TERM 4 WEEK 4
3rd November 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER

♦ Friday 4th November - 9.00 Yr 5 Reconciliation
9.30–11.30 Kindy Orientation
9–12 Yr 6 Orientation at Nagle College
♦ Saturday 5th Nov. - 6.00pm Yr 2 Family Mass
♦ Monday 7th—Friday 11th—Yr 6 Camp
♦ Friday 11th. Nov. - Remembrance Day prayer service
♦ 12.05 1F Mass
♦ Tuesday 15th Nov. - P&F/Board AGM

Our Vision
We are called to provide an exemplary Catholic Education.
Discipleship: With Christ as our light we aspire to nurture the whole person in a community centered on gospel values.
Learning: We are committed to providing an education that empowers all to become life-long learners.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week, St Francis Xavier has been focusing on the core value of SELF CONTROL. For growing minds and bodies this can be an extremely challenging value to develop. It involves thinking about our words, actions and how they impact on others before doing them. Often, it involves experiencing emotions and developing an understanding of how to respond when we feel a particular way. Not easy, even as adults.

As parents, one way we can support our children’s development is to model self control ourselves. Anger, frustration, desire, happiness are all natural emotions. Talking about these and modeling appropriate behaviours when feeling this way assists children to develop their own self control. Not an easy task in modern parenting but children learn what they see.

Importantly, practice makes perfect. Every time a child has to manage themselves, they learn a strategy that helps for the future. Saying no to an ice-cream or making children wait for their turn are simple ways children experience emotions and develop self control. This week, try and practice and discuss self control at home with your child.

With the warmer weather children are having the opportunities to engage and participate in a range of outdoor learning opportunities. Water is back and it has been wonderful to see the children work together, collaborate and participate in play and peer learning.

Congratulations to our Pre Primary teacher Lisa McAuliffe on her recent engagement to Ryan Dunn. Best wishes for your future together!

Lord God,
You call us to be one with you.
We look forward with eagerness to our life with you.
Amen.

QEII CENTRE PARKING

We have been advised by QEII Centre staff that the week commencing Monday 7th November—Friday 11th November is Seniors Week so parking will be limited and you might need to make other arrangements when dropping off and collecting your children from school.
SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS—AGM 15 NOVEMBER 2016

It’s that time of the year when the School Board calls for nominations to the Board for 2017. The overall role of the School Board is to help the school fulfill its educational responsibilities in accordance with various guidelines. Nominations can be through self nomination or nominate a friend, as long as the friend agrees of course!

To help you decide that being a member of the Board is both rewarding and challenging, I’ve outlined a few points of interest below.

- Possession of an enthusiasm for and a willingness to promote Catholic schooling
- A deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff
- A desire to give service to the Catholic school community
- An ability to work co-operatively and constructively with all other members of the Board
- Sufficiency of time to devote to Board duties
- An ability and desire to uphold confidentiality in Board matters; and
- Possession of special skills that will be an asset to the Board

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee: ___________________________ Phone No: _______________________________

Signature of Nominee: ___________________ Nominated by: ______________________________

SFX P&F AGM 15 NOVEMBER 2016

We are seeking nominations for positions on the P&F Executive Committee for 2017. If you are interested could you please complete the nomination form below and send to the school office.

P & F EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

I ________________________________ would like to nominate for the position of (please circle) President / Vice President / Secretary / Treasurer on the SFX P&F Executive Committee.

I can be contacted on __________________________ Signed: ______________________________
Last week as a school we celebrated Mission Week, focusing on the work that Catholic Mission Organisation do throughout the world. This year’s theme came from the Gospel of Matthew, “Just as you did it to one of the least of these… you did it to me.”

This year teachers and students were invited to reach out to the children in Cambodia who cannot go to school because their families live in poverty. Unlike Australia, free education is not as accessible for many children in Cambodia, as families cannot afford to pay school fees and often children have to work to earn money just to survive.

During Religious Education lessons students heard stories about some of the children in Cambodia and the work of Sister Eulie and the Daughters of Charity bringing education to the children using a mobile Tuk-Tuk school.

Throughout the week students had the opportunity to also pray and raise money to support the work being done.

On Monday we held a school prayer service to begin the week.

Tuesday and Thursday the year 6 leaders sold icy poles at lunch time.

Wednesday and Friday year 5 student Jazmin Allen sang at lunch time in the library

On Friday we held our crazy sock day, where staff and students wore bright socks, odd socks, socks in their hair or pinned to their clothes, for a gold coin donation.

A big thank you to everyone who participated and donated during the week. We were able to raise well over a $1000