Date:  Friday 3 August
Where:  Main Beach
Time:  9.30am

Beach-a-thon

Do you have your sponsors yet??
Are you ready??
I hope to see you at this Friday’s Athletics and Ball Games Carnival. Mr Fullagar will outline further details in this news. It is important to us that all children who are ‘fit and able’ participate in events such as this. It is also important that all children stay at the carnival until the presentations are complete. It’s about SPIRIT and being part of a TEAM. Your support with this teaching will be appreciated.

As a follow up to our MISSION and VISION launch I invite you to an “Afternoon with the Leadership Team” to be held on Tuesday 7 August in the Resource Centre from 1.15pm to 2.45pm. Our Mission and our Vision is the topic for presentation. A light lunch will be provided and little ones are welcome. Please mark this time in your diary. We would be very pleased to have a crowd.

The so called Ekka flu has struck early this year. Please remind your children about appropriate hygiene measures i.e. regular washing of hands with soap and covering mouth when coughing and sneezing.

I do not wish to alarm you but I was informed yesterday by one of our senior students that he was recently spoken to by a stranger as he was making his way home. The matter has been reported to the police and to Brisbane Catholic Education.

Please talk to your children about what to do if approached by a stranger and the importance of reporting any suspicious people or activities to you or to someone they trust. I will also ask the teachers to have a general discussion with their class. Feel free to call me if you wish to discuss this further.

You may recall me mentioning in an earlier newsletter about our Executive Director, Mr David Hutton deciding to relinquish the leadership of Brisbane Catholic Education at the end of 2012. Archbishop Coleridge announced yesterday that Ms Pam Betts has been appointed Executive Director from 1 February 2013. Pam has extensive experience in education and is highly qualified. Beyond this she would seem to have the personal qualities and strengths to lead us into the next period. I am confident that Brisbane Catholic Education is in good hands.

COME WALK WITH US – FRIDAY 3 AUGUST

Spirit committee members, James, Montana, Tara and Brodie took me shopping last Wednesday for the Beachathon prizes. They certainly seemed to know what they were doing as they shopped with enthusiasm and confidence. The monster prize draw will be staged a week or two after the walk. Children will receive a ticket for every $3 they collect. Prize table 1: receive a ticket for every $3 collected (heaps of prizes); Prize table 2: receive one ticket if you collect between $50 and $99 (better prizes) and prize table 3: receive one ticket if you collect $100 or more (spectacular prizes).

In the meantime we require your support in ensuring the success of this year’s event. The following information may be helpful:

We base ourselves in the park at the southern end of the Sheraton Mirage. This is where we start and finish.

You are invited to participate. It will not be as gruelling as a Bridge to Bridge but a great opportunity all the same. Please see your child’s teacher if you would like to walk with a group.

Children will be transported by bus. Year 3 to 7 will leave school at 9.00am for a 9.30am start.

Prep to Year 2 will leave school at 10.00am for a 10.30am start.

You may take your children with you after the walk. For safety purposes you will need to check out at the finish with Mrs Wilson.

Children wear full sports uniform. Shoes must remain on at all times.

All children are to apply sunscreen before coming to school.

Children will bring their own water bottle. Prep walk 2km; Year 1 and 2 travel 4km; Year 3 stroll 6km and Years 4 to 7 stretch it out to 10km. The walk covers a two kilometre stretch of beach with three official checkpoints. Top up water, sunscreen and massages will be available at these checkpoints.

Sponsorship cards should be returned to your child’s teacher next Wednesday. As money is collected send it to your child’s teacher in a clearly labelled envelope.

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM SCHOOL

I need to remind you that according to the Queensland Education Act you are expected to formally apply for exemption from schooling if you wish to remove your child from school for a period of more than ten consecutive school days. The appropriate forms can be obtained from the school office. As the form is called Application for Exemption there is an understanding that it is submitted at least a couple of weeks before departing, if the exemption request is connected to an activity such as family travel.

Regards
Peter
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK - LAUNCH OF THE REVISED SCHOOL MISSION & VISION

This week is Catholic Education Week and we will be celebrating and demonstrating what is special about Catholic Education through an exhibition and display of children’s work located in the Ivey Activity Centre, Xavier Resource Centre and Yr 7 classrooms. A large number of parents and grandparents visited the Expo and display last night, and it is not too late as it remains open today and tomorrow until 2.30pm.

At 2pm this afternoon our community along with members of our parish and wider community came together for the launch of our revised Mission and Vision document. Thanks go to the Fr Barry, Sr Rita, Miss Verity Barton, State Member of Broadwater, Mr Stephen Montgomery—Acting Area Supervisor BCEO, Mr John McArdle—Educational Consultant, Mrs Libby Vertullo—Vice President P & F Association, for joining with our community to celebrate the launch of the Mission and Vision document. Mr Anderson reflected on the meaning of Mission and Vision and Mr Montgomery and Mr McArdle presented framed Mission and Vision documents along with copies of the document for each child in the school.

The teachers will be unpacking this document over the coming months.

The Expo, display and Liturgy do not come about without the hard work of our dedicated and creative staff members. I sincerely thank them for the long hours to make this event possible.

CLASS AND PARISH MASS – Thursday 26 July

This Thursday is the feast of St Joachim and Anne the grandparents of Jesus. The Prep classes will be attending this mass with their buddies-Yr 6, parents and grandparents. Some Prep children will be reading the Prayers of the Faithful and grandparents will lead in the readings. Parents, Grandparents and parishioners are most welcome to attend the 9.30am mass and join in a ‘cuppa’ after mass.

FAMILY MASS – SUNDAY 5 AUGUST

The Family Mass is an opportunity for our children to participate in a living community of faith and worship. We ask our parents to support their children who want to be part of a worshipping community by bringing them to Family Mass on Sunday 5 August at 9.00am. The Yr 1 children along with some members of the Yr 7 Liturgy Committee will be leading the mass. All our families are invited to attend the celebration of the Eucharist.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

At St Francis Xavier, we teach about the importance of virtues within our lives; for the building of a strong character; of realizing talents and potentials, and becoming the best that they can be. Virtues are described as the “essence of the human spirit and the content of our character.”

During the week, the teachers have kept an eye on the children in their care and identified the following children modeling the following virtues:

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Cheers
Jackie Cameron
SCHOOL PHOTOS
The family photos have finally arrived and are now ready for collection from the school office. I do sincerely apologise for the lateness of these photos. In fact, this year, for many reasons, I have been thoroughly disappointed in the performance of our present photographic company. It is for these reasons I am presently looking into new photographic companies to service our school next year. I have done a lot of research and have meet with a couple of company representatives and am still to meet with a few more before I make the final decision. Here’s hoping and praying we will have a far more successful year next year with our school photos.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CASINO NIGHT
Don't forget to keep 15 September free! Book "You & Yours" in for a wonderful night at the St Francis Xavier Casino Night! For more details please read the flyer attached to this newsletter.

Have a great week!
Ronnie Wilson

LITURGY DATES
Dates for children's liturgy groups at Holy Family Parish

12th August
26th August
9th September
All children welcome from age 4 to 12yrs
Anyone interested in helping please contact Lisa on 0405024375, or just follow the children and join our group at mass.
From the Liturgy Group
Lina, Lisa, Rebecca, Sharon and Sandra

ICT NEWS

iPod/iPad App of the Week
Word Collage - $0.99

This app is very similar to the popular website www.wordle.net by allowing you to create stunning word collages on your iPod and iPad! Set up a collage with a selection of words (or website URL), you can change settings for different layouts, fonts, and coloured themes. This is a great app for children to work on typing their spelling words or brainstorming new concepts. The app also allows you to save as a photo, print and email the image.

Terese Hogarth
ICT PROJECT TEACHER

Thank you Titans
Last week we were very lucky to have the Titians visit our school. Several players spent time reading and working with classes during their Library lessons – Prep Gold were especially lucky to have a dance off. A lot of fun was had by all and we look forward to their next visit.
TUCKSHOP NEWS

Our Annual athletics carnival will be held this Friday July 27th.

As in the past the tuckshop will be out on the oval under a marquee. Attached to the newsletter is a menu for this day. There are no tuckshop orders on this day. The tuckshop will operate all day on the oval for children, parents, and other family members. A mobile coffee van will be on site from 9am. As this is such a busy day I require extra help. If you are available to help cook a sausage and serve the children then please let me know. You will still get to see your children race.

Helpers this week are:

Wednesday July 25th Tina Brewster, Help needed
Thursday July 26 Carol Kelly, Help Needed

Friday July 27th Athletics Carnival HELP NEEDED
Monday July 30 Derryn

Tuesday July 31 Karin Fetell

Wednesday August 1 Felicity Lenihan, Sandra S

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL TUCKSHOP UNDER THE MARQUEE

SAUSAGE IN BREAD $1.50

SUSHI $2.80
Assorted Hand Rolls

CHEESEYMITE SROLLS $3.00
CHEESE & BACON ROLL $3.00

COOKIES $1.00
CHIPS $1.00
WATERMELON PIECE $1.00

DRINKS

ICE TEA $2.50
SPRING WATER $2.00
PLAY WATER $2.50

COFFEE AND TEA FROM CAFE4U MOBILE VAN

SUNNY BOYS $1

Assorted sweets 50c-$1.00

COMMUNITY NEWS

Grade 2 Coffee Morning, Wed July 25

Come along to our Grade 2 catch-up over coffee
We will meet at Blue Olive Café, Paradise Point
Everyone welcome, smaller children included
Wed 25 July after dropoff/assembly

Brighid & Felicity

DIARY DATES

26 July Yr 7 Leadership Day—Tallebudgera
27 July SFX Track Events & Ball Games
1 Aug GCN Athletics Day
2 Aug GCN Athletics Day
3 Aug Beach-a-Thon
5 Aug Family Mass
7 Aug Mission & Vision meeting wit parents 1—3pm
Reconciliation1-2pm & 7.30-9pm
SHADE SHELTER SPONSORS REQUIRED

Our school needs two new portable shade shelters. These items are currently on the list of resources for possible P & F sponsorship. However, your business may be interested in supporting our school family by purchasing a shade shelter.

One quality Quickshade 3.0m x 3.0m heavy duty unit will cost $2,314.00. Your business logo/name would be positioned on the peak of the shade shelter and our school logo and name on the skirt.

As sponsor you will have the ability to borrow the shade shelter for personal and corporate functions. Your business will be on show at school events. You will have access to the school corporate box at school carnivals and activities and your generosity will be rewarded in heaven.

Please give me a call or email me at panderson@bne.catholic.edu.au if you are interested in supporting your school through this project.
St Francis Xavier Casino Night
September 15 ~ 6pm till 11.30

Tickets on sale from the July 30th until sold out!

A BIG thankyou to the following St Francis families and associated businesses for their sponsorship -

The Brewster Family
   The Islander Retreat
   Email: theislanderretreat@bigpond.com

David and Carol Kelly
   Hilton
   SURFERS PARADISE

The Cooke Family
   VAPIANO
   PASTA | PIZZA | BAR

Ashmore

JOHNNY YOUNG TALENT SCHOOLS OF AUSTRALIA

BLISS Fashion Emporium
   Shop 127A Level 1
   Marina Mirage

Tiffany from
   The Darling Room Beauty
   120 Albatross Avenue,
   Gold Coast ph: 0404 390 221

Thankyou to the following families for their kind donations:

   Janene Daley
   Brett and Mieke Thomas
   Bowtell Family
   Karen Feitell
   Renae Tupper

   Step into Life Fitness

We still have a small number of tables left for sponsorship on the night. Take your opportunity to promote your business to the wide audience of St Francis family and Friends. A half Table costs $250 and a full table costs $450.