

# St Francis Xavier Primary School

## Newsletter



Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
Term 1 Week 6

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## 2022 Key Dates

### Term 1 Week 6

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February**  
School Photos  
Year 5 Cyber Safety and  
Chromebook Boot camp -  
Parent Meeting

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**  
Shrove Tuesday  
P&F Meeting

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**  
Ash Wednesday  
Foundation Children at  
Home

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March**  
Division Swimming Carnival

### Term 1 Week 7

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March**  
Foundation children at  
home

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March**  
Student Free Day – Staff  
Professional Learning

### Term 1 Week 8

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March**  
Public Holiday – Labour Day

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**  
School Open Day #1

### Term 1 Week 9

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
School Open Day #2

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March**  
Year 5 Visit to Sovereign Hill

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
Casual Dress Day

### *In the Land of the Wadawurrung People*

Dear Parents and Families,

Thank you to all involved in our **Getting to know your child as a Person and Learner Meetings** over the past 2 weeks. Feedback from all involved was very positive. These meetings were a great opportunity to spend 5 minutes of dedicated 1:1 time to meet and for you to share your child's strengths, passions, your concerns, and aspirations and anything else you think will help your child to be successful! We look forward to our **Student Led Conferences** at the beginning of Term 2.

### Congratulations Ms Cicchini!

Over the weekend we received some great news that I am very happy to share with you.

Ms Carla Cicchini announced the safe arrival of **Murphy Armando Watson** at 5:21pm on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

Murphy weighed in at a very healthy 3260g (7lb2oz). Murphy is a little brother to Clay and the second son to Carla and Todd.  
Fantastic News!



### School Photos – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February

All families should have received their child's personalized photo envelope from MSP Photography.

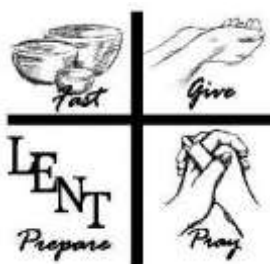
If you wish to purchase photos please ensure your child has the photo envelope on photo day with the correct money or alternatively there will an option to order photos online.

**Photo day is Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February and children will be required to be in full summer uniform (not sport uniform).**



### Shrove Tuesday

This Tuesday the children will be sharing pancakes in their classrooms to celebrate Shrove Tuesday.



### Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and occurs forty days before Easter [excluding Sundays.] Ash Wednesday gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on the forehead as an outward sign that we all make mistakes in our lives and that we need to recognize our weaknesses and work hard to make ourselves better.

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### Term 1 Week 10

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
School Open Day #3

### Term 1 Week 11

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April  
P & F Meeting

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April  
Last Day of Term 1

### **Term 2**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April to  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
= 9 Weeks

### **Term 3**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July to Friday  
16<sup>th</sup> September  
= 10 Weeks

### **Term 4**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
= 11 Weeks

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**All other Calendar Dates for  
2023 have been updated  
and can be accessed live on  
the Skoolbag App or by  
visiting the School Website**

## Lent

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. All churches that have a continuous history extending before AD 1500 observe Lent.. The ancient church that wrote, collected, canonized, and propagated the New Testament also observed Lent, believing it to be a commandment from the apostles. (See The Apostolic Constitutions, Book V, Section III).

### Prayer for Ash Wednesday

*"As we live through this Ash Wednesday, may the crosses of ashes that mark our foreheads be a reminder to us and to those we meet that we belong to your Son. May our worship and prayer and penitence this day be sustained throughout these 40 days of Lent. Bring us refreshed and renewed to the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter."*

## Foundation Enrolment 2023 - 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 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022
2. Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022
3. Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

### **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 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

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/>

### Foundation Enrolment 2023 – Existing Families

Enrolments are open for children of existing families who start Prep in 2023. Parents of existing families who have a child to start in 2023 - please complete the form 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/>

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### COVID Safe Environment

Our school continues to monitor and abide by all COVID safe regulations and recommendations issued by both the State Government and the Catholic Education Office. Density Limits and Good Hygiene practices continue to apply.

### **Beginning of the Day Drop Off**

- Foundation (Prep) parents will be able to accompany their children to their classroom in the first week of school. We ask that the Foundation (Prep) parents drop their child at the entrance to the classroom and then leave in a prompt manner. On entry to the building Foundation parents must QR Code in.
- We continue to request that all other parents (Year 1 – 6) drop their children off in the undercover area and then exit the school in a prompt manner.
- Staff will be present in the undercover area from 8:30am to assist children with walking to their classrooms if required.

### **End of the Day Dismissal**

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

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 began today Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

	3:00pm – 3:10pm	3:10:pm – 3:20pm	3:20pm onwards
	Children with Surnames beginning...		
<b>Week 6 to Week 11</b> Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Q - Z</b>	<b>A - G</b>	<b>H - P</b>

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	Megan Mullane	Side door of the Foundation MM classroom
Foundation	Tom Willmott	Side door of the Foundation TW classroom
Foundation	Emma Hancock	Side door of the Foundation EH classroom
Foundation	Jessie Simpson	Side door of the Foundation JS classroom
Year One	Gemma Johnson	<b>Enter via school FRONT GATES and proceed to classrooms via flag pole entrance (Please do not enter via the lower laneway)</b>
Year One	Shannon MacKlin	
Year One	Estelle McLean	
Year 2 - 6	Class Teachers	Collect from classroom door

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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.

### Bus Transport for 2022

**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.

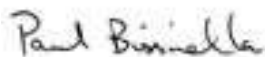
1. City Bus
2. Black Hill Bus
3. Bunninyong Bus

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-](http://www.sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au/for-parents/bus-information/)

[information/](#)

Have a great week!

Yours sincerely,



Paul Bissinella  
**Principal**

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### **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 24,1842

## **Religious Education News**



### **Sacramental News**

Please don't hesitate to contact the parish if you have any further questions. Please direct all sacrament inquiries and requests to Bronwyn Ballesty in the parish office on 53326611 or via email on [ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au) . The office is staffed Tuesday, Thursday, Friday between 9:30am and 1:30pm.

**St Alipius Parish, Ballarat East & Buninyong**  
**Sacramental Programs 2022**  
 As parents/ guardians we invite you to enrol your BAPTISED CATHOLIC child into the  
**Family Based, Parish Coordinated and Parish School supported**  
 Sacramental Program for 2022.

<b>EUCCHARIST</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION</b>	<b>RECONCILIATION</b>
<b>Term One Eucharist</b>	<b>Term Two Confirmation</b>	<b>Term Three Reconciliation and Eucharist</b>
Those who have been CONFIRMED, celebrated RECONCILIATION and are in Year 5	For children who are BAPTISED who would like to be CONFIRMED and are in Year 3.	Those who have been CONFIRMED in Year 4 and would like to celebrate RECONCILIATION and EUCCHARIST. This will be a continual program for both Sacraments
<b>Parent Information Sessions</b> St Alipius Church Tuesday February 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2022 7.00pm	<b>Parent Information Sessions</b> St Alipius Church Tuesday March 10 <sup>th</sup> 2022 7.00pm	<b>Parent Information Sessions</b> St Alipius Church Tuesday July 19 <sup>th</sup> 2022 7.00pm
<b>CELEBRATION DATES</b>	<b>CELEBRATION DATES</b>	<b>CELEBRATION DATES</b>
March Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>  April Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	June Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>RECONCILIATION</b> August Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>  <b>EUCCHARIST</b> September Sat /Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat/Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup>

PLEASE NOTE: These dates may vary slightly depending on community circumstances. We thank you for your support and understanding.

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**EUCCHARIST**

**Term One**

Those who have been CONFIRMED, celebrated RECONCILIATION and are in Year 5

**Parent Information Sessions**  
St Alipius Church  
Tuesday  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022  
7.00pm

**Preparation**  
Preparation will be run through 4 Sunday Mass Time Dismissals. These will run over the following weekends:

February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>  
 March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>  
 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>  
 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

Children will need to be booked into a class through sapliturgy.net.au  
 All Parents are welcome to attend.

**CELEBRATION DATES**

March Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>  
 April Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>

PLEASE NOTE: Whilst the Parish aims to ensure that there will be no interruptions to the program we ask for your patience and understanding should adjustments be needed. Thank you.

**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

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## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

### Gospel

Lk 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*A person speaks from what is in his heart.*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.



'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

### The Gospel of the Lord

#### REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

In our post-modern world, the lesson of the hypocrite seeking to remove the speck from their neighbour's eye before removing the log from their own has at times been taken too far and too literally. We are often confronted with a minimalist notion that nobody can be corrected or criticised because one person's opinion is just as good as the next person's. In this view, there is no room for universal truths; no room for authority; no room for an over-arching view of the world or a meta-narrative – an underlying 'big picture' story for life.

On the surface, the idea that one person's opinion is as valid as any other's seems very democratic and sociable. However, it is fundamentally not true. Someone who has spent a lifetime studying and practising in a particular field of endeavour cannot be lightly dismissed as 'that's just your opinion'. Yet, all too often, such learned knowledge and experience is given the same weight as ill-informed and sometimes mischievous opinion – frequently in the name of 'balanced' discussion.

For some people immersed in the post-modern culture this wash of opinion dressed up as fact is not only confusing but sometimes dangerous. Social norms and even laws can be seen as just another opinion that differs from my own. The opinions of friends and complete strangers on the internet or social networks are held with the same level of legitimacy as established sources of social, moral, legal and religious authority. Whilst it is proper to question established authority and require accountability and justification, the absence of universal truths and meta-narratives lead us back to the proverb that begins today's gospel: the blind leading the blind.

#### Gospel Focus – Good from Good

'The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good.' What makes a person good? Is it that they have had good things happen in their life? There are plenty of people who have had good things in their life but they remain cynical and spiteful people. Similarly there are plenty who have had the hardest of circumstances yet goodness constantly flows from them. It's not the external influences but what we do with them that determines whether we are nurturing 'good treasure' or harbouring 'evil treasure'. This is not just sugary sweetness but a deliberate decision to be a person of hope.

#### Scriptural Context – Three texts; one lesson

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Today's gospel is made up of three separate teachings of Jesus that have been put together by the gospel writer to convey a particular message. When taken together, the three teachings all shed light on the way believers influence one another in community. It is a call to witness to one another through actions as well as words. Before we seek to teach another we must ensure we have adequately learned the lesson ourselves. We must be self-appraising before we critique another. Finally, our actions towards one another are a reflection of our intentions; good actions come from goodness of the heart.

### Living the Gospel – You hypocrite

It is often argued that it is hypocrisy to attend Mass on Sundays and be 'holy' in that circumstance but to then be less than perfect during the rest of the week. This is often rolled out as a convenient excuse for not attending Mass at all: everyone who goes to Mass is a hypocrite. Of course, attending Mass does not imply perfection. It is in fact a recognition of imperfection and the need to come together as a community and to seek God's help to have another go at trying to get it a bit more right in the coming week.

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

- Which phrase or concept from today's gospel catches your attention?
- What lesson/s do you take from this passage?
- What is the danger of treating all opinions as equal?
- In what way is treating all opinions as equal different from showing respect for a person's opinion?

**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

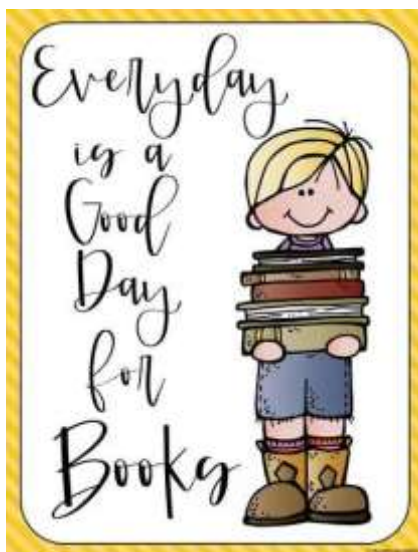


What's happening around the classes with our teaching and learning?

### **Class Libraries**

Classrooms have set up wonderful Class libraries in their rooms due to the library being home to our YR 2PB class until the new building is finished. Here at ST. Francis Xavier, it is expected that every child reads everyday. A variety of texts can be read including home books, library books, interests books, school books ..... the list can be endless.

Thank you for your support in this area. There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all.



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## Coming Up:

Year 5 TIMSS Field Trial in week 8 (Trends in Mathematics and Science Study)

## 2022 NAPLAN

Preparations are also beginning for 2022 NAPLAN. I will be attending a meeting all about administering NAPLAN Online this week. It will inform me how to prepare students for the tests and support staff to successfully manage the administration and delivery of NAPLAN Online.

Have a great week.

Jane Clark

Deputy Principal - Learning Enhancement



## Wellbeing News



### Year 6 Wellbeing Leaders!

It is with great pleasure that I introduce you to our Year 6 Wellbeing Leaders!

2022 is the first time we've had a Student Wellbeing portfolio- it evolved as we recognised we needed an authentic student voice to gain new perspective and for the children to be involved in creating their own solutions.

We know student wellbeing underpins every aspect of a child's wellbeing- from their ability to learn in class to their ability to build positive relationships.

We had our first Wellbeing Leader meeting last week and there were so many great ideas presented and so much enthusiasm.



The team talked about how belonging (or connectedness) is essential for positive mental health and wellbeing. They discussed ways we can look after one another and how we can enhance our warm and positive school climate. They focused on how activities such as lunchtime clubs can support a wide range of students and how our Buddies program helps foster leadership, mentoring and responsibility, particularly in the older year levels.

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They are keen to invite children from all year levels to contribute and meet together, so it seems we are off to a great start! You may like to encourage your child to speak to them if they have great ideas about ways to enhance wellbeing at St Francis Xavier.

Attached is an article with some handy wellbeing strategies for parents, just so the kids don't have all the fun!

Christine Meneely

**Wellbeing Leader**

## **Physical Education News**



### **Sporting Schools Updates**

Sporting Schools - after school program continues this Monday Feb 21 (Hockey) and Thursday Feb 24 (Cricket). Those that are participating have been notified and the names are below:

#### **Monday's (Feb 14, 21, 28, Mar 7, 21 & 28)**

Maggie, Harriet & Emma Locke, Michelle-May & Ella-Sam Lunn, Sahesi Kariyawasam, Oscar, Charlie & Xavier Kersley, Flynn & Sully Boyd, Mabel Rush, Violet Toohey, Vivenne & Edith Young, Molly & Cooper Danaher, Mylo Robertson, Cooper Manning, Maeve & Isla Tongs, Claudia & Lucy Cochrane, Oakley & Macklin Smith, Jasper Patterson, Thiago Motta Crespo, Jensen, Bailey & Devon McCartin, Tom Anderson,

Lily Rice, Rahui Munoko.

#### **Thursday (Feb 17, 24, Mar 3, 10, 17 & 24)**

Oscar & Joe Trigg, Aria & Mannix Treacy, Mia Hamill, Nicholas Green, Alexander Fitzpatrick, Eli & Darci Prebble, Alexander, James & Grace Hocking, Laura & James Bodnar, Sophie & Pippa Dalton, Reg & Baz Fitzpatrick, River Fedke, Xavier & EvieStaley, Noah Rice, Addilyn Simpson, Wentworth & Jameson Campbell, Jude Reus, Noah Osciak, James Bosworth, Sam Hill, Christopher Martin, Jed Hynes, Noah Chibnall

### **Division Tennis**

Conditions were perfect at the Ballarat Regional Tennis Centre on Wednesday for our tennis team. It was fantastic to see all of the students show skill and sportspersonship all while having fun. All four teams played in great spirit throughout the day and all achieved amazing results!

Congratulations Liam Patterson, Lachlan Patterson, Will Steinhuis, Jack Fraser, Jameson Reus, Lenny Driscoil, Eva Cummins & Lola Roney. Well done to Liam and Lenny who finished as the 3rd ranked boys team overall.

### **Divisional Swimming**

Divisional swimming is open for those in Yr 4-6 and who meet the qualifying criteria, to be held on Friday 4th March. Please see Operoo note for more details or contact me should you have any questions. Entries must be submitted by Wed Feb 23 at the latest.

### **Calendar Events 2021**

#### **Term 1:**

- Week 6 - Division Swimming - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March (Yr 3-6) @ Eureka Outdoor Pool

Have a great week everyone.

Shaun Carroll

**Sports Co-ordinator**

## Uniform Shop Update

### NEWS from the Uniform Shop:

#### Uniform Shop Sales during Term 1

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](mailto: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.

#### 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. **EFTPOS available**

#### 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. All donations are appreciated. Thanks.

## Community News

### Guitar lessons are back!

Tim will be returning next week to resume school guitar lessons.

Any parents that would like their child to continue lessons this year, or enquiries regarding new enrollments please contact Tim by phone/email on 0490314621 or [Timothysmol@gmail.com](mailto:Timothysmol@gmail.com)



#### TERM 1 PROGRAM

#### MULTI-SPORTS (90 MINUTES)

Wednesdays After-School 3:25pm - 4:55pm  
(2nd of Feb) to (6th of April)

Tennis, Soccer, T-Ball, Basketball and Cricket  
Preps to Grade 4

\$220 for the 10 week program

Enrol online [www.kellysports.com.au](http://www.kellysports.com.au)

Any queries call or text Dom on 0417 967 621

**Friday Lunches are back this week - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February.**

The P & F are pleased to announce that Golden Nugget Bakery will be providing our lunches whilst our wonderful friends at Stewart's Bakery rebuild over the next few months. We send the whole team at Stewart's Bakery all the very best and can't wait to see them reopen!

Don't forget to order your child's lunch before 10:00 am each Thursday via your Flexischools account.

**Please note:**

No late orders are accepted and our suppliers will not take any late orders.

We are also looking for volunteers each Friday to help pack the orders if you can spare an hour from 11:00am each Friday. Please sign up using the link below:

<https://signup.com/go/rZwXBiz>

Thank you in advance for your support!



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

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