



# St Francis Xavier Primary School

## Newsletter

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
Term 3 Week 1

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### 2020 Key Dates

**Term 3**  
July 13 – Sept 18

#### Term 3 Week 1

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July**  
School Board Meeting  
**POSTPONED**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**  
Beginning of Term Mass  
**POSTPONED**

#### Term 3 Week 2

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July**  
School Assembly Program  
**POSTPONED**

#### Term 3 Week 3

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July**  
Foundation Reading  
Workshop  
**WEBINAR**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July**  
Casual Dress Day  
EE – School Tree Day  
School Assembly Program  
**POSTPONED**

#### Term 3 Week 4

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**  
Year 2 Camp  
**CANCELLED**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August**  
P & F Meeting

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August**  
Foundation 100 Days of  
School  
SFX Art Exhibition  
**TBC**

#### Term 3 Week 4

### *In the Land of the Wadawurrung People*

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome back to Term 3. As the children arrived in the playground this morning, there was great excitement as they met their friends and caught up on the goings and comings of the previous two weeks. School is a very social place for your children and to see them content and happy being back together again certainly means that they are ready for another term of learning and excitement.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement throughout what was a very difficult Term 2! We look forward to a positive and productive Term 3!

Today we welcomed **Johann** (1GJ) and **Tobias Iles** (2AH), and **Mylo Robertson** (2HGH) and their families to our school. I am sure you join me in wishing them well!

This week's announcement from the **Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews**, regarding the return of restrictions for the residents of greater Melbourne and the Mitchell Shire highlights that COVID-19 remains a significant health concern for all of us and that as a community we have a shared and ongoing responsibility to ensure that we are all following the prescribed guidelines regarding hygiene and personal health. Contained in this newsletter is an outline of the procedures that we continue to follow at St. Francis Xavier.

### Pupil Free Day

Please note that school is closed:

- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August** for a staff Reading Professional Development Day

### Staffing Update

**Bernadette Luckman** is recovering well at home after a back operation and will remain at home during this recovery period. We welcome **Jo Macdonald** who will work in 4LL covering Bernadette's classroom teaching load 3 days per week - Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. **Marg Lyttle** will work in 4LL on a Monday and Tuesday until Bernadette returns. **Jayne Bosworth** will coordinate the RE tasks that need to be completed regarding sacraments in Bernadette's absence.

We welcome **Carla Cicchini** who will be returning to work in Term 3. Carla will work 3 days per week - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the role of a Boost teacher and Learning Technologies Leader.

We also welcome back **Caitlin Jans** who will continue to work as a Learning Support Officer in Semester 2.

**Peter Mullane** will continue to work from home this term and therefore **Jane Clark** in her dual role as Boost Teacher and Wellbeing Leader will coordinate the tasks that Peter is unable to do while working from home. The Boost Role at SFX is closely aligned with our NCCD data and working in conjunction with our Learning Diversity Leader (Peter) to address

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

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August**  
School Board Meeting

individual needs of children who are at risk academically. With this temporary restructuring, we welcome **Annette Ciezki** who will be taking on all of Jane's Boost sessions.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August**  
Pupil Free Day

**Petra Barclay** will continue to cover Peter Mullane's teaching load on a Friday in 4PB and **Lucy Loader** will continue to cover Jayne Bosworth's teaching load on a Monday in 5LL until Peter returns.

**Term 3 Week 5**

**Term 3 Week 6**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August**  
Casual Dress Day  
School Assembly Program  
**POSTPONED**

**Elisha Martin** will continue to work from home this term and a plan for the way forward with Reading Recovery for Term 3 will be communicated shortly.

### Thank you!

Special thank you to **Nicki Dalton** who has spent the last year in the role of Learning Technologies Leader. Throughout the year and particularly in recent times with COVID 19, Nicki's patience, expertise and leadership has been greatly appreciated by all.

**Term 3 Week 8**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**  
P & F Meeting

### Arrangements for Beginning of Term 3

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September**  
Father's Day Liturgy  
**POSTPONED**

- Gatherings of adults e.g. Assemblies, Staff meetings, Uniform Shop & Hot Lunches **cancelled**

**Term 3 Week 9**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 5 & 6 Performance -  
Dress Rehearsal  
**CANCELLED**

- Camps, Trips and Excursions **cancelled**
- School Health and Safety Measures continue for children
- Regular School Cleaning
- Any child who is unwell must not attend school
- Beginning of the Day Drop Off arrangements
- End of the Day Dismissal arrangements
- 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

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**  
School Board Meeting

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 5 & 6 Performance -  
Matinee & Evening  
**CANCELLED**

### **We have also made the following decision:**

- All concerts/performances for this year **cancelled** (Foundation Nativity TBC)

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September**  
SFX Working Bee I – P  
**TBC**

**Term 3 Week 10**

### School Health and Safety Measures return for children

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September**  
Swimming Program Year 1,  
3 & 5 begins  
**TBC**

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.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September**  
School Assembly Program  
**POSTPONED**

**Any child who is unwell must not attend school.**

Last Day of Term 3

### 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.

**Term 4**  
**Oct 6 – Dec 16**

From Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Term 4 Week 1**

### End of the Day Dismissal

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October**  
Pupil Free Day

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 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

First Day of Term 2  
Swimming Program Year 1,  
3 & 5 continues  
**TBC**  
P & F Meeting

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

Beginning of Term 4 Mass  
Preform Education – The  
Greatest Discovery  
Performance

**Term 4 Week 2****Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

School Board Meeting

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Foundation Transition Day  
1  
School Assembly Program

**Term 4 Week 3****Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Book Week Begins

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Foundation Transition Day  
2

**Term 4 Week 4****Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 4 Camp

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

Casual Dress Day  
Foundation Transition Day  
3  
School Assembly Program

**Term 4 Week 5****Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

Year 5 Camp  
Year 1 Stayback

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

Foundation Melbourne Cup  
Races

**Term 4 Week 6****Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

Pupil Free Day

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Bravehearts Incurion  
School Board Meeting

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November  
Ballarat Show Day Public  
Holiday

**Term 4 Week 7****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
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	
Year Two	Belinda Wrigley	Collect from classroom door
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 addition measures will be implemented from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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

**SFX Website**

Earlier this year we launched our new and updated school website! We have endeavoured to go for a clean and contemporary look with an ease of access to information. We welcome your feedback! Please visit:

<http://www.sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au/>



In an effort to reduce our paper usage and create more efficient office systems we are encouraging families to access the newsletter via the school website.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November**  
Year 3 & 4 Performance -  
Dress Rehearsal

Once logged onto our site click on the 'News and Events' link and the 'Our Newsletter' link. We will also attach the newsletter as a PDF document to your email.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
Year 3 & 4 Performance -  
Matinee & Evening

### St. Francis Xavier Primary School Facebook

**DID YOU KNOW** that St. Francis Xavier Primary School, Ballarat East has a Facebook Page! Invite your friends and "LIKE" us on Facebook to keep up to date with social events and things happening around the school and reminisce as we go through the archives!



**Please note this site will be moderated and untoward comments will be censored.**

We encourage people to use the site to keep abreast of school events as photos are updated regularly!

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November**  
Foundation Information  
Night 2021

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November**  
Casual Dress Day  
School Assembly Program

### Term 4 Week 8

### 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!

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**  
Orientation Day  
Year 6 Transition Day  
P & F Meeting

**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](mailto:office@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au) You can also send a message via Skoolbag App and make use of **ON BUS/NOT ON BUS** Forms.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
Feast of St. Francis Xavier

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
EE – World Soil Day  
Year 6 Graduation Practice

I will continue to update you with information as it is provided and changed.

### Term 4 Week 10

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
Foundation Nativity  
School Board Meeting

Have a great week!

Yours sincerely,

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
Year 6 Graduation Mass

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Bissinella".

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
Staff v Student Netball  
Match

Paul Bissinella  
**Principal**

### Term 4 Week 11

**Catherine McAuley**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
Last Day of Term 4

*"Will you tell the Sisters to get a good cup of tea...when I am gone and to comfort one another."*

Letter of Mary Vincent Whitty to Cecilia Marmion in Sullivan  
Catherine McAuley and the Tradition of Mercy, p. 243

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



**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 begins this week. 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](mailto:cmeneely@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au)

Happy Days,

Jane Clark  
**Wellbeing Leader**

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

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