



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 15th June 2020

Term 2 Week 10

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2020 Key Dates

Term 2

April 15 – June 26

Term 2 Week 10

Wednesday 17th June

First Round Foundation
Placement Offers Sent

Sunday 21st June

Denis McGuire's (Crossing
Supervisor) Birthday

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

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear Parents and Families,

As we emerge from Lockdown and now contemplate how our community may look different after the Term 2 Holidays, I am even more conscious of the connection we have with our children, colleagues, family and community! 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.

There have been some wonderful and creative communications between teachers and children in recent months. This one from our School Captains on behalf of the children is well worth watching!

https://www.facebook.com/273229632859103/videos/4056058187768406/?sw_fnr_id=725122556&fnr_t=0

End of Term Arrangements

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

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.**

SFX P & F Winter Pie Drive

With school holidays fast approaching we think you all deserve a night off cooking!
Our Stewart's Bakery Pie Drive order forms were sent home on Friday. Please complete the form and return to the office by Friday 19th June to receive your order just before the holidays.

And remember all profits raised go straight into improvements for our wonderful school!



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.

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

Term 3 Week 4

Monday 3rd August
Year 2 Camp

Tuesday 4th August
P & F Meeting

Friday 7th August
Foundation 100 Days of
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

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
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

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
P & F Meeting

Friday 9th October
Beginning of Term 4 Mass
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

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.

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



Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information.

More information about the NCCD will follow in upcoming Newsletters.

Pete Mullane

Deputy Principal – Learning Diversity

Catholic Schools – Child Safe Schools

Why focus on child safety?

The care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a central and fundamental responsibility of Catholic education. The CECV is committed to strengthened practice for the protection of children in line with the Victorian Government child safety reforms.

The Victorian Government's 2012–2013 [*Betrayal of Trust*](#) Parliamentary Inquiry found that more must be done to prevent and respond to child abuse in all organisations working with children. The *Betrayal of Trust* report highlighted gaps and inconsistencies in child-safe practices in organisations and recommended immediate steps for the safety of children through the introduction of a comprehensive set of child-safe standards.

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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

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.**

On 26th November 2015, the Victorian Parliament passed the *Child Wellbeing and Safety Amendment (Child Safe Standards) Bill 2015* (Vic.) to introduce the Victorian Child-Safe Standards into law.

Preventing and responding to child abuse requires a whole of community response to bring about broad cultural change. To this end, the Victorian *Child Safe Standards* apply to a broad range of organisations that provide services for children, including schools, churches, sporting clubs and youth services.

For schools, these child-safe standards represent holistic education and organisational preventative measures in ensuring the safety of children and young people.

The Catholic sector's response to the Victorian child-safe reforms reflect our commitment to 'lead the way', not only by meeting our compliance and legislative requirements but through cultural change and strategies that ensure child-safe practices are embedded in everyday practice.

What does this mean for schools?

The Minister for Education, the Hon. James Merlino MP, issued [Ministerial Order No. 870](#) that prescribes specifically what *schools* must do in order to comply with these Child Safe Standards. This Order makes clear the deliberate actions that schools must take to ensure the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young people.

As a first step, principals and school leadership teams need to familiarise themselves with the Ministerial Order, including the specific definitions, to ensure that there is clarity and shared understandings of the school's obligations.

From 1 August 2016, compliance with the Ministerial Order will become a registration requirement for all schools in Victoria.

The Minister has delegated responsibility to the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) for monitoring and enforcing compliance of these new standards within the education sector.

School leaders have a responsibility to review and implement the necessary policies, procedures and strategies to ensure their legal and regulatory compliance.

These changes require detailed planning and allocation of appropriate resources by school leaders to ensure compliance and to meet their obligation to drive cultural change so that protecting children from abuse is embedded in the everyday practice of school leaders, teaching and non-teaching staff and volunteers.

Mr. Peter Mullane is appointed our Child Protection Officer at St. Francis Xavier Primary School. He works with Paul Bissinella to ensure that our school meets the requirements of the Ministerial Order and the seven standards. The School Board oversees the production of relevant school policies and documents.

School Uniform

All children are expected to be in full Winter School Uniform on their return to school this term. Please visit our school website for expectations about our Winter School Uniform: <http://www.sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au/for-parents/uniform/>

For the time being and until further notice the Uniform Shop is closed and will only accept orders submitted by completing the attached order form and emailing back to office@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au or by dropping it into the school office.

Mid-Year Reports

Currently teachers are working hard to moderate your children's work to ensure that their reports are accurate and up-to-date with where their learning is positioned. I commend them for the energy, thoroughness, sincerity and professionalism that they bring to their report writing.

In 2020 St. Francis Xavier is continuing the use of (PAM) *Parent Access Module* for delivering school reports. This online system provides parent's access to a range of information specific to your child including Mid and End of Year Reports.

We are aiming to have the mid-year reports available on PAM from Friday 26th June.

Two Step Authentication Procedure For Email Addresses In PAM.

To access your child's End of Semester Report you will need to verify your email address with PAM. Please follow the below instructions to do so:

1. Log into PAM with your Username and Password
2. A red message alert will ask you "to click on this link to verify your address".
3. Once you have clicked on the link, it will send an email to your nominated PAM email address verifying your nominated email address.
4. Open that email and click that you are verifying your correct email address.

Receiving the St. Francis Xavier Newsletter by Email.

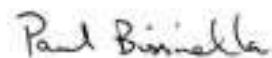
We seem to have a lot of parents and families changing their email address and then unable to get the newsletter. If you are not receiving the newsletter by email could you please notify the office as soon as possible and provide an updated email address.

School Calendar

Please visit the school website to see a new and constantly up to date school calendar

<http://www.sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au/news-and-events/70/p/school-calendar/>

Yours sincerely,



Paul Bissinella
Principal

Catherine McAuley

Prayer will do more [to solve our difficulties]... than all the money in the Bank of Ireland. Let us pray well and never grow weary.

Letter to Aloysius Scott July 20, 1841

Religious Education News



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

Wellbeing News



Successfully transitioning students back to school

Well, school finally seems to be getting back to the new normal. It was so great that we welcomed back our Year 3-6 children last week. The playground is once again loud with noise, the children busily going about their classes with their peers and the sound of chatter, laughter and friendships are the things we have all missed.



Michael Grose shares his ideas about **Collaborative parenting style wins the day during COVID-19!** You may find these tips really easy to transfer.

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>