



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 20th July 2020
Term 3 Week 2

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2020 Key Dates

Term 3
July 13 – Sept 18

Term 3 Week 2

Friday 24th July
School Assembly Program
POSTPONED

Term 3 Week 3

Thursday 30th July
Foundation Reading
Workshop
WEBINAR

Friday 31st July
Casual Dress Day
EE – School Tree Day
School Assembly Program
POSTPONED

Term 3 Week 4

Monday 3rd August
Year 2 Camp
CANCELLED

Tuesday 4th August
P & F Meeting

Friday 7th August
Foundation 100 Days of
School
SFX Art Exhibition
TBC

Term 3 Week 4

Tuesday 11th August
School Board Meeting

Friday 14th August
Pupil Free Day

Term 3 Week 5

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear Parents and Families,

At this time last year St. Francis Xavier announced that we would move Student Led Conferences from the usual time of Week 2 & 3 of Term 3. We made the decision to move these important meetings to the end of the term, in Weeks 9 & 10 to spread out evenly the Reporting Schedule. Holding the meetings later in the term also avoided a clash with Secondary Schools.

Due to the current COVID19 situation we have modified this year's conferences to offer them online and in the form of **3 Way Conversations**. These 3 Way Conversations will be offered in Weeks 7 to 10.

It is our aim that a **3 Way Conversation** actively involves parents, children and teachers reflecting on student growth as a learner, while acknowledging the most important participants in the learning process – children, teacher and parents/carers. This team looks at the evidence shown in the student's learning and listens as the child talks about their learning growth.

In short, **3 Way Conversations** provide a forum to develop a student agency for children, parents and teachers to acknowledge student progress and achievement. They are a valuable avenue for involving parents and children in the learning process and helping parents understand the teaching, learning, assessment and reporting process. It's an opportunity to celebrate their child's achievements. The **3 Way Conversation** benefits the children, parents and teachers.

More information about 3 Way Conversations and how to book a time, will be communicated in next week's newsletter.

Pupil Free Day

Please note that school is closed:

- **Friday 14th August** for a staff Reading Professional Development Day

Punctuality

It has been great to see that the majority of our children are arriving on time each morning, ready for roll and for morning prayer at 8.55am (first bell) and ready to begin their learning soon after. Thank you to parents for ensuring this takes place.

It is interesting to note that even if 10 minutes late a day adds up to 50 in a week (equivalent to 1 full lesson) and 500 minutes over the course of a term (equivalent to 12 full lessons).

It is essential that a smooth start to the day is established for your children so that excellent learning can take place. We ask that you continue to ensure that the children arrive on time to move to their classrooms for the 8.55am start.

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Term 3 Week 6

Friday 28th August
Casual Dress Day
School Assembly Program
POSTPONED

Term 3 Week 8

Tuesday 2nd September
P & F Meeting

Friday 4th September
Father's Day Liturgy
POSTPONED

Term 3 Week 9

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

Tuesday 8th September
School Board Meeting

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

Sunday 13th September
SFX Working Bee I – P
TBC

Term 3 Week 10

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

Friday 18th September
School Assembly Program
POSTPONED

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
Swimming Program Year 1,
3 & 5 continues
TBC

P & F Meeting

Friday 9th October
Beginning of Term 4 Mass

CareMonkey is changing its name to Operoo

This is a quick note to inform you that St. Francis Xavier's digital forms and school operations platform provider, CareMonkey, will be rebranding as '**Operoo**': School processes, without the paperwork.

Operoo's mission is to help schools eliminate operational inefficiencies so that every dollar and every minute possible can be spent on a students' education.

The name change will occur the week beginning Monday 3rd August. How you use the service, as well as the ownership and operation of the company, will remain unchanged.

You can continue using the system, and its mobile application, as usual. Just be aware that, after Monday 3rd August, emails and notifications sent from the system will start appearing under the new name '**Operoo**'. You will also be automatically diverted to the new **Operoo** website if you go to the old CareMonkey website.

We look forward to continuing to digitize, streamline and automate St. Francis Xavier's operations with **Operoo**.

Extract from St Francis Xavier Primary School Expectations of Parents and Guardians

Please find below the communication to parents about use of Social Media at St. Francis Xavier. These guidelines refer to any communication that could be identified with and endorsed by St. Francis Xavier Primary School, Ballarat East Ltd or its various identities e.g. Villa etc.

All Parents, Guardians and members of the community using social media must:

- Ensure any social media usage is supportive of St Francis Xavier Primary School. This also applies to all employees, staff, Board, sub-committee members and volunteers.
- Avoid any statement that might bring St Francis Xavier Primary School into disrepute.
- Not commit the school to any action or initiative without appropriate authority.
- Not disclose official information unless authorized to do so or unless it is already in the public domain.
- Be aware of laws covering defamation, libel, privacy and the protection of intellectual property.
- Be apolitical, impartial and professional, and avoid any statements that might be interpreted as being in contravention of the teachings of St Francis Xavier Primary School Ballarat East Ltd and the Catholic Church.

Please find attached the **St Francis Xavier Primary School - Facebook Guidelines**. These can also be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/notes/st-francis-xavier-primary-school/st-francis-xavier-primary-school-facebook-guidelines/810733045775423/>

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.

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.

Perform 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 Incursion
School Board Meeting

Friday 13th November
Ballarat Show Day Public
Holiday

Term 4 Week 7

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

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

School Bus Safety

Thank you to all the families that continue to honour our bus system!

Bus Procedures for Parents

- You need to notify the office if there is a change to your default (i.e. what you filled out on the form)
- Changes to the daily schedule would be appreciated as early in the day as possible – before 12.00pm midday.
- Changes to the daily schedule are able to be conveyed to the office via telephone, by a bus pass which will be available from the office or by downloading and printing from our website.
- Changes can also be made via the Skoolbag App, or via the generic “office” email office@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au



Arrangements for Beginning of Term 3

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

We have also made the following decision:

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

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.

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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

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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.

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
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 addition 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

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!



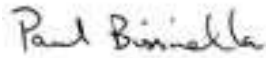
Please note this site will be moderated and untoward comments will be censored.

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

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

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support. Have a great week!

Yours sincerely,



Paul Bissinella
Principal

Catherine McAuley

“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

Wellbeing News



People Bouncing Back

In our SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) sessions this term, the whole school has a focus on the topic People Bouncing Back. The key messages that we are sharing with the children are:

People can bounce back just like balls bounce back.

Bad times don't last. Things always get better.

Other people can help if you talk to them. Get a reality check

Unhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset. Think again

Nobody is perfect- not you, not others

Concentrate on the positives(no matter how small) and use laughter

Everybody experiences sadness, hurt, failure, rejection, and setbacks sometimes, not just you. They are a normal part of life. Try not to personalise them.

Blame fairly. How much of what happened was due to you, to others and to bad luck or circumstances?

Accept what can't be changed(but try to change what you can first.)

Catastrophising exaggerates your worries. Don't believe the worst possible picture.

Keep things in perspective. It's only part of your life.

Our first session in our **Seasons for Growth** began on Wednesday. Our group looked at the 4 Seasons and how they show us about change in our lives



Happy Days,

Jane Clark
Wellbeing Leader

Community News

Condolences

We offer our sincere condolences to Cormac (6JF) and The Ryan Family on the loss of their loved Grandmother and Mother

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

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