



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 14th September 2020
Term 3 Week 10

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2020 Key Dates

Term 3 Week 10

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

Friday 18th September
Casual Dress Day – Footy
Colours
Last Day of Term 3

Term 4
Oct 6 – Dec 16

Term 4 Week 1

Monday 5th October
Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 6th October
Remote Learning and
Onsite Supervision
continues

Friday 9th October
Remote Learning and
Onsite Supervision finishes

Term 4 Week 2

Monday 12th October 2020
Onsite Schooling Resumes

Tuesday 13th October
School Board Meeting

Thursday 15th October
SFX Virtual Live Tour

Friday 16th October
Foundation Transition Day
1
School Assembly Program

Term 4 Week 3

Monday 19th October

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear Parents and Families,

Despite the unique circumstances of this term it has been very busy and productive! The children have worked hard in the Connected Learning Community (CLC) and have been presented with enriching learning activities and experiences. As this term comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our amazing staff for their ongoing hard work, dedication and energy!

Please Note:

- School finishes for the term this **Friday 18th September at 2:20pm**
- **Buses** will run as normal but an hour earlier e.g. 2:20pm.
- **Remote Learning resumes** for Term 4 on **Tuesday 6th October at 8.55am.**

Looking Forward to Term 4

Term 4 will be a critical time for the re-engagement of our children, the re-establishment of school routines and undertaking the steps necessary to prepare for and complete successful transitions into 2021.

During the period of remote learning in our CLC, some children have faced barriers to their learning. Many others have found new pathways to learning. What will matter most in Term 4 is providing continuity in learning and support for every child to the fullest extent possible.

This means refocusing our efforts on a set of common and core priorities: the most important things our school must deliver over the remainder of this year and into 2021. This will make sure that every child in our care is supported in their wellbeing, learning and transition needs.

It will clearly be a term unlike any other. By continuing to build on the collaborative practices that have characterised our work this year, we will continue to provide the high-quality education so valued by our SFX community.

Thank you for your ongoing support of all our children and their families.

Footy Colours Day - Friday 18th September

This coming **Friday 18th September** is a Casual Dress Day. The Casual Dress day will be a Footy Colours Day where children are encouraged to dress in the colours of their favourite football team and the cost to participate is a gold coin donation.

In keeping with traditional Footy Colours Day Fundraising the school will donate all proceeds to Cancer Research. We will also have collection tins for anyone wanting to donate any extra coins.



Book Week Begins

Friday 23rd October
AFL Grand Final – Public
Holiday

Term 4 Week 4

Wednesday 28th October
Year 4 Camp
CANCELLED

Thursday 29th October
SFX Virtual Live Tour
SFX Information Webinar

Friday 30th October
Casual Dress Day
JDRF Fundraiser
Foundation Transition Day
2
School Assembly Program

Term 4 Week 5

Monday 2nd November
Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 3rd November
Melbourne Cup Day Public
Holiday

Friday 6th November
Foundation Transition Day
3

Term 4 Week 6

Tuesday 10th November
Bravehearts Incursion
School Board Meeting

Thursday 12th November
SFX Virtual Live Tour

Term 4 Week 7

Term 4 Week 8

Thursday 26th November
Foundation Information
Night 2021
SFX Information Webinar

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

Victoria's roadmap for reopening – Schooling in regional Victoria

The Victorian Government has released its plan for easing coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions. It includes the following decisions about school operations:

1. **All schools will continue to provide remote and flexible learning for the remainder of Term 3**, except specialist schools in rural and regional Victoria, consistent with current settings.

These following changes remain subject to the advice of Victoria's Chief Health Officer:

First week of Term 4 – Tuesday 6th to Friday 9th October 2020

2. Remote and flexible learning will continue for all students, except in specialist schools in rural and regional Victoria. Please note that **Monday 5th October is a designated St. Francis Xavier Pupil Free Day** and staff will be participating in a Religious Education Professional Learning Day.
3. On-site supervision for children of eligible workers and vulnerable students will continue to be provided consistent with existing guidelines from Tuesday 6th October to Friday 9th October using the current CareBooking system

Second week of Term 4 - Monday 12th October 2020

4. All children from Prep to Year 6 and their teachers return to full-time on-site schooling adhering to the following principles and arrangements:

Class Lists for 2021 – deadline - Friday 18th September 2020

Early next term our classroom teachers will start to look at possible groupings for classes for next year. If you have any concerns that are of a serious nature please forward these requests to me by email no later than Friday 18th September 2020. Please understand that this is the only process to go through if you would like this issue addressed properly.

principal@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au

With planning for the 2021 school year now gathering momentum, I would ask families that are aware that they will not be returning to St. Francis Xavier next year, to promptly inform the school.

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.

Official: Changes to the Friday before the AFL Grand Final public

- The Premier of Victoria has recently announced that the Friday before the AFL Grand Final public holiday will be moved from its original date (Friday 25th September) to Friday 23rd October 2020.
- **Friday 23rd October 2020** will now be the prescribed public holiday and Friday 25th September 2020 will no longer be considered a public holiday declared or prescribed by the Victorian Government.
- The Friday before the AFL Grand Final public holiday is based on the AFL playing schedule, which was altered as a result of COVID-19.

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
 SFX Virtual Live Tour
 Year 6 Graduation Mass

Friday 11th December
 Foundation Nativity
 Staff v Student Netball
 Match

Term 4 Week 11

Wednesday 16th December
 End of Year Mass
 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.**

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
	**Friday 23rd October	AFL Grand Final – Public Holiday
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

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.

We continue to follow 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.

COVID Safe Principles

- Adults to wear a mask or face covering
- Don't go to work if you feel sick or unwell
- Physical distancing (1.5 metres)
- Cough and sneeze into tissue or elbow
- Good hand hygiene
- Outdoor activities

Arrangements for Beginning of Term 4 – Week 2

- School Health and Safety Measures continue for children
- Regular School Cleaning
- **Any child who is unwell must not attend school**
- Beginning of the Day Drop Off arrangements
- End of the Day Dismissal arrangements
- Entry and exit points to the school will be open, with additional staff allocated to ensure children are safely supervised
- Parents are not to enter classrooms at any stage and are to adhere to social distancing guidelines when waiting to collect their child at the classroom door
- Asking parents to avoid or minimise time spent in or around the school grounds
- Frequent announcements, messages, signage and red gaffer tape around school to remind staff, children and families of the need for changed behaviours

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.

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.

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.

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 2 to 6	Class Teachers	Collect from classroom door

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.

Arrangements for Term 3 – Week 9 & 10 and Term 4 - Week 1

1. Phase 2: Process for Booking Onsite Child Supervision at St. Francis Xavier Primary School

ALL families need to follow the process for booking children for Onsite Supervision.

1. Instructions for Booking:

- Bookings are made through Care Bookings (a similar program to School Interviews) . The school code is **JSCEC** and will not change.
- Please click on the link and follow the online instructions:
<https://www.carebookings.com.au/code/jscec>
- Bookings are open from 10:00am Wednesday 5th August
- Bookings **close 5:00pm the night before** for the following day. No late booking will be accepted.

Due to resourcing and supervision ratio requirements, Onsite Supervision is only available for students who cannot be cared for or learn from home. This is to ensure that we are protecting our staff, students, and families to the greatest extent possible and is in line with Stage 3 Coronavirus restrictions.



2. Arriving and Departing School:

- Children are to **arrive** no earlier than 8.30am – there will be no supervision before 8:30am and the school gates will not be open
- Please drop/farewell your children in the undercover area
- Children will be guided to the Mother Xavier Flood Building (Junior School) where Onsite Supervision will be conducted
- **Pick up time** 3.20 pm from the Undercover Area, no later than 3.30pm
- School **uniform** is required to be worn each day
- Children will engage in the **same online learning** program as their classmates who will be at home

3. Student Health:

- If there is a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis in your family, please advise the School immediately via email principal@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au
- **We request that students who feel unwell remain at home.**

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

Yours sincerely,

Paul Bissinella
Principal

Catherine McAuley

How rapidly the days, weeks, and months are passing. Another month ended, that seemed but a few days begun. If we have not forfeited the friendship of almighty God, but have been trying to love Him more and more, and to serve Him faithfully, they were blessed days for us.

Letter to de Sales White February 28, 1841



Sacraments For Year 3 & 4 Students - No News



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.

Please continue to complete the booklets which were sent home at the beginning of Term 3. Those families who have handed in their child's Baptism certificate, rest assured that they are safe and will not go

Connecting With The Eucharist During COVID 19 Closures

Many people are missing the opportunity to attend Sunday Mass during this time. If you wanted to gather and participate in Mass online, try one of the following websites. It is not the same as the real thing, and you can't receive Eucharist, but it may be of comfort to you to hear the Gospel and pray.

[St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat](#)

[Melbourne Catholic's Live Mass Streaming Sites](#)

[Sydney Live Streaming Mass Sites](#)

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.

Yours sincerely,

Bernadette Luckman

Religious Education Leader



Footy Colours Day

We have always finished Term 3 with Footy Colours Day and this year it's no different.

Once again we invite children, staff and families to wear their favourite footy/soccer/sport or even favourite colour on this day. On site children/staff are encouraged to wear their colours on Friday as are children/families working from home.

Footy Colours Day is a national fundraising campaign held during the month of September where participants are encouraged to wear their favourite team's colours and host an event at their school to raise funds for kids with cancer.

If you are interested to learn more about the day and wanting to make a donation please click on the link.

Footy Colours Day September Kids living with Cancer Fight Cancer

<https://www.fightcancer.org.au/footy-colours-day>



The money raised through Footy Colours Day, funds Fight Cancer Foundation's education support programs. These programs operate in major paediatric hospitals to help kids with cancer keep up with school while they are in hospital.

Thank you for your generosity.

Happy Days,

Jane Clark
Wellbeing Leader

Community News

INFORMATION WEBINARS
Wed 9 Sep, 5pm & Tue 20 Oct, 6.30pm

GUIDED VIRTUAL TOURS
Held fortnightly on a Thursday at 9am

Event registration: damascus.vic.edu.au/prospective-visit-us
2022 enrolments close on Fri 5 Feb 2021

Term 3 Week 9 Assembly Awards

Value: Mercy

Hosted by: Year 2

Year level	Name	Reason
FEH	Nellie Cheeseman	Nellie brings an enthusiastic, infectious energy to all that she does and encourages those around her with kind and thoughtful words and actions. She displays the school value of 'Mercy' by being inclusive of her peers and sharing compassionate words with her teachers.
	Sienna Morton	It is a delight to observe as Sienna grows in confidence to share her vivacious smile and lively personality with more and more members of her Villa community. She displays the school value of 'Mercy' by recognising a need and taking action. This was observed recently where Sienna shared a heartfelt prayer with her peers and teacher.

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

FND	Bonnie Giles	For showing kindness and compassion to all of her peers when at school and via Zoom. Bonnie is always sharing her friendly smile with us. Well done Bonnie!
	Evangeline Speirs	For showing care and compassion to all of her Foundation friends. Evie is always sharing her warm smile with us and checking in on others when they are feeling sad. Well done Evangeline!
FMH	Grace Hocking	
	Olivia Farrell	
FSM	Lucy Bromley	For showing kindness and consideration to her fellow Foundation friends when working on-site at school. She is always looking out for others. Lucy also shows Mercy to herself, recognising when she needs to look after herself so she can be happy.
	Joe Trigg	Joe showed care and consideration to his Dad when writing special prayers last week. Joe's prayer showed his love and compassion for his family, as well as showing Mercy to creation through his prayer.
1GJ	Charlie Kersley	Charlie is working like a superhero through all set tasks during this extraordinary time of home learning.
	Isabelle Slater	Issy always expresses her appreciation when she is able to be a part of our prayer time during our daily Zoom catch ups.
1MM	Abbey Dwyer	For her care and consideration of her class members during Zoom, and the compassion and kindness she has shown during our Home Learning. Awesome work Abbey!
	Evie Staley	For her inclusive nature, positive energy and willingness to include her classmates in learning tasks, activities and games! Well done Evie!!
1RC	Aria Treacy	For showing Mercy every day during Onsite Supervision. Aria continues to be kind and gentle in the manner with which she interacts with everyone around her. Congratulations Aria!
	Christopher Martin	For the thoughtful prayer he shared as part of his Religious Education learning task on Seesaw. Christopher's prayer for his dad and family was kind and compassionate, as well as displaying the love he has for his family. Congratulations Christopher!
2GH	Mylo Robertson	For showing kindness during Zoom meetings by caring for and listening to others.
	Eli Roberts	For being a compassionate and caring friend to all his classmates.
2AH	Mabel Reus	For speaking in a kind and caring manner to and about others
2AH	Archer Spackman	For speaking in a kind and caring manner to and about others
2BW	Chelsea Crowe	For the kindness that she shows towards others.
	Orion Morton	For the kindness that he shows towards others.
3SB	India Skewes	For beautiful acts of kindness seen when playing with her friends.
	Kardia Sarra	For beautiful acts of kindness seen when playing with her friends.
	Nate Toohey	For showing compassion and kindness to his friends and classmates.

3BGS		
	Josephine De Lorenzo	For showing compassion and kindness to her friends and classmates.
3CP	Lola Roney	For showing compassion and kindness to her friends and classmates.
	Charlotte Siemensma	For her ability to reach out to others with care and compassion.
4TW	Darcy Murray	For always displaying kindness towards others and approaching her peers with a positive and friendly attitude.
	Nic Ward	For always greeting his teacher and classmates with a kind and positive tone and showing care for his peers.
4BL	Karla Austin	Karla has shown she is able to forgive others when they hurt her feelings. She is always good at reconciling with her friends.
	Campbell Bromley	Campbell shows others kindness and is able to forgive others when they make mistakes and hurt his feelings.
4PB	Milla Russell	For always being a kind friend that shows support and care for her friends and classmates.
	Harry Elliot	For always showing care and consideration to others while on Zoom.
5LL	Oliver Wright	For showing kindness by always wishing our whole class a “good day” when we do the role each day and for always listening to others.
	Mary-Jane Heaton	For being a kind and supportive friend to her peers when they are in need.
5JC	Maddy Wright	For being compassionate and caring towards other in our class, especially when they might need some help
	Noah Vallance	Noah shows compassion and kindness in his interactions with others in our classroom.
6CC	Evie Roney	For showing kindness and consideration to all of her classmates this term in a virtual world.
	Hudson Eales	For supporting his peers through online interactions during home learning.
6JF	Piper Calvert	For being supportive and compassionate to all her peers.
	Noah Eales	For offering to support his peers with many home learning tasks.
Jap	Jack Elliot 2BW	For always showing patience and consideration
	Olivia Green 3BGS	For being cheerful and positive at all times
EE	Lois Cummins	For the wonderful way the whole Cummins family got involved in and engaged in Eva’s Kitchen Table Science

	Eva Cummins	Experiment during Remote Learning last week. They worked like a team, encouraging one another and
	Ned Cummins	sharing the excitement of their learning discoveries. Their excitement and enthusiasm was totally contagious! 🤗
Art	Gabe Dunne (FSM)	For creating such wonderful art during Remote Learning!
	Mila Shillito (2BW)	For her wonderful creativity during Remote Learning!
Music	Archie McLennan	For a fantastic retelling of the 'I'm a Pirate' song with stick puppets!
	Jobe Lock	For the fantastic way both the Lock children were involved in the Music Count Us In song and for Jobe's retelling of the story of the Three Little Pigs.

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

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