



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 7th June 2021
Term 2 Week 8

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2021

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Key Dates

Dear Parents and Families,

Term 2
April 19 – June 25

We were very excited to welcome everyone back to school last Friday and I confirm the following arrangements!

Term 2 Week 8

School Health and Safety Measures return for children:

Friday 11th June
School Assembly Year – 6JF

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.

Term 2 Week 9

Face Coverings:

Monday 14th June
Queen's Birthday – Public
Holiday

- Must be always carried by adults
- Must be worn by adults indoors except if at home, or if an exception applies
- Must be worn outdoors where 1.5 metres physical distancing cannot be maintained

Tuesday 15th June
Year 2 Camp - Log Cabin
Camp Creswick

COVID Safe Principles for Children and Parents:

Wednesday 16th June
Year 2 Camp - Log Cabin
Camp Creswick

- Any child who is unwell must not attend school
- Beginning of the Day Drop Off arrangements (see below)
- End of the Day Dismissal arrangements (see below)
- 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
- Request that parents avoid or minimise time spent in or around the school grounds
- Regular School Cleaning
- Frequent announcements, messages, signage and red gaffer tape around school to remind staff, children and families of the need for changed behaviours

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

Beginning of the Day Drop Off:

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.

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.

Term 3
July 12– Sept 17

Term 3 Week 1

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 continue.

Monday 12th July
First Day of Term 3

Tuesday 13th July
School Board Meeting

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

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
Student Led Conferences

Friday 10th September
School Assembly – Year 5MA

Sunday 12th September
School Working Bee

Term 3 Week 10

Continued Arrangements for End of the School Day Pick-Up

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 7 to Week 9 Monday 31 st May to Friday 18 th June	Q - Z	A - G	H - P

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.

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

Catholic Schools – Child Safe Schools

Why focus on child safety?

The care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a central and fundamental responsibility of Catholic education. The CEKV is committed to strengthened practice for the protection of children in line with the Victorian Government child safety reforms.

The Victorian Government’s 2012–2013 *Betrayal of Trust* Parliamentary Inquiry found that more must be done to prevent and respond to child abuse in all organisations working with children. The *Betrayal of Trust* report highlighted gaps and inconsistencies in child-safe practices in organisations and recommended immediate steps for the safety of children through the introduction of a comprehensive set of child-safe standards.

On 26th November 2015, the Victorian Parliament passed the *Child Wellbeing and Safety Amendment (Child Safe Standards) Bill 2015* (Vic.) to introduce the Victorian Child-Safe Standards into law.

Preventing and responding to child abuse requires a whole of community response to bring about broad cultural change. To this end, the Victorian *Child Safe Standards* apply to a broad range of organisations that provide services for children, including schools, churches, sporting clubs and youth services. For schools, these child-safe standards represent holistic education and organisational preventative measures in ensuring the safety of children and young people.

The Catholic sector’s response to the Victorian child-safe reforms reflects our commitment to ‘lead the way’, not only by meeting our compliance and legislative requirements but through cultural change and strategies that ensure child-safe practices are embedded in everyday practice.

What does this mean for schools?

The Minister for Education, the Hon. James Merlino MP, issued [Ministerial Order No. 870](#) that prescribes specifically what *schools* must do in order to comply with these Child Safe Standards. This Order makes clear the deliberate actions that schools must take to ensure the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young people.

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 - Kangarooobie

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

As a first step, principals and school leadership teams need to familiarise themselves with the Ministerial Order, including the specific definitions, to ensure that there is clarity and shared understandings of the school's obligations.

From 1 August 2016, compliance with the Ministerial Order became a registration requirement for all schools in Victoria. The Minister has delegated responsibility to the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) for monitoring and enforcing compliance of these new standards within the education sector.

School leaders have a responsibility to review and implement the necessary policies, procedures and strategies to ensure their legal and regulatory compliance.

These changes require detailed planning and allocation of appropriate resources by school leaders to ensure compliance and to meet their obligation to drive cultural change so that protecting children from abuse is embedded in the everyday practice of school leaders, teaching and non-teaching staff and volunteers.

Mr. Peter Mullane is our appointed our Child Protection Officer at St. Francis Xavier Primary School. Pete works with Paul Bissinella to ensure that our school meets the requirements of the Ministerial Order and standards. The School Board also oversees the production of relevant school policies and documents.

Parent - Teacher Partnerships

Please find attached the fourth of six interesting documents where teachers reveal six rules for parents to help their children get the most out of school.

- **Attached: PTP Rule 4-Participate in your Child's School**

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.

Week	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
1			Year 5 MH 16.07.21	
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	School Athletics Sports Y 3 -6	Year 2 GH 29.10.21
5		Foundation EH 21.05.21	Student Free Day	
6	Year 6 CC 05.03.21	28.05.21	Foundation SM 20.08.21	Ballarat Show Day
7	Year 5 MM 12.03.21	Foundation TW 04.06.21	Foundation ND 27.08.21	Year 1 GJ 19.11.21
8	Year 4 PB 19.03.21	Year 6 JF 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)

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.**

Lost Property

The buckets are once again full of UNAMED items. If your child has lost a jumper or tracksuit pants, please contact the office to retrieve these items. The left-over articles are now being washed and will be put into the second-hand clothing pool.

End of Term Arrangements

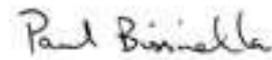
Please note that school finishes for the term on **Friday 25th June at 2:20pm**. School resumes for Term 3 on **Monday 12th July at 8:55am**.

Next Week's Newsletter

Next week's newsletter will be published on Tuesday 15th June as Monday is a public holiday.

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



Confirmation News

At the time of writing, St Alipius Parish church remains on reduced density limits of 50 people. This means that the remaining Confirmation ceremonies have been postponed. The parish will send emails through to the families affected by this and will let everyone know when these limits are increased and the ceremonies will resume. We remember all those Victorians affected by this latest outbreak of COVID-19 and pray for their return to health.

Please direct all sacrament questions and requests to Bronwyn Ballesty 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.

Casual Day Fundraising

The snap lockdown also caused us to miss the month of May fundraising day. We have moved our fundraising to support St Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal to Friday 25th June. They will use the money to provide local support to those in need in the Ballarat East region.

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

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST YEAR B

Gospel

Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my body. This is my blood.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

The Gospel of the Lord

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Gospel Reflection

In the Jewish tradition, blood plays a very interesting double role – being both sacred and impure. As we see from this week's first reading, blood was used as a sign of sealing a covenant and so took on a very sacred significance. Blood was held to be sacred due to its relationship with life and thus God. However, in other circumstances, blood was regarded as forbidden and impure. The Torah forbids the eating of blood and so for meat to be regarded as kosher (ritually proper) it must be drained of all blood at the time of slaughter. This prohibition has to do with an ancient pagan practice of eating blood and was designed to distinguish the Jews from such pagan practices. In the parable of the Good Samaritan we see the two Temple officials avoiding the beaten and bloodied man because to touch him would have made them ritually impure and unable to perform their duties. So we have this interesting contrast that blood was regarded as being both very sacred as well as impure.

It is in the context of sealing a covenant that Jesus used blood at the Last Supper. Jews would have been very familiar with the notion that a covenant with God was sealed with blood and so for Jesus to describe his blood as being 'the blood of the covenant' would have been immediately significant to his disciples and the first audience of the Gospel. Jesus is marking a new covenant between God and God's people – a covenant in blood like the covenants of old. He is making it clear that God is prepared to start over again with the people – a new covenant for a new phase of the ever developing relationship.

Historical Context – Covenant

Covenant is a recurring element throughout the Old Testament writings. A covenant is a formal agreement between two or more parties. In the Biblical context, covenants were made between God and God's people. The first covenant, although not described as such, is the covenant between God and Adam – each promising certain things. After the failure of this covenant, God renewed the covenant promise to Noah and symbolised it with the rainbow. Later covenants were again struck with Abraham, Moses and David – each time initiated by God to give the people another chance to be faithful to their relationship.

Have you thought? You are what you eat

Many religious traditions have rules about what can or cannot be eaten or in what manner certain foods should be eaten. The two with which we tend to be most familiar are the Jewish kosher and Islamic halal restrictions. Both share common requirements about the way in which meat is to be slaughtered and drained of blood. Kosher food laws also separate the cooking and eating of meat and dairy products. Certain foods are regarded as being 'unclean' and consequently are forbidden: pork and shellfish are both forbidden to Jews. Prohibitions on foods are a statement about relationship with God and relationship with the world. They often have basic health standards as their basis but have taken on religious significance.

Gospel Focus – Words of Institution

The words of the gospel passage in which Jesus takes bread and wine and blesses them will be familiar. They are the words used at the consecration of the bread and wine during the Mass. The words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper are regarded as instituting the celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus took an act that was familiar to the Passover meal and gave it a new meaning and a new significance for his followers. What had been a memory of escape from slavery in Egypt became an ongoing reminder of Christ's continued presence in the Eucharist and in the Eucharistic community.

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

- Q. How might the disciples have reacted to Jesus' words and actions at the Last Supper?
- Q. In what ways did Jesus' actions make a 'new covenant' between God and the people?
- Q. What are the key elements of a covenant?
- Q. How do Christian people maintain the new covenant Jesus declared?

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.

Wellbeing News



Anxiety Requires Understanding

Children and young people who experience anxiety need acceptance, understanding and compassion rather than judgement, dismissiveness, and rejection. The use of 'Ahhhh' statements to validate how an anxious child is feeling, is a practical way to show that you are trying to understand them. It's also a great way to help a child develop a more nuanced emotional vocabulary. Here are some examples:

'Ahhhh, you're feeling anxious about going to school camp . . . 'Ahhhh, you're having one of those "I might mess it up" thoughts . . .' The attached article gives a clear and helpful way to provide assistance when these situations arise.

Term 2 First break activities - recommence again this week.

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**

Seasons for Growth - Year 3/4 will also begin again this week.

Happy Days,

Jane Clark

Wellbeing Leader





Division Winter Sports Tournaments - POSTPONED

Due to some current restrictions relating to COVID-19, the Division Winter Sports Tournaments that were to be held next week have been **postponed** until Term 3.

The new date for this is Wednesday 21st July.

Calendar Events 2021

Term 2

- Friday 18th June - Interschool Sport (Year 4)

Term 3

- Regional Cross Country - Warrnambool (date TBC)
- Wednesday 21st July - Eureka Division Netball tournament (girls) - C.E. Brown Reserve
- Wednesday 21st July - Eureka Division Football tournament (girls) - C.E. Brown Reserve
- Wednesday 21st July - Eureka Division Soccer tournament (boys) - Morshead Park

Could any students that still have a SXF singlet return them to me please. Thank you.

Have an outstanding week everyone.

Shaun Carroll
Sports Co-ordinator

Uniform Shop Update

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

Community News

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.



JUNE-JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Monday 28th of June to Friday the 9th of July 2021

Fully supervised, covid-safe, fun-filled days of sports & activities that kids love!

(excluding weekends)

Eastwood Leisure Centre, Ballarat

8am to 5pm each day

Kinder to Grade 6, boys & girls

\$50 per day (\$45 per day for 5+ days)

Enrol online www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat or Contact 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>

Assembly Class Awards 2021

ORDER OF AWARDS: Respect, Excellence, Mercy, Compassion, Justice

Term 2

Week 7: Mercy

<u>Year levels</u>	<u>Award recipients</u>
FTW	Thomas Hiscock & Eddie Anderson
FND	Mitchell Cyples and Daisy Howard
FEH	Byron Toohey, Sophie Knowles and Izzy Carrick
FSM	Sophie Olechnowicz and James Bodnar
1RC	Darci Prebble and Gabe Dunne
1MM	Amaeley Walker & Nixon George
1GJ	Lucy Elliot and Jet Rivett
2GH	Billy Cheeseman and Cooper Manning
2AH	Archie Williams and Zara Thorpe
2BW	Connor Foyster & Mila Knowles
3SB	Laura Bodnar & Pippa Dalton
3VG	Stella Reus and Mannix Treacy
3CP	Sophia St Louis and Sam Hill
4BL	Lucy Kierce and Xavier Staley
4CJ	Olena Vallance and Matthew Corrigan
4PB	Ivy Pearce and Nate Griffin
5MM	Elliott Marson and Allira Steenhuis
5MH	Ben Nunn and Ava Hewitt-McManus
5MMA	Harrison Lane and Milla Kinnersly
6CC	Angus Farrell and Will Morris
6JF	Charlotte Cross and Fraser Jeffrey
Japanese	Connor Foyster 2BW Leo Thorpe 4PB Myles Youle 2 GH
Performing Arts	
Visual Arts	Beau Hansen Ari Jones
Environmental Education	Ethan Wright 5MA Annabelle Fulcher 5MM