



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 27th July 2020
Term 3 Week 3

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2020 Key Dates

Term 3
July 13 – Sept 18

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

Term 3 Week 6

Term 3 Week 7

Wednesday 26th August
3 Way Conversations

Friday 28th August
Casual Dress Day

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear Parents and Families,

Congratulations to our **Year 6 children** and teachers who led a wonderful **Virtual Assembly** last Friday. Our class awards identified children who had a positive outlook on life and their learning. Awards last week were aligned to our school value of **RESPECT**. Congratulations to ALL our award winners this week!

Please visit this link to watch the Year 6 Assembly:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RI9I1P_VQY4&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3gUmTD6j9zsheE1CpNm4_PyoYWNQHJs_kSWJW07rWpKqBv-Ox7wqblaYg

Catherine McAuley lived in Dublin during the time of the cholera epidemic.

Catherine McAuley, the founder of the Sisters of Mercy, lived in Dublin during the time of the cholera epidemic. Despite the threat of death Catherine and the **Sisters of Mercy** worked with the sick in hospital bringing them comfort.

The Sisters of Mercy have long been at the greatest point of community need. There is comfort in knowing that our Mercy Heritage was forged in times like this. It is that same commitment that drove the Sisters to come to Australia and it is because of them we are here today. I would like to share with you a description of that time.

“She (Catherine) wrote to Archbishop Murray seeking permission to offer the services of the Sisters of Mercy wherever they were needed....

Daniel Murray endorsed the Baggot Street community’s willingness to assist in the epidemic, though there were only 10 of them and they were already running a shelter for dozens of homeless women.” (p116) The Sisters worked tirelessly to support the caring of those suffering at the time. “To those she (Catherine) knew or suspected were Christian, as well as to others who said they were not, she offered hope and confidence in the mercy of a God who looked on them with compassion. The extremity of the situation called for the most thorough consolation she knew how to give: trust in the present and future love of the God in whom she believed” (p118). Although they worked with patients who suffered Cholera, none of the sisters got sick.

(Sullivan, Mary, The Path of Mercy The Life of Catherine McAuley, 2012, The Catholic University of America Press)

New Director of Catholic Education Ballarat

Please find attached correspondence from Bishop Paul related to the appointment of **Mr. Tom Sexton** as the new Director of Catholic Education Ballarat and Chief Executive Officer for DOBCEL.

I also take this opportunity to congratulate and welcome Tom as our new Director of Education and look forward to welcoming him to St. Francis Xavier!

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School Assembly Program
POSTPONED

Term 3 Week 8

Tuesday 2nd September
P & F Meeting
3 Way Conversations

Wednesday 2nd September

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
3 Way Conversations

Wednesday 9th September
3 Way Conversations

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
CANCELLED

Tuesday 15th September
3 Way Conversations

Wednesday 16th September
3 Way Conversations

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

Ballarat Show Day Holiday moved to Melbourne Cup Day

Ballarat City Council has selected Melbourne Cup Day as its public holiday for 2020.

It follows a decision by the Ballarat Agricultural and Pastoral Society to cancel the 2020 Ballarat Show, with the municipal public holiday usually held on Ballarat Show Day.

This year Show Day would have been 13th November but instead Council has opted to have Melbourne Cup Day on Tuesday 3rd November as its public holiday. Please find below the adjustments.

** denotes changed dates.

Old Calendar

4	Monday 5th October	Staff Professional Development Day
5	**Monday 9th November	Staff Professional Development Day
	**Friday 13th November	Ballarat Show Day - Public Holiday
6	Thursday 17th December	Staff Professional Development Day
	Friday 18th December	Last Day for Staff - Staff Professional Development

****New Calendar**

4	Monday 5th October	Staff Professional Development Day
5	**Monday 2nd November	Staff Professional Development Day
	**Tuesday 3rd November	Melbourne Cup Day - Public Holiday
6	Thursday 17th December	Staff Professional Development Day
	Friday 18th December	Last Day for Staff - Staff Professional Development

Pupil Free Day

Please note that school is closed:

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

3 Way Conversations - (Weeks 7 to 10)

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.

Bookings for these meetings are open from 9:00am on Tuesday 28th July 2020.

Tuesday 6th October

First Day of Term 2
Swimming Program Year 1,
3 & 5 continues
CANCELLED
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**

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 3rd November

Melbourne Cup Day Public
Holiday

Term 4 Week 6**Tuesday 10th November**

Bravehearts Incursion
School Board Meeting

Term 4 Week 7**Term 4 Week 8****Thursday 26th November**

Foundation Information
Night 2021

Friday 27th November

Casual Dress Day

Dates:

	Tuesday	Wednesday
Week 7		26th August
Week 8		2nd September
Week 9	8th September	9th September
Week 10	15th September	16th September

The web address for booking is <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> (Instruction Sheet Attached) and the new logon code is: **388av**

Please do not hesitate to contact the office on 5331 6311 should you have any queries or concerns.

3 Way Conversations are a formal opportunity for parent/teacher communication but certainly these meetings are not the only times when there can be effective communication about your child's learning. Teachers are always happy to make themselves available to discuss your child's progress.

School Winter Uniform Expectations

With the return to school for Term 3, I'd like to remind everyone of our uniform expectations. Students are expected to be in full school uniform at all times, this includes black shoes except when it is their class' PE day. The uniform expectations are available on the school website if in doubt. With the winter months usually requiring students to wear a jacket these school coats are to be worn over the school jumper not instead of. Teachers have been requested to issue 'uniform notes' to parents as a reminder.

<http://www.sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/uniform/>

Update of Ramp to improve Disability Access

St. Francis Xavier has a small building project to update the ramp outside the art room to improve disability access and seeks quotes from St. Francis Xavier Families. If you are a builder interested in undertaking the project could you please contact Gabrielle McKinnis (gmckinnis@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au), Business Manager to request information supplied by our architect and engineer.

We request that interested parties submit a quote by Friday 14th August 2020 to undertake the project. We look forward to hearing from you!

St. Francis Xavier Primary School - Covid-19 Update

As the COVID-19 crisis in Victoria continues, St. Francis Xavier Primary School understands there is heightened anxiety in our community.

This letter is to provide an update on actions that the school is taking in response to the latest COVID-19 restrictions based on the advice from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Catholic Education Office Ballarat (CEOB). Whilst many restrictions remain unchanged, there is a need to provide further information, including procedures to be followed when a child or staff member has been in close contact with a symptomatic person or a person who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Students should not attend school if they are symptomatic (ill). This may include a cough, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath, fever, or loss of sense of taste or smell. Those children should immediately get tested for COVID-19 and not return to school until a negative result is known. Follow the links below for information from the DHHS website regarding testing and testing locations:

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/getting-tested-coronavirus-covid-19>

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Term 4 Week 9

Tuesday 1st December

Orientation Day
Year 6 Transition Day
P & F Meeting

There have been a number of enquiries from families seeking advice on whether their child should be tested, based on varying degrees of contact with another person who has been/is being tested.

Thursday 3rd December

Feast of St. Francis Xavier

The current DHHS recommendation for Ballarat is that only people with symptoms, or people who have had direct/close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 service should be tested.

Friday 4th December

EE – World Soil Day
Year 6 Graduation Practice

While a test result is pending children should remain at home in isolation until they are confirmed negative. **'Direct/close contact'** means having face-to-face contact for more than 15 minutes with someone who has a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) – or alternatively sharing a closed space with them for more than two hours. The following link to the DHHS website contains more information regarding contacts.

Term 4 Week 10

Tuesday 8th December

Foundation Nativity
School Board Meeting

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorian-public-coronavirus-disease-covid-19#how-do-you-define-closecontact>

Thursday 10th December

Year 6 Graduation Mass

In the case of a St. Francis Xavier student or staff member testing positive after having attended school, closure of the School will be enacted. A clear process will be communicated to parents and carers, including options for your child to travel home, or remain at school under strict supervision until the end of the school day. The School will take advice from the DHHS and the CEOB and begin contact tracing immediately.

Friday 11th December

Staff v Student Netball
Match

Term 4 Week 11

Wednesday 16th December

Last Day of Term 4

As well, the School will undergo a complete decontamination clean. Classes will be taught remotely via the same platforms on which the first period of remote learning was delivered.

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

Children and staff travelling to school from a restricted zone within metropolitan Melbourne, are required to have their temperature checked daily. This is a very quick process using a non-contact infrared thermometer and will be conducted indoors.

The Victorian State Government has mandated the wearing of masks for all of Melbourne and Mitchell Shire but this is not mandated for Ballarat. **However, the St. Francis Xavier supports the wearing of a mask by students and staff should they wish to,** particularly given the recent trends of increased spread of the virus across the state. Whilst not compulsory, this action will help keep our teachers, children and families safe from community transmission.

Please have a conversation with your child about this and consider providing them with a face mask for use in class and on public transport where social distancing cannot be practised.

As you are aware, the school has had to cancel or postpone many assemblies, events and gatherings. We are working with our staff and students to provide some opportunities for alternative activities within our own school community. These arrangements will continue to be communicated through the school newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

How was school today?

It is not uncommon for parents to ask “How was school today?”, and get little response from their child. If that’s the case at your house try some of the following questions at the end of the school day.

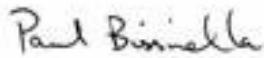
Different ways to ask your child, “How was School today?”

- What was the best thing that happened at school today?
- If you could choose who would you like to sit next to in class?
- Where is the coolest place at the school?
- Tell me something that made you laugh today.
- If I called your teacher tonight what would she tell me about you?
- How did you help somebody today? Did anyone help you?
- Tell me one thing that you learned today and I’ll tell you something I learnt at work.
- Do you have any wonderings about today?
- Who would you give student of the day to today? Why?
- Tell me something good that happened today.
- What is the most interesting thing your teacher said today?
- What do you think you should do/learn more of at school?
- What do you think you should do/learn less of at school?
- Who is the funniest person in your class? Why is he/she so funny?
- If you got to be the teacher tomorrow what would you do?

We hope that these little tips help begin a conversation that is both positive and informative!

Have a great week!

Yours sincerely,



Paul Bissinella
Principal

Catherine McAuley

Thus we go on...flourishing in the very midst of the Cross, more than a common share of which has latterly fallen to my lot, thanks be to God. I humbly trust it is the cross of Christ. I endeavor to make it in some way like his by silence.

Letter to Frances Warde May 15, 1838



Got A Specific Parenting Problem?

Whether you're dealing with the big, small or one-off problems of raising kids and teenagers —Triple P can help!

- Temper tantrums?
- A child who won't go to bed and stay there?
- Kids who don't listen or a defiant child?
- Disrespectful or rude behaviour?
- A teenager who struggles to make friends?

The Triple P- Positive Parenting Program online program has been funded by the Victorian Government and is now available free of charge to all Victorian families.

The program provides access to expert parenting advice during these challenging times. Parents have access to modules and tipsheets regarding difficult parenting situations and day-to-day challenges.

Triple P is a parenting program, but it doesn't tell you how to be a parent. It's more like a toolbox of ideas -you choose the strategies you need and how to use them to make your family life even more enjoyable.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PPP](#)

Happy Days,

Jane Clark
Wellbeing Leader

Community News

Term 3 Week 2 Assembly Awards		
Value: Respect		
Hosted by: Year 6		
Year level	Name	Reason
FEH	Xavier Morris	For demonstrating 'Respect' during his break times. Xavier is always responsive to the needs of his peers and ensures play environments are fair and inclusive. He can often be observed inviting another child to join in with him.
	Olive Lenaghan	For consistently demonstrating our school value of 'Respect' in all she does! Olive is respectful in her interactions with peers and teachers and is recognised as a positive role in the way about which she shows respect to her learning environment.
FND	Levi Crowe	For being a kind and caring friend, who is always ensuring that his peers have someone to play with and checking in on peers when they are feeling unwell or upset. Levi is very respectful

		when acknowledging the efforts of his peers.
	Amaeley Walker	For always being kind to others and sharing her smile with those around her. Amaeley consistently uses her manners and is respectful in her interactions with peers and teachers.
FMH	Lily Davison	Is always respectful and gentle in the way she cares for other people when they may be feeling sad, lonely or just look like they need a friend.
	Sibella Moore	Shows respect to Foundation MH by ensuring class belongings are put away in their right place, keeping our classroom ready for learning at all times.
FSM	Winnie Harrison	For demonstrating 'Respect' in the classroom. Winnie is always on the look out for ways to keep the FSM classroom tidy and is prepared to help her classmates organise themselves to keep the classroom tidy.
	Macklin Smith	For gently reminding his classmates that everyone can play with everyone at St Francis Xavier. Mack is often seen inviting Foundation to play games with him during break times, be they from FSM or other classes.
1GJ	Johann Iles	For settling into his new routines here at St Francis Xavier and being respectful in making new friends.
	Lyla Harney	For being a kind and gentle friend and always respecting other teachers when waiting for students to come out and play from their classrooms.
1MM	Isla Calder	For showing respect to her teacher and classmates by being an attentive listener during learning time.
	Maeve Waldron	For looking after her property with care and making sure that our classroom equipment is packed away carefully and in the correct spot.
1RC	Max Beseler	For consistently displaying respect when interacting with his peers in the yard and classroom. Max is a welcoming and considerate friend to all.
	Amelia Sordello	For demonstrating respect in all that she does at SFX. Amelia is a positive model for the value of Respect in all learning and play environments.
2GH	Flynn Boyd	For displaying respect in the classroom by listening to instructions carefully.
	Elliana Tocchet	For being respectful and helpful to all her classmates.
2AH	Lilly Rice	For showing respect to teachers and her peers at all times
	Tobias Iles	For being new to our school this term and demonstrating, through his actions, how best to show respect to all
2BW	Jack Elliot	For being respectful to adults and his peers.

	Harper Lourey	For being respectful to adults and her peers.
3SB	Kardia Sarra	For being respectful in the way you talk to teachers and other children.
	Felicity McGrath	For being respectful in the way you talk to teachers and other children.
3BGs	Isa Jones	For always being respectful of the classroom, her belongings and others.
	Sebastian Green	For always being respectful of the classroom, his belongings and others.
3CP	Jack Fraser	For being a respectful class member. Jack demonstrates a friendly, caring and respectful attitude towards those around him.
	Evie Pengelly	For being a respectful class member. Evie always treats others in a respectful and inclusive manner.
4TW	Allira Steenhuis	For always displaying a genuine interest in the lives of her teachers and peers
	Elijah Dunstan	For his consistent use of manners in the classroom
4PB	Lucy Cochrane	Caring for others by always lending a helping hand. Constantly displaying respect.
	Eva Cummins	Caring for others in and out of our class. Consistently displaying respect.
4BL	Maggie Locke	For her polite and respective manner towards others, their property and their ideas.
	Ben Buckland	For always treating others with kindness and respecting the opinion and feelings of others.
5LL	Charlee Walker	Always keeping our classroom organised and respecting school property
	Nate Anwyl	Showing respect for other students across the school
5JC	Angus Siemensma	For being polite, courteous and respectful in his interactions with others
	Emme Geljon	For respecting school property and her classmates
6CC	Tess Geljon	For always treating other people in the classroom in a respectful way.
	Archie Staley	For always being respectful when talking to others and using his manners.

6JF	Annika Emonson	For demonstrating respect by keeping the classroom organised and tidy at all times.
	Ned Cummins	For showing respect to his teacher and classmates by being an attentive listener and a helpful peer during learning time.
Japanese	Aya Van Schie 6C	For Japanese language
	Henry Warr 2GH Charlotte Chibnall 2SB	For excellence in Japanese writing presentation
EE	Sophie Kennedy 6CC	For the RESPECT she continually demonstrates to people and the planet, especially as a leader of our school modelling picking up litter and sporting equipment.
	Xavier Uljanic 2AH	For the great respect he showed towards his classmates and his own learning this week in EE. FANTASTIC work Xavier!
Art	Kaitlyn McDonald 4PB	For an awesome first Visual Arts class! Showing great respect and following our routines so well.
	Eli Prebble 4PB	For always being one of the first people to stop and listen during our Art classes.
Music	Cormac Ryan 6JF	For being an amazing classmate and comforting a friend when they were upset. For also showing respect towards their friends and tending to their needs.
	Jack Lewis 2AH	For a fantastic first Performing Arts lesson! For having a go, trying new things, and following the Villa Way.

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

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