

St Francis Xavier Primary School



Newsletter

Monday 1st June 2020
Term 2 Week 8

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2020 Key Dates

Term 2
April 15 – June 26

Term 2 Week 8

Tuesday 2nd June
P & F Meeting

Friday 5th June
EE World Environment Day

Term 2 Week 9

Monday 8th June
Queen's Birthday Public
Holiday

Tuesday 9th June
School Board Meeting

Term 2 Week 10

Term 2 Week 11

Friday 26th June
Casual Dress Day
Last Day of Term 2

Term 3
July 13 – Sept 18

Term 3 Week 9

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

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

Term 3 Week 10

Term 4
Oct 6 – Dec 16

Term 4 Week 7

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear Parents and Families,

We will be welcoming with open arms all our children back to St. Francis Xavier next Tuesday 9th June with the return of our Year 3 to Year 6 children. We are well aware that our children will be returning to a new way of schooling. There have been many things learnt over past weeks that will influence the way we educate and teach our children as we move forward.

We happily welcomed back our Foundation to Year 2 children last week and they bounced into school with big smiles on their faces! Thank you to all parents and families for following our new guidelines and processes for the beginning and the end of the day! Please find below in this newsletter an update to those guidelines for your information.

Feast of Pentecost

Yesterday we celebrated the Feast of Pentecost, celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (20:16) and St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (16:8). It is the 50th day after Easter (if we count both Easter and Pentecost).

The Acts of the Apostles recounts the story of the original Pentecost (Acts 2). Jews from all over were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish feast. On that Sunday, ten days after the Ascension of Our Lord, the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary were gathered in the Upper Room, where they had seen Christ after His Resurrection:

"And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them: And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak." [Acts 2:2-4]

Christ had promised His Apostles that He would send his Holy Spirit, and, on Pentecost, they

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

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

were granted the gifts of the Spirit. The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all of the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke, and about 3,000 people were converted and baptized that day.

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

That is why Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church."

Return to Face to Face Learning

The staged return to school will include:

Term 4 Week 8

Term 4 Week 9

Term 4 Week 10

Term 4 Week 11

- **Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2** children onsite from Tuesday 26th May 2020
- **Children in Years 3 to 6** for whom no other appropriate arrangements can be made
- Children who are vulnerable, being supervised onsite with continued remote and flexible learning programs

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

The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) has advised that a 'venue density rule' of no more than one person per four square metres is not appropriate or practical in classrooms or corridors, nor is maintaining 1.5 metres between children during classroom activities. Therefore, the previously established ratio of 10 children per class is no longer required in schools.

Remote and flexible learning will continue for all children in Years 3 to 6 until Tuesday 9th June.

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.

As a school we must give consideration to steps that can be taken to reduce the number of adults congregating outside the school at any one time, including parents and carers at peak times such as drop-off and pick-up.

**The following actions will be implemented based on our school setting from
Tuesday 26th May, 2020.**

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 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

Onsite Supervision for Children in Years 3 to 6

Our school will continue to be available to families with special cases, for on-site supervision, only in the following exceptional circumstances:

- Reason 1 - For children whose parents can't work from home and who require supervision
- Reason 2 - For vulnerable children without access to a suitable learning environment at home.

Supervision will now take place in classrooms and the same beginning of day drop off and end of day dismissal processes will be adopted. Booking arrangements for Year 3 to 6 children continues using the following process:

Process for Parents to book for Onsite Child Supervision at St. Francis Xavier Primary School

ALL families (including those that have booked previously) need to follow the process for booking children for Onsite Supervision.

Instructions for Booking:

- Bookings are made through Care Bookings (a similar program to School Interviews) . The school code is SS47S and will not change.
- Please click on the link and follow the online instructions: <http://www.carebookings.com.au/code?bcode=SS47S>
- Bookings can be made for one week at a time only
- Bookings open Thursdays 9:00am for the following week
- Bookings close 8:00pm the night before for the following day

Other Health and Safety Measures

Based on advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer, playground equipment can now be used. Children will be expected to practise hand hygiene before and after use. Similar to other commonly touched surfaces, playgrounds will be wiped down as part of enhanced cleaning.

Hygiene

Everyone can protect themselves and prevent the spread of COVID-19 by continuing effective hand hygiene. Enhanced hygiene measures will continue during the return to onsite teaching and learning.

- All staff and children will be encouraged to undertake regular hand hygiene, particularly on arrival to school, before and after eating, after blowing their nose, coughing, sneezing or using the toilet
- Where soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitiser will be provided in every occupied room
- Children will be discouraged to drink directly from drinking fountains at this time and therefore children will be required to bring their own water bottle for use (and refilling) at school
- Sharing of food will be discouraged
- Playground equipment can now be used and children will be expected to practise hand hygiene before and after use
- **Please see attached documents re: Hygiene Measures**

Cleaning

Extended and increased cleaning arrangements will continue. In addition to our normal cleaning activity, this involves progressive cleaning throughout the day to ensure that risks of transmission are reduced for high-touch surfaces, including (but not limited to):

- door handles and handrails
- bench tops and reception counters
- kitchenettes and staff lounges
- bathrooms
- drinking fountains
- playground equipment

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.

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.

As communicated to families, St. Francis Xavier Primary School continues its firm commitment to working in partnership with parents to enable our children to achieve their best. In 2019 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.

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

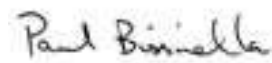
Please visit the **school website** to see a new and constantly up to date school calendar <http://www.sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au/news-and-events/70/p/school-calendar/>

Next Week's Newsletter

Next week's newsletter will be published on Tuesday 9th June as Monday is a public holiday.

Finally the key guiding principle and the most important consideration in a transition to on site schooling must be the health and safety of all children, staff and families. We look forward to welcoming back all our Year 3 to 6 children next Tuesday!

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



Pentecost Sunday

This week we celebrated the feast of Pentecost. Please enjoy the following reflection about the feast of Pentecost from the LiturgyHelp website.

Pentecost is called the birthday of the church because before Pentecost, there really was no church. Jesus had ascended back into the heavens, the Apostles were hanging around, scared and confused, and nobody knew what to do. Going out to baptise people and preach about Jesus was the last thing they had in mind because their lives would be in danger.

But Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit – the force that turned a bunch of frightened, mixed-up folks into church. There was a rush of wind, tongues of fire, and then suddenly there was courage, knowledge, direction and commitment! Everyone started speaking and was understood, no matter what the language of the listener was! These were saints suddenly on fire with the Holy Spirit. And it all began with the wind and fire of the Spirit.

What changes in you do you wish the Spirit could blow your way? How can you cooperate with the Spirit? In what ways do you need more courage, knowledge, direction or commitment? What else might you need?

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart



Bernadette Luckman
Religious Education Leader

Wellbeing News



Adapting After Lockdown. Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Beyond Evidence-based tips and tools to support children.

When we entered lockdown many things rapidly changed: school, work, play. As we begin to ease the restrictions, it is clear that life will not go back to 'normal' just yet. 'After lockdown' will be different again, with more new changes to adapt to. Every family will be navigating different changes but the strategies to best support children are largely the same.

The evidence shows, time and again, that there are a few key ways to support children's resilience and wellbeing when they experience difficult events, whether they've lost a loved one or are navigating new changes at home and school.

The attached is from Good Grief- Seasons for Growth program.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Beyond Evidence-based tips and tools to support children. I hope you find this helpful

Happy uncertain Days,
Jane Clark
Wellbeing Leader

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

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