

RE News...

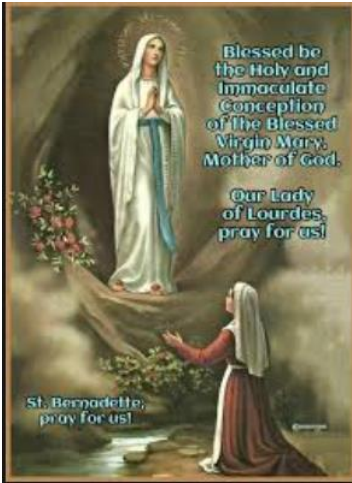


First Holy Communion Groups start from Sunday 18th February

First Holy Communion Sunday 17th March - 11am



Our Lady Of Lourdes Feast Day 11th February



Year 6 Incitare Retreat 2019

Incitāre is a one day retreat experience for Year 6 students from parish primary schools based in regions of the diocese to celebrate their faith at a diocesan level.

The retreat will be a chance to bring students together to meet like-minded peers and to celebrate with other young people who practice their faith. The activities will be a mixture of large and small sharing groups as well as celebrating a liturgy together. The program has been geared to meet the needs of these Year 6 students.

The activities and experiences will allow attendees to build relationships with other students from throughout their region of the diocese and allow the students the opportunity to talk about and share their faith journey.

What: *Incitāre* – a retreat experience for Year 6 students from every parish school in each region of the diocese.

When: Tuesday 5th March

Where: Tullera Hall, Tullera

Cost: Nil. All transport and venue booking expenses will be met by the Catholic Schools Office.

Lunch/Morning Tea: Students to bring their own.

In discerning which students might participate in this retreat experience, the Catholic Schools Office has recommended the following guidelines:

- Core Catholic students
- Regularly attend Mass
- Are involved in some other form of church involvement either at school or in the parish
- Students who are willing to learn more about the Christian Faith

A large number of St Francis Xavier students have already expressed an interest in this event. We can only however offer 8 places. Any student who would like to be considered is asked to complete the Student Application Form provided by Mrs Kerrily Jelfs. Nominations should be handed to Mrs Kerrily Jelfs no later than Wednesday 20th February.

Weekend Parish Mass Times

Ballina: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm (no children's liturgy)

Ballina: Sunday 9:00am (with children's liturgy)

Lennox Head: Sunday 7:30am (with children's liturgy)

Canteen News...

18.02.19 – 22.02.19

Monday:	CANTEEN CLOSED
Tuesday:	HELP NEEDED
Wednesday:	A. Spencer
Thursday:	Sam Slattery, HELP NEEDED
Friday:	Erin & Leanne Rampling, Tara Ronchi

FRIDAY SPECIAL **Sausage Sizzle Day** **22nd February**

COST: \$4.00



Please place orders on a lunch bag and return, together with payment, to the Canteen by Thursday, 21st February – 9am.

Normal menu items ARE NOT available on this day

Happy Birthday...

15th February to 21st February 2019

Ryder Price	Mikayla Randall
Penelope Axman	Jarrah McGauran
Brodie Powell	Holly Tyrrell
Isla Noble	Shaelie Potter-Ross
Oliver Stephenson	Chase Thompson



School News...



Notice to all Parents-Change of Bank Notice

We are asking all parents to cease making Direct Deposit and Bpay payments into our National Australia Bank Account immediately, as we are changing banks.

Updating Students' Medical Records

Our aim is to put in place steps which we can help your child manage their medical condition and overcome any potential barriers. It is extremely important that we maintain regular communication between our school and families of students with medical conditions.

Students' personal health information is recorded on each students enrolment form and annually or whenever information about a students' health changes throughout the year on the Students Health Detail Record which is kept at the front office and in each students' classroom. When students leave the school a health record of the student must accompany them. Parents/Guardians of a student are responsible for advising Saint Francis Xavier Primary School of medical conditions or any changes to a students' health at the beginning of a school year or whenever circumstances change. A paper Health Detail Record form is sent home for parents/guardians to complete. Where severe medical conditions or allergic reactions exist, we ask the parent/guardian to complete Health Care Forms available from the school office as soon as possible. All medication bought to school for example Ventolin, Antibiotics etc. must come through the front office where the appropriate paperwork needs to be filled out immediately.

The accuracy and management of Student Health Detail Records is a critical process for Saint Francis Xavier Primary School. Government Legislation outlines the schools responsibility. It also requires clear and consistent communication and consultation between the school and families to ensure that optimum care is provided for all students. As a parent/guardian it is your responsibility to ensure all information is accurate and up to date and provided to the school as soon possible. It is also your responsibility to ensure medical plans are completed by medical practitioners and that medication is in appropriate blister packs, that medication is stored appropriately, that students' medication is in date and that there is enough medication supplied. This enables Saint Francis Xavier Primary School to develop procedures to manage and monitor particular medical conditions like Asthma, ADHD, Anaphylaxis, Seizure Management and Diabetes.

It is vital for Saint Francis Xavier Primary School to communicate and consult with parents, students and medical professionals while developing a Students Emergency Action Plan or a Students Medical Management Plan for students who require long term medication or management of medical and health conditions at school.

Individual Medical Plans can help you ensure that Saint Francis Xavier Primary school effectively supports students with medical conditions. Medical Plans provide clarity about what needs to be done, when it needs to be done, by whom and what support is needed for the student with a medical condition. They are essential in cases where medical conditions fluctuate or where there is a high risk that emergency intervention will be needed.

If it is noted on a Students Enrolment Form or a Student Health Detail Record that a student has a medical condition, appropriate paperwork and medical plans will be sent home for parents, carers or guardians to complete by medical practitioners. These medical forms will be displayed by the school to help support the student with their medical condition. These medical forms are legal documents and cannot be altered without permission from a medical practitioner or nurse practitioner.

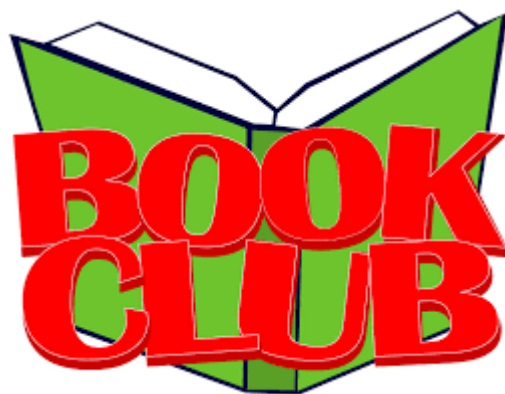
If you need to access any of these medical forms please contact the front office. Please do not hesitate to ask for support or assistance in any students' medical health conditions or concerns.

Your cooperation with this would be greatly appreciated. Should you have any further queries or questions please phone the school on 02 66 863370.

Library News...

Scholastic Book Club

Brochures for the first 2019 Scholastic Book Club have been distributed to students this week. The closing date for orders is Monday 25th February 2019. Online orders for Scholastic are preferable, however you can still pay by cash and Eftpos.



Book Covering

Helping hands for covering books are always very welcome.

Denise Miller
Librarian

Sport News...

[SWIMMING CARNIVAL PHOTOS 2019](#)



Active Kids Vouchers

Did you know that the NSW Government is helping kids get active with the new Active Kids Program? Parents, guardians and carers can easily apply for a voucher valued at \$100 per calendar year for each student enrolled in school!

The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities. For more information, visit <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>