



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Wednesday 17th February 2021
Term 1 Week 4

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2021

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Key Dates

Term 1

Jan 28 – April 1

Term 1 Week 4

Wednesday 17th February
Ash Wednesday

Friday 19th February
Friday Hot Lunches begin
Sovereign and Eureka
Division Swimming Sports @
Eureka Aquatic Centre

Term 1 Week 5

Tuesday 23rd February
School Open Day #2
**Getting to Know Your Child
as Person and a Learner
(Rescheduled) Meeting #1**

Wednesday 24th February
Foundation Children at
Home
School Open Day #2
Getting to Know Your Child
as Person and a Learner
Meeting #2

Friday 26th February
Casual Clothes Day

Term 1 Week 6

Monday 1st March
School Photos
Year 5 Cyber Safety Parent
Information Night

Tuesday 2nd March
Reconciliation for Year 4 -
Parent Information Session
at St Alipius Hall
P&F Meeting

Wednesday 3rd March
Reconciliation for Year 4 -
Parent Information Session
at St Alipius Hall

Dear Parents and Families,

Following today's announcement that the five-day lockdown will end at 11.59pm tonight, we write to confirm that St. Francis Xavier is looking forward to welcoming back children and staff to on-site teaching and learning tomorrow morning!

Please note:

- **School Photos** – Monday 1st March **All** families should have received their child's personalized photo envelope from MSP Photography. If you wish to purchase photos please ensure your child has the photo envelope on photo day with the correct money or alternatively there will be an option to order photos online.
- The first of our **School Assemblies** takes place on Friday 5th March at 12:45pm. The assembly will be led by our Year 6 CC children and due to COVID19 restriction parents of just that class are invited to join us. Our School Assembly schedule is outlined below.
- **St. Francis Xavier School Athletics** As the numbers of students within our school continue to grow, so do our needs. After careful consideration and consultation with a number of people across our school community, we are pleased to inform you of an exciting change in how our SFX School Sports/Athletics Day will look in 2021.

Foundation - Year 2 SFX Sports Day

- Friday 5th March 2021 (Week 6)
- Russell Square - North Field

Year 3 - Year 6 SFX Athletics Day

- Monday 22nd March 2021 (Week 9)
- Llanberris Athletics Reserve

Getting to know your child as a Person and Learner Meetings - Rescheduled



- Getting to Know Your Child as a Person and Learner Meetings scheduled for Tuesday 16th February have been **rescheduled to Tuesday 23rd February 2021**.
- Booking times that families have made will remain the same. The only thing to change is the date.
- Should you need to change your time or date because of this reschedule please call or email the office.

The Getting to know your child as a Person and Learner Meetings are the perfect opportunity for parents to share useful information about their child.

Attached to today's newsletter is a document outlining some question and prompts for you to complete prior to your *Getting to know your child as a Person and Learner Meeting*. This document will need to be handed to your child's classroom teacher at the beginning of your meeting.

These meetings will **ALL** take place in the School Gymnasium. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

Foundation Children at Home

Thursday 4th March
School Open Day #3

Friday 5th March
SFX Junior School Athletics Day (F - Year 2) Russell Square Sports Ground North Year 3 -6 Cyber Safety and Chromebook Bootcamp. Year 6 CC Assembly

Term 1 Week 7

Monday 8th March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 9th March
Year 6 Camp – Melbourne Sovereign Hill - Costumed School Program Year 5

Wednesday 10th March
Sovereign Hill - Costumed School Program Year 5

Friday 12th March
Year 5 MM Assembly

Term 1 Week 8

Friday 19th March
Year 4 PB Assembly

Term 1 Week 9

Monday 22nd March
SFX Middle-Senior School Athletics Day (Year 3 - 6) Llanberris Athletics Reserve

Thursday 25th March
Reconciliation for Year 4 students - St Alipius Church

Friday 26th March
Casual Dress Day Year 3 BGS Assembly

Term 1 Week 10

Thursday 1st April
Holy Thursday Last Day of Term 1

Friday 2nd April
Good Friday

Sunday 4th April
Easter Sunday

New Arrangements for End of the School Day Pick-Up

After observing the traffic conditions on Fortune Street over the past 2 weeks and also considering COVID19 Requirements we have decided for the safety of the community to **change the Arrangements for End of the School Day Pick Up.**

We are currently working with the Ballarat Council, our School Board and Catholic Education Ballarat on a safe solution to our issue.

Please see the table below for changed pick up arrangements that will begin tomorrow **Thursday 18th February 2021.**

	3:00pm – 3:10pm	3:10:pm – 3:20pm	3:20pm onwards
	Children with Surnames beginning...		
Week 4 to Week 6 Monday 15 th February to Friday 5 th March	A - G	H - P	Q - Z
Week 7 to Week 9 Tuesday 9 th March to Friday 26 th March	Q - Z	A - G	H - P
Week 10 Monday 29 th March to Thursday 1 st April	H - P	Q - Z	A - G

Dismissal / Collections Area

Year Level	Teacher	Collection Area
Foundation	Shannon Macklin	Side door of the Foundation SM classroom
Foundation	Tom Willmott	Side door of the Foundation TW 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 school site. 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. An opportunity to meet with teachers is available next week with our *Getting to Know Your Child meetings.*

Term 2
April 19 – June 25

Term 2 Week 1

Monday 19th April
First Day for Students

Friday 23rd April
Whole School Mass

Term 2 Week 2

Tuesday 27th April
Student Led Conferences -
Day 1

Wednesday 28th April
Student Led Conferences -
Day 2

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

Monday 24th May
Catholic Education Week
begins

Bus Transport for 2021

We encourage parents and families to make use of the Ballarat Bus Service available to St. Francis Xavier children and run by CDC for Public Transport Victoria (PTV)



The Ballarat Bus Service runs 3 bus routes (please see attached) from St. Francis Xavier.

1. City Bus
2. Black Hill Bus
3. Bunninyong Bus

For more information on registering your children for the Bus Service please contact the school office or visit our school website <http://www.sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au/for-parents/bus-information/>

Introducing our NEW Occupational Therapist - Brittany Curtain



I am Brittany Curtain, the schools brand new **Occupational Therapist**. I will be working at SFX on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday's. What's an OT I hear you say? An occupational therapist or OT is an allied health professional whose job is to help people achieve the things they want or need to do. OT's work across many fields but at school this means helping students to attend and engage in the curriculum.

What this might look like for the students at SFX is helping students with their attention and concentration, helping with handwriting, helping kids meet their sensory needs or helping kids to sit still in class. These are just a few things that I might be assisting the students with at school but there are lots more things I might be called upon for help. For a child at SFX to access OT services, their teacher will have needed to have had a conversation with you and completed a referral that goes to the school's Student Support Team. Please note that school based OT services are not to replace the OT services already being provided to your child. If your child will be receiving OT I will be in touch with you for chat and discussion about your child. A lot of the work I will be doing will be educating school staff so that they can apply different techniques to all students and be really inclusive rather than singling out students.

A little bit about me. I've been an OT for 10 years working in specialist schools with children who have disabilities. I am passionate about helping kids achieve their best. I'm also a mum to two little girls of my own so I know firsthand how amazing it is to watch kids grow and develop. I'm really looking forward to spending time here at SFX and being part of your wonderful community.

Brittany Curtain
Occupational Therapist

Foundation Enrolment 2022 - Open Day and School Alive Tours

We are happiest when prospective families pay us a visit to see for themselves what makes us different.



New and Existing Families are invited to join us to learn about St. Francis Xavier Primary School.

Open Days will begin with an Information Session at 9:30 am with **School Alive Tours** to follow at 10:00am:

1. Tuesday 23rd February 2021
2. **Tuesday 2nd March (new date)**
3. Thursday 4th March 2021

Virtual Live Tours:

Virtual Live Tours are held fortnightly on a Thursday at 9:30am in Term 1.

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](#)

Event Registration:

To register your attendance for an Open Day, School Alive Tour or Virtual Tour please complete the Registration Form at: <http://www.sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au/enrol/open-days>

Online Enrolment Open from Monday 8th February 2021

Attending an Open Day is the first step in the enrolment process. The online **Expression of Interest** is the second step in the enrolment process. If you wish to do so, please nominate St Francis Xavier Primary School as your first preference for your child's education. Please click on this link and fill in and submit the City of Ballarat Catholic School Expression of Interest Form: <https://ceob.edu.au/2022-foundation-enrolments/>

[Re: Foundation Enrolment 2022 – Existing Families](#)

Enrolments are open for children of Existing Families who start Prep in 2022.

Parents of Existing Families who have a child to start in 2022 have to complete an online **Expression of Interest Form**. This is a new enrolment requirement consistent in all Ballarat Catholic Schools. It is necessary even if you have already filled out a SFX Enrolment Form and submitted it at the school office.

Please complete the form by this Friday 26th February 2021 (**Extended**), by clicking on the following link to submit a **City of Ballarat Catholic Primary School Expression of Interest Form**: <https://ceob.edu.au/2022-foundation-enrolments/>

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the school office, should you require further information.

[Cyber Safety Parent Information Night](#)

Leading Senior Constable Des Hudson OAM Ballarat Police Youth Resource Officer will once again highlight to parents/carers on Monday 1st March 2021 the need to be up to date and in touch with what their children are doing with technology and social media.

To register your attendance please click on the Google Form link below by Friday 26th February:
<https://forms.gle/rjxFYZWwD2XB7Y3K7>



[Year Ahead - Parent Information Evening](#)

Last Monday St. Francis Xavier held a Virtual Parent Information Evening for all parents via Zoom. It was great to see so many parents attend as we believe that a positive, nurturing, and encouraging home-school relationship is essential in helping children achieve success.

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](#)

Friday Hot Lunch – beginning this Friday 19th February

Friday lunches will be available this year during Terms 1, 2, 3 & 4. **This service will commence this Friday 19th February 2021.**



- If you wish to order a Hot Lunch for your child please head to the Flexischools website to order: <https://www.flexischools.com.au/>
- Orders must be **placed before 10:00 am on the Thursday** morning prior to each Friday, unfortunately late orders cannot be processed.

Monday Icy Poles

Icy Poles are also back this year from Monday the 8th February. Children are asked to bring \$4.50 to their teacher (please don't purchase through Flexischools) to cover icy poles for the entire term.

School Assembly Dates 2021

Due to the Specialist Timetable running from Monday to Thursday our School Assemblies will continue on Fridays in 2021 from 12:40pm to 1:10pm. Due to COVID19 restrictions, parents of just that class presenting the assembly are invited to join us.

Please see list below. This has also been updated on the school calendar for your perusal.

Week	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
1				
2		Year 2 BW 30.04.21	Year 2 AH 23.07.21	Year 3 SB 15.10.21
3		Mother's Day Liturgy	Year 1 MM 30.07.21	
4		Year 1 RC 14.05.21		Year 2 GH 29.10.21
5		Foundation EH 21.05.21	Student Free Day	
6	Year 6 CC 05.03.21	Foundation TW 28.05.21	Foundation SM 20.08.21	Ballarat Show Day
7	Year 5 MM 12.03.21	Year 6 JF 04.06.21	Foundation ND 27.08.21	Year 1 GJ 19.11.21
8	Year 4 PB 19.03.21	Year 5 LL 11.06.21	Father's Day Liturgy	
9	Year 3 BGS 26.03.21	Year 4 BL 18.06.21	Year 5 MA 10.09.21	St Francis Xavier Feast Day
10		Year 3 CP 25.06.21	Year 4 CJ 17.09.21	Foundation (Nativity)
11				

School Fees

School Fee Payment Agreement Forms were sent home to all families last year. If you have not yet returned your form please complete it and return to the school office by Friday 5th February. This form is to be completed by all families on an annual basis.

For families that returned their forms last year, the direct debits have all been set up and will commence from the 18th February 2021. Attached to the newsletter is the direct debit schedule dates for 2021.

2021 Tuition Fee Raffle

What a fantastic start to the year if you won \$1,500 off a year's tuition fees for one student!

In keeping with the mission of the Parents & Friends, proceeds of the raffle will go towards the annual fundraising target which contributes to projects which will benefit all students.

Details coming soon!

The Raffle will be drawn at the **P & F Mix and Mingle Night** on Friday 19th March 2021.

Family Fee Assistance Scheme

In all Ballarat Diocesan Catholic Primary Schools, tuition fee discounts are available to families eligible for a means tested Centrelink or Veteran Affairs concession card. The scheme offers tuition fee discounts to both Catholic and non-Catholic families, to new and current students. If you are eligible for the above concession card and require further information regarding this scheme, please contact the school office for more information.

Camps Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students, with \$225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student.

Eligibility:

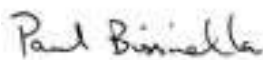
Families holding an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card, Veterans Affairs Gold Card on the first day of Term 1 or first day of Term 2 or be a temporary foster parent will be eligible to apply.

School Hats

St. Francis Xavier is a Sun Smart school. This means all members of our school must wear a school hat while outside during the school day. Please ensure your child has a school hat.

We thank you all for your patience and understanding during the past few days of and home learning and share your hope that it will be the final time we are forced into such a situation!

Yours sincerely,



Paul Bissinella
Principal

Catherine McAuley

Do not fear offending anyone. Speak as your mind directs and always act with more courage when the "mammon of unrighteousness" is in question

Letter to Mary Ann Doyle July 24,



Sacramental News

The parish team of St Alipius are almost ready to release the plan for Sacraments 2021. In Term 1 we will know we will be celebrating Reconciliation for children in Year 4 or above.

This year sees a change to the organisation of the sacraments. All the paperwork will be run through the parish, as will the information sessions. The enrolment form will be released soon and will need to be completed and brought to the information session, along with any money and your child's Baptism certificate.

There will also be one parent/child workshop you will need to attend to complete your child's preparation to receive the sacrament. (Date to be confirmed very soon.)

Many Year 4 and Year 5 families sent Baptism certificates to school last year. These have all been returned to your children on Friday, so please check their school bags. I no longer have any Baptism certificates in my possession. If you have any questions, please contact me via email on bluckman@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au

Ash Wednesday 2021

Sadly, we won't be gathering together at a school to celebrate the beginning of the Christian season of Lent. Perhaps your family will be able to enjoy a pancake or two on Tuesday and pray together on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. The teachers will remember Ash Wednesday in their Religious Education Work this week.

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

Term One

Reconciliation

Baptised Catholics in Year 4 or older

Parent Information Sessions
St Alipius Hall 7.00pm
TUESDAY 2nd March, or
WEDNESDAY 3rd March

CELEBRATION DATES

22nd March Emmaus CPS
23rd March St Alipius Primary
25th March St Francis Xavier

All liturgies begin at 6.30pm in St Alipius Church

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL - Sunday 14th February 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Gospel

Mk 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show

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yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.’ The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Gospel Reflection

It is hard to imagine a person in 1st Century Palestine who would be more of an outcast from society than the leper. Unfortunately, any form of skin disease was categorised as leprosy (known as Hansen’s disease today). It was regarded as one of the greatest forms of uncleanness and seen as a physical manifestation of God’s punishment on the person.

For a person like this to even approach Jesus is a huge risk and an enormous act of faith. He trusts that Jesus will not reject him like everybody else in his life has done. His request to Jesus is almost a demand; it is certainly filled with an utter conviction of Jesus’ ability and good will: ‘if you want to, you can cure me’. Jesus’ reaction is one of equally strong emotion – he is so moved by this man’s plight that he reaches out his hand and touches the man. To touch a person with leprosy was to break every rule of the clean/unclean social structure that dominated Jewish society. In this one action, Jesus challenges the entire basis on which Jewish society is constructed – the purity code. For Jesus to touch this man, according to the purity code, is to become unclean himself. But Jesus ignores these social rules and responds out of love and heals the man with word and action. However, Jesus knows that if the man is to be accepted back into society he needs to conform to the rules that dominate his world. He must present himself to the local priest who is the only one with the authority to declare someone cured of their disease and thus able to become ritually clean and welcome back into worship and back into everyday life.

Historical Context – Leprosy

To be a leper in 1st Century Palestine was to be utterly rejected from society. They were not permitted to engage in religious practice as they were permanently regarded as being ritually unclean and, indeed, unable to become clean as long as their disease lasted. The book of Leviticus, quoted in today’s first reading, contains two whole chapters of rules regarding lepers. Lepers were forced to live outside of any village for fear of contamination and even had to call out a warning of ‘Unclean! Unclean!’ if anyone came near them. They were forced to beg for food and money because no-one would hire them. They were literally on the very edge of society.

Gospel Focus – What’s in a word?

Verse 41 of this week’s reading begins, ‘Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand.’ This translation is from the Jerusalem Bible but if we were to consider other translations of the Bible we would find other phrases used such as: moved with pity; filled with pity; moved with compassion; filled with compassion; or even, filled with anger. By comparison, ‘Feeling sorry for him’ seems a weak translation. Jesus’ reaction is a fully human one of indignation at what this man is forced to endure. It is a gut-wrenching response from the very core of Jesus’ humanity.

Living the Gospel – Who is your leper?

There is a story of Francis of Assisi in which he encountered a horribly disfigured leper. Initially, Francis was repulsed by the man but remembered that this man too was a child of God and made in the image and likeness of God. Overcoming his fears, Francis ran forward and embraced the man. Rather than seeing the disease, Francis saw the person. We can ask the question, Who is your leper? Who is the person in your life that you need to embrace rather than reject? Who would benefit from you viewing them with different eyes? Soft eyes! Eyes of compassion!

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

- Q. Why was it such a brave move for someone with leprosy to approach Jesus?
- Q. Why was Jesus so moved by the man?
- Q. Why did Jesus order him to say nothing to anyone?
- Q. Who are the people in your community that are treated as ‘outcasts’?
- Q. What would a ‘Jesus-like’ response to these people be?

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



Spelling Mastery

Spelling Mastery commenced last week. *Spelling Mastery* is a research - based program designed to explicitly teach children the strategies they need to become successful, life-long spellers. *Spelling Mastery* supports the children in developing an understanding of the relationship between sounds, word parts and spelling patterns. Children are taught in small steps, using sufficient practice, so that they comprehend how spelling works and transfer accurate spelling to their writing.

Children in Years 3-6 will participate in *Spelling Mastery* four times a week, Tuesday through to Friday, from 9:00am to 9:20am. Due to the limited number of lessons that took place last year as a result of COVID, children in Years 4-6 will continue in their 2020 groupings for Semester One. This will provide the children with the opportunity to master the spelling skills at their level of need. Placement tests will be administered prior to the end of Semester One with children reassigned new groupings.

Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) Testing

In Semester Two last year, all Year levels participated in Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) Testing. PAT provides objective, norm-referenced information to teachers about their students' skills and understandings in a range of key areas. Each PAT has its own proficiency scale with descriptors outlining the content and skills students are consolidating at any given point on that scale.

PAT provides quantitative and qualitative data on student performance, making the PAT ideal for understanding students' current strengths and areas for improvement, informing teaching and learning, and monitoring progress over time.

The PAT data has now been analysed, and I am pleased to report the following:

- In the area of **Reading**, 81% of children from F-6 are working at or above expected levels
- In the area of **Mathematics**, 83% of children from F-6 are working at or above expected levels
- In the area of **Spelling**, 90% of children from Years 2-6 are working at or above expected levels
- In the area of **Vocabulary**, 87% of children from Years 3-6 are working at or above expected levels

We hope to share your child's assessment results with you throughout the course of the year.

Jayne Bosworth

Deputy Principal - Learning Enhancement

Wellbeing News



Helping your child to become the best student they can be.

The attached article is all about Helping your child to become the best student they can be.

Michael Grose refers to Encourage learning, Promote leadership, Applaud independence, Embed wellbeing, Teach socialization and Foster resilience. I hope you enjoy the read.

Our Seasons for Growth program is hoping to begin in Week 5 with Year 5/6 children. If you would like your child to be a part of this program please make contact with your class teacher.



First break activities for the children are planned to also begin in week 5.

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Book Reading with Ms Emma 	Collecting/ Trading/ Interest Group with Mrs Clark 	Teddy Picnic Time with Mrs Meneely 	Meditation Time with Mrs Luckman 
In MXF building FEHA room	In MXF building – gathering space area	Weather depending Lower oval	School Chapel

Happy Days,

Jane Clark

Wellbeing Leader



Welcome to 2021

I hope you and your family had a fun and relaxing time over the summer holidays. It is my hope that this school year will be filled with successful experiences and exciting challenges for all children!

This year, I will be working on **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday** and **Thursday** at St Francis Xavier.

With changes in families, classes, friendship and more maturity, some children I have previously worked with may not require counselling support this year. I value your parental input, so please let me know how things have been going in your lives or if your child again needs support.

At St Francis Xavier, we offer the ***Seasons for Growth*** program for children who are dealing with significant life changes, such as death or family separation.

Young people learn they are not alone in dealing with the effects of loss, change and grief and build their communication, decision making and problem-solving skills within a supportive peer group. Information on this program is available in the school office or you may like to speak to your child's teacher at the Getting to Know You sessions.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any queries or concerns. You are always welcome to pop in for a chat – I value our partnership in working toward the best outcomes for your child.

Kind regards,

Christine Meneely
School Counsellor



Sporting Schools @ SFX

Sporting Schools began last week and it was fantastic to see so many students keen to learn new skills and enjoying themselves participating in Softball on Mondays and Basketball on Thursdays.

The students participating in these sports are:

Term 1 Softball - (Monday) Mollie Arnts, Tadhg Arnts, Maebh Arnts, Sophie Dalton, Pippa Dalton, Cooper Danaher, Molly Danaher, Kayden Finley, Charlie Kersley, Xavier Kersley, Olive Lenaghan, Tadhg Lenaghan, George Pearce, Madeline Purtell, Mylo Robertson, Hudson Shorter, Christian Wright, Ethan Wright, Maddison Wright, Johann Iles and Tobias Iles

Term 1 Basketball - (Thursday) Max Grigg, Jensen McCartin, Bailey McCartin, Ava Hewitt-McManus, Eli Prebble, Darci Prebble, James Bosworth, Edward Lloyd, Macie Lloyd, Sophie White, Evie Staley, Xavier Staley, Harriet Johnson, Milla Richardson, Sully Boyd, Flynn Boyd, Mia Van Hammond, Eva Cummins, Lois Cummins, Benjamin Walshe, Isla Page, Michael Leonard, Lucinda Leonard, Sonny Troon, India Skewes and Mackenzie McMahan

A huge thank you and congratulations to all of the students that attended the tryouts for the SFX tennis team. The standard was very high and competition for spots was tight. We congratulate Lachlan Chiswell, Ky Geljon, Jack Roney, Jack Fraser, Lenny Driscoll, Liam Patterson, Emme Geljon, Eva Cummins, Keely Geljon and Ashleigh Beseler for making the team. We look forward to seeing you represent our school at next weeks championships.

We have a very strong squad of swimmers nominated for next week's Divisional Swimming Sports at Eureka Aquatic Centre on Friday. We wish Ruby Fraser, Jack Fraser, Tayla Hiscock, Sebastian Green, Maya Simanjuntak, Darcy Murray, Keely Geljon, Ari Jones, Harrison Lane, Lenny Driscoll, Emme Geljon, Grace Douglas, Lily Mason and Ky Geljon all the best.

Term 1 2021 Calendar Events

- Friday 19th February - Sovereign and Eureka Division Swimming Sports @ Eureka Aquatic Centre
- Friday 5th March - Junior (F-Yr2) Sports Day @ Russell Square
- Monday 22nd March - Middle-Senior Athletics Day @ Llanberris Athletics Reserve
 - More information on these events will be posted shortly

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Shaun Carrol
Sports Co-ordinator

Uniform Shop Update

NEWS from the Uniform Shop:

- **EFTPOS AVAILABLE in the Uniform Shop**
- **Second Pop Up Stall**
 - Have you outgrown your sports house polos?
 - If so would you like to swap sizes or just take your size at the pop up stall in the undercc on the 19th and 26th February and the 4th of March.

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 \$50**
- **Swim hats available \$10**

Price List & Order Form

The price list and order form is downloadable from the schoolbag app.
Orders **with full payment** (cash or cheque only) 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.

VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for volunteers to help out in the shop during the term. We only roster you on for 1 or 2 half hour shifts per term maximum. Parents with small children are welcome to bring them along when they are rostered on.

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.

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

Week 3		
Monday 8th February	Wednesday 10th February	Friday 12th February
Yvonne Arnts & Georgia Skordos	Christine Taylor & Yvonne Arnts	Yvonne Arnts & Leona Troon
Week 4		
Monday 15th February	Wednesday 17th February	Friday 19th February
Yvonne Arnts & Sam Murphy	Christine Taylor & Sam Murphy	Yvonne Arnts & Camille Bell



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

Scholarship Testing date for St Patrick's College

The next Scholarship Testing date for St Patrick's College will be held at the College at 9am on **Saturday, February 20, 2021 for 2022 Year 7, 10 and 11 students.**

Registrations are now open at [this link](#).

Please note that registrations **close at midnight on Wednesday, February 10, 2021.**

To encourage and recognise the pursuit of excellence in all areas of school life, St Patrick's College offers scholarships for Years 7, 10 and 11 entry level in the categories of academic excellence, art, performing arts, music, sport, leadership and general excellence. All categories have an academic component and boys must sit a scholarship test conducted by the Australian Council for Educational Research. A fee of \$95 is payable at the time of registering your son as well as the opportunity to purchase additional practice testing papers at \$25 which are available online and downloadable in PDF format.

For further information please contact the College Registrar on 5322 4449 or email enrolments@stpats.vic.edu.au

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

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