

Principal's Message

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Welcome Back!

First and foremost I would like to thank everyone for all the well wishes and kind words for the arrival of Henry Thomas to our family. The staff were exceptional in my absence and I am grateful for the time I was able to spend away from school with my family.

Our start to this year has been surprisingly wet! After an absence of rain in my first two years we are now seeing a different set of issues to deal with. I would encourage all children to ensure they bring a drink bottle for the remainder of the week.

Please be assured that precautions are in place for flooding in our grounds. If the localised flooding affects your travel to and from school please let us know.

It is great to see so many new faces. We are joined by 41 Kindergarten students today and our whole school population has risen to 214. Unfortunately our first Monday Morning Assembly had to be cancelled because of rain. However, we are not going to complain about any rainfall we get.

We will be informing you as soon as a decision can be made regarding our annual swimming carnival which is scheduled for this Thursday.

I look forward to a great year of getting smarter with the whole school community.

*May God bless you,
Mr Michael Ball
Principal*

Kindergarten 2020



LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DEPARTURE

PLEASE NOTE the procedure concerning late arrivals and early departures: An electronic kiosk is located at the front office counter which **MUST** be completed by a parent or guardian every time a student is arriving to school late (after 9.00am) or leaving early (before 3.15pm). Please note that if anyone other than a parent, or legal guardian is picking a student up early then either a note or phone call from the student's parent must be received at the office or by the class teacher.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Please remember that parents are responsible for ensuring that they notify the school to explain the absence of their children on any particular school day. Notification may be provided via the Compass Portal, written note, email or by telephoning the school.

Class teachers take the class roll promptly at the commencement of the school day.

All absences are recorded absent. They are then cross checked against the absentee notifications that have been provided to the school that day.

CHANGE TO HOME TIME ARRANGEMENTS

Please remember if there are any changes to your child's home time arrangements to ring the school office. Please do not send an email as the email system may not always be accessible.

VISITORS TO SCHOOL

Please remember that **ALL** visitors to the school **MUST** sign in at the front office. We apologise for any inconvenience, however, this is a Work Health and Safety as well as a Child Protection Policy Requirement.



School Speed Zones are in place from 8.00 to 9.30am and 2.30 to 4.00pm every school day. Please be mindful of this, especially around the pedestrian crossing.

Newsletter.

In an effort to reduce printing, we will be emailing the fortnightly Newsletter to all families. If you require a printed copy please send an e-mail to naradmin@arm.catholic.edu.au

Canteen

We are now asking for volunteers in the canteen for Term 1.

If you are available to volunteer, the children and school would greatly appreciate your help. The canteen is open Thursday and Friday and volunteers can assist for a full day, a half day or whatever suits you.

Please contact the school office if you are able to help.



HELP! **BOOK COVERING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

There are quite a few new books which need covering. If you are able to assist with covering books, please contact Mrs Hogan or Mrs Capp. Volunteers might prefer to take them home to cover, which is fine! All materials are provided.



CLOTHING POOL

If families are sorting through school uniforms, the clothing pool will gladly accept any pre loved uniforms. All donations are greatly appreciated.

TUESDAY is
ADIG

**STUDENT BANK-
ING day.**
Please send in bank



**St Francis Xavier's
School is an
Allergy Aware School**
**Please do NOT send in
any food which have
nuts or traces of nuts.**

TERM DATES

Term 1: 06/02/2020 to
09/04/2020
Term 2: 28/04/2020 to
03/07/2020
Term 3: 20/07/2020 to
25/09/2020
Term 4: 12/10/2020 to
16/12/2020

IMPORTANT DATES:

13th February –Swimming
Carnival

26th February –Ash Wednesday
Mass 12pm



Need After School Care? Problem Solved!

Our school provides registered After School Care through Sherpa Kids!
from
3.15—5.30pm each day

Children can be enrolled on a casual or permanent basis.

Contact the Manager—Janelle
Nehrkorn on
0481 360617

2020 Staff



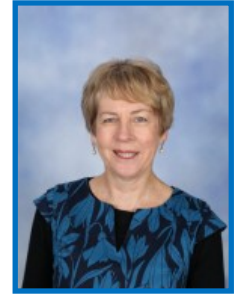
Michael Ball
Principal



Mrs Michelle O'Connor
Assistant Principal
Class Teacher 3/4 OC



Mrs Judy Rily
Religious Education
Coordinator
Class Teacher 1/2 R



Mrs Jenny Laird
Leader of Pedagogy



Miss Lauren Smart
Class Teacher
Kinder S



Miss Anna Maher
Class Teacher
Kinder M



Mrs Sally Foster
Class Teacher 1/2 F



Mrs Sonja Leitch
Class Teacher 1/2 R



Mrs Amanda Hardy
Class Teacher 3/4 H



Mrs Georgie Kahl
Class Teacher 3/4 K



Mrs Lyndal Vankuyk
Class Teacher 3/4 OC



Mrs Holly Greenaway
Class Teacher 5/6 G



Mrs Rhonda McInnes
Class Teacher 5/6 M



Mrs Kym Capp
Librarian



Mrs Cath Nalder
RFF Teacher
Welfare Officer

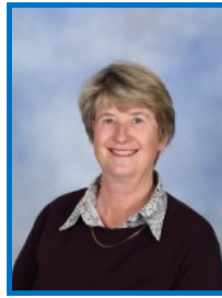


Mrs Maree Nott
Student Support Teacher

2020 Staff



Mrs Janelle Nehr Korn
Education Assistant



Mrs Leonie Grumley
Education Assistant



Mrs Donna Wheeler
Education Assistant



Mr Terry Hynch
Education Assistant



Miss Chelsea Wheeler
Education Assistant

Sports Report

Swimming Carnival

Our annual swimming carnival is on this Thursday for students turning 8 years or older this year. The carnival is being held from 9:30am—2:30pm at the Narrabri Aquatic Centre. On the day, the children will come to school and walk to the Aquatic Centre with their class. At the conclusion of the carnival they will walk back to school to catch their usual bus or for pick up. We are still in need of a few volunteers, please contact the school office if you are able to help on the day. If you are able to spare even 1 hour it will be most appreciated.

The Diocesan Swimming Carnival, for those that qualify, will be held at the Moree Aquatic Centre on Friday, 28th February 2020.



Upcoming Masses:

SCHOOL MASSES: You are invited and welcome to attend our school Masses.



*Friday 21st February @9:30 a.m.: Year 6 Leadership Induction Mass

*Saturday 22nd February @ 6p.m. our first Family Mass will be celebrated.

*Wednesday 26th February @ 12 noon Mass for Ash Wednesday.

Sacramental Program for 2020:

Below is an outline of the Sacraments which baptised Catholic children will receive as part of their growth in the Catholic faith.

*Tuesday 24th March @ 5:30p.m.

Parent Information Meeting for First Reconciliation

*Wednesday 8th April @ 6p.m.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation for Year 2 children

*Tuesday 2nd June @ 5:30 p.m.

Parent Information Meeting for First Holy Communion.

*Sunday 14th June @ 8a.m.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion for Year 3 students

*Tuesday 21st July @ 5:30 p.m.

Parent Information Meeting for Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday 15th August @ 6p.m.

Sacrament of Confirmation for Year 5 and 6 students.

Altar Servers Roster

Sat 15th Feb 6pm:

Patrick Welsh and Beth Faris

Sat 22nd 6p.m.

Maxine O'Connor and Josie Harvey

Sun 16th Feb 8a.m:

Ali Murray and Elias Watene

Sun 23rd 8a.m:

Braiden Ryan and Hamish Nalder

2020 - Term 1, Day 1



All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are invited to come along to Homework Club. Homework Club is held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning from 8.30am until 8.55am in the Activities Room (Next to the 5/6M Class Room).



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Library Roster

Even Weeks -Library	Odd Weeks -Library
STAGE 2 - Wednesday	STAGE 2 - Wednesday
1/2F - Wednesday	1/2R - Wednesday
KS - Wednesday	KM - Wednesday
5/6M - Wednesday	5/6G - Wednesday



CANTEEN NEWS



Please note the following:

Cut off time for orders is 9.00am

Paper bags are supplied for orders placed via Qkr!

Dino's, Goujons, Nuggets & Chicken Tenders are ordered in bag lots.

Orders may be cancelled up until 9.00am for the day of order.

PLEASE NOTE: For those ordering via Qkr! and using re-usable lunch bags, please send them into the canteen, clearly marked with **"ORDERED ONLINE"** otherwise your child will receive their lunch in a paper lunch bag.

Canteen Roster

TERM 1 2020		
3	13th February 2020 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	14th February 2020 Tilla Winston-Smith & Jodi Cameron
4	20th February 2020 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	21st February 2020 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
5	27th February 2020 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	28th February 2020 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
6	5th March 2020 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	6th March 2020 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
7	12th March 2020 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	13th March 2020 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
8	19th March 2020 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	20th March 2020 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
9	26th March 2020 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	27th March 2020 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
10	2nd April 2020 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	3rd April 2020 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How do I cancel food orders that have already been paid for?

A. To cancel a food order from your itemized eReceipt:

1. Open Qkr! and tap Activity.
2. Scroll down to 'Order History' and sign in with your password.
3. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.
4. If your eReceipt contains food orders for more than one child, you will need to cancel one by one.

OR

To cancel a food order from the calendar view:

1. Open Qkr! and select the relevant menu.
2. Tap on the tick icon on the date for which you want to cancel the order.
3. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.

Cancelled items are shown in red on your eReceipt confirming they have been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any credits will be automatically deducted from your next Qkr! food order.

Please contact your school office to cancel any other (non-food) school payments according to school policy.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S SCHOOL CANTEEN NEWS



Term 1 2020



Dear Parents,

Welcome to all our new families and welcome back all our existing families. I just wanted to pass onto all some useful information regarding our School Canteen.

Ordering Lunches

The Canteen uses the Qkr! (pronounced quicker) App for ordering and paying for lunches online. Details have been sent home for parents about installing and using Qkr! but if you would like any further information or are still unsure please contact the office.

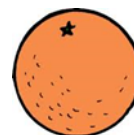
For those of you ordering via Qkr! the cut off is 9:00am. If you are using re-usable lunch bags, please send them into the canteen, clearly marked with "**ORDERED ONLINE**" otherwise your child will receive their lunch in a paper lunch bag.

If you choose not to use Qkr! you will still be able to order in the traditional manner, the process is as follows:

Ensure that the bag supplied for your child's lunch order is large enough to hold what is ordered, no envelopes unless you also order a lunch bag (available from the canteen for 10 cents each).

Only lunch (food & drink) is to be pre-ordered. You cannot order recess items and ice creams for lunch. The children bring their money to the canteen at recess to purchase available items. Ice creams may be purchased at lunch time only.

Please find attached the Menu for Term 1 2020.



Volunteering

Our School Canteen provides nourishing recesses and lunches that are in line with the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy for our children. In order to maintain this service we need volunteers.

Volunteering in the school canteen is a great opportunity to meet other parents and get to know your children's friends. More importantly your children love to see you at the canteen.

The canteen is open Thursday and Friday from 9.00 am and closes at 1:30 pm before clean up and collation of takings. If you are available to volunteer the children and the school would greatly appreciate your help.

Volunteers can assist for a full day, a half day or whatever suits you. The Term 1, roster is attached and should be returned to the school with your preferences by Friday 14th February 2020.

Thank you for your continuing support of the canteen.



Kind regards

Karen Slack-Smith

Canteen Roster - Term 1 2020

If you are able to volunteer, please fill in your preference/s and return to school by
Friday 14th February 2020

<i>Week</i>	<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Full Day</i>	<i>Partial Day Only</i>	
			<i>9:00am - 11:30am</i>	<i>11:30am - 2:00pm</i>
3	Thursday			
	13-Feb			
	Friday	Tilla Winston-Smith &		
	14-Feb	Jodi Cameron		
4	Thursday			
	20-Feb			
	Friday			
	21-Feb			
5	Thursday			
	27-Feb			
	Friday			
	28-Feb			
6	Thursday			
	5-Mar			
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	6-Mar			
7	Thursday			
	12-Mar			
	Friday			
	13-Mar			
8	Thursday			
	19-Mar			
	Friday			
	20-Mar			
9	Thursday			
	26-Mar			
	Friday			
	27-Mar			
10	Thursday			
	2-Apr			
	Friday			
	3-Apr			
11	Thursday			
	9-Apr			
	Friday	Good Friday - No Canteen		
	10-Apr			



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S NARRABRI
SCHOOL REUNION
1885-2020**

**Organised for former pupils & parents,
former & present staff & partners**

Saturday 14th March 2020

Narrabri RSL Club

Maitland Street Narrabri

Reservation & payment

Contact:

Sharon Goodhew

Narrabri RSL Ph. 02-67921844

Registration 12 Noon

Lunch 1.00pm

Cost \$30

Slide Show & reminiscences of school days at

St Francis Xavier's

Photo & Mementos welcomed for display

& can be taken in to the Club Auditorium from 10am.

RSVP 20TH FEBRUARY 2020



"Coaching Options"

Tennis Coaching available through Tennis Australia Club Professional qualified coach.

Selected timeslots left for private/semi private lessons.

Group Lessons available catering for every age and standard!

Group Lessons using TA Hot Shots Program; Hot Shots Blue – "Ages 4-5", Hot Shots Red – "Ages 5-8"- Hot Shots Orange – "Ages 8+"

Hot Shots Green – "Ages 9+" –, Yellow Ball Group 11+.

These lessons occur Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri and Sat.

Adult Lessons available some mornings/evenings or throughout the day.

Friday Afternoon Junior Social Tennis – open to everyone – 5pm to 6pm. Come and play some matches!

Wednesday Night Doubles Comp – open to all, A and B Grade divisions.

For further information to discuss lesson options contact Shane Murphy 0405151935, Facebook Narrabri Tennis or drop over to the Dangar Park Tennis Centre!!

ADIG Student Saver

Armidale Diocesan Investment Group offer bank accounts for students with the deposits being made through the School office. All deposits made earn a commission for St Francis Xavier's school. If you would like to open a Student Saver Account with ADIG then please contact the school office for the relevant paperwork. Students bring their School Banking to school of a Tuesday.

Term 1 2020 Calendar

Week/ Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 2	03	04	05	06 Years 1-6 First Day Kinder Best Start Assessments	07 Kinder Best Start Assessments	08/09
Week 3	10 Kindergarten First Day	11	12	13 Swimming Carnival	14	15/16
Week 4	17	18	19	20	21 Yr 6 Induction Mass 9:30a.m.	22/23 Family Mass Sat. 6pm
Week 5	24	25	26 Ash Wednesday Mass 12pm	27	28 Diocesan Swimming Carnival Moree	29/1
Week 6	02	03 Years 3-6 Reconciliation for Lent 10a.m.	04	05	06	07/08
Week 7	09	10	11	12	13	14/15
Week 8	16	17	18	19 School Photos	20	21/22
Week 9	23	24 Parent Information Meeting for Reconciliation	25	26	27	28/29 Family Mass Sat 6p.m.
Week 10	30	31	01	02	03	04/05
Week 11	06	07 Re-enactment of Palm Sunday- Infants 9:15 a.m.	08 Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation Re-enactment of Holy Thursday Stage 2 9:15a.m.	09 Re-enactment of Good Friday – Stage 3 9:15a.m.	10	11/12

Website

Our school website www.sfxnarrabri.catholic.edu.au is an important source of information about all facets of our school. It also contains an events page as well as a link to our school calendar which is updated regularly and contains the information above.