



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 3rd May 2021
Term 2 Week 3

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2021

Key Dates

Term 2
April 19 – June 25

Term 2 Week 3

Monday 4th May
Winter Uniform begins

Tuesday 4th May
Bravehearts Incursion
Mothers & Special Persons
Day Stall Year F - 3

Wednesday 5th May
Mothers & Special Persons
Day Stall Year 4 - 6
Student Led Conferences -
Day 3

Thursday 6th May
Confirmation: Parent and
Child Workshops

Friday 7th May
Mother's Day Prayer
Celebration
Catholic School Netball &
Soccer

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
School Assembly - Year 1RC

Term 2 Week 5

Monday 17th May
Student Free Day

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear Parents and Families,

It has been great to see that the **majority of our children are arriving on time** each morning, ready for roll and for morning prayer at 8.55am (first bell) and ready to begin their learning soon after. Thank you to parents for ensuring this takes place.

It is even more important now, more than ever before that a smooth start to the day is established for your children so that excellent learning can take place in Spelling Mastery. We ask that you continue to ensure that the children arrive on time 8:55am, to move to their classrooms for the 9.00am Spelling Mastery start.

Mothers and Special Friends Day Celebration

I am disappointed to inform you that we won't be able to hold our usual Mothers and Special Friends Day celebration in family groups this year. We are still not able to invite groups of parents into our classrooms due to COVID 19 density limits for schools. Instead, we have prepared a prayer celebration for children in their classrooms. We hope that classes will pray at the time that best suits them on Thursday 6th or Friday 7th May and will inform you via SeeSaw. We will also place a similar prayer on social media for families, should they wish to celebrate in this way.



A Prayer for Mothers

Gracious God, you chose Mary to be the mother of your son Jesus Christ. As you blessed her through her Son, bless all mothers. Grant them patience, wisdom, strength and joy, so that they may care for and love the children you have given to them and placed in their care.

Loving Father in heaven, we thank you for the mothers you have given us, whose commitment is so precious that it can never be measured. May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them. We pray for those mothers who fear or who are in broken relationships, and ask you to bless them with your own special love and the gifts. We pray for children and fathers, that they may appreciate, love and support their mothers and wives.

Mother's and Special Friends Day Stall

The P & F Mother's and Special Friends Day stall will be held on the Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th May in the gym during first break.

- Tuesday 4th May: Foundation, Years One, Two & Three
- Wednesday 5th May: Years Four, Five & Six

Children are invited to purchase a gift for their Mother or Special Friend for \$2.00, \$3.00 or \$5.00. (Maximum \$5 per child)

Friday 21st May
School Assembly - Year FEH

Term 2 Week 6

Monday 24th May
Catholic Education Week
begins

Friday 28th May
School Assembly - Year FTW
Casual Dress Day

Term 2 Week 7

Thursday 3rd June
Year 3 Camp – Sunnystones

Friday 4th June
School Assembly - Year 6JF
Year 3 Camp – Sunnystones

Term 2 Week 8

Friday 11th June
School Assembly Year - 5MH

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
School Assembly - Year 4BL

Sunday 24th June
School Working Bee

Term 2 Week 10

Friday 25th June
Last Day of Term 2
School Assembly Year - 3CP
Casual Dress Day

Term 3
July 12– Sept 17

For those children who may have missed out on purchasing a gift on the first two days, the stall will be available Thursday morning before school, in the undercover area.
We emphasise that this is not compulsory, it is just an opportunity for those children who wish to buy something for their Mother or Special Friend.

Student - Led Conferences at SFX

Our Student – Led Conferences finish this week!

1. Wednesday 5th May 2021

During Student – Led Conferences, your children will lead the discussion with you about their school work, while teachers will help direct conversation and answer questions you may have.

Questions to ask your child at Student - Led Conferences.

Here are some questions for you to ask your child during their Student – Led Conference. These are suggestions, so please look them over and pick a few that you would like to ask!

1. **What are you most proud of?**
2. **It makes me proud to see that**
3. **Can you tell me more about ...?**
4. **I can tell that you improved in**
5. **What did you find challenging this term?**
6. **Did you reach your goals? Why/Why not?**
7. **What can we do together at home to support your learning?**



Purpose of holding Student - Led Conferences.

We have several goals for holding conferences using this format:

- **For parents** – we hope that you will get to see rather than simply being told about your child's progress.
- **For students** – we hope students will take more responsibility for their learning.
- **For teachers** – we want teachers to have more meaningful and impactful conferences with you.
- **For all** – we want to maximize our time together, create ways to partner with one another to support student success.

These meetings will last for 20 minutes and we encourage all families to attend. Children must attend these meetings!

SFX Book Fair

The SFX Book Fair concludes this week!

The Book Fair provides children with the opportunity to explore literature and select books of interest. The Book Fair is a great way to celebrate reading within our community with hundreds of fun, engaging and affordable books for the children to discover.



Hot Chocolates

- Hot Chocolates will commence in Week 2, on a Monday.
- Children can purchase their hot chocolate for \$2.00 during the first break in the gym.

Volunteers Needed - Hot Chocolates

Hot Chocolates is a P & F fundraising activity, any parent interested in helping on a Monday from 10:30am - 11:45am please contact Ange Staley on 0438599996. At least three volunteers

Term 3 Week 1

Monday 12th July
First Day of Term 3

Tuesday 13th July
School Board Meeting

Friday 16th July
Term 3 Liturgy

Term 3 Week 2

Friday 23rd July
School Assembly – Year 2AH

Term 3 Week 3

Wednesday 28th July
Finance Committee Meeting

Friday 30th July
Causal Dress Day
School Assembly – Year
1MM

Term 3 Week 4

Monday 2nd August
Foundation 100 Days of
School

Tuesday 3rd August
P & F Committee Meeting

Term 3 Week 5

Tuesday 10th August
School Board Meeting

Friday 13th August
Student Free Day

Term 3 Week 6

Friday 20th August
School Assembly – Year FSM

Term 3 Week 7

Friday 27th August
Causal Dress Day
School Assembly – Year FND

Term 3 Week 8

Friday 3rd September
Father's Day Liturgy

Term 3 Week 9

Tuesday 7th September
P & F Committee Meeting
Student Led Conferences

Wednesday 8th September

are needed each week, to serve hot chocolates and collect money. A regular commitment is not necessary, the P & F greatly appreciate any time you are able to donate.

Free NEW live webinar: eSafety's guide to parental controls

The eSafety Commission run a number of training sessions for parents. They have a new webinar, eSafety's guide to parental controls, which look at how parents and carers can set up devices and apps to help keep young people safer online.

This webinar is targeted to parents and carers of 5 to 13-year-olds. The webinar will look at how parents and carers can set up devices and apps to help kids and young people stay safe online.

It will cover:

- the benefits and limitations of parental controls
- how to set up iOS and Android devices for safety
- how to set up popular games and apps like YouTube and Roblox for safety
- using family tech agreements and other parenting strategies to manage online risks
- how eSafety can help when things go wrong.

This webinar will include practical tips, demonstrations and advice.

To register, visit: esafety.gov.au/parents.

School Performances in 2021

At this stage we are planning for School Performances to be videoed and shared with families via SeeSaw and our Social Media Channels. We are hoping that the children will be able to at least perform to a school audience. COVID 19 density restrictions continue to affect our ability to have parents onsite in large numbers. Should these requirements for schools change we will amend our arrangements appropriately.

Week	Term 3	Term 4
1		
2		Year 1
3	Year 4	Year 5
4		
5		
6		
7		
8	Year 2	
9	Year 3	
10	Year 6	Nativity

Please note: The Foundation Nativity continues every year. This will take place at 12:00pm on Friday 10th December 2021.

Occupational Therapist - Brittany Curtain



Please see below the **Fourth Edition of The OT Times**

Brittany Curtain
Occupational Therapist

Student Led Conferences

Friday 10th September
School Assembly – Year 5MA

Sunday 12th September
School Working Bee

Term 3 Week 10

Monday 13th September
School Review 2021

Tuesday 14th September
School Board Meeting

Wednesday 15th September
Student Led Conferences

Friday 17th September
School Assembly – Year 4CJ
Last Day of Term 3

Term 4

Oct 4 – Dec 16

Term 4 Week 1

Monday 4th October
First Day of Term 4

Tuesday 5th October
P & F Committee Meeting

Friday 8th October
Term 4 Prayer – Celebration
of Mercy

Term 4 Week 2

Tuesday 12th October
School Board Meeting

Term 4 Week 3

Term 4 Week 4

Wednesday 27th October
Year 4 Camp

Friday 29th October
Casual Dress Day

Term 4 Week 5

Monday 1st November
Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 2nd November
P & F Committee Meeting

Term 4 Week 6

Monday 8th November

Year 5 Camp - Kangaroobie



School Closure Days

Please note that in Term 2 we have set aside two days as a School Closure Days for Staff Professional Development.

- **Monday 19th April** School will be closed as a Staff Professional Development Day
- **Monday 17th May** School will be closed as a Staff Professional Development Day

Parent's Car Park – Traffic Movement

The management of traffic flow at the beginning and end of the day is always a concern. We are fortunate that there is very little non-school traffic in the mix at these times. If the road signage and markings are adhered to with a good level of patience a safe environment can be maintained.

We remind drivers to pull off to the left around the trees where the buses travel and U-turn to return down Fortune Street rather than cross directly across the traffic.

Continued Arrangements for End of the School Day Pick-Up

Please note that modified arrangements for End of the School Day Pick – Up will continue in Term 2. With the construction of the new School Building beginning over the school holidays approximately 20 staff car parks have been lost and will require some staff to park on Fortune Street until our temporary car park is constructed.

Please see the table below for changed pick up arrangements that continue.

	3:00pm – 3:10pm	3:10:pm – 3:20pm	3:20pm onwards
	Children with Surnames beginning...		
Week 1 to Week 3 Monday 19 th April to Friday 7 th May	H - P	Q - Z	A - G

Thank you to everyone for your continued co-operation and understanding!

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Tuesday 9th November
School Board Meeting

Friday 12th November
Public Holiday – Ballarat
Show Day

Term 4 Week 7

Term 4 Week 8

Friday 26th November
Casual Dress Day

Term 4 Week 9

Tuesday 30th November
SFX Orientation
Year 6 Transition

Friday 3rd December
St. Francis Xavier Feast Day

Term 4 Week 10

Thursday 9th December
Year 6 Thanksgiving and
Graduation

Friday 10th December
Foundation Nativity

Term 4 Week 11


Tuesday 14th December
School Board Meeting

Thursday 16th December
Last Day of Term 4

**All other Calendar Dates for
2021 have been updated
and can be accessed live on
the Skoolbag App or by
visiting the School Website.**

St. Francis Xavier Primary School – Skoolbag App

Have you downloaded our new school App?

	Skoolbag....What school information do you want at your fingertips? If you have any ideas send us an email to office@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au
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Parents to Help Their Child Become a Reader!

- Read with your child every day
- Set up a dedicated reading area at home
- Introduce reading materials in your home covering subjects that interest your child.
- Have your child help you make or assemble something that interests them, and have them read the instructions, follow the recipe etc.
- Going on holiday or seen a place of interest in a magazine or on television? Help your child find out more about a possible holiday destination through books, the internet, maps etc.
- Visit the local library and get a borrower's card.

According to Clark and Rumbold, 'Students who choose what they read and have an informal environment in which to read tend to be more motivated, read more and show greater language and literacy development.'

School Assembly Dates 2021

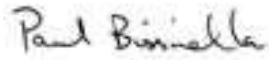
Due to the Specialist Timetable running from Monday to Thursday our School Assemblies will continue on Fridays in 2021 from 12:40pm to 1:10pm. Due to COVID19 restrictions, parents of just that class presenting the assembly are invited to join us.

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)
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Have a great week!

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, 1841

Religious Education News



Confirmation News

Please read carefully, as there have been some changes made.

- [Link to Registration Form for Confirmation](#)
- [Link to Confirmation Letter from Fr Jorge](#)

Baptised Catholic children (Year 3 and up) living in the parish of St Alipius are invited to enrol for the sacrament of Confirmation.

Parent & Child Workshop at SFX

CHOOSE ONE

- Thursday 6th May 4:30 - 5:30
- Thursday 6th May 6:00 - 7:00
- Thursday 6th May 7:15 - 8:15

***Bookings for the preparation workshop are now required. Bookings open after the final enrolment/information session.

If you cannot attend on Thursday 6th May, you will need to attend a workshop at another venue. Just book in via <https://sapliturgy.net.au/>

At Emmaus Primary School:

- Tuesday 4th May 4:30 - 5:30pm
- Tuesday 4th May 6:00 - 7:00pm
- Tuesday 4th May 7:15 - 8:15pm

At St Alipius School:

- Wednesday 5th May 6.00pm start

Confirmation Celebrations:

CHOOSE ONE

- Wednesday 19th May at 6:30pm
- Wednesday 26th May at 6:30pm
- Wednesday 2nd June at 6:30pm
- Wednesday 9th June at 6:30pm

You may wish to attend a celebration hosted by one of the other schools. Dates are listed below.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, each child may have 3 guests and one of these must be his/her sponsor. If there are any changes to the COVID-19 restrictions, this number will be changed accordingly.

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Bookings for Confirmation ceremonies will be online and will open after the last information/enrolment session. Bookings are taken via <https://saplityrty.net.au/> There are 'cut offs' for numbers and you are encouraged to book in as soon as possible if you need a particular date.

Hosted by Emmaus:

Tuesday 18th May 6:30pm
 Tuesday 20th May 6:30pm
 Tuesday 1st June 6:30pm

Hosted by St Alipius:

Thursday 13th May 6:30pm
 Thursday 20th May 6:30pm

Please direct all Confirmation questions to Bronwyn in the Parish Office on 53326611 or via email on ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au . The office is staffed Tuesday, Thursday, Friday between 10:00 and 3:00.

St Alipius Parish, Ballarat East & Buninyong
Sacramental Programs 2021

As parents/ guardians we invite you to enrol your BAPTISED CATHOLIC child into the family based, Parish coordinated and Parish schools supported Sacramental Program for 2021.

CONFIRMATION **EUCCHARIST**

Due to the unusual circumstances of 2020 and the inability to prepare for and celebrate Sacraments with the children in our Parish, a new program has been created for 2021.

Term Two Confirmation	Term Three Eucharist	Term Four Eucharist									
<p>Children who are baptised Catholic in Year 3 and 4 or older</p> <p>Parent Information Sessions St Alipius Church</p> <p>TUESDAY 27th April 6.30pm WEDNESDAY 28th April 10.30am or 6.30pm THURSDAY 29th April 6.30pm</p> <p>CELEBRATION DATES</p> <table style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>Emmaus Primary Coordinated</td> <td>St Francis Xavier Coordinated</td> <td>St Alipius Coordinated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May 18th and 25th @ 6.30pm</td> <td>May 19th and 26th @ 6.30pm</td> <td>May 13th and 20th @ 6.30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 1st @ 6.30pm</td> <td>June 2nd and 9th @ 6.30pm</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Emmaus Primary Coordinated	St Francis Xavier Coordinated	St Alipius Coordinated	May 18 th and 25 th @ 6.30pm	May 19 th and 26 th @ 6.30pm	May 13 th and 20 th @ 6.30pm	June 1 st @ 6.30pm	June 2 nd and 9 th @ 6.30pm		<p>Those who have been CONFIRMED and have celebrated RECONCILIATION in Year 5</p> <p>Parent Information Sessions St Alipius Church</p> <p>TUESDAY 27th July, or WEDNESDAY 28th July</p> <p>CELEBRATION DATES</p> <p>28/29 August 4/5 and 11/12 September</p> <p>Eucharist will be celebrated during the 6.00pm, 9.00am and 10.30am mass.</p>	<p>Children who have been CONFIRMED and have celebrated RECONCILIATION earlier this year in Year 4.</p> <p>Parent Information Sessions St Alipius Church</p> <p>TUESDAY 12th October, or WEDNESDAY 13th October</p> <p>CELEBRATION DATES</p> <p>Weekends of 6/7, 13/14 and 20/21 November 2021</p> <p>Eucharist will be celebrated during the 6.00pm, 9.00am and 10.30am mass.</p>
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June 1 st @ 6.30pm	June 2 nd and 9 th @ 6.30pm										

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

Fifth SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

Gospel

Jn 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit..

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; These branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Gospel Reflection

The Lectionary of this Easter season draws out some of the 'classic' gospel passages, particularly some of the discourses from the Gospel of John. Like many 'famous' or familiar passages, it can be true that familiarity breeds contempt – we think we are so familiar with the passage that we don't need to pay it much attention.

At first glance, it appears that there is a certain ruthlessness about the image of the vinedresser pruning the vine: perform or perish! However, the process of cutting away and pruning branches is an incredibly nurturing action; it is removing the unproductive portions of the plant so that the vine has an even better opportunity to produce fruit in the next season. It is an act of love; not an act of economic rationalism. Within our own lives we are called to make decisions about which of our thoughts and actions are life-giving (fruit-bearing) and which are unproductive; negative; crippling; life-diminishing. If we are able to 'prune' our life-diminishing thoughts and actions we allow ourselves the freedom and the ability to really flourish. Feelings of jealousy, greed, resentment, self-doubt and lack of confidence can limit our ability to be fully alive just as addictive and harmful behaviours can physically take away our ability to perform at our best.

I am reminded of the old Karate Kid movie when the boy, Daniel, is introduced to the art of bonsai. He is told to close his eyes, imagine the perfect tree and then start clipping and shaping the plant to make real the perfection that lies within it. It is only through a process of cutting away and pruning that we can nurture ourselves to realise the beauty of our potential.

Living the Gospel – Bearing fruit

The vinedresser of this passage cuts away the dead branches and prunes back those that are not bearing fruit. In what way do we bear fruit? When we strive to reach our fullest potential in whatever we do, we bear fruit. When we act out of motivation for the other person rather than ourselves, we bear fruit. When we strive to bring about the reign of God in our small part of the world, we bear fruit. Sometimes we too need to have some of our thoughts and actions pruned so that we might better bear the fruit that we are truly capable of producing.

Scriptural context – In context

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The imagery that Jesus used in his parables and in extended metaphors such as the one used in this week's gospel sometimes seems a little foreign to a 21st century audience. However, the world in which Jesus lived and taught was dominated by small scale farmers and producers in an agrarian economy. His use of images such as 'shepherd', 'vine', 'tenants', 'farmers' and 'wineskins' would all have been immediately recognisable to his audience. They would also have appreciated much more than we do the subtlety of Jesus' use of such images when he twists them in an unexpected way.

Historical Context – The 'True' vine

The image of the vine has its origins in Psalm 80 where the nation of Israel is likened to a vine: 'You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.' (Ps 80:8-9) However, the people of Israel have forgotten who they are and who it was that planted them in their country – it is like the rootstock of a grafted plant has taken over and gone wild. Jesus' presence as the 'true vine' reminds them of what they are called to be.

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

- Q. In what ways can Jesus be compared to a grape vine?
- Q. In what ways are we like the branches of a vine?
- Q. What is some of the 'fruit' that you bear (talents, skills, positive actions)?
- Q. What aspects of your life need a little 'pruning' so that you might bear more fruit?
- Q. How are you able to do some 'pruning' for others in a positive way?

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



Classroom Helper Information Sessions

Based on the most recent *School Operations Guide* circulated by CECV, we are now in a position to welcome Classroom Helpers. Prior to helping in a classroom, you are required to attend **one** Classroom Helper Information Session. Sessions will cover aspects of English and Mathematics and provide helpers with important information required prior to helping in classrooms.

This week Emma Hancock and I will be facilitating the following two Classroom Helper Information Sessions:

Session 1: Monday 3rd May at 6:00pm

Zoom Details:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/95353796013?pwd=ZkkzUWY1b1JPbGJQWmVlclJBUFBnQT09>

Meeting ID: 953 5379 6013

Passcode: xkp27m

Session 2: Thursday 6th May at 9:00am - St Francis Xavier Primary School Staffroom

Please note:

- If you are interested in becoming a Classroom Helper, you only need to attend **one** of the above Classroom Helper Information Sessions.

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- A valid 'Working with Children's Check' is required prior to commencing classroom support. Office staff require a copy of **ALL** cards prior to commencement.
- If you have attended a St. Francis Xavier Primary School Classroom Helper session in previous years, you **do not** need to attend another session.

You will however need to read, sign and return the following documents prior to commencement:

- St Francis Xavier Primary School Volunteer Duty Statement
- St Francis Xavier Primary School Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct
- CECV School Operations Guide – Visitors to School Premises

All documents can be collected from the Office.

Book Fair



The SFX Book Fair will take place this week!

The Book Fair provides children with the opportunity to explore literature and select books of interest. The Book Fair is a great way to celebrate reading within our community with hundreds of fun, engaging and affordable books for the children to discover. This week classes will be given the opportunity to view the selected books and write a wish list.



Book Fair Details

The SFX Book Fair will conclude this week and will be open one last time on **Wednesday 5th May, 2021 from 3:45pm – 7:10pm**. We ask that families visit the Book Fair while onsite prior to or after their child's Student Led Conference. The option to pay online will also be available. Eftpos is available!

Paying Online

If you are unable to attend the Book Fair, online payment is available. Details for online payment can be located on the back of your child's wish list.

After payment online has been accepted, you will be presented with a receipt that includes an **8-digit receipt number**. Please record your receipt number in the space provided on the back of your child's wish list. Remember to also record the amount paid and provide the details of the credit card holder on this form. **Please note that paying online does not order your child's books.** Your completed Receipt Record Form will need to be handed into the office, as this will be your payment form when collecting your child's ordered books.

Please finalise all online payments prior to Thursday 6th May.

Book Fairs

If you are unable to attend the fair you may wish to choose from the books in the invitation. List your choices below and pay in advance.

Wish List Payment

Please send this form in to school with your child BEFORE the Book Fair closes

Child's name:	Class:	
Item No.	Title	Price
Total \$		

NAPLAN ONLINE- Tuesday 11th May – Friday 14th May, 2021

NAPLAN is how the government; education authorities and schools determine whether young Australians are reaching important educational goals.

Some of the main benefits of students taking part in NAPLAN Online include:

As technology develops, ACARA aims to further refine the delivery of the tests to best use the available technology to provide increasingly sophisticated assessments and valuable feedback to teachers, parents and education authorities.

Jayne Bosworth



Seasons for Growth

At St Francis Xavier we offer the Seasons for Growth program for children who are dealing with significant life changes by

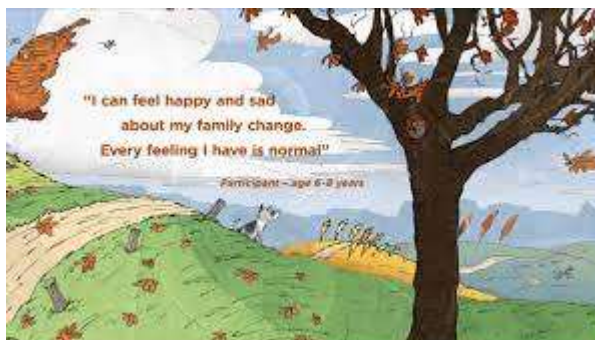
- exploring the impact of change and loss on every-day life
- learning new ways to respond to these changes

Groups for children in Year 3 and 4 will begin later this term.

If you would like child to be involved indicate by email to Christine Meneely

cmeneely@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au

Should you have any queries about the Seasons for Growth program please make contact with your child's teacher or Jane Clark (Wellbeing) or Christine Meneely (School Counsellor).



BraveHearts Incursion for children in Years F, 1 and 2.

Children in years F, 1 and 2 will soon have the opportunity to experience Bravehearts' personal safety education- Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Show.

Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure show has been educating Australian children since 2006, providing them with personal safety tools and strategies while supporting positive self-esteem and resilience- building.



Date: Tuesday 4th May
Time: 10:00am.

The Ditto show is a live, interactive 40 minute performance starring Bravehearts' mascot 'Ditto'. It includes song, dance, and easy-to-

remember messages about personal safety. These songs and messages were written by Bravehearts' professional educators and child psychologists and are developmentally appropriate for the children's ages.

Term 2 First break activities

Children are invited to be a part of first break activities.

- **Wednesday : Trading/ Collecting/ Interest Groups - (including Chess Club)**
- **Thursday : Teddy Bear picnic and Reading time**
- **Friday : Meditation**

The article attached - Managing anxiety before it becomes a problem is a clear, easy to understand article about what we can do as parents/carers to help our children.

Happy Days,

Jane Clark

Wellbeing Leader



Ballarat Catholic Primary Schools in both Netball and Soccer

While the weather is cooling down, the Sports events are starting to warm up!

This Friday sees us involved in the Ballarat Catholic Primary Schools in both Netball and Soccer. Good luck to all of the boys and girls involved in these teams.

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, we have 4 teams of Yr 3-4 and Yr 5-6 students participating in after school netball at Llanberris Netball Centre. Please see the email sent to those that registered regarding teams and game times.

Calendar Events 2021

Term 2

- Friday 7th May - Catholic Primary Schools Netball (Girls & Mixed)
- Friday 7th May - Catholic Primary Schools Soccer (Boys, Girls & Mixed)
- Friday 14 May - Divisional Cross Country
- Friday 21st May - Catholic Primary School Football @ St Pat's College

Have a fabulous week everyone.

Shaun Carroll

Sports Co-ordinator

NEWS from the Uniform Shop:

- EFTPOS AVAILABLE in the Uniform Shop
- POP up shop will be happening again in the undercover area on Friday 26th March 2:45 to 3:30 all uniforms for sale \$5 and \$10

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 \$55
- Swim hats available \$10

Price List & Order Form

The price list and order form is downloadable from the schoolbag app.
Orders **with full payment** 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.

Uniform Shop Volunteers – we need your help All we need is half an hour of your time once or twice a term!!

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.

The shop is open and EFTPOS available in store and for all your online orders. All orders to be picked up at front office

Parish of St Alipius and Ss Peter & Paul - RCIA Process

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?

An evening for those interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith will be held on Wednesday 19th May from 6.30 - 7.30pm in the St Alipius Hall, Victoria St (next to the church).

For more information please contact St Alipius Parish on 5332 6611.



TERM 2 PROGRAM

MULTI-SPORTS (90 MINUTES)

Wednesday's After-School 3:25pm - 4:55pm

(21st of April) to (23rd of June)

Footy, Netball, Soccer, Hockey & Basketball.

Preps to Grade 4

\$220 for the 10 week program

Enrol online www.kellysports.com.au

Any queries call or text Dom on 0417 967 621

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

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