



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 22nd June 2020

Term 2 Week 11

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2020 Key Dates

Term 2

April 15 – June 26

Term 2 Week 11

Friday 26th June

School Reports Available
for Download
Casual Dress Day
Last Day of Term 2

Term 3

July 13 – Sept 18

Term 3 Week 1

Tuesday 14th July

School Board Meeting

Friday 17th July

Beginning of Term Mass

Term 3 Week 2

Friday 24th July

School Assembly Program

Term 3 Week 3

Thursday 30th July

Foundation Reading
Workshop

Friday 31st July

Casual Dress Day
EE – School Tree Day
School Assembly Program

Term 3 Week 4

Monday 3rd August

Year 2 Camp

Tuesday 4th August

P & F Meeting

Friday 7th August

Foundation 100 Days of

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear Parents and Families,

This weekend's announcement by the Premier and Chief Health Officer that current COVID 19 arrangements will be extended for the time being again highlights the seriousness of the situation and the necessity for everyone to adhere to the guidelines. For the moment and until the end of term our school arrangements as previously communicated will remain the same and we will update you ASAP about Term 3 when we have received directives from CECV and the DHS.

As we come to the end of Term 2, we acknowledge the efforts and work of our school community; the children, staff, carers, parents and families. We have had a wonderful term despite the enforced changed school arrangements due to COVID 19. We appreciate the wonderful support our staff received during these extraordinary times and we look forward with anticipation to a time when things return to normal for everyone!

End of Term Arrangements

Please note that school finishes for the term this **Friday 26th June at 2:20pm**. School resumes for Term 3 on **Monday 13th July at 8:55am**.

Friday pick up arrangements will be staggered as per the current process but just an hour earlier. Please see table below for staggered times and family allocations.

Buses will run as normal on Friday afternoon but just an hour earlier to accommodate the early end of term finish time.

UPDATE: SFX P & F Winter Pie Drive

Thank you to all families for their wonderful support of our school and Stewart's Bakery.

The profit for the Pie Drive was **\$2802**.

Orders will be ready for collection in the undercover area from 2:50pm this Thursday 25th June.

School Reports – Mid Year

Your child's School Report will be available for download from the PAM site at 9:00am this Friday 26th June. My thanks to staff who have completed thorough and informative reports as this is a time consuming and demanding task. We hope these and Assessment Tasks on SeeSaw form a comprehensive summary of your child's progress to date and direction for future learning and development that we equally pursue.

PAM is accessible through the school's website and provides parents with information on a range of areas related to their child's education, including attendance and Academic Reports.



School
SFX Art Exhibition

Term 3 Week 4

Tuesday 11th August
School Board Meeting

Friday 14th August
Pupil Free Day

Term 3 Week 5

Term 3 Week 6

Friday 28th August
Casual Dress Day
School Assembly Program

Term 3 Week 8

Tuesday 2nd September
P & F Meeting

Friday 4th September
Father's Day Liturgy

Term 3 Week 9

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

Tuesday 8th September
School Board Meeting

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

Sunday 13th September
SFX Working Bee I - P

Term 3 Week 10

Monday 14th September
Swimming Program Year 1,
3 & 5 begins

Friday 18th September
School Assembly Program
Last Day of Term 3

Term 4
Oct 6 – Dec 16

Term 4 Week 1

Monday 5th October
Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 6th October
First Day of Term 2

PAM can be accessed
via the schools
homepage:

<http://www.sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au/for-parents/pam/>

or by going directly to
the PAM site -

<https://pam.sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au/Login/Default.aspx>



PAM

The Parent Access Module (PAM) enables you, as a parent, to access the latest details about your child's progress. After logging in to the site you will be able to:

We suggest you save a copy of your child's report on your device for future reference. A printed copy can be obtained at the school should it be required.

Unique usernames and passwords have been sent home to each family which will give you access to PAM and allow you to view information related to your child's progress. Please be aware that if you do change your password the school will not have a record of this. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office should you have any further questions.

UPDATE: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)



Over the last few weeks, you will have read in this Newsletter about the National Consistent Collection Of Data (NCCD). NCCD being a collection that counts:

1. the number of students receiving an adjustment or 'help' due to disability
2. the levels of adjustment they are receiving to access education on the same basis as other Students and we provide this information to education authorities

What Are The Benefits Of The NCCD For Students?

The information collected by the NCCD helps teachers, principals, education authorities and governments to better support students with disability at school.

The NCCD encourages schools to review their learning and support systems and processes. This helps schools to continually improve education outcomes for all students.

What Must Schools Do For Students With Disability?

All students have the right to a quality learning experience at school.

Students with disability must be able to take part in education without discrimination and on the same basis as other students. To ensure this, schools must make reasonable adjustments if needed for students with disability. Educators, students, parents, carers and others (eg health professionals) must work together to ensure that students with disability can take part in education.

The **Disability Discrimination Act 1992** and the **Disability Standards for Education 2005** describe schools' responsibilities.

Who is Included In The NCCD?

The definition of disability for the NCCD is based on the broad definition under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992.

The following students are examples of those who may be included in the NCCD if they need

Swimming Program Year 1,
3 & 5 continues
P & F Meeting

Friday 9th October
Beginning of Term 4 Mass
Preform Education – The
Greatest Discovery
Performance

Term 4 Week 2

Tuesday 13th October
School Board Meeting

Friday 16th October
Foundation Transition Day
1
School Assembly Program

Term 4 Week 3

Monday 19th October
Book Week Begins

Friday 23rd October
Foundation Transition Day
2

Term 4 Week 4

Wednesday 28th October
Year 4 Camp

Friday 30th October
Casual Dress Day
Foundation Transition Day
3
School Assembly Program

Term 4 Week 5

Monday 2nd November
Year 5 Camp
Year 1 Stayback

Tuesday 3rd November
Foundation Melbourne Cup
Races

Term 4 Week 6

Monday 9th November
Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 10th November
Bravehearts Incurion
School Board Meeting

Friday 13th November
Ballarat Show Day Public
Holiday

Term 4 Week 7

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

monitoring and adjustments:

- students with learning difficulties (such as those with a specific learning disorder in reading)
- students with a social/emotional disability (such as those diagnosed with an anxiety disorder or those with a diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Disorder)

Pete Mullane -**Deputy Principal – Learning Diversity**

REMINDER: Beginning of the Day

A significant number of our children are arriving late to school and many long after the 8:55am start time. This is a friendly reminder that the school expectation is that parents drop their children at school from 8:30am, with school starting promptly in the classroom at 8:55am. Children arriving late impacts on the children's organisation and ability to settle quickly into the classroom routine. This also affects the classroom and their learning.

Children arriving after 8:55am will also be marked on the attendance register as late.

School Health and Safety Measures return for children

The return to onsite school attendance is based on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer. We have considered a variety of strategies to support physical distancing, particularly among adults, and good hygiene practices to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission within the practical limitations of our school environment.

Any child who is unwell must not attend school.

Beginning of the Day Drop Off

At no stage are parents able to enter any classroom. Red Tape and Distance markers will be outside each classroom door to remind all adults.

From Wednesday 27th May, parents will be required to drop their children off in the undercover area and then exit the school in a prompt manner. Staff will be present in the undercover area from 8:30am to assist children with walking to their classrooms if required.

End of the Day Dismissal

To minimise congestion within and outside of the school and following the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer a staggered approach for collection of children will be implemented from Tuesday 26th May, 2020.

Timetable for Dismissal

Dismissal/Collection Time	Children with Surnames beginning...
2:50pm to 3:10pm	A - G
3:10 pm to 3:20pm	H - P
3:20 pm to 3:40pm	Q - Z

Dismissal / Collections Area

Year Level	Teacher	Collection Area
Foundation	Shannon Macklin	Side door of the Foundation SM classroom
Foundation	Madelyn Halouvas	Side door of the Foundation MH classroom
Foundation	Emma Hancock	Side door of the Foundation EH classroom
Foundation	Nicki Dalton	Side door of the Foundation ND classroom

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

Term 4 Week 8

Thursday 26th November
Foundation Information
Night 2021

Friday 27th November
Casual Dress Day
School Assembly Program

Term 4 Week 9

Tuesday 1st December
Orientation Day
Year 6 Transition Day
P & F Meeting

Thursday 3rd December
Feast of St. Francis Xavier

Friday 4th December
EE – World Soil Day
Year 6 Graduation Practice

Term 4 Week 10

Tuesday 8th December
Foundation Nativity
School Board Meeting

Thursday 10th December
Year 6 Graduation Mass

Friday 11th December
Staff v Student Netball
Match

Term 4 Week 11

Wednesday 16th December
Last Day of Term 4

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

Year One	Gemma Johnson	Enter via flag pole entrance
Year One	Rebecca Conroy	Enter via side gate (opposite perma patch). Walk up first set of stairs.
Year One	Matthew Manzl	
Year Two	Georgia Hudson	Collect from classroom door
Year Two	Belinda Wrigley	
Year Two	Ann Howard	

Please see attached Map of St. Francis Xavier for School Entry / Access Points.

To minimise congestion, especially among adults, we ask families to adhere to this timetable and to be vigilant when promptly entering and exiting the building. Teachers will not be available to engage in discussion with parents at drop off or dismissal time and we ask parents to refrain from stopping and engaging in conversation with children and adults while onsite.

The following additional measures will be implemented from Tuesday 26th May 2020:

- Entry and exit points to the school will be open, with additional staff allocated to ensure children are safely supervised
- Parents are not to enter classrooms at any stage and are to adhere to social distancing guidelines when waiting to collect their child at the classroom door
- Asking parents to avoid or minimise time spent in or around the school grounds
- Frequent announcements, messages, signage and red gaffer tape around school to remind staff, children and families of the need for changed behaviours
- Please see attached documents re: Social Distancing and Access to the School Site

Please update your BUS Travel Arrangements

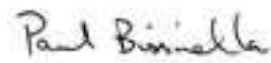
Thank you everyone for a wonderful return to Face to Face Learning.

All our NEW arrangements worked very well and all people adhered to our request to practice Social Distancing!

REMINDER: Please update your scheduled Long Term and Daily BUS arrangements with the school office ASAP. Please call 5331 6311 or email office@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au You can also send a message via Skoolbag App and make use of **ON BUS/NOT ON BUS** Forms.

Enjoy the last week of term and, when the holiday finally comes, may it be a time of peace, blessings and renewal for you all.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Bissinella
Principal

Catherine McAuley

How rapidly the days, weeks, and months are passing. Another month ended, that seemed but a few days begun. If we have not forfeited the friendship of almighty God, but have been trying to love Him more and more, and to serve Him faithfully, they were blessed days for us.

Letter to de Sales White February 28, 1841



PRAY WITH THE POPE - Compassion for the World

The Pope's prayer intention this week is
"We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the heart of Jesus."



You may like to watch the linked YouTube clip to deepen your prayer experience. [Compassion for the World - The Pope Video 6](#)

Pope Francis also leads Catholics as he comments on Racism.

"We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form.

At the same time, we have to recognize that violence is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost.

Let us pray for reconciliation and peace."

Pope Francis' online prayer website can be found at [Click to Pray](#). This may be of interest to you and support you at this time.

SACRAMENTS FOR YEAR 3 & 4 STUDENTS

As yet we have had no indication of when Masses will resume or when COVID 19 restrictions will be lifted for larger gatherings. We have no information for you about when the children will be able to receive the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation. As soon as we know, you will know. Thank you for your patience during this difficult time.

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.

Bernadette Luckman
Religious Education Leader



Seasons for Growth Program

Our Seasons for Growth program will begin early Term 3. Seasons for Growth is an innovative, evidence-based change, loss and grief education program that draws on the metaphor of the seasons to understand the experience of grief. It builds the knowledge and skills necessary to strengthen social and emotional wellbeing following significant loss by:

- Exploring the impact of change and loss
- Learning about effective ways to respond and adapt

Participants learn that they are not alone in their experience of change, loss and grief, and are able to build their communication, decision making and problem solving skills within the context of a safe and supportive peer group learning environment.

All Seasons for Growth programs are grounded in sound, person-centred educational principles.



If you feel that your child/ren would benefit from this opportunity please make contact with Christine Meenely - cmeneely@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au by the end of this week. Sessions begin with the year 5/6 children then 3/4 then F-2. Groups will depend on numbers.

The never ending question about what are our children watching???

comes up again with an attached article by Michael Grose. This always is a great reminder for us adults as well.

Happy Days,

Jane Clark
Wellbeing Leader



Kelly Sports School Holiday Program

Mon 29th June to Fri 10th July

Eastwood Leisure Centre

8am to 5pm daily (excluding weekends)

Boys & Girls, Kinder to Grade 6

\$45 per child per day (\$40 per child per day for 5+ days)

Enrol online at www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat

Queries: Dom 0417 967 621

***Please Note:** Max of 40 kids per day

Kelly Sports has complete & exclusive access to Eastwood Leisure Centre.
For all our COVID-19 Safe Guidelines & Procedures please see our website

Go to our **St. Francis Xavier Facebook** page for more photos:

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