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**At St Francis Xavier we will come to love and know God through the Catholic Faith
We will work together to empower children to become successful learners.**

October 6, 2015

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

Welcome back to yet another busy term. It is incredible to think that we are approaching the end of another school year.

I hope that all St Francis Xavier families had a restful break and enjoyed some special times together.

This Friday I have the amazing opportunity to be part of a large study tour of the U.S.A. The purpose of this tour is to further deepen my own understanding of current research and trends in education. I would like to thank the St Francis Xavier community for your support and understanding during my short absence. Throughout this time I will be ably supported by Mr. Warren Niethe who will fulfil the role of Acting Principal.

THANK YOU: Curryfest volunteers!

I would like to pass on my gratitude to the wonderful parent community who supported our latest fundraising initiative. Through the efforts of a large number of staff and a committed band of parents we were able to raise \$2083.75 at Curryfest.

Special thanks must go to Michelle Ray (Forum President) who tirelessly organised the event and ensured such wonderful success.

Yours in Christ,

Troy Baker
Principal

BOOK COVERING DAY

Our next Book Covering Day is scheduled for Thursday, October 22. Please come and join Jenny and friends for all or part of the day. Instructions, tea and coffee will be provided.

CARNIVAL BOOK FAIR

Thank you to every one who supported our fair. The children were delightful, using their manners and handling the books with care. Everyone should now have received their books. If you have any concerns about your children's orders, it's important that we follow them up as soon as possible. Please contact me at school if their any issues.

We earned just over \$600.00 in commission which will allow us to purchase new books.

Kate Dwyer

This Week		
Date	Activity	Times
Wed 7/10	Parish Mass	9.30am
Fri 9/10	Assembly	2.30pm
Sun 11/10	Family Mass Golf Day Registration Golf Day Tee Off	9.00am 9.00am 9.30am
Diary Dates		
13/10	Performance - The Surfing Scientist	2.00pm
14/10	Parish Mass - Yr 5 & ES1 attending Playgroup	9.30am 9.15am
16/10	Fire Safety Talk, Yr K&1 Safety Talk, Yr 2	12 noon 12.40pm
20/10	Parent Forum Meeting	7.00pm
21/10	Parish Mass Playgroup	9.30am 9.15am
22/10	Book covering in library	9am-3pm
24/10	Aboriginal Family Retreat	
28/10	Parish Mass Playgroup	9.30am 9.15am





STUDENT AWARDS - September 18, 2015

Principal's Award

Daisy Dusting, Charena Burridge, Charlize Donovan, Kyren Harley, Tamanna Gill, Caellum Zacher, Ashleigh Slater, Jypsyrose Coleman, Matthew Fowler, Leilani Gray, Emma Shipperlee

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK

St Francis Xavier Annual Golf Day, Sunday 11 October, is just about ready to tee off. The number of golfers (teams) who have registered has greatly increased. However, we still need another twenty golfers to make this fundraiser a definite success. It is not too late to join in the fun! Please contact Lainie at school to register before this Friday.

Hopefully we will be blessed with the same glorious weather as last Sunday. The day starts at 9.00am with teams teeing off at 9.30am. The day is also about families getting together whether you play golf or not.

Everyone is invited to attend a family BBQ lunch starting at 12.00 pm. Drinks can be purchased from the Club House

Looking forward to seeing all "funsters" at the Woolgoolga R.S.L (Safety Beach) Golf Club.

WELCOME

We welcome Jonathan Chojnowski, to Year 1, and his family to our school community and hope that their time with us will be fruitful and rewarding.



It was a great holiday and now we are all glad to be back!



Kinders enjoy an outdoor Science lesson

CANTEEN ROSTER

07/10 Wednesday	Paige Marsh, Linda Gleeson
09/10 Friday	Tania Sullivan
14/10 Wednesday	Donna McGhee, Deb Wisdom
16/10 Friday	Ros Crouch

WACKY WEDNESDAY \$4.50 MEAL DEAL

1 x Hot Dog
1 x Juice Popper
1 x Icy Pole



What Kind of Mindset Do You Have?



I can learn anything I want to.
When I'm frustrated, I persevere.
I want to challenge myself.
When I fail, I learn.
Tell me I try hard.
If you succeed, I'm inspired.
My effort and attitude determine everything.



I'm either good at it, or I'm not.
When I'm frustrated, I give up.
I don't like to be challenged.
When I fail, I'm no good.
Tell me I'm smart.
If you succeed, I feel threatened.
My abilities determine everything.

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Why the Growth Mindset?

When students and educators have a growth mindset, they understand that intelligence can be developed. Students focus on improvement instead of worrying about how smart they are. They work hard to learn more and get smarter. Based on years of research by Stanford University's Dr. Dweck, Lisa Blackwell Ph.D., and their colleagues, we know that students who learn this mindset show greater motivation in school and better results over time. Teachers collaborate with their colleagues, rather than shut their classroom doors and fly solo. They strive to strengthen their own practice. They truly believe that all students can learn and succeed!

Below is a link to an article written by Dr. Carol Dweck.

Cathie Blair Leader of Pedagogy.

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/the-secret-to-raising-smart-kids1/>



A Transition to school support website for parents.

<http://www.transitiontoschoolresource.org.au/tts>

OCEANIA SOCCER CLUB

Congratulations to **Emily Knott, Nisha Atwal and Emma Shipperlee** who played in the Oceania Soccer Cup finals in Alstonville. Congratulations also to **Courtney Knott and Charlie Holdaway** who played with the team all year but did not play in Alstonville. This was a 2 day tournament for women and girls and has been held for the past 3 years. The girls played 5 full games over 2 days in the scorching heat. They won 3 games and drew 2.

Alstonville	2-2
Bangalow	6-0
Dunoon (1)	0-0
Dunoon (2)	3-0
Lennox	5-1

They came 1st on the ladder and played in the Grand Final against Alstonville, winning 3-1. The girls scored 19 goals altogether with only 4 against. They were undefeated for the whole season. The entire team was fantastic and a credit to themselves and their parents. A great weekend (year) of football.



WOOLGOOLGA CURRYFEST



The Woolgoolga Curryfest was again a great success for our wider community. With students from other schools, our students outdid themselves in creating Lotus flowers to add to the glorious display. The display outside the local swimming pool during the last week of the school holidays saw tourists and locals alike taking their photographs amongst the "garden". The Lotus flower is the national flower of India and, as such, represented a great visual display to round off the Curryfest activities. Along with members from the Woolgoolga Retirement Village and Waratah SeaGulls Respite Centre held in the local CWA rooms, children from our school and from other schools gave of their time to create this display. Well done to all.

Watch the instructional clip created and filmed by the Year 6 IT team assisted by the Books and Art team from St Francis Xavier as a support for any classes wishing to join in.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SsTOKrChcUQ&sns=em>