



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Tuesday 6th October 2020
Term 4 Week 1

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2020

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Key Dates

Dear Parents and Families,

Term 4
Oct 7 – Dec 16

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable holiday!

Term 4 Week 1

Looking Forward to Term 4

Wednesday 7th October
Onsite Schooling Resumes

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.

Term 4 Week 2

Monday 12th October 2020

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.

Tuesday 13th October
School Board Meeting

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.

Thursday 15th October
SFX Virtual Live Tour

Friday 16th October
Foundation Transition Day
1
School Assembly Program

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.

Term 4 Week 3

Monday 19th October
Book Week Begins

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

Friday 23rd October
AFL Grand Final – Public Holiday

Staff Professional Learning Day – Enhancing Catholic School Identity (ECSI)

Thank you for the opportunity to hold our Staff Professional Learning Day on Monday. The focus of the day was **Enhancing Catholic School Identity** facilitated by the (CEOB) Education Officer: Enhancing Catholic School Identity for School Improvement, Gina Bernasconi and our Religious Education Leader, Bernadette Luckman. The purpose of the day was to:

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

- develop an understanding of the current Catholic educational context described by ECSI
- develop an understanding of the ECSI Survey, its scales and their purpose:
 1. Post-Critical Belief Scale
 2. Melbourne Scale
 3. Victoria Scale
- develop an understanding of our ECSI Standard Report and its significance for learning and teaching, within and beyond the RE classroom, at St Francis Xavier

Term 4 Week 5

Closure Dates – Term 4 2020

Monday 2nd November
Pupil Free Day

- **Friday 28th October** AFL Grand Final – Public Holiday
- **Monday 2nd November** Pupil Free Day - Staff Professional Development
- **Tuesday 3rd November** Melbourne Cup Day - Public Holiday

We hope to share information with parents about this at the beginning of next year.

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

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

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**

Leadership Appointments 2021

I am pleased to advise that the School Board Directors have endorsed the interview panel's recommendations of the following appointments for 2021 and 2022

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| 1. Religious Education Leader: | Mrs. Bernadette Luckman |
| 2. Wellbeing Leader: | Mrs. Jane Clark |
| 3. Learning Technologies Leader: | Mrs. Carla Cicchini |
| 4. School Sports and Events Co-ordinator | Mr. Shaun Carroll |
| 5. First Aid Co-ordinator | Mrs. Andrea Grant |

I am also pleased to announce the following 1 Year appointments.

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| 1. Year Level Leader: | Ms. Emma Hancock |
| 2. Year Level Leader: | Ms. Rebecca Conroy |
| 3. Year Level Leader: | Mrs. Belinda Wrigley |
| 4. Year Level Leader: | Ms. Brighid Ginnane- Smith |
| 5. Year Level Leader: | Mrs. Petra Barclay |
| 6. Year Level Leader: | Mrs. Lucy Loader |
| 7. Year Level Leader: | Mrs. Cynthia Cook |
| 8. Specialist Leader | Mrs. Sarah Page |

I would like to thank and acknowledge all the candidates for the quality of their applications. We should be proud at St. Francis Xavier of the depth and quality of the leaders within our school. I am sure you join me in congratulating the successful applicants and we look forward to working with them!

Summer Uniform:

The reason for our school uniform is to ensure that our children are identified as students who belong to the community of St. Francis Xavier. When some students continually ignore aspects of the uniform policy, this causes resentment and disharmony for other students and families. I ask parents to be encouraging and supportive in your role so that the school uniform is respected and adhered to and that there is a strong level of equality and fairness in the management of the uniform protocol.

- Full summer uniform may be worn from Day 1 Term 4.
- For the first 2 weeks of Term 4 we will be in a transition phase for Uniform. Children are permitted to be in either Summer or Winter Uniform.
- From **Monday 19th October** (Week 3) all children are expected to be in Summer Uniform.

Hats, Hats, Hats

Remember that our children need to have their school hats from the beginning of Term 4 until the end of Term 1 next year!

- Please contact Yvonne or Sam in the Uniform Shop to purchase a hat!

Class Lists for 2021

Thank you to those who followed the process regarding requests around the placement of their children into class groupings for 2021. Please note that this invitation has now closed; staff are currently working on 2021 class groupings.

Class Structure for 2021

Next year all our classes will be straight again. Teachers this week will begin work on constructing class groups for next year. As part of this process the children will also be asked to nominate children who they know they can work well with and would like to be considered to be in a room with.

Foundation x 4
Year 1 x 3
Year 2 x 3
Year 3 x 3
Year 4 x 3
Year 5 x 3
Year 6 x 2

In the next few weeks I will be in a position to share our class teacher allocation with you and your child's 2021 class placement.

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.

Foundation Transition Days

Next Friday 16th October we will hold Foundation Transition days for our 2021 Foundation Children. All of our children look forward to these days with great expectation. It is a sign of the life and movement that make schools reinvent themselves all the time. Many thanks to the Foundation Teachers for organising this wonderful experience for our 2021 Foundation children!

The New Normal

As our children prepare to return to school after remote learning for what seems like an eternity for everyone involved, the reality is that our relationship with technology will remain as prevalent as ever. While

our children are able to return to face-to-face learning, spending time online is likely to continue to be a part of their life. Our children have spent a vast amount of time on electronic devices in recent times and transitioning back to pencil and paper can be a difficult task to negotiate. The link below from the eSafety Commissioner provides you with handy tips that you can discuss with your child to instill a happy and healthy relationship with technology.



<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/how-to/balancing-time-online>

Return of Borrowed Home Learning Devices

If your child has borrowed a device from the school, we kindly ask that you return it to the office - NOT your child's teacher. This is so we can track which devices have been returned. Please do not forget to return the device with its accompanying charger.

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.

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

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.

Parking around St Francis Xavier - Respect the road rules and parking signs

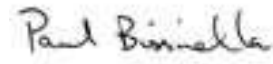
Parents please observe ALL 'No Standing,' 'No U-Turns,' 'One Way' and 'Bus Zone' signs. The Fortune Street Bus Zone is for BUSES ONLY. If you continue to park in the Bus Zone you do so at your own risk and may incur a fine.

DO NOT PARK in the entrance to the Top Oval outside the Gymnasium as this is a 'NO STANDING' area and signs are displayed.

For the safety of all - use the designated areas for parking and follow the rules.
Police and Council patrols happen randomly and parents can and will be caught and fined.

Thank you for your continued support. 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

Religious Education News



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



Book Week

Each year, across Australia, the CBCA brings children and books together celebrating CBCA Book Week. Throughout the year, the CBCA works in partnership with authors, illustrators, publishers, booksellers and other organisations in the children's book world to bring words, images and stories into the hearts and minds of children and adults.

This year, CBCA Book Week will take place in Week 3 of Term 4, beginning on 17 October, and ending on 23 October, with the theme 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'.

Please click on the following link to view the 2020 CBCA shortlisted books:

<https://cbcacloud.blob.core.windows.net/documents/National/BookOfTheYear/2020/2020%20CBCA%20Shortlist.pdf>



Winners and honours will be announced on Friday 16th October!

Book Week will look different to other years and the following activities will take place:

Book Week Parade

Due to the current restrictions, we will be unable to facilitate a whole school parade. As an alternative, children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on Thursday 22nd October. Classroom parades will occur on this day and footage will be collated and presented to the school community.

Book Week Performance- The Greatest Discovery

This year, again we will welcome Perform Education to our school... virtually!



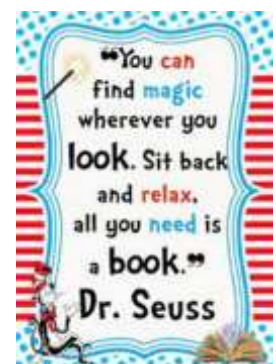
In Week 3 of Term 4, children in years F – 6 will participate in this Virtual Incursion. 'The Greatest Discovery' will feature a selection of the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Shortlisted Books.

Reading in the Library

The Library will be open at first recess daily in Week 3 for the children to listen to the Children's Book Council of Australia shortlisted books.

We look forward to our Book Week celebrations this term!

Jayne Bosworth
Deputy Principal - Learning Enhancement





Upcoming Event:

Casual Dress day fundraiser (and awareness raiser) to support **JDRF**. Please add to your diary **Friday 30th October 2020** as the designated Casual Dress Day. Funds raised will go to JDRF, an organisation providing funding for Type 1 Diabetes.



About JDRF Australia

JDRF is the leading supporter of T1D research globally, investing USD\$2.25B since 1970 with \$191M invested in Australia. JDRF Australia evaluates the Australian and global research landscape and supports the most promising programs from learning, to lab, to life-changing breakthroughs. We mobilise a vast network of people who work together in pursuit of a world without T1D.

In 2019 alone, research breakthroughs in our mission to cure, treat and prevent T1D have included huge advances in beta cell replacement, new targets for complication treatments, and the first ever therapy to delay the onset of T1D.

Diabetes (including type 1 and type 2 diabetes) is the number one cause of blindness in working age Australians. Three hundred and twenty-eight people needed help to remain conscious today as a result of hypoglycaemia.

Whilst there can be short and long term complications from T1D, JDRF Australia is funding research which will help reduce the number of people who experience these impacts – and one day hopes to defeat T1D once and for all! You can help us.

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

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

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