

Principal's Message

Homework

As we fast approach the half-way mark of this term, I must reflect on a question that I have been asked in both a personal and professional capacity multiple times. "Is homework really necessary?" Teaching is an ever changing profession but the essence of what we do has never changed - we develop a love of learning. If we don't create a love of learning then it won't matter what content or activities we use, they won't be truly powerful. Parents of Kinder or young children always ask what they can do to help educate their child at home? My answer sometimes shocks

them... make it fun! Make it one of the best times they have with you. Foster a LOVE of reading and use it as 'chill out time' where they get all of your attention.

Please don't take this as a 'I don't believe homework is important' statement. As a staff we have stripped Homework back to just essential revision and I am a believer that some form of study habits in later primary assists with the transition to high school. If you are struggling to find the time or require assistance with homework, then I encourage you to discuss this with your class teacher and make alternative arrangements.

Student Verification Report

Recently we sent home documents asking you to check your registered information. While for most of you your information has not changed, it is a legal requirement that we seek up to date personal information for our records. It would surprise some of you how many mobile numbers and emails we have on file that have been changed that we are unaware of. Please take the time to check your information and return the form to school, even if changes are not required.

*May God bless you,
Mr Michael Ball*

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St Francis Xavier's School Leaders 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 office 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 office.

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.

Birthday Party Invitations

Just a reminder that while we LOVE birthdays and celebrations, the school does not distribute birthday party invitations. *The only exception is if everyone in the class is invited or all of either the boys or girls are invited as a gender group.*

It can be difficult for children to understand why they might not be invited, therefore invitations should be extended outside of school hours. We appreciate your support in this matter.

BIRTHDAY CAKES

On the topic of birthdays, parents are welcome to bring in a cake/cupcakes on their child's birthday. Please contact your child's teacher beforehand and arrange a time (normally right before recess is the best time). Please do not bring in cakes/cupcakes which include nuts or traces of nuts. Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL FEES

School Fee statements were sent home last week. A reminder that this year the fees are being invoiced over 3 terms, not 4. Fees may be paid by Qkr!, cash/cheque, internet banking, or a direct debit from your banking institution can be set up via the school office. Please endeavour to pay school fees on time. You may pay by regular instalments or in full. If you are experiencing difficulty please contact the school office so that a payment plan can be arranged.

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.

Assemblies - Term 1

Wk 4 - 21st February - 1:45pm
Wk 5 - 28th February - 12.30 pm
Wk 6 - 6th March - 1.45 pm
Wk 7 - 13th March - 1.45 pm
Wk 8 - 20th March - 12.30 pm
Wk 9 - 27th March - 1.45 pm
Wk 10 - 3rd April - 1.45 pm
Wk 11 - 9th April - 1.45 pm

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:

26th February – Ash Wednesday Mass 12pm
28th February - Diocesan Swimming Carnival
10th March - P & F AGM
19th March - School Photos



A friendly reminder that if you need to contact your child's classroom teacher or any member of staff, to please contact the school office to arrange a meeting time or to leave a message.

Please do not contact School staff on their personal phone numbers in relation to school issues.

Thank you.

Newsletter.

In an effort to reduce printing, we will be e-mailing the fortnightly Newsletter to all families. If you require a printed copy please send an e-mail to

naradmin@arm.catholic.edu.au

Sports Report



We have held another successful swimming carnival!! The students all participated with great enthusiasm, whether it was in the water or cheering on their team mates from the stands.

Three School records were broken. Congratulations to Blake Fielder – 12 years boys 50 metres Freestyle, Jemima Leslie - Junior Girls 50 metres Backstroke and Patrick Welsh - Senior Boys 50 metres Butterfly.

Congratulations as well to our age champions:

Junior Boy - Eddie Lowick

Junior Girl - Jemima Leslie

11 Years Boy - Jack Lowick

11 Years Girl - Aleira Sunderland

Senior Boy - Patrick Welsh

Senior Girl - Ali Murray



Xavier were the overall House Champions for the day.

We will now send a squad of 31 swimmers to the Diocesan Swimming Carnival which is being held in Moree next Friday.

P & F News



The P & F Association are holding a **Pancake Breakfast** tomorrow morning out the front of the school and under the COLA for students on buses. See the attached flyer. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The **Annual General Meeting** of the St Francis Xavier's P & F Association will be held:

When: Tuesday, 10th March 2020

Where: St Francis Xavier's Staffroom

Time: 5.30 pm

We encourage all members of our school community to attend.

Upcoming Masses:

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

*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 21st June @ 8a.m. **Please note change of date**

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 29th Feb 6pm:

Patrick Welsh and Beth Faris

Sat 7th March 6p.m.

Maxine and Gabriel O'Connor and Josie Harvey

Sun 1st March 8a.m:

Lily Bogdanoff and Elias Watene

Sun 8th March 8a.m:

Hattie Capp and Hamish Nalder

Student Awards



	Key Learning Area Awards	
Class	Week 3	Week 4
Kinder M	Blayne Gorrie	Gus Collins
Kinder S	Charlotte Clark	Eliza Campbell
1/2 F	Christopher Welsh	Amanda Paas
1/2 R	Christopher Johnson	Chelsea Schmierer
3/4 H	Johanna Grodon	Oliver Lehmann
3/4 K	Olivia Campbell	Mia Greenaway
3/4 OC	Tiffany Robinson	Walter Cameron
5/6 G	Liam Vitnell	Charlie Tout
5/6 M	Campbell Williams	Heli Wanasinghe



	General Class Awards	
Class	Week 3	Week 4
Kinder M	Emily Ross	Campbell Rushton
Kinder S	Mac Winston-Smith	Toby Young
1/2 F	Shiloh Vuragu	Darby Cameron
1/2 R	Lilian Davies	Nicholas Treseder
3/4 H	Harley Myers	William Manchee
3/4 K	Lucas Tucker	Zakk Elder
3/4 OC	Jordan Dunn	Jemima Leslie
5/6 G	Ashley Finlay	Jack Lowick
5/6 M	Darcy Dickinson	Lily Bogdanoff



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



Thank you to all the generous helpers who assisted with the covering of our new books. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated. Mrs Capp

CANTEEN NEWS



Canteen Roster

TERM 1 2020		
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



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.



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.

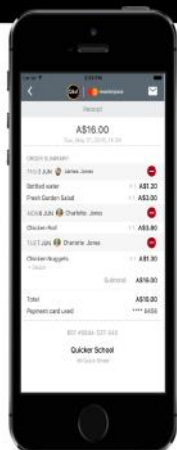
OR

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.



Canteen Roster - Term 1 2020

If you are able to volunteer, please fill in your preference/s and return to school.

<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>
5	Thursday			
	27-Feb			
	Friday			
	28-Feb			
6	Thursday			
	5-Mar			
	Friday			
	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			



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 on a Tuesday.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S SCHOOL P&F

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Tuesday, 25 February 8 am - 9 am



PANCAKE DAY is next Tuesday
Come join us for delicious, fresh
pancakes before school



SFX School Front Entrance
\$2 / pancake



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



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ON FACEBOOK**

**2021
ENROLMENT
INFORMATION
NIGHT**

**TUESDAY
17TH MARCH
5:45PM FOR A
6PM START**

ST MARY'S COLLEGE

WWW.STMARYSCOLLEGE.NSW.EDU.AU



A COMMUNITY OF FAITH, A PLACE OF LEARNING



Interested parents and students are invited to attend St Mary's College Enrolment Evening and College tour.

Enrolment packages will be available on the night



Application period:
18th March - 5th June 2020

Limited vacancies for all Year levels in 2021



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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Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

Term 1 2020 Calendar

Week/ Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 5	24	25	26 Ash Wednesday Mass 12pm	27	28 Diocesan Swimming Carnival Moree	29/1
Week 6	02 Years 3-6 Reconciliation for Lent 10a.m. *Please note change of date	03	04	05	06	07/08
Week 7	09	10 P & F AGM 5.30 pm	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 NSW CPS Swimming	26	27	28/29 Family Mass Sat 6p.m.
Week 10	30	31	01	02	03	04/05
Week 11	06 NSW PSSA Swimming	07 Re-enactment of Palm Sunday- Infants 9:15 a.m. NSW PSSA Swimming	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. Last Day of Term	10 GOOD FRIDAY	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.