Mission and Vision Launched

St Francis Xavier Athletics Day 2012
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

BEACHATHON POSTPONED
Beach erosion has forced the rescheduling of this year’s Beachathon. We will now plan for Monday 17 September. We are limited with the days because of the tides and other school activities so let’s make the most of it. You are asked to return sponsorship cards for safe keeping and they will be reissued a week prior to the event.

SHELTER FOR YOUR CHILD
The Cavill family (Cav’s Steakhouse – home to the best steak in Queensland) have very generously offered to sponsor a new portable shade shelter for our children. Thank you Richard, Maree and Nicole (Prep Red). We need one more. We have accessed a great deal where for $1,732.50 we can purchase a 6m x 6m shelter that includes your company logo on two sides (roof panels) and the school name printed on two ends. Contact me this week if you are in a position to help.

GREEN TEAM TAKES GOLD
It has been many years since Green (Nolan) have tasted victory in the Athletics. Red (Roberts) has dominated the event since 2007. Congratulations to Mr Fullagar and all the staff who prepared the children for the day. Thank you for your contribution. It was a wonderful day!

GO GOLD MEAGEN
Meagen Nay an ex student of St Francis Xavier and auntie to Evie Nay (1 Green) once again is representing Australia at the Olympic games. Meagen competed in the 2008 Olympics. Her first event—200m Backstroke will be on Thursday night (our time). Good Luck Meagen.

OUR MISSION AND VISION IS LAUNCHED
The liturgy held last Tuesday highlighted the significance of the work that we do together in building and sustaining a strong, healthy and vibrant Christian school community. It was pleasing to have so many parents and parishioners witness the launch of our renewed Mission and Vision statement. Thank you! Every child received a souvenir copy to keep. The document reflects the values that our community holds sacred. I have one more thing to ask of you. We need you to come to the Ivey Activity Centre next Tuesday 7 August for an Afternoon with the Leadership Team. The ‘Ministry of Writers’ (John McArdle, Monique Handford, Giovanna Harvey, Lisa Duncan, Mark Rees, Peter Anderson) would like to talk more about our Mission and our Vision. It is this group who were commissioned to write what was presented at last week’s launch. It should be a comfortable afternoon with lunch at 1.15pm and you will be finished by 2.45pm. The afternoon will work best with a crowd so I am keen for a full house. Toddlers are welcome. For catering purposes I would appreciate it if you could complete the attached slip and return it to school by Friday.

MESSAGE FROM AP-A

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM
With the introduction of the new Australian Curriculum this year, inserviceing of our staff has been taking place from the beginning of the year and will continue for as long as there is a need. We arrange for the Curriculum Education Officers from Brisbane Catholic Education to deliver this information to our staff through various forms. Whether it be through staff meetings or longer workshops which involve teachers being released from class to attend. These Curriculum Officers not only deliver the information but work alongside our teachers to assist them with their planning and teaching. There have been a number of inservices covering the Maths, Language and IT areas. The Melbourne Declaration in its educational goals for young Australians commits to supporting all young Australians to become successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens, and promotes equity and excellence in education.

The Australian Curriculum sets out the core knowledge, understanding, skills and general capabilities important for all Australian students. It describes a learning entitlement of students as a foundation for their future learning, growth and active participation in the Australian community and makes clear what all young Australians should learn as they progress through schooling. It is the foundation for high quality teaching to meet the needs of all Australian students and acknowledges that the needs and interests of students will vary. It is for these reasons we ensure our teachers are well informed and plan from the curriculum in ways that respond to those needs and interests. The Australian Curriculum sets out what all young people should be taught through the specification of curriculum content and the learning expected at points in their schooling through the specification of achievement standards.

At St Francis Xavier, we want the very best for all our children and so we strive to keep our staff well informed and ensure access to appropriate ways to deliver the best curriculum to all our students so they do become successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens.

CASINO NIGHT
I remind you the Casino Night tickets are on sale before school and before afternoon pick up in the portico area. There are limited tickets (200 in all). As nearly half have been sold I suggest you get in quickly to avoid disappointment.

CHICKEN POX
I wish to inform the school community that there have been a number of children diagnosed with chicken pox. Any children with an immune deficiency should not be coming to school for their own protection. Any children diagnosed with chicken pox. Any children with an immune deficiency should not be coming to school for their own protection. Any children with chicken pox are excluded from school for at least 5 days AND until all blisters have dried.

Have a good week!
Ronnie Wilson.

MESSAGE FROM AP-RE

SOCIAL ACTION AND JUSTICE
At St Francis Xavier, we endeavour to strive to promote Social Action and Justice through the examination of the Gospel writings and the Church’s Social teachings so that we understand the hardships people are going through and support people in need. Our school practises justice within our community through the policies, structures and day to day interactions which promote the dignity of all our members. This is reflected in the culture of acceptance where we as a WEST school promote the fact we Welcome our members, we Encourage each other, we say Sorry when we need to and we give Thanks for who we are and what we have in our lives. This is found in the Making Jesus Real program which our school has adapted.
We promote justice, peace and ecological sustainability and are committed to the poor and marginalised, actively working for peace and practising stewardship of the earth. These are reflected in our support of Project Compassion and Catholic Missions; the Yr 7 Peer Mediators and Conflict Resolution Team and the school’s Behaviour, Teaching and Learning System as well as the Sustainability Team comprising of students, teachers and parents. We reflect on and pray for guidance to ensure that we as a community are travelling in the correct direction in light of the teachings of the Church.

Next week, I will highlight some more of our polices, structures and practices which promote and support Social Action and Justice.

**FEAST OF ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA – 31 JULY**

Today we celebrate the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola the founder of the Society of Jesus, known as the Jesuits. St Ignatius was a close friend of St Francis Xavier who was a co-founder of the Jesuits. Ignatius became the orders first Superior General. His devotion to the Catholic Church was characterized by unquestioning obedience to the Catholic Church’s authority and hierarchy. This obedience continues today and his main principle became the Jesuit motto: *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam* (“for the greater glory of God”).

Our school follows the Ignatian way of living, where we promote the ‘Ignatian Way’ the main ideas of Ignatian spirituality. The Daily Examen is an excellent practice of Ignatian prayer and it helps find the presence of God in everyday life.

I ask that you take the time to read the story board about St Ignatius located on the Ignatius Building.

**ANNIVERSARY OF OUR FIRST PARISH PRIEST**

This Wednesday 1 August is the 11th Anniversary of Father Basil Nolan’s death. Father Nolan was our first Parish Priest of the Holy Family Parish. The Green Sporting House – Nolan – is named after this much loved priest as is the Nolan Building and the Nolan Sacred Space which our staff gather each Monday for Staff Prayer. Please remember him in your prayers.

**FAMILY MASS WITH YR 1**

This Sunday 5 August is our first Family Mass for Term 3. The Year One students along with members of the Yr 7 Liturgy Committee will read at mass. The Yr 7 Liturgy Committee capably led by Ella Brewster show that they value the Eucharist and in serving others. Families are most welcome to join in with the rest of the parish to celebrate the 9.00am Eucharist.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

In the Brisbane Archdiocese, it is required that children present themselves for Reconciliation before receiving Confirmation and First Communion. If you wish your child to receive these Sacraments of Initiation next year, you must complete the Reconciliation program. You are asked to submit the enrolment forms at the Parent only meeting either at 1pm or 7pm on Tuesday 7 August in the Marian Room. Any child from 7 years or older is eligible to prepare for these Sacraments. For further information ring Sr Rita at the Parish Office on 5537 4320.

**VIRTUE OF THE WEEK**

Miss Terese Hogarth’s 2 Gold presented the Virtue of Patience at Monday’s assembly. The students candidly spoke about their state of endurance under difficult circumstances which tried their patience. They also told us that Patience is a Virtue and that it is learnt when you are very young to prepare you for later life. We thank Yr 2 Gold for their assembly and their message, “Good things come to those who wait!”

Over the coming week the school staff will be promoting the Virtue of Patience and will be on the look out for the students who are practising it.

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**CLASS/PARISH MASS - 26 July**

Buddy classes Prep and Yr 6 participated in the the 9.30am mass on the Feast of St Joachim and St Anne – the Grandparents of Jesus. Prep Grandparents were invited to participate in the mass with Lauren White’s grandmother, Genevieve, reading the first reading. Nicola Lightfoot had her grandmother Graham do a reading and her mum Justine and grandmother Lyn took up the Offerings. Fr Barry spoke beautifully about the treasures we call, “Grandparents”. At reflection time, with permission from the renowned author Mem Fox, we listened to the story “Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge”. Thank you to the Prep and Yr 6 teachers for preparing and supporting each other and to Mrs Laidler for the beautiful music. Thanks to the many grandparents who attended the mass because your presence is most welcome.

**CONGRATULATIONS SAM VOSS**

Last Wednesday, unbeknown to Sam Voss (Yr 4 Gold), he was presented with a medal from Mr Stuart Robert, Federal Member of Fadden and Shadow Minister of Defence. This honour was bestowed on Sam because of his perseverance at home while his father Michael served overseas. Michael Voss served in Iraq, Cambodia and Timor. Sam was recognised for his own bravery while his dad was on tours of duty overseas. I sincerely thank Mr Stuart Robert for presenting Sam’s medal. I thank his parents Michael and Di along with Sam’s grandparents for attending the presentation.
UNIFORM POLICY
While I remind our students from time to time about keeping their uniform neat and tidy, it has been noticed that some students are choosing to introduce other items to our school uniform. The school uniform comprises of black leather shoes with the day uniform, while the sports uniform has all black joggers/sports shoes.

Some students are looking scruffy at the moment because their hair length needs to be monitored and should not become an issue. Boys’ hair should be neatly cut and not exceed the shirt collar and definitely no styles where they are forever flicking their fringes. Girls whose hair if below the collar, should have it in school bands with fringes pinned back to ensure clear vision. Please support our school uniform policy as this is a justice issue for all. Thank you to all parents who have consistently supported the school in following up the breaches of uniform policy. We have discovered in some incidences that parents believed their children had correct hats and correct shoes in their school bags, however, on investigation, they were left at home. Full participation in school activities is restricted when part of the school uniform cannot be located. Each child is responsible for having their correct hat, shoes, hair ties etc when wearing our school uniform. Parents are asked to support the school’s uniform policy and check that their children are wearing their correct school uniform and wearing their own named possessions.

FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS (MacKillop)
Mary Mackillop (1842-1909) is fondly known as the “The People’s Saint”. On Wednesday 8 August at our General Assembly, we will come to celebrate the life of Mary Mackillop who was the founder of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart and Australia’s First Saint. She is the first Australian to be beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1995 and later canonised in 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI on October 17 at St Peter's Basilica, Rome. Mrs Fraser’s Year 6 Red will lead the whole school in prayer. We pray that Mary Mackillop (St Mary of the Cross) will bring all to a greater understanding and love of St Joseph.

AFTERNOON PICK UP
As I have mentioned on assembly last week, the afternoon pick up in the car parking area near the Runaway Bay Library is of a concern for student safety. Students are not supervised in this public place and are there with parent permission. I ask that all parents who pick up at the library area speak to their children about “Stranger Danger” and make them aware of your parental behaviour expectations. If more complaints occur then I will need to contact parents personally.

Cheers
Jackie Cameron

SCHOOL FEES
It is now a couple of weeks since Term 3 fees were due and there are still a large number of families who have yet to pay. You will appreciate that having to continue to chase families is a very time consuming job.

If you have fees outstanding for Term 3 please arrange to pay these by the end of the week. If you are having difficulties in paying them by this time, please contact me so that we are aware of the situation and we may be able to assist you.

If you pay by Direct Debit it is your responsibility to check to ensure that your payments will clear your fees by the end of the school year. It is easier for families to rectify any shortfalls now than to wait until near the end of the school year.

If you pay your fees via the internet please remember to include your family reference number in the reference so that I can correctly allocate payments received.

Stephen Clark
Financial Administrator

ICT NEWS
Get into the Olympic Spirit with these Olympic themed apps

AUS Team - Free

Keep up to date with the Australian team in London with this app. It will keep you in the know with all the results, news, updates and more.

Game London 2012 – Free Version or $0.99

Official London Olympics Game – This is a fun and incredibly addictive game that introduces the different skills our Olympic athletes need, including: stamina, endurance, flexibility, mental strength etc. These are great discussion points for the family and a fun way to get into the Olympic spirit.

DRAMA FESTIVAL DATES
Please note change of date:
GOLD CLASSES perform Wednesday 12 September
GREEN CLASSES perform Thursday 13 September
RED CLASSES perform Friday 14 September
ON TRACK FOR AN OLYMPIC EFFORT

Last Friday 27th July members of our four sports houses Ivey-Blue, Donaldson-Gold, Nolan-Green and Roberts-Red donned their coloured shirts and running shoes to take part in the annual Athletics and Ball Games Carnival.

Teamwork, speed, and agility were on display throughout the glorious sunny day at the Runaway Bay Athletics Track. In a close finish the Nolan House team claimed both the Ball Games and Athletics Trophies this year. House captains Jy Aoukar and Kiara Rowe graciously accepted the awards from our Principal Mr Peter Anderson.

The Prep to Year 3 students were involved in sprint races, shuttle relays and mini Olympics and Ball Games. Students aged 8 to 13 years competed in the 100m, 200m and the 4x100m circular relays and Ball Games throughout the day.

Thank you to all parents and spectators for attending the event. The whole staff deserved gold medals for their efforts in making the day an enjoyable experience. A special thanks to our groundsmen Glen Bryden and David Graham and School Officer Mrs Lisa Patterson for making the day the outstanding success that it was this year.

Athletics Point Scores:
1st Green/Nolan-499; 2nd Roberts-478; 3rd Blue/Ivey-438; 4th Gold/Donaldson-434

Ball Games Point Scores:
1st Nolan/Green-239; 2nd Donaldson/Gold-235; 3rd Ivey/Blue-224; 4th Roberts/Red-194

2012 ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPIONS
13 Years- Lelani Loto-Ioasa Harrison Carrodus
12 Years- Amber Davidson Klass Tijsen/Cole Jones (tie)
11 Years- Jasmine Hayes Liam Wilson
10 Years- Mileena Loto-Ioasa Daniel Webb
9 Years- Gidget Richardson Kruz Rimene
8 Years- Jessica Webb Mitchell Bailey

We offer our best wishes to the selected SFX students from Years 4-7 competing at this year’s Gold Coast North District Athletic trials at Griffith University on Wednesday and Thursday 1st and 2nd August.

The date for the 30th Annual Gold Coast Catholic Schools Athletics and Ball Games Carnival is Thursday 6th September at St Kevin’s Benowa.

Paul Fullagar

Age 10 boys individual 2km - 12 regions/53 boys - Daniel was one of 5 boys chosen to represent the South Coast region. Daniel had an awesome start getting into 2nd place and was sitting in front pack in 7th place at half way mark. One hill to contend with and on the way down someone tripped him and he landed awkwardly hurting his calf muscle. Finished in 15th place and was very disappointed. We were the 4th best team overall on that day. Next day our 4 best runners were entered into the age 10 boys 4 x 1km relay. Daniel was the 2nd fastest and he was chosen to run the first leg. Most of the other teams opted to run their faster runner first. !

Once again he had a brilliant start getting to the front of the pack and this time managed not to trip and came in on the heels of the winner from the day before. Gave his team a massive lead in 2nd place. Runners 2 and 3 kept them in 2nd. Our last runner moved us into first winning the team gold medal! They were ecstatic

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Teamwork, speed, and agility is what was needed. The fought it out at the Runaway bay at the Runaway Bay Athletics Track where Nolan house won. Prep to Year 3 were in sprints, shuttle relays and mini Olympics. Students aged 8 to 13 years competed in the 100m, 200m and the 4x100m circular relays.

A special thanks to our groundsmen Glen Bryden, our sports teacher Mr Paul Fullagar, Mrs Lisa Patterson and our Principal Mr Peter Anderson for making the day as great and exciting as it was. If it wasn’t for them the day wouldn’t of worked out. And a big congratulations to Nolan for bringing home gold.

By Jackson Burnett age 12

Saint Francis Xavier Ball Games Carnival

On the 27th of July, Saint Francis Xavier held their annual Athletics and Ball Games Carnival, and, as well as being encouraging and having great teamwork, everyone had heaps of fun!! As they say, ‘Teamwork makes the Dream Work’!

For ball games, the Grade Ones and Prep did Tunnel Ball and Over and Under. The grades up from Grade Two played Tunnel Ball and Leader Ball. Everyone did awesome jobs, but, in the end, Nolan House (Green House) came out on top of the rest, with only a few more points than the runners-up, Donaldson House (Gold House).
CONGRATULATIONS TO GREEN HOUSE!
FROM SISTER RITA

First Communion/Confirmation Photos
Kylie Gustafson will have completed all orders by the end of Monday and will be at the parish on Tuesday 31st about 2pm to drop off all orders. Could parents please arrange to collect them from the Parish Office from Pick-Up time on Tuesday onwards.

We are grateful for the terrific effort Kylie has put in to do a great job for you.

2. An RCIA (becoming Catholic) program for people who would like to become Catholic but are too tied down by their family to come to night meetings, will be offered in the Parish if there is enough interest. At least one person has expressed interest to date. Please ring Sr Rita on 5537 4320 x3 if you would be interested in sessions on Wednesday afternoons between 1.30 and 2.30 pm.

Reconciliation Program
Parents are reminded that their First Parent Meeting is Tuesday 7th August
At EITHER 1.00-2.00 pm OR 7.00-8.00 pm

Sr. Rita Clancy, olsh
Parish Pastoral Associate

COMMUNITY NEWS

Looking for 8 and 9 year old boys to join one of our under 10’s SFX JETS Touch teams.
The season runs from mid August until the 1st Dec and the cost per player will be between $80 & $90. Shirts will be provided and training will be advised. Please send your details to Danielle Alleyn via email – daniellealleyn@bigpond.com

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

DIARY DATES

1 Aug GCN Athletics Day
2 Aug GCN Athletics Day
5 Aug Family Mass
7 Aug Mission & Vision meeting with parents
1.15-2.45pm
Reconciliation 1-2pm & 7.30-9pm
8 Aug Prayer Assembly—St Mary of the Cross—6 Red
Mary MacKillop Feast
12 Aug Closing of Olympic Games
13 Aug Assembly—Virtue of Friendliness—2 Green
14 Aug P & F Meeting 7.00pm
15 Aug Prayer Assembly—Assumption—4 Gold
20 Aug Book Week begins
17 Sept Beach-a-thon

 Helpers this week are
Wednesday August 1 Felicity Lenehan, Sandra S
Thursday August 2 Tracey fava, Cheree Ward
Friday August 3 Sharon Hood, Derryn Fitzpatrick, Carmel Tijen, Kim Grobbelaar
Monday August 6 Alexandra Bennett
Tuesday August 7 Natasha Hunter

Thanks
Kathryn Staite

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Thank you to the fabulous helpers that worked so hard under the marquee at Fridays’ athletics day and also to the ones who helped prepare during the week. It is a huge task and I really appreciated your help. You all know who you are so thank you very much.

Some dates that help is needed urgently in the Tuckshop for term 3 are
Wednesday August 15, Wednesday August 22, Thursday August 23rd, Wednesday September 5, Thursday September 6

If you are available on any of these days your help would be greatly appreciated.
Information required to determine the Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) for schools

PRIVACY NOTICE

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the ACARA Act 2008 for one or both of the following purposes:

—formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and

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ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from our website: www.acara.edu.au
St Francis Xavier Casino Night
September 15 ~ 6pm till 11.30

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