



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 22nd March 2021
Term 1 Week 9

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2021

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Key Dates

Dear Parents and Families,

Term 1

Jan 28 – April 1

We look forward to a successful Senior School Athletics Sports Day today!

Term 1 Week 9

St. Francis Xavier Senior School Athletics take place today Monday 22nd March at Llanberris Reserve. Information was sent home via **Operoo** last week with details about the day and asking for parent helpers to assist on the day.

Monday 22nd March

SFX Middle-Senior School
Athletics Day (Year 3 - 6)
Llanberris Athletics Reserve

It is hard to believe that there less than 2 weeks left until the Easter holidays. This year, the children came back to school after the summer holidays full of energy and enthusiasm. I commend them all for the way they have worked. The classrooms are places of exciting happenings and I praise the children for the wonderful learning that they have all been part of. Your teachers have quickly adjusted to new classes and new students, have completed their preliminary testing and analysing and certainly begun the work of ensuring that the children under their care are gaining the knowledge and experiences they need.

Wednesday 24th March

#5 Open Morning And
School Alive Tour

Thursday 25th March

SFX 2021 Parent Forum
Reconciliation for Year 4
students - St Alipius Church

Our Foundation children are an awesome group of individuals. Although only 8 weeks have passed, these little ones are settled, organized and very clear about their place in the school, extremely caring of each other and very settled in the St. Francis Xavier school environment.

Friday 26th March

Casual Dress Day
Year 3 BGS Assembly

Mix n Mingle 2021

Thank you to all those that attended another great Mix n Mingle night. It was wonderful see so many SFX parents and staff in attendance!

Sunday 28th March

SFX School Working Bee

Thank you to our wonderful P & F Committee for organising a great night! Thank you to all our sponsors!

Term 1 Week 10

Thursday 1st April

Holy Thursday
Last Day of Term 1

Congratulations to our Major Prize winner and all our other raffle winners!
Congratulations to Lucinda Miles & family for winning our 2021 Tuition Raffle.

Friday 2nd April

Good Friday



Sunday 4th April

Easter Sunday



Term 2

April 19 – June 25

Term 2 Week 1

Monday 19th April

Student Free Day – Staff
Professional Development

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

<https://www.facebook.com/sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au>

Tuesday 20th April

First Day for Students

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

Friday 23rd April
Whole School Mass

Term 2 Week 2

Tuesday 27th April
Student Led Conferences -
Day 1

Confirmation - Parent
Information Session

Wednesday 28th April
#6 Open Morning And
School Alive Tour
Student Led Conferences -
Day 2

Confirmation - Parent
Information Session

Thursday 29th April
Confirmation - Parent
Information Session

Friday 30th April
Year 2 BW Assembly
Casual Dress Day

Term 2 Week 3

Tuesday 4th May
Bravehearts Incursion

Wednesday 5th May
Student Led Conferences -
Day 3

Friday 7th May
Mother's Day Liturgy

Term 2 Week 4

Tuesday 11th May
NAPLAN Testing - Year 3 & 5

Wednesday 12th May
NAPLAN Testing - Year 3 & 5

Thursday 13th May
NAPLAN Testing - Year 3 & 5

Friday 14th May
Year 1 RC Assembly

Term 2 Week 5

Monday 17th May
Student Free Day

Friday 21st May
Foundation EH Assembly

Term 2 Week 6

St. Francis Xavier Primary School Working Bee

The first of this year's Working Bees takes place this Sunday. Working Bees 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 28 th March 2021	Families with Surname beginning:	A - C
Term 2	Sunday 20 th June 2021	Families with Surname beginning:	D - H
Term 3	Sunday 12 th September 2021	Families with Surname beginning:	I - P
Term 4	Sunday 5 th December 2021	Families with Surname beginning:	Q - Z

REMINDER 1: Student Absences

If you know your child/children will be absent from school due to holiday, sickness etc., we ask that you kindly let our office staff know as soon as possible. You can send a notice through the Skoolbag App, email the office on office@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au or telephone the school.

REMINDER 2: Crossing Supervisor of the Year Awards - Don't Forget to Vote!

Click the link below to nominate our **Dennis McGuire!**

I'm sure if he received enough nominations he would not go unrecognised. He is a fantastic asset to our school! <https://www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au/>

REMINDER 3: Class Assemblies

We look forward to our next Class Assembly this Friday with **Year 3 GS** presenting a collection of their recent work and events!

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/>

Monday 24th May

Catholic Education Week
begins

Friday 28th May

Foundation TW Assembly
Casual Dress Day

Term 2 Week 7

Thursday 3rd June

Year 3 Camp – Sunnystones

Friday 4th June

Year 6 JF Assembly
Year 3 Camp – Sunnystones

Term 2 Week 8

Friday 11th June

Year 5 LL Assembly

Term 2 Week 9

Monday 14th June

Queen's Birthday – Public
Holiday

Tuesday 15th June

Year 2 Camp - Log Cabin
Camp Creswick

Wednesday 16th June

Year 2 Camp - Log Cabin
Camp Creswick

Friday 18th June

Year 4 BL Assembly

Term 2 Week 10

Friday 25th June

Last Day of Term 2
Year 3 CP Assembly
Casual Dress Day

Term 3

July 12– Sept 17

Term 3 Week 1

Term 3 Week 2

Term 3 Week 3

Term 3 Week 4

Term 3 Week 5

Term 3 Week 6

Term 3 Week 7

Term 3 Week 8

Term 3 Week 9

Term 3 Week 10

Student - Led Conferences at SFX

Your child(ren) will be showcasing their schoolwork and discussing learning goals with you through Student-Led Conferences. During Student – Led Conferences, your children will lead the discussion with you about their school work, while teachers will help direct conversation and answer questions you may have.

These conferences are scheduled for Week 2 & 3 next term, on the following dates:

1. **Tuesday 27th April 2021**
2. **Wednesday 28th April 2021**
3. **Wednesday 5th May 2021**

These meetings will last for 20 minutes and we encourage all families to attend. Children must attend these meetings!

We have several goals for holding conferences using this format:

- **For parents** – we hope that you will get to see rather than simply being told about your child's progress.
- **For students** – we hope students will take more responsibility for their learning.
- **For teachers** – we want teachers to have more meaningful and impactful conferences with you.
- **For all** – we want to maximize our time together, create ways to partner with one another to support student success.

Student Led Conferences can be booked online using PAM

Please note: that **PAM** will be used for booking Student Led Conferences with instruction included below.

PAM will open on Wednesday 24th March at 9:00am for you to log in a conference time. You can logon yourself and choose your preferred time or alternatively contact the office and we can do this for you. The allocated time is 20 mins per conference.

Student - Led Conferences on PAM - Booking Instructions for Parents

1. Log into PAM using your Username and Password

PAM can be accessed via the schools homepage:<http://www.sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au/news-events/parent-access-module/> or by going directly to the PAM site <https://pam.sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au/Login/Default.aspx>

2. Click on Parent Teacher Interviews
 3. Select student
 4. Select Core Group
 5. Select Teacher (If your child's class has 2 teachers, only one teacher has the times available.)
 6. Select your time
 7. Click Book Interview
- The interview times will be displayed underneath your booking window. If you need to alter your child's interview time please click on the blue pen box and alter your time.
 - If the interview time you have made does not suit and you wish to delete the time, please click on the red cross box
 - There is an option to print your interview booking times by clicking the blue printer icon.

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

WHY STUDENT LED CONFERENCES?

- Students develop **ownership** of their learning
- Students build **independence**
- Students take **pride** in their success
- Students identify areas for **improvement**
- Students **share** knowledge and skills learned

SFX 2021 Parent Forum – Thursday 25th March 2021

As a result of our 2016 School Review, St. Francis Xavier staff have made a commitment to enhance relationships and partnerships with the St. Francis Xavier Community.

Term 4
Oct 4 – Dec 16

[Term 4 Week 1](#)
[Term 4 Week 2](#)
[Term 4 Week 3](#)
[Term 4 Week 4](#)
[Term 4 Week 5](#)
[Term 4 Week 6](#)
[Term 4 Week 7](#)
[Term 4 Week 8](#)
[Term 4 Week 9](#)
[Term 4 Week 10](#)
[Term 4 Week 11](#)

We have listed the following goals as strategic actions over the next four years:

1. Provide opportunities for parent voice in the school in order to build a sense of dual-partnership
2. Seek feedback from parents regarding school programs and practices
3. Encourage parent access and involvement in classroom program



To honour this process we continue to hold a number of Parent Forums where you can offer your feedback and questions. The Parent Forum will be a chance for you to meet in a group with the Principal to discuss your ideas and questions.

The main aim of the Parent Forum is:

- To support and promote children's learning
- To help the school find out what parents and carers think about important issues
- To involve parents and carers actively in school decisions
- To make plans that support the ways the school wants to develop and improve outcomes for our children

All other Calendar Dates for 2021 have been updated and can be accessed live on the Skoolbag App or by visiting the School Website.

We invite you to attend the first 2021 Parent Forum opportunity :

Parent Forum Meeting 1

Time: 9.30am – 10.30 am

Date: Thursday 25th March 2021

Where: St. Francis Xavier Primary School

We also invite all families to provide feedback through an online **Google Form**

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

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.

SFX Easter Egg Raffle 2021

Our very popular Easter Egg raffle is back again in 2021 but this year it is moving on line. Tickets are now available for purchase through the link below.

Hop to it!

<https://www.rafflelink.com.au/sfxpseas-ter2021>

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 started last Friday! Place your order now via Flexischools.

All orders must be placed by 10am Thursdays mornings.



Occupational Therapist - Brittany Curtain



Please see below the **Second Edition of The OT Times**

Brittany Curtain
Occupational Therapist

 The cover of "THE OT TIMES EDITION 2" is displayed. The title "THE OT TIMES" is in large, bold, black letters, with "EDITION 2" in smaller text below it. A subtitle reads "What's fun to cook, horrible to eat, and terrific to play with? PLAY DOUGH!". Below the subtitle is a row of six colorful balls of play dough (red, yellow, blue, green, pink, purple). The cover is divided into sections:

- Play Dough Recipe**: Lists ingredients (1/2 cup salt, 1 cup plain flour, 2 tbs cream of tartar, 1 cup water, 1 tbs oil, 1 tbs glycerine (optional), Food colouring (optional), Scented oil (optional)) and the method (Mix all ingredients together in a medium-sized saucepan. Stir over heat until dough is pliable. Allow to cool, and store in a well-sealed plastic bag or container. *Sensory fun such as glitter can also be added).
- Play Dough Play**:
 - Making play dough can help kids;**
 - with their maths and measuring skills
 - learn kitchen safety
 - develop their upper limb strength (the dough gets tricky to stir)
 - follow instructions and sequencing of tasks
 - encourages creativity
 - Playing with play dough;**
 - allows kids to practice their fine motor skills
 - stimulates their tactile (touch) senses
 - encourages creativity
 - can be a calming activity
 - promotes hand-eye coordination
 - Play dough activity ideas;**
 - Roll play dough snakes and make the letters of the alphabet
 - use toothpicks to add quills on the echidna, add and take some away to practice maths
 - use scissors to cut the play dough to practice scissor skills
 - play play dough Pictionary and have others guess what you've made
- Next week in The OT Times, should I buy my child a weighted blanket?**

School Closure Days

Please note that in Term 2 we have set aside two days as a School Closure Days for Staff Professional Development.

- **Monday 19th April** School will be closed as a Staff Professional Development Day
- **Monday 17th May** School will be closed as a Staff Professional Development Day

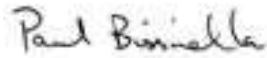
End of Term

Next Thursday 1st April marks the end of our first term. School resumes for Term 2 on Tuesday 20th April at 8.55am. **Please note that the School Term ends next Friday at 2:20pm.**

Buses will run as normal but an hour earlier e.g. 2:20pm

Have a great week!

Yours sincerely,



Paul Bissinella
Principal

Catherine McAuley

The simplest and most practical lesson I know...is to resolve to be good today, but better tomorrow. Let us take one day only in hands, at a time, merely making a resolve for tomorrow, thus we may hope to get on taking short, careful steps, not great strides.

Letter to de Sales White February 28, 1841

Religious Education News



Reconciliation - Further Clarification

Please contact the parish office for enquiries regarding the celebration of the sacrament. I can help you with enquiries about the Parent/Carer & Child workshop.

The contact phone number for St Alipius parish office on 53326611.

FIRST RECONCILIATION EVENTS AND DATES FOR YEAR 4 AND ABOVE	
PARENT & CHILD WORKSHOP	CHOOSE ONE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday 9th March , 6.30pm at St Alipius Primary• Wednesday 10th March, 6.30pm at Emmaus CPS• Thursday 11th March, 6.30pm at St Francis Xavier
CELEBRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thursday 25th March at St Alipius Church (hosted by SFX)• Monday 22nd March at St Alipius Church (hosted by Emmaus)• Tuesday 23rd March at St Alipius Church (hosted by St Alipius PS) <p>Everyone attending a Reconciliation celebration must book online, not just the child. Click here for Instructions: How to Book Online</p>

Please note: Children need to have received the sacrament of Reconciliation to be eligible to receive First Eucharist. If you do not live in the parish of St Alipius, please contact your own parish about the sacraments for your child. Due to the Covid restrictions of 2020, St Alipius parish has more than 500 sacraments to administer this year and any help in reducing these numbers would be greatly appreciated.

St Alipius Parish, Ballarat East & Buninyong
Sacramental Programs 2021

As parents/ guardians we invite you to enrol your BAPTISED CATHOLIC child into the family based, Parish coordinated and Parish schools supported Sacramental Program for 2021.

CONFIRMATION RECONCILIATION EUCHARIST

Due to the unusual circumstances of 2020 and the inability to prepare for and celebrate Sacraments with the children in our Parish, a new program has been created for 2021.

Term One	Term Two	Term Three	Term Four
Reconciliation	Confirmation	Eucharist	Eucharist
Baptised Catholics in Year 4 or older	Children who are baptised Catholic in Year 3 and 4 or older	Those who have been CONFIRMED and have celebrated RECONCILIATION in Year 5	Children who have been CONFIRMED and have celebrated RECONCILIATION earlier this year in Year 4.
<u>Parent Information Sessions</u> St Alipius Hall 7.00pm TUESDAY 2 nd March, or WEDNESDAY 3 rd March	<u>Parent Information Sessions</u> St Alipius Hall 7.00pm TUESDAY 27 th April, or WEDNESDAY 28 th April	<u>Parent Information Sessions</u> St Alipius Hall 7.00pm TUESDAY 27 th July, or WEDNESDAY 28 th July	<u>Parent Information Sessions</u> St Alipius Hall 7.00pm TUESDAY 12 th October, or WEDNESDAY 13 th October
<u>CELEBRATION DATES</u>	<u>CELEBRATION DATES</u>	<u>CELEBRATION DATES</u>	<u>CELEBRATION DATES</u>
22 nd March Emmaus CPS 23 rd March St Alipius Primary 25 th March St Francis Xavier All liturgies begin at 6.30pm in St Alipius Church	Confirmation will be celebrated during the first 2 weeks of May on week nights. Details to be confirmed.	28/29 August 4/5 and 11/12 September Eucharist will be celebrated during the 6.00pm, 9.00am and 10.30am mass.	Weekends of 6/7, 13/14 and 20/21 November 2021 Eucharist will be celebrated during the 6.00pm, 9.00am and 10.30am mass.

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. If you wish to convert to Catholicism from another Christian faith, also call the parish office.

Bernadette Luckman
Religious Education Leader

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL - Sunday 21st March 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

Gospel

Jn 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.'

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

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.'

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth,

I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Gospel Reflection

This week's first reading from Jeremiah is a very powerful image and a foreshadowing of the message and ministry of Jesus. In the Jeremiah reading, the Lord announces that (yet again) a new covenant will be made between the people and their God. This time, however, the covenant will not be a collection of rules written in stone as was the case with the covenant of the Ten Commandments after the people had been led out of slavery in Egypt. The people have demonstrated that they are not able to uphold that covenant. This time, God declares that the covenant will be 'planted deep within them' and 'written on their hearts'. This is a wonderful image: I will write my covenant on your heart! It is the message that Jesus tried to convey over and over again – the Law of God is not to be found in a multitude of rules and regulations but it is a Law of the heart, calling for compassion and love.

This message is no better demonstrated than in this week's gospel passage. Jesus declares that, 'unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.' He is speaking of course about his own life, but he is speaking also to those around him and those of us who read the words today. Unless we are prepared to let go of our ego, our status, our 'reputation', for the sake of others and respond to them from the heart then we can never experience the breadth and depth of what it means to belong to a community. When we are prepared to let go of our hang-ups and reservations to make a difference in the lives of others then the 'harvest' that will be gathered from those actions will be great indeed!

Gospel Focus – Love of life

Jesus says, 'Anyone who loves (their) life loses it; anyone who hates (their) life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.' This can seem pretty tough! It challenges us about how much we cling to the 'things' of this life. Are we concerned about the labels on our clothes; the number of our friends; how much money we have; the sort of house we live in? If this is the 'life' that we place meaning on, then we will surely lose it. However, if we put aside the world's focus on material things and focus our attention on others then we are assured of eternal life.

Have you thought? Why Greeks?

The gospel reading begins with some Greeks wanting to meet Jesus. Why is it significant that they were Greeks? The Jews were very clear about the distinction between Jews and non-Jews (Gentiles). Regardless of their intentions and goodwill, a Gentile was simply not a Jew. Greeks, who worshipped an entire pantheon of gods, were regarded as almost as far from Jewish belief in one God as was possible. Yet Jesus made clear that his message was for everyone: Jew and Gentile alike. His death and resurrection would bring a 'rich harvest' of belief among Gentiles as well as Jews.

Scriptural context – The Final Days

Today's reading reminds us that we are closing in on the events of the Passion that we will remember more closely over the next couple of weeks. Although the Gospel of John appears to have Jesus in and around Jerusalem quite often, the events described in this week's reading take place in the preparation for Passover, immediately before the final days leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection. It is a fitting culmination to the Sunday gospels of Lent. It prepares us for the account of the Passion that will be the gospel next week.

A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:

Q. How is the image of the grain of wheat relevant to Jesus' life and mission?

Q. How do you think the disciples might have responded to what Jesus said in this gospel passage?

- Q. What are some of the 'trappings' or 'things' of this world that people find difficult to let go of?
Q. Do you know anyone who has put other people's needs before their own comfort and status?

Greg Sunter has worked in Catholic Education (Brisbane) for many years, most recently as a member of the Religious Education team and Mission and Formation team. He has extensive experience of praying with young people and forming others to lead prayer with young people. He is the author of books on adolescent faith, is a regular speaker at youth and evangelisation conferences, and is a retreat and reflection facilitator and presenter. His areas of interest include religious education, theology, scripture, spirituality, Catholic ethos, prayer, and ministry with young people.

Curriculum News



Library News

The library will now be open for children to return and borrow books weekly from 8:30am – 8:45am Monday through to Thursday. Mrs Clark will be in the library during this time to return books and assist children with borrowing books.

Please encourage your child to visit the library before school to return and borrow books.



NAPLAN ONLINE- Tuesday 11th May – Friday 14th May, 2021

In May every year, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). NAPLAN was first introduced in 2008 and has become a routine part of the school calendar in Australia.

NAPLAN is how the government; education authorities and schools determine whether young Australians are reaching important educational goals.

In 2019, our school made the successful transition to NAPLAN Online. Moving to NAPLAN online brought many new opportunities for our children and teachers that were limited or not possible with paper-based tests. This year again, we will administer the NAPLAN tests through the Online National Assessment Platform. Children will complete the tests via a secure locked down browser on a suitable device. **The year three Writing test is the only test that will continue as a pen and paper assessment this year.**

Some of the main benefits of students taking part in NAPLAN Online include:

- **Better assessment – and more precise results.** NAPLAN Online uses a tailored test or adaptive design, where the test automatically adapts to individual student performance and asks questions that match the student achievement level, allowing the student to demonstrate their knowledge. This provides teachers and schools with more targeted and detailed information on students' performance on the tests. Tailored testing also provides an opportunity to broaden the scope of the assessments.
- **Faster turnaround of results.** Delivery of assessments online significantly reduces the time it takes to provide feedback to schools, students and parents, so teachers can respond more quickly to learning needs.

As technology develops, ACARA aims to further refine the delivery of the tests to best use the available technology to provide increasingly sophisticated assessments and valuable feedback to teachers, parents and education authorities.

National Coordinated Practice Test (CPT)- Thursday 25th March, 2021

This Thursday Year 3 and 5 students will complete the National Coordinated Practice Test (CPT). The CPT is a 45-minute test that aims to provide Year 3 and 5 students and staff with an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the different components of NAPLAN online and to replicate the same simultaneous maximum number of test sessions that will be undertaken during NAPLAN Online. The CPT will not provide us with student results.

Book Fair

We are very excited to announce that the Book Fair is taking place this year! The Book Fair provides 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 and affordable books for the children to discover. Prior to the Book Fair, classes will be given the opportunity to view the selected books and write a wish list.



Book Fair Details

Who: The Book Fair will again be organised by our wonderful P&F Committee

Where: School Gymnasium

When: To minimise congestion in the Gymnasium, the Book Fair opening hours will coincide with Student Led Conferences (dates and times below):

- **Tuesday 27th April, 2021** - 3:45pm – 7:45pm
- **Wednesday 28th April, 2021**- 3:45pm – 7:45pm
- **Wednesday 5th May, 2021**- 3:45pm – 7:45pm

We ask that families visit the Book Fair while onsite prior to or after their child's Student Led Conference. The option to order online will also be available.

Colouring in Competition

We are very excited to announce that a colouring in competition linked to the Book Fair space theme will take place! The colouring in sheets (attached to this week's newsletter) are available for all children who would like to participate. The coloured in pictures will then be used to decorate the Gymnasium in preparation for the Book Fair. Prizes in the form of Book Fair vouchers will be awarded per level.

Stay tuned for further information regarding the Book Fair!

Have a fantastic week!

Jayne Bosworth

Deputy Principal - Learning Enhancement

Wellbeing News



National Day of Action against violence and bullying

Last week we continued to educate ourselves and our children about Bullying either face to face or online culminating with our wonderful Year 4 PB assembly on Friday.

The attached article is a continuation of this conversation as it is about Parents/ Carers needing to establish digital boundaries and be the pilot (for primary children) and co-pilot (for adolescents) of the digital plane.

We hope the suggestions may be useful.

Happy Days,

Jane Clark

Wellbeing Leader

Carla Cicchini

Digital Technologies Leader



Senior School Athletic Sports @ SFX

This week we conduct our Year 3 - 6 Athletics Day at Llanberris Athletics Reserve. Athletics Day is about participation, enjoyment and demonstrating the sports specific skills relating to athletics that have been taught during P.E. lessons. The added component of Athletics Day is the accumulation of points gained by the students for their House when competing in events. The results and the winning House will be announced at assembly next week.

Regional Swimming competition in Horsham

Well done and congratulations to Ky Geljon and Lenny Driscoll who represented St Francis Xavier at last Friday's Regional Swimming competition in Horsham. Both boys swam extremely well and represented us with excellence.

Primary School Netball competitions

Registrations are now open for Primary School Netball competitions for Year 3/4's and 5/6's on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons. The season begins in May and is held over 8 weeks (no finals). Please contact me if your child would like to be involved.

Calendar Events 2021

Term 1

- Monday 22nd March - Middle-Senior Athletics Day @ Llanberris Athletics Reserve

Term 2

- Friday 23rd April - Catholic Primary Schools Cross Country @ Fed Uni
- Friday 7th May - Catholic Primary Schools Netball (Girls & Mixed)
- Friday 7th May - Catholic Primary Schools Soccer (Boys, Girls & Mixed)
- Friday 21st May - Catholic Primary School Football @ St Pat's College

Have a tremendous week everyone.

Shaun Carroll
Sports Co-ordinator

Uniform Shop Update

NEWSBLAST:

Uniform : Pop up shop will be happening again in the undercover area at 2:45pm to 3:30pm on Friday 26th March. All uniforms for sale \$5 and \$10

NEWS from the Uniform Shop:

- EFTPOS AVAILABLE in the Uniform Shop
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Opening Hours Term 1 2021:

- 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 \$55
- Swim hats available \$10

Price List & Order Form

The price list and order form is downloadable from the schoolbag app. Orders **with full payment** 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.

Uniform Shop Volunteers – we need your help!

All we need is half an hour of your time once or twice a term!!

Please Sign Up to Help in the Uniform Shop by clicking on the following link:

<https://signup.com/go/JvsbATD>

or text Yvonne Arnts on 0426 240 496 if you are able to help, with your preferred day. Thanks.

The shop is open and EFTPOS available in store and for all your online orders. All orders to be picked up at front office



Community News

Condolences

We offer our sincere condolences to Jake (4BL), Billy (2GH), Nellie (1GJ), Craig, Felicity and the Cheeseman Family on the loss of their loved Grandmother, Mother and Wife.

We also offer our sincere condolences to Elijah (5MM), Luella (2BW) Jessica, Terry and the Dunstan Family on the loss of their loved Grandmother, Mother and Wife.

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



TERM 1 PROGRAM

MULTI-SPORTS (90 MINUTES)

Wednesdays after school 3:25 pm - 4:55pm

(3rd of Feb) to (31st of March)

Tennis, Soccer, T-Ball and Basketball.

Preps to Grade 4

\$178.20 for the 9 week program

Enrol online www.kellysports.com.au

Any queries call or text Paul on 0423 335 616

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

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