

St Francis Xavier Primary School



Newsletter

Tuesday 10th March 2020
Term 1 Week 7

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2020 Key Dates

Term 1

Jan 28 – March 27

Term 1 Week 7

Monday 9th March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 10th March

Year 6 Camp
School Board Meeting
Parent Helper Meeting (2)

Thursday 12th March

School Open Day 3

Friday 13th March

P & F Mix and Mingle Night

Term 1 Week 8

Tuesday 17th March

School Photos

Friday 20th March

School Assembly Program

Term 1 Week 9

Tuesday 24th March

Sovereign Hill - Costumed
School Program Year 5LL

Thursday 26th March

Sovereign Hill - Costumed
School Program Year 5JC

Friday 27th March

Casual Dress Day
Holy Week and Easter
Prayer
Last Day of Term 1

Term 2

April 14 – June 26

Term 2 Week 1

Monday 13th April

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear Parents and Families,

Yesterday was a public holiday for **Labor Day**. The history of Labor Day in Australia spans over a century. It is an important annual event that remembers those who struggled and succeeded to ensure decent and fair working conditions in Australia. During the mid to late 1800s the working day was long and arduous, where some employees would work up to 12 hours a day, six days a week. As an aside, I'm sure many of you would say nothing's changed! I hope that you were all able to have a rest on Monday ready for the busy weeks ahead!

Over the last week I have spoken at assembly with the children about **School Uniform** and in particular the necessity to ensure hats are being worn. I have also noticed a prevalence of non – school socks being worn in the senior school. I wish to reiterate to parents that the school policy specifies that in full school uniform; boys should wear grey socks with blue hoops and girls, white socks. For sports uniform boys and girls should wear only plain white socks or socks with the St. Francis Xavier logo. Sports socks with alternative emblems/logos are not permitted. Thank you for your co-operation in adhering to our Uniform Policy.

A Reflection for Lent Recognising Christ

During the season of **Lent** we take the time to reflect on our own lives and make changes from the heart. Lent is also an opportunity to not only look into our own hearts, but to recognise the presence of Christ in others.....

Jesus decided to see whether or not people would recognise Him.

He became the face of a happy child ...then an encouraging word, then a humorous comment ...then a difficult discussion ...then a life-giving moment ...then some timely advice ...and in the face of hope.

Jesus was sometimes not recognised by others during the course of the day.But Jesus recognised them...

Thoughts:

God's face can be seen often. ...in the face of others and in what they say and do out of Compassion ... But especially in the face of those who care.

Prayer:

Lord, thank you for Your presence in our lives. At times it is hard to recognise Your words that speak to us through different people. We know that You care about us deeply and tha. You are always ready to encourage and protect us. Help us to be mindful of Your presence each day. Amen.

Year 6 Camp – Urban Camp Melbourne

Early this morning our Year 6 children and teachers left for Melbourne for their annual camp. This is a great opportunity and learning experience for our children, taking them out of their 'comfort zone' and giving them a variety of wonderful experiences in Melbourne. Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered to assist. We look forward to hearing about all the positive experiences the children have and will publish some of them in future newsletters.

Called to action through Gospel values and Mercy tradition we will enrich thinking, expand horizons and pursue excellence!

Easter Monday Holiday

Tuesday 14th April

First Day of Term 2
School Board Meeting

Friday 17th April

Foundation Enrolments
2021 close

Term 2 Week 2

Tuesday 21st April

Student Led Conferences -
Day 1

Wednesday 22nd April

Student Led Conferences -
Day 2

Thursday 23rd April

Confirmation Preparation
Meeting 1

Friday 24th April

Casual Dress Day
School Assembly Program

Saturday 25th April

ANZAC Day

Monday 27th April

Student Free Day - Staff
Professional Development
Day

Tuesday 28th April

Foundation Reading
Workshop

Wednesday 29th April

Student Led Conferences -
Day 3

Thursday 30th April

Confirmation Preparation 2

Friday 1st May

School Assembly Program

Term 2 Week 4

Tuesday 5th May

P & F Meeting

Thursday 7th May

Confirmation Preparation 3

Friday 8th May

Mather's Day Liturgy

Sunday 10th May

Mother's Day

Term 2 Week 5

Tuesday 12th May

NAPLAN – Year 3 & 5

School Open Morning / School Alive Tours – Thursday 12th March

Our next **Open Morning and School Alive Tour** of St. Francis Xavier will take place this Thursday 12th March **from 9.30am** – for families enrolling children in Prep for 2021.



This day will allow prospective families to meet with the School Leadership Team and Foundation Teachers and to familiarise themselves with our school programs and facilities.

Mix n Mingle Friday 13th March

Have you got your tickets yet?
Tickets are now available via Flexischools, get yours ASAP and we look forward to seeing you all on the night!



Summer Lunch Menu has Started!

The P&F are excited to bring you our new Friday Lunch Menu for Terms 1 and 4 and it's coming this Friday! Place your order now via Flexischools.

All orders must be placed by 10am Thursdays mornings.



Hot Cross Buns Drive and Easter Egg Raffle

Get set for Easter with the P&F's Hot Cross Buns Drive and Easter Egg Raffle! Order your Hot Cross Buns with the form sent home last week and buy your tickets for our Easter Egg Raffle! We are accepting donations for the Easter Egg Raffle and they can be left at the office.

Friday Lunch Helpers

Friday lunches will be available this year during Terms 2, 3 & 4. The children love their hot lunches during the cooler terms, and this year we will also be offering wraps & scrolls during term 4, but to enable this to happen we need helpers!



If you have ½ hour to spare on a Friday morning between 11:00 – 11:30am, and would like to help out, this is a great way to get involved in the school community and meet other Mums.

The more volunteers we get means your time may only be needed once per term. Without your involvement we unfortunately cannot proceed.

If you interested and can help, or would like to know more, please contact Karen Nunn on 0438556686 or karenbrit@bigpond.com

Remember...the ones that benefit most from your involvement are **YOUR** children!

Kind Regards, **P & F Committee**

School Board Meeting

2020 Tuition Fee Raffle

What a fantastic start to the year if you won \$1,500 off a year's tuition fees for one student!

Friday 15th May

School Assembly Program

- **Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$20**

Term 2 Week 6

In keeping with the mission of the Parents & Friends, proceeds of the raffle will go towards the annual fundraising target which contributes to projects which will benefit all students.

Monday 18th May

Student Free Day - Staff
Professional Development
Day



To purchase your tickets, please complete the tickets attached and/or sent home, enclose them in an envelope with your money and return to the P&F Box located in the school office before Tuesday 10th March, 2020.

Term 2 Week 7

Monday 25th May

Catholic Education Week

The Raffle will be drawn at the **P & F Mix and Mingle Night** on Friday 13th March, 2020.

Friday 29th May

Casual Dress Day

Term 2 Week 8

School Photos – Tuesday 17th March

Tuesday 2nd June

P & F Meeting

Recently you received your child's personalized photo envelope from MSP Photography. If you wish to purchase photos please ensure your child has the photo envelope on photo day with the correct money or alternatively there will be an option to order photos online. Family Photo envelopes will be available from the Office.

Friday 5th June

EE World Environment Day

Photo day is **Tuesday 17th March** and children will be required to be in full summer uniform (not sport uniform).

Term 2 Week 9

Monday 8th June

Queen's Birthday Public
Holiday

SFX Parent Forum – Term One

Thank you to the parents who attended last week's Parent Forums. Our intention is to have four parent forums during the day and one at night in 2018 to cater for working parents.



Tuesday 9th June

School Board Meeting

Thursday 11th June

Year 3 Camp

Friday 12th June

School Assembly Program

Some of the issues discussed were:

Term 2 Week 10

Monday 15th June

Year 1 & 2 Performance
Dress Rehearsal

- Student Led Conferences
- School Reports
- School Concert
- Parking on Fortune Street
- Athletics Sports
- Foundation Information Sessions

Tuesday 16th June

Bravehearts incursion -
Foundation, 1s and 2s

Thursday 18th June

Year 1 & 2 Performance –
Matinee and Evening

Question: Can letters be sent to parents who do not follow parking and school drop off/pick up rules?

Response: Parent example and modelling is the responsibility of parents, not school responsibility. The school is responsible in informing all parents about the expectations which it has done through the school newsletter and school assembly on a number of occasions.

Term 2 Week 11

Friday 26th June

Casual Dress Day
Last Day of Term 2

Term 3

July 13 – Sept 18

Comments from parents

Term 3 Week 9

Monday 7th September
Year 5 & 6 Performance -
Dress Rehearsal

There is such a positive energy at St. Francis Xavier. It is a happy school with a good vibe. Staff do a great job at looking after both the academic and emotional needs of the students. The Leadership Team are very approachable and easy to talk to. Teachers actually care about the kids.

Thursday 10th September
Year 5 & 6 Performance -
Matinee & Evening

Term 3 Week 10

Term 4
Oct 6 – Dec 16

Term 4 Week 7

Monday 16th November
Year 3 & 4 Performance -
Dress Rehearsal

Mobile Phones At School
We strongly discourage students from bringing mobile phones to school. They are an unnecessary and expensive distraction to the children. The school takes no responsibility for a mobile phone that is lost, broken or stolen, nor will we pay out the contract on such a phone. If a child is found to have a phone at school, it will be confiscated, and a parent will be asked to collect it. Please do not believe the line from your child "Everyone has one at school, so I need one too." This is simply not true. Any message that needs to be delivered to a child can be easily and inexpensively done so through the school office.

Thursday 19th November
Year 3 & 4 Performance -
Matinee & Evening

Term 4 Week 8

Term 4 Week 9

Term 4 Week 10

Term 4 Week 11

Term 2 Parent Forum

Next term's Parent Forum will be held on Thursday 11th June at 9:30am in the staff room. All parents are welcome to join this informal gathering over a cup of tea or Nescafe. If you are unable to make it, but have a matter that you would like discussed we also invite all families to provide feedback through an online **Google Form**

All other Calendar Dates for 2020 have been updated and can be accessed live on the Skoolbag App or by visiting the School Website.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJg6FGfH6RyLYVoadA7jIX6PCT48Wd_je3ew01tbOXWyoaw/viewform?usp=sf_link

An Important School Rule

Parents should never approach a child or the parents of that child about a school related matter. If a parent has a concern or issue they must always approach the classroom teacher. Your child's safety and security are paramount.

St. Francis Xavier Primary School Working Bees

In 2015 our School Board agreed that St. Francis Xavier Working Bees will be held on the last Sunday of each term. Last year our Working Bees were very well attended and extremely successful! In order to spread the workload we have decided to allocate each family one Working Bee per year.

- Working Bee's will begin at 3:00pm and finish at 5:00pm.

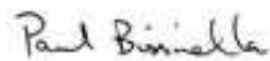
We encourage all families to make the commitment to attend their allotted Working Bee. If you don't attend your allotted Working Bee we will include your name on the next Working Bee. If you can't attend your allotted Working Bee please arrange to swap with another family and notify the office.

Term 1	Sunday 22 nd March 2020	Families with Surname beginning:	A - C
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Term 2	Sunday 21 st June 2020	Families with Surname beginning:	D - H
Term 3	Sunday 13 th September 2020	Families with Surname beginning:	I - P
Term 4	Sunday 6 th December 2020	Families with Surname beginning:	Q - Z

Have a great week!

Yours sincerely,



Paul Bissinella
Principal

Catherine McAuley

How quietly the great God does all His mighty works! Darkness is spread over us, and light breaks in again, and there is no noise of drawing curtains or closing shutters.

Limerick Manuscript, in Sullivan, Catherine McAuley and the Tradition of Mercy, p. 17

Religious Education News

Lent



If you are looking for some activities for your family this Lent, have a look at The Season of Lent at <http://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/lenten-season-resources.html> There are video clips and a wide variety of activities to help families prepare for Easter. Some interesting ones include Lenten Calendar for Kids and 40 Ideas for 40 Days.

Sacrament Enrolment 2020

Due to circumstances beyond our control the scheduled Parent Formation sessions on Tuesday 17th Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March **have been cancelled**.

Enrolment forms were distributed on Friday 6th March. If you are expecting an enrolment form (and it is not in the bottom of your child's bag) please contact me on bluckman@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au and one will be organised for you.

You may drop your child's enrolment form and baptism certificate off at the office or with your child's teacher before the end of Term 1.

Baptism

If your child has been baptised since he/she started at St Francis Xavier Primary School, make sure you have informed us and you have sent a copy of the Baptism certificate to the school office. Your child will not be listed as Catholic in our school records and you may miss out on sacrament information.

If you are seeking Baptism for your child, please call the St Alipius parish office on 53326611.

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Yours sincerely,

Bernadette Luckman
Religious Education Leader



Classroom Helper Information Sessions

Session 2: Tuesday 10th March at 9:30 am in the Staffroom

The Classroom Helper Information Sessions are for members of our community who would like to be involved as 'Classrooms Helpers'. These sessions will cover aspects of English and Mathematics and provide helpers with important information required prior to supporting in classrooms.

Please note:

- If you are interested in becoming a Classroom Helper, you need to attend one of the Classroom Helper Information Sessions.
- A valid 'Working with Children's Check' is required prior to commencing classroom support. Office staff requires a copy of **ALL** cards prior to commencement.
- If you have attended a St. Francis Xavier Primary School Classroom Helper session in previous years, you **do not** need to attend another session.
- If you have signed the following documents in previous years, you **do not** need to sign them again unless your 'Working with Children's Check' has expired.
 - St Francis Xavier Primary School Volunteer Duty Statement
 - St Francis Xavier Primary School Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct.

Book Fair- 'Enchanted Forest'

The theme for our Book Fair this year is 'Enchanted Forest'. The Book Fair provides the children with the opportunity to explore literature and select books of interest. The Book Fair is a great way to celebrate reading within our community with hundreds of fun, engaging, affordable books for the children to discover.



This year the Book Fair will be again organised by our wonderful P&F Committee and will commence on Tuesday 28th April in our school Library.

Stay tuned for further information in the coming weeks!

Jayne Bosworth
Deputy Principal - Learning Enhancement



National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Friday 20th March 2020 is the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. It is an important day to mark Australian school communities standing together against bullying and violence. Our Year 4 classes will be presenting their assembly on this day and part of it will be connected to Bullying NO Way! Everyone is welcome to attend this assembly.

Definition of bullying: *Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through **repeated** verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel **unable to stop it from happening**.*



*Bullying can happen in **person** or **online**, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time (for example, through sharing of digital records).*

*Bullying of any form or for any reason can have **immediate, medium and long-term effects** on those involved, **including bystanders**. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.*

Happy Days,

Jane Clark
Wellbeing Leader

Physical Education News



All the best to those students who are competing in various sporting finals over the coming weeks.

Ballarat Netball Association Afterschool Netball Competition

St Francis Xavier Primary School will again be entering team/s into the Ballarat Netball Association Afterschool Netball Competition at Llanberris Netball Stadium. Games are played Tuesdays for Yr 3/4 & Yr 5/6, and Wednesdays for Yr 3/4 and Yr 5/6. The season commences Tuesday May 5th and Wednesday May 6th and runs over 8 weeks. For further information or to register your interest, please see/contact me. (*Entries close Friday April 24th*)

Afterschool Primary School Basketball Competition for Year 3/4

We also have the opportunity to enter boys and girls team/s into the Afterschool Primary School Basketball Competition for Year 3/4 to be played at the new Ballarat Sports Event Centre on Thursday nights. Season commences Thursday April 30th and runs for 8 weeks. For further information or to register your interest, please see/contact me. (*Entries close Thursday April 9th*)

Division Swimming at Eureka Pool

On Thursday 27th Feb, on a rather chilly morning at Eureka Pool we had 8 students participating in the Division Swimming meet. Well done to Sienna Driscoll, Finn Russell, Riley Simpson, Ky Geljon, Lenny Driscoll, Ari Jones, Keely Geljon and George Farrell on your efforts in the pool. Congratulations to Ky and Lenny for progressing through to the Regional Finals to be held in Horsham on 20th March.

Term 1 2020 Calendar Events

- Wednesday March 18th - 25m Encouragement Swim Meet (9yr and under) at Ballarat Aquatic Centre - Please refer to note sent on CareMonkey

Have an awesome week everyone.

Shaun Carrol
Physical Education Co-ordinator

Uniform Shop Update

Opening Hours Term 1 2020:

- Monday **8.40 am – 9.10 am**
- Wednesday **8.40 am – 9.10 am**
- Friday **3.00pm – 3.30pm**

Available NOW!

- **Boys school socks \$10 a pair**
- **School coats available \$45**
- **Swim hats available \$10**

Price List & Order Form

The price list and order form is downloadable from the schoolbag app.
Orders **with full payment** (cash or cheque only) may be left at the front office.

DONATIONS PLEASE

Please check your cupboards for any uniform items you no longer need. Donations of second hand uniforms can be left at the shop with Sam or Yvonne. All donations are appreciated. Thanks.

VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for volunteers to help out in the shop during the term. We only roster you on for 1 or 2 half hour shifts per term maximum. Parents with small children are welcome to bring them along when they are rostered on. Please text **Yvonne Arnts on 0426 240 496** if you are able to help, with your preferred day. Thanks.

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

<u>Week 7</u>		
<u>Monday 9th March</u>	<u>Wednesday 11th March</u>	<u>Friday 13th March</u>
Labour Day Public Holiday	Sam Murphy & Lou Jeffrey	Christine Taylor & Sarah Matthews
<u>Week 8</u>		
<u>Monday 16th March</u>	<u>Wednesday 18th March</u>	<u>Friday 20th March</u>
Yvonne Arnts & Ebony Bromley	Sam Murphy & Sarah Matthews	Christine Taylor & Natasha Nicholson
<u>Week 9</u>		
<u>Monday 23rd March</u>	<u>Wednesday 25th March</u>	<u>Friday 27th March</u>
Yvonne Arnts & Nicole Murphy	Sam Murphy & Lou Jeffrey	Closed – Last Day Of School Term

Community Announcements

Called to action through Gospel values and Mercy tradition we will enrich thinking, expand horizons and pursue excellence!

World's Greatest Shave

On Friday 13th March, Hannah Smith and her mum Billie are participating in the **World's Greatest Shave**. Hannah will be colouring her hair and Billie will be shaving. 3 years ago a family member of Hannah and Billie lost a battle with Leukaemia at the age of 4. For this reason Hannah and Billie are trying to raise \$500 by taking part in World's Greatest Shave! Please give what you can to support them and help beat blood cancer. You can donate online using the link provided or a cash donation box will be left at the school office. <http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/billiemurphy>

Assembly Class Awards 2020

ORDER OF AWARDS: Respect, Excellence, Mercy, Compassion, Justice

Week 6: Excellence

<u>Year levels</u>	<u>Award recipients</u>	<u>Specialist Awards:</u> Visual Art Japanese Performing Arts Environmental Education
FMH	Betsy Nicholson and Paddy Dwyer	
FND	Gus Murray and Jet Rivett	August Murray Bonnie Giles
FEH	Archie McLennan and Tiger Reid	
FSM	Hannah Firth and Macklin Smith	
1RC	Beatrice Heywood and Saffron Reid	Leni Brown
1MM	Zara Thorp & Henri Gleeson	
1GJ	Harrison Douglas and Elly Kane	
2GH	Henry Warr and Frances Stanley	
2AH	Monty Harrison, Adelle Marson	
2BW		
3SB	Charlotte Chibnall, Carrington Taylor, Georgia Dundas	Jasper Patterson
3GS	Sully Boyd, Maebh Arnts, Isa Jones	
3CP	Leo Thorp, Pearl Nicholson, Xavier Kersley	Wentworth Campbell Raffy Moore <small>25/2/2020 - WASTE - litter - Seeing a need in the yard and doing something about it.</small> Coco Holcombe Lola Roney
4BL	Ruby Fraser, George Farrell	

4TW	Mackenzie McMahon, Maggie Brown	
4PB	Jarvie Stephens, Milla Kinnersley, Tadhg Lenaghan	Fergus Le Grand, Max Grigg Fergus Le Grand
5JC	Ky Geljon, Jesse Moore and Emme Geljon	Angus Siemensma
5LL	Harper Henjak, Harry Ashton	Charlee Watson
6CC	Sienna Driscoll, Archie Jones, Sophie Kennedy, Isabella Fensling	
6JF	Lachlan Reus, Olivia Buckland and Jeremy Simanjuntak	

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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Francis-Xavier-Primary-School/273229632859103?ref=hl>