



St Francis Xavier School

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Issue 1: **Friday 27 April 2018**



Dear Families,

Welcome back to term 2, 2018. We hope you have had a relaxing and invigorating break and have been renewed both spiritually and physically by the Risen Lord, at Easter. We are looking forward to another exciting term of learning, discovering and growing together.

ANZAC DAY:

On Monday we were privileged to have a parent Daniel Heskett, to play the trumpet for us, Tim our LSO play the bagpipes and a former parent, Brendan Smith lent us his Slouch Hat. The hat is typical of that worn by Australian Diggers in the First World War, and is still worn today by our service men and women.

I'd like to thank the children who were very reverent and the parents who came.

ENHANCING CATHOLIC IDENTITY SURVEY:

Thank you to the parents for completing the ENHANCING CATHOLIC IDENTITY SURVEY. Every family received login details for this survey. This survey will shape the way we view our Catholic Identity and ways we can enhance it.

STUDENT FREE DAY:

As staff we continue to have Professional Development and continue to learn. Please note that **Monday 21 of May** will be a student free day for all students. On this day the staff will be involved in Professional Development with Grace Garreffa.

"My passion is effective learning and teaching which places the student at the centre of the pedagogical approach.

Students engaged in the learning, and effective teachers are two essential items for optimum student and school performance.

I work with school leaders to build and strengthen effective leadership, learning and teaching, and school communities" - Grace

UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCE: NOTIFYING PARENTS

As you are aware a review of the Attendance Guidelines for schools was undertaken by the Victorian Minister for Education in Term 4, 2017. Resulting changes to the Attendance Guidelines now state: 'schools must advise parents/guardians of unexplained absences, on the same day, (initiate roll call at 9:30 am) During term 1 we enacted this guideline and commenced notifying parents by phone if their child was absent and the school had not been advised. In order to ensure the safety of all students - **if your child is to be absent from school for any reason, please contact the school office before 9:30am.**

ENROLMENT 2019:

We are currently looking at enrolments for the 2019 school year. There are two Parent Information Sessions and an Open Day with days and times listed. Please pass this information onto anyone who may be interested in coming into St Francis Xavier.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

MAY

Thursday 10th
Mother's Day Stall

Friday 11th
Mother's Day Prayer Service

Tuesday 15th to
Thursday 17th
NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)

Saturday 19th
Confirmation Mass Yrs 5 & 6
(10:30am)

Monday 21st
School Closure Day

Wednesday 23rd to
Friday 25th
Yr 5/6 Camp

JUNE

Monday 11th
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
(Queen's Birthday)

Wednesday 13th
Eucharist Workshop
(Day & Evening)

Wednesday 20th
Preps in Pyjamas
(7pm – 8pm)

Monday 25th
3 Way Chats
(3:30pm – 7pm)

Wednesday 27th
3 Way Chats
(3:30pm – 7pm)

Friday 29th
END OF TERM 2
Children finish at 1pm

WINTER UNIFORM:

The image of the school is reflected in the appearances of our students and the school uniform promotes a sense of pride and belonging to the St Francis Xavier school community. All students must wear the correct uniform in a neat and clean manner. This term children need to be wearing the correct winter uniform.

NO SMOKING:

No-smoking signs have been erected and placed on gates to enforce the ban to prohibit smoking on school grounds and within four metres of school entrances.

In 2015, smoking was banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, and within the school grounds, under an amendment to the *Tobacco Act 1987*.

While smoking was banned on the grounds of all Victorian Government schools by the Minister for Education in 2009 via a Ministerial Ban Order, the new bans are enshrined in legislation and also apply to Catholic schools.

It is a legislative requirement that each school installs suitable 'No smoking' signs at all entrances to the school grounds.

The smoking ban applies to:

- Anyone present on school premises during and after school hours including students, teachers, contractors, parents/guardians or the wider community, such as sporting groups.
- All activities that take place on school premises including pre-schools, kindergartens, outside school hours care, cultural, sporting or recreational activities and school fetes.



ANZAC DAY 2018 SERVICE:





St Francis Family Mass

Our Family Mass services welcome children, youth and their families to participate in all aspects of the liturgy

We also invite you to join us if you like to sing or play an instrument.

If you would like to become involved in our Family Mass services please contact:
 Adela/Roger Buaya: 0409135589 or abuaya@clubtelco.com
 Michael Neri: 0423926105 or michael_neri09@hotmail.com

Family Mass will be celebrated the first Sunday of every month!

Mother's Day stall!

Thursday 10th May

All gifts 50¢ - \$5



OPEN DAY INFORMATION:



Open Day - Friday 18 May
 St Francis Xavier Primary School

Tour Times: 9:30am - 11am & 11:30am - 1:00pm

Enrolments close Tuesday 29, May

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 For enrolment information please call: 5275 1974
 or email: sec@sfxcorio.catholic.edu.au



PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS:
 Wednesday 9, May
 9:30am - 10:30am
 6:30pm - 7:30pm

ORIENTATION DATES:
 23 November 9:15am - 10:45am
 30 November 9:15am - 10:45am
 (Compulsory Information Session)
 11 December 11:30am - 1:30pm

INTERVIEW DATES:
 30 May, 31 May, 1 June,
 4 June & 8 June

1st ROUND OFFERS:
 29 June Letters Sent Out

2nd ROUND OFFERS:
 30 September Letters Sent Out



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