



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 9th August 2021
Term 3 Week 5

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2021

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Key Dates

Dear Parents and Families,

Term 3
July 12 – Sept 17

Thank you everyone for your continued support in these very difficult times. It is astounding how fast our situation can change in a COVID world.

Term 3 Week 5

Tuesday 10th August
School Board Meeting

As you know the Lockdown restrictions will be lifted across regional Victoria at 11:59pm today. We are very excited to welcome everyone back to school tomorrow and I confirm the following COVID Operations at St. Francis Xavier within this newsletter!

Thursday 12th August
Division Athletics Day
POSTPONED

Please ensure that your children return to school tomorrow with their devices and all their books they took home for Remote Learning.

Friday 13th August
Student Free Day

Table of Restrictions

Please find attached the updated Table of Restrictions, and is applicable as of 11.59pm this evening.

Term 3 Week 6

Friday 20th August
Interschool Sport
School Assembly – Year FSM

**Holy Spirit working among us
fill us with gratitude for education
and with appreciation of those in the teaching ministry
who empower our communities.**

Term 3 Week 7

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

**Calm us in this time of pandemic
to be supportive of children, young people and teachers
negotiating the new realities of this time. Amen**

Term 3 Week 8

Tuesday 24th August
Golf Clinics

Student Free Day

Please note that school is closed:

- **Friday 13th August** School will be closed as a Staff Professional Development Day

Friday 3rd September
Father's Day Liturgy
Interschool Sport

Invitation to contribute to a St. Francis Xavier Vision and Mission Statement Review

We invite you to contribute to a review of our St. Francis Xavier Vision and Mission Statements by undertaking an online survey. To access the survey please click on the following link. <https://forms.gle/kKQ38N8iEWQHg4Z47>

Term 3 Week 9

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

Background:

In 2014 a considerable amount of consultation was undertaken with the St. Francis Xavier Community to form new Vision and Mission statements and these have been imbedded into the way our school operates on a daily basis since.

Wednesday 8th September
Student Led Conferences

Friday 10th September
School Assembly – Year 5MA
Interschool Sport

In the formation of these statements, there was an opportunity for all children, parents, staff community to have their say as to what should/should not be included.

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

Sunday 12th September
School Working Bee

Term 3 Week 10

Monday 13th September
School Review 2021
Swimming Program Begins

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 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

There is now an opportunity to re-visit these statements and consider what remains relevant for our school community and we invite you to participate in an online feedback opportunity.

This survey should take approximately 10 minutes and your contributions will be considered by our staff and school board in validating the current statements or in shaping new statements. There are only 3 questions that we are asking you to respond to!

We look forward to receiving your contributions.

Camps, Sports And Excursions Fund - Extended

The eligibility date of this year's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund has now been extended to include the first day of term 3.

As you may be aware, if you hold a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession card you may be entitled to a credit off your school fee account.

If you hold one of these cards and they were valid on the first day of either Term 1 (27th January 2021), Term 2 (19th April 2021) or now Term 3 (12th July 2021) you are eligible to apply for the Dept. of Education's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) by 13th August 2021.

If you believe you are eligible, please complete the attached application form and return to the school office before 13th August.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY CLAIMED THE CSEF IN 2021, PLEASE DISREGARD. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office.

School Health and Safety Measures return for children:

The return to onsite school attendance is based on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer. We have considered a variety of strategies to support physical distancing, particularly among adults, and good hygiene practices to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission within the practical limitations of our school environment.

The health and safety of our staff and children is our paramount concern. In the context of an international pandemic; however, these considerations are much more complex.

St. Francis Xavier relies on the advice from the Victorian Government, who in consultation with their experts, are qualified to assess the evidence, weigh up conflicting opinions and make recommendations. I also acknowledges the guidance provided from the Catholic Education Commission Victoria and Catholic Education Ballarat.

Important Operations Update from DHHS

- Non-essential visitors should be excluded from school sites for this period.
- School tours should not be conducted on-site for prospective students and their families at this time.
- Incursions are not permitted at this time.
- Non-essential meetings, and all school events, gatherings and assemblies should be deferred or held remotely.
- Kinder to prep and Year 6 to Year 7 transition programs are not permitted at this time.
- Staggered start and finish times – Schools should introduce staggered start and finish times to reduce congestion at the school gate during drop-off and pick-up times.

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.**

Face masks in schools

There has been no change to the face mask advice, which will continue to apply to all school settings (including any OSHC programs) as per previous requirements. School staff and secondary school students aged 12 or older must always wear a face mask at school unless a lawful exception applies.

- Children under 12 years of age and students at primary school are not required to wear face masks when at school.
- For communication purposes, teachers and education support staff are not required to wear face masks while teaching, but those who wish to do so, can. It is
- Recommended that face masks be worn while teaching wherever practicable.
- Face masks are mandatory for all school staff and school students aged 12 or older when travelling to and from school on public transport and when in taxis or ride share vehicles.
- All parents collecting children must wear a face mask.

Gatherings and Liturgies

Large school gatherings (ceremonies, assemblies, school formals etc.) are not permitted at this time.

Liturgies cannot be held at schools at this time, consistent with guidance on assemblies.

QR Codes and Signing-in at the School Office

Please note it is now mandatory for all visitors to the school to sign-in via the School Office or by using the State Government's QR code system.

The use of Service Victoria QR codes for electronic record keeping is NOW mandatory for all schools to enable the effective contact tracing of any COVID-19 cases.

The public health intent of including schools in the QR code check in system for workplaces is to capture those visitors accessing school buildings or indoor facilities, but not those entering the school grounds for reasons such as school pick up.

QR code check ins will not be required for staff or students, or parents who come onto school grounds for drop off or pick up, but do not enter buildings.

COVID Safe Principles for Children and Parents:

- 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

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.

Continued Arrangements for End of the School Day Pick-Up

Please see the table below for staggered pick up arrangements that continue at St. Francis Xavier.

| | 3:00pm – 3:10pm | 3:10:pm – 3:20pm | 3:20pm onwards |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | Children with Surnames beginning... | | |
| Week 4 to Week 6 Monday 2 nd August to Friday 20 th August | A - G | H - P | Q - Z |
| Week 7 to Week 10 Monday 23 rd August to Friday 17 th September | 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.

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 MH classroom |
| Foundation | Emma Hancock | Side door of the Foundation EH classroom |
| Foundation | Nicki Dalton | Side door of the Foundation ND classroom |
| Year One | Gemma Johnson | Enter via school FRONT GATES and proceed to classrooms via flag pole entrance (Please do not enter via the lower laneway) |
| Year One | Rebecca Conroy | |
| Year One | Matthew Manzl | |
| Year 2 - 6 | Class Teachers | Collect from classroom door |

Uniform Shop Sales during Term 3

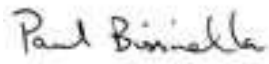
For the time being and until further notice the Uniform Shop is CLOSED and will only accept orders submitted by completing the attached order form and emailing back to office@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au or by dropping it into the school office. Payment can be made by filling out your credit card details on the order form or by cash. Please indicate your preferred payment method on the order form.

And finally ...

My absolute and sincerest of thanks I send to the many people (mostly our staff) who have enabled our school to continue to operate during these unique times and quickly follow on with my deepest gratitude to all the children for attacking their work in such a positive and adventurous manner. Their hard work and willingness to try new things has been a joy to see!

Thank you again for your patience, support and understanding in these difficult times. I will endeavour to update you as more information becomes available!

Yours sincerely,



Paul Bissinella
Principal

Catherine McAuley

Thus we go on...flourishing in the very midst of the Cross, more than a common share of which has latterly fallen to my lot, thanks be to God. I humbly trust it is the cross of Christ. I endeavor to make it in some way like his by silence.

Letter to Frances Warde May 15, 1838

Religious Education News



Reconciliation Action Plan

St Francis Xavier Primary School is at the beginning of the process to establish a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) for our school.

We will be using the Narragunnawali online platform for schools to develop our RAP.

Once we have developed our plan, we will renew it every year to ensure we are including meaningful experiences for our children, which foster a high level of knowledge and pride in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and contributions.

We are creating a RAP because we follow the principles of Catholic Social Justice. If you would like to know more about [Narragunnawali](#), [click here](#).

If you or a family member have Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and would like to be involved in developing our RAP, please contact me on bluckman@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au. We would love to hear from you.

First Eucharist News

In Term 3, First Eucharist will be celebrated for Year 5 students and their siblings in Year 4.

[2021 First Eucharist Program Dates](#) (2nd Update - additional workshop venues)

To begin this journey you will need to attend a **compulsory parent information session** that will be held on the dates and times below;

- 3rd August 6.30pm St Alipius Church or Parish Hall
- 4th August 10.30am St Alipius Church or Parish Hall
- 6.30pm St Alipius Church or Parish Hall

Prior to this evening you will need to complete the steps below;

1. Pre enrol for this session through www.sapliturgy.net.au to ensure that we are able to meet the needs of all people in a Covid safe environment.
2. Use the following link and complete the Enrolment Form for your child/children.
- 3.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=MvIwO-zyUUmyHwV8RPzOs70mzTtjwHFOINE1fkwmU_RUMVJaWUM2N1hBQkISR0pSUFpXT1dBMDExWi4u

NOTE: Without these being completed you will be unable to attend the Sessions

If you have collected your child's Baptism certificate from the Parish, please return at the meeting.

All Information and Enrolment Meetings will be held in St Alipius Church or Parish Hall.

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UPDATED Celebration dates:

21st August, 28th August, 4th September, 11th September, 18th September

Please direct all sacrament inquiries and requests (including certificates) 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 3:30.

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.

If you are seeking Baptism for your child, please call the St Alipius parish office on 53326611. If you wish your child to convert to Catholicism from another Christian faith, also call the parish office.

Bernadette Luckman

Religious Education Leader

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL - Sunday 8th August 2021

SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS (MARY MACKILLOP)

Gospel

Mt 6:25-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not worry about your life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and what you are to wear.

Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing!

Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not worth much more than they are?

Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life?

And why worry about clothing?

Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these.

Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith?

So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat?"

What are we to drink? What are we to wear?"

It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things.

Your heavenly Father knows you need them all.

Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well.

So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself.

Each day has enough trouble of its own.

The Gospel of the Lord

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REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Gospel Reflection

A “one hit wonder” from 1989 was the song by Bobby McFerrin, Don’t Worry, Be Happy. It was a laid-back, a cappella song that still frequently appears in film and television soundtracks. In some ways, the song became the catchcry of a generation who were overwhelmed by the pace of change that was occurring in society, technology and the world in general. A glance at today’s gospel may leave the reader thinking that Jesus, too, is basically saying to us, don’t worry, be happy. But the message of Jesus is not as simplistic as that. Instead, he says to us, set your hearts on God’s kingdom first and on following God’s will for justice in the world and, then, don’t worry, be happy. It is not the same throwing of one’s hands into the air as the 1980’s song. It is not an abandonment of responsibility. Jesus says to us, trust in God, work to bring about the kingdom in our lives and in our world and only then leave the rest to God.

This gospel passage was aptly chosen by the Church to mark the feast of St Mary of the Cross – Mary MacKillop. The teaching of Jesus, conveyed through the gospel passage, characterised much of the life and work of Mary MacKillop. Mary was a prolific writer, sending messages to her sisters in the schools and communities across Australia. We are fortunate that many of these letters have been preserved and provide an incredible insight into the attitude of Mary MacKillop. One of the quotes attributed to Mary MacKillop that captures the essence of today’s gospel is, “Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God.” (1891) Surely this is a more energising and empowering motto for life than don’t worry, be happy?

Historical Context – Mary MacKillop

Mary MacKillop is not only the first Australian to be recognised by the Church as a Saint, she is truly a very Australian saint. She characterises the spirit of the Australian mythology. She was a prodigious hard worker who put the needs of others before herself. She exhibited something of the larrikin spirit: constantly in dispute with authority but pressing on, regardless. She used the strengths of others but also didn’t tolerate those who were not genuine. Her commitment to the schooling of children from poor and rural communities established a model of Catholic education that continues to today. A Saint for and of Australia!

Scriptural context – The Sermon on the Mount

Often, the Sermon on the Mount is understood purely as the Beatitudes (Mt 5:3-12), but in the gospel of Matthew this sermon stretches over all of chapters 5 to 7. These chapters provide a solid core of the explicit teaching ministry of Jesus in this gospel. The gospel writer begins the section with the Beatitudes and then, in a very Jewish style, presents Jesus as a rabbinic teacher reinterpreting and refocusing the Law of Moses for his listeners. Unlike the parables that are more familiar, this portion of the gospel seeks to spell out some very explicit teachings of Jesus about life and the kingdom.

Living the Gospel – Don’t be distracted

When we read in today’s gospel that we are “not to worry”, the word, worry, might better be translated as distracted. Jesus says to not be distracted or consumed by the pursuit of money, food and nice clothes. He says that it is the gentiles – those who do not know the love of God – who set their hearts on attaining these things. We are immersed in a culture in society that values these outward signs of success above all else. The challenge is to avoid being caught up in the distractions of our material society. One way to do that is through regular prayer and reflection.

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

- Q. In what way does a particular phrase, or sentence, from today’s gospel catch your attention?
- Q. Why might Jesus have used the particular images he did when he was speaking to his audience?
- Q. What does this gospel tell us about the sort of relationship God wants to have with us?
- Q. What is one thing in your life that is a distraction from you being the best you can 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.



Book Week 2021

Each year across Australia, the CBCA brings children and books together celebrating CBCA Book Week. During this time schools, libraries, booksellers, authors, illustrators and children celebrate Australian children's literature. This year the Book Week theme is **'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds.'**



Book Week Excursion to Sovereign Hill- Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th August, 2021

As part of our Book Week celebrations, children in years F-2 will attend an excursion to Sovereign Hill to explore and celebrate a selection of the CBCA shortlisted books and participate in a selection of literacy and art activities using the short-listed books.

Tips for sharing books with children:

- Make a routine and try to share at least one book every day. A reading chair where you're both comfortable can become part of your reading routine.
- Turn off the TV or radio, and find a quiet place to read so your child can hear your voice.
- Hold your child close or on your knee while you read, so he/she can see your face and the book.
- Try out funny noises and sounds – play and have fun!
- Involve your child by encouraging talk about the pictures, and by repeating familiar words and phrases.
- Taking turns, asking questions and listening to the answers are all important skills that will help your child when he/she starts learning to read.
- Older children can share books with your younger children, or you can all read together.

Book Week 'Dress up Day'- Friday 27th August, 2021 (Week 7)

On this day children can dress as their favourite book characters.

Mrs Meneely and her team have other wonderful ideas and activities for our children to enjoy during Book Week. Details to follow. Please visit the link to view the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Book of the year 2021 winners: <https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2021>

I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school tomorrow!

Jane Clark

Deputy Principal - Learning Enhancement



Olympic Fever conversations!

If your household is anything like mine, the last two weeks have been filled with Olympic Fever! I must admit feeling a little sad it's all over for another 3 years (but I am simultaneously beginning a savings plan for tickets in 2032 Brisbane!)

An Olympians' truly incredible accomplishment is not only their natural ability; but developing the mental strength needed to get them to the top level of competition.

As a family we had so many wonderful conversations around the TV watching such high level performances and gut-wrenching defeats. The Olympics offer us numerous opportunities for teaching our children about perseverance, goal-setting, resilience, gratitude, adaptability and teamwork.

Although most of us will never achieve or compete at the Olympics, we can use these athletes as examples to help our children learn about what it takes to achieve great results.

We need to focus on helping our children develop a growth mindset by:

- Being curious about other ideas, learning tactics and solutions to problems
- Looking at failure as a learning opportunity- in fact replace the word "failing" with the word "learning"
- Using the power of "yet" (e.g. "I can't do that " versus "I can't do that....yet!")
- Learning we only improve if we keep trying
- Viewing challenges as opportunities

Attached is a fabulous resource about growth mindset by BigLife Journal – enjoy some interesting chats with your family!

Happy Days!

Christine Meneely
Wellbeing Leader

Physical Education News



Latest Schools Sports Updates

As mentioned earlier, regrettably we have had to cancel our SFX Athletics Day scheduled for last Friday due to the current restrictions. We are exploring options of conducting an event later in the year.

Good luck to all of the girls and boys participating in the Yr 3/4 and Yr 5/6 after school netball competitions starting this week. We look forward to hearing how the teams go and improve throughout the season.

Sporting Schools

Students participating in Sporting Schools - after school sports this term are:

Monday (Badminton): Angus & Mackenzie Burbridge, Laine & Nate Anwyl, Karla Austin, Lyla Harney, Alexander Fitzpatrick, Laura & James Bodnar, Beatrice & Arabella Heywood, Jazlyn Lemasson, Macie & Edward Lloyd, Liam Murphy, Finya Najera-Kinko, Sophie Olechnowicz, Rahui Munokoa, George Pearce, Madeline Purtell, Myah & Jett Rivett, Mabel & Lottie Rush, Macklin Smith, Asha & Byron Toohey, Noah & Charlotte Chibnall and Edith Young.

Thursday (Soccer): Flynn & Sully Boyd, Jenson & Wentworth Campbell, Oscar & Joe Trigg, Baz Fitzpatrick, James, Alexander & Grace Hocking, Nicholas & Saacha Hyland, William McGregor, Carter Meneely, Noah Osciak, Jasper Patterson, Sidney Porter, Riley & Alexander Ponsonby, Milla Richardson,

Xavier & Evie Staley, Cruise & Jagger Van Langevelde, Percy Veal, Mollie, Maebh & Tadhg Arnts, Samuel Hill and Patrick Ludbrook.

We will try to have some catch up sessions at the end of the term to make up for those that we have missed so far due to being in lockdown.

Calendar Events 2021

Term 3

- Week 5 - Division Athletics Day - Thursday 12th August (Yr 3-6) **POSTPONED**
- Week 6 - Interschool Sport - Friday 20th August (Yr 5&6) @ SFX v Sienna
- Week 7 - Golf Clinics - Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th August (Yr 4-6)
 - Interschool Sport - Friday 27th August (Yr 5&6) @ St Thomas More
- Week 8 - Interschool Sport - Friday 3rd September (Yr 5&6) @ SFX v St Aloysius
- Week 9 - Interschool Sport - Friday 10th September (Yr 4)
 - Interschool Sport - Friday 10th September (Yr 5&6) @ Emmaus
- Week 10 - Swimming Program - Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th & Friday 17th (Yr 1-3-5).

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

Have a super week everyone.

Shaun Carroll

Sports Co-ordinator

Uniform Shop Update

NEWS from the Uniform Shop:

Uniform Shop Sales during Term 3

For the time being and until further notice the Uniform Shop is CLOSED and will only accept orders submitted by completing the attached order form and emailing back to office@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au or by dropping it into the school office.

Payment can be made by filling out your credit card details on the order form or by cash. Please indicate your preferred payment method on the order form.

- 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



Information Evenings & Open Mornings for 2023 Commencement

Damascus College warmly invites all families to attend our upcoming Information Events. The Information Evenings are a great way for prospective families to learn more about Damascus College.

INFORMATION EVENING: Wednesday 8 September at 5pm
Tuesday 19 October at 6.30pm

OPEN MORNING TOURS: Thursday 16 September at 9am
Thursday 21 October at 9am

You will be sent an online link the day prior to the event

TO REGISTER, PLEASE GO TO: <https://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/enrolment/visit-us>



AFTER SCHOOL CARE OLHC

3.30pm - 6.00pm Monday - Friday (Term 3)

- Mondays** Craft Extravaganza
- Tuesdays** Construction
- Wednesdays** Art & Music
- Thursdays** Sport Activities
- Fridays** Exploring Language & Culture

Email ballarat.olhcoshc@ymca.org.au or call 0491 743 126 for further details.

They'll want to come again tomorrow!




TERM 3 PROGRAM

MULTI-SPORTS (90 MINUTES)

Wednesdays After-School 3:20pm - 4:50pm
(14th of July) to (15th of September)

Footy, Netball, Soccer, Badminton & Gymnastics and Circus.

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>