



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 30th May 2022
Term 2 Week 6

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2022 Key Dates

Term 2 Week 6

- Monday 30th May**
National Reconciliation Week
Regional Cross Country at Warrnambool
- Tuesday 31st May**
Principal Appointment
Community Consultation Meetings for parents and families
9am in staffroom
5pm via Zoom
- Personal Development
Parent Information Evening - Year 5 & 6 via Zoom 6pm
- Wednesday 1st June**
Police in Schools Program - Year 5 & 6
- Year 6 swimming program
- Friday 3rd June**
9.30am Class Assembly 6JF
Class Assembly 1SM 12.40pm
Year 6 swimming program
- Term 2 Week 7**
- Tuesday 7th June**
P & F Meeting 7pm
- Wednesday 8th June**
Year 5 Secondary Education Experience Day (SEED)
- Thursday 9th June**
Year 3 Camp - Sunnystones
- Friday 10th June**
Year 3 Camp - Sunnystones
Class Assembly 5MA 12.40pm
Year 6 swimming program
- Term 2 Week 8**
- Monday 13th June**
Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear Parents and Families,

What a wonderful and busy week we have all had this week at St. Francis Xavier Primary School. We have participated in Catholic Education week activities. We also joined the nation with the National Simultaneous Storytime of reading Family Tree by Josh Pyke and illustrated by Ronjoy Ghosh. Some of our Year 5/6 students have participated in Netball, Soccer and Football tournaments and to end the week Years 3-6 had their Athletics day at Llanberris - Ballarat Regional Athletic Centre. Our Foundation-Year 2 students came to school in their casual clothes and kindly brought a gold coin donation to help support the St Vincent de Paul Winter relief appeal. Many thanks go to the staff who helped plan, organise and supervise these activities. I also had the privilege of walking through our new building on Wednesday. It's starting to take shape and looks amazing. How lucky the children of Years 2 and 3 and staff will be working in this new environment. Well! What a week!



National Reconciliation Week 27th May to 3rd June This year's National Reconciliation Week theme challenges us to *Be Brave. Make Change*. We can do this in many ways and in many places, including our schools, workplaces, community centres and online to name just a few. The theme builds on last year's one, where we were reminded that Reconciliation is not just a word, it also takes action to bring about.

The dates for National Reconciliation Week remain the same each year; 27th May to 3rd June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey- the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures. This week at school, children and staff will be understanding this more through classroom activities, assemblies and conversations.



Through the mission of Jesus within the Mercy tradition, we are called to action in pursuing fullness of life for all.

Tuesday 14th June
Year 2 Camp - Log Cabin
Camp Creswick

Years 4-6 Golf Clinic

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

Thursday 16th June
Years 4-6 Golf Clinic

Friday 17th June
Casual Dress Day

Class Assembly 4AH 12.40pm

Year 6 swimming program

Term 2 Week 9

Wednesday 22nd June
Years 4-6 Golf Clinic

Thursday 23rd June
Last Student Day for Term 2

Friday 24th June
Student Free Day

Term 3

Monday 11th July to Friday
16th September = **10 Weeks**

Term 3 Week 1

Friday 15th July
Class Assembly 3BL 12.40pm

Term 3 Week 2

Friday 22nd July
Class Assembly 2GH 12.40pm

Term 3 Week 3

Friday 29th July
Casual Dress Day
Class Assembly 1GJ 12.40pm

Term 3 Week 4

Friday 5th August
Class Assembly FTW 12.40pm

Term 3 Week 5

Friday 12th August
Student Free Day

Term 3 Week 6

Friday 19th August
Class Assembly 6ZA 12.40pm

Term 3 Week 7

Friday 26th August
Casual Dress Day
Class Assembly 5OH 12.40pm

Term 3 Week 8

Friday 2nd September
Father's Day Celebration

Important information:

Please also find attached: Parish Bulletin and Parish Participation form for June and July

Principal Appointment and Consultation Process – Community Consultation Meeting

We welcome Joanne Bond Education Consultant: **Central Zone** into our school to work with staff, parents/carers and children on this process this Tuesday 31st May.

To help with drawing up a school profile to assist with the selection and appointment of our new Principal, we are asking for your help.

Parents and Families are invited to attend a Community Consultation Meeting with Education Consultant – Jo-Anne Bond, from Catholic Education Ballarat to provide feedback on the upcoming Principal Appointment process for St. Francis Xavier Primary School.

Parents and families are offered two opportunities to participate in this feedback process.

Meeting 1 9:00 am, Tuesday 31st May in staffroom

Meeting 2 5:00 pm, Tuesday 31st May via Zoom https://dobcel-catholic-edu-au.zoom.us/j/89087864493?pwd=zj9a8lokRANPAx9K9IVOqVrPliRw_E.1&from=addon
Meeting ID: 890 8786 4493 Passcode: 540985

To register your interest please email Maureen McLean
at office@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au

We look forward to your attendance and support.

Mid-Year Reports Currently teachers are working hard to moderate your children's work to ensure that their reports are accurate and up to date with where their learning is positioned. I commend them for the energy, thoroughness, sincerity, and professionalism that they bring to their report writing.

As communicated to families, St. Francis Xavier Primary School continues its firm commitment to working in partnership with parents to enable our children to achieve their best. In 2022 St. Francis Xavier is continuing the use of Parent Access Module (PAM) for delivering school reports. This online system provides parent's access to a range of information specific to your child including Mid and End of Year Reports. Our mid-year reports will be available on PAM from **Thursday 23rd June**.

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. We are also currently working with the Ballarat City Council, our School Board and Catholic Education Ballarat on a safe solution to our parking and traffic issue. Please see the table below for changed pick up arrangements that continue today.

	3:00pm-3:10pm	3:10:pm-3:20pm	3:20pm onwards
	Children with Surnames beginning...		
Week 4 to Week 6 Mon 16 th May to Fri 3 rd June	A – G	H – P	Q – Z
Week 7 to Week 9 Mon 6 th to Thurs 23 rd June	Q – Z	A – G	H – P

Year 5 & 6 Personal Development Information Evening

Parents are invited to attend an information meeting Tuesday 31st May, beginning at 6.00pm via Zoom. It is suggested that parents/carers attend this information meeting, so they are clear as to what our class teachers are presenting to the children. Parents can also take this opportunity to ask any questions they have regarding the content of the program and to learn how to deal with some of these issues and questions at home.

Many thanks to our Level Leaders Ms Cynthia Cook and Ms Lindy Harty for running and organising this session.

Term 3 Week 9

Friday 9th September
Class Assembly 4CP 12.40pm

Term 3 Week 10

Mon 12th-Fri 16th Sept
Years 1 & 3 swimming

Friday 16th September
Class Assembly FJS 12.40pm

Term 4

Monday 3rd Oct to Friday
16th Dec = **11 Weeks**

Term 4 Week 1

Monday 3rd October
First Student Day for Term 4

Mon 3rd-Fri 7th Oct
Years 2, 4 & 5 swimming

Friday 7th October
Class Assembly 3JV 12.40pm

Term 4 Week 2

Friday 14th October
Class Assembly 2CJ 12.40pm

Term 4 Week 3

Friday 21st October
Class Assembly 1EM 12.40pm

Term 4 Week 4

Friday 28th October
Casual Dress Day
Class Assembly FMM 12.40pm

Term 4 Week 5

Monday 31st October
Student Free Day

Tuesday 1st November
Public Holiday—Melbourne Cup

Term 4 Week 8

Friday 25th November
Casual Dress Day

Term 4 Week 9

Friday 2nd December
St. Francis Xavier Feast Day

Term 4 Week 10

Friday 9th December
Foundation Nativity

Term 4 Week 11

Friday 16th December
Last Student Day for Term 4

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

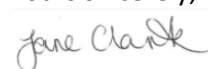
Assembly awards Last Friday Foundation EH presented their assembly and the following children received an award for the Mercy Value of Justice. Justice means making things fair for everyone by making positive changes when we notice injustice. We act for justice because Jesus shows us how to include others and to use our actions to make change.

Assembly Date: 27/5/22 Term 2, Week 5	Theme: JUSTICE Justice means making things fair for everyone by making positive changes when we notice injustice. We act for justice because Jesus shows us how to include others and to use our actions to make change.
HOST CLASS: FEH	Names (2 per class)
F EH	Reg Fitzpatrick and Eliza Vallance
F TW	Freddie Brown & Sophie Crumpton
F JS	Ollie Geaghan and Bryn Glab
F MM	River Fedke and Paityn Grant
1 SM	Baz Fitzpatrick and Flynn McKay
1 GJ	Myah Rivett and Ted Nunn
1 EM	Lenny Owins and Addilyn Simpson
2 PB	Lily Hunter and Sam Norris.
2 CJ	Bonnie Giles and Mia Whatmough
2 GH	Evie Answer and Sonny Troon
3 ND	Archie Williams and Ivy Miles
3 RW	Noah Chibnall and Bailey McCartin
3 JVG	Mia Hamill and Angus Burbidge
4 BW	Elliana Tocchet and Mannix Treacy
4 AH	Braxton Buntsma and Chelsea Crowe
4 CP	Lachlan Patterson and Hannah Smith
5 LH	Kardia Sarra and Wentworth Campbell
5 OH	Mia Van Hamond and Jasper Patterson
5 MM	Charlotte Bell and Matt Corrigan
6 CC	Maggie Brown and Tyler Simpson
6 JF	Jackson Kane and Maggie Locke
6 ZA	Milla O'Donohue & Ben Buckland
Environmental Education	Leighton Troon, 1EM and Sienna Morton, 2GH
Performing Arts	Edward Lloyd and Lois Cummins
Visual Arts	Olive Lenaghan and Xavier Morris (2GH)
Physical Education	James Cyples & Macie Lloyd
Principal's Award	Max Alexander Elliott

I hope that you have an enjoyable week! Please do not hesitate to contact the office on 5331 6311 should you have any queries or concerns.

Have a great week!

Yours sincerely,



Jane Clark, Interim Principal



Religious Education News



Children's Prayer Each week in the newsletter I would like to share the weekly Gospel reading and a short reflection. You may like to use this at home with your family, in your weekly prayer or as something to discuss with your children.

Adult Faith Formation In the weekly Parish Bulletin (attached), Sr Veronica Lawson (a local and well-renowned theological scholar) shares a weekly gospel reflection. Her thought-provoking writings provide a way of deepening our understanding and interpreting the Catholic faith in our contemporary cultural context.

Sacrament Preparation Please continue to keep our children who are preparing for their Sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers. In the Catholic Tradition, Confirmation is the second sacrament of Initiation (with Baptism being the first). We wish them well as they continue to learn about their faith and living out the mission of Jesus.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL Sunday May 29, 2022 The Feast of the Ascension (Year C)

Opening prayer:

Christ Jesus, we know that you are with us always. Work through us as we try to be your disciples, sharing your good news with others in all that we do. Amen.

Gospel: Acts 1:8-11

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. When Jesus had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.



Reflection:

Jesus told his disciples that they must go and share the gospel with all people that they meet and teach them to follow the commandments that Jesus has given us.

And then at the end Jesus says to the disciples: "I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."

Jesus isn't just there for the disciples, Jesus is also with us until the end of time. He is with each and every one of us. How do you know that Jesus is with you? When do you see or feel that Jesus is with you in your life?

Jesus is with us when we pray – we can talk to him about everything that worries and concerns us, we can give him thanks for the good things, we can say sorry, and we can ask for his help.

Jesus is also with us in other people. Every single person is made in the image of God and Christ is in each and every one of us. We can help others to see and feel that Jesus is with them too, through the things that we do.

Can you think of how?

Each time we comfort someone who is sad or look after someone who is sick. When we are with people, caring, supporting and helping them through difficult times, we help them to see that they are not alone, that we are with them.

We see Jesus in them, and they might even see Jesus in us.

When we do this, we share the gospel in our actions by showing love for one another.

Our Challenge:

How will you help others to know that Jesus is still with us in the coming week?

(Adapted from CAFOD website)

Christine Meneely

Interim Religious Education Leader

Webinar Opportunity- Encouraging Good Behaviour in our Children 8 June 2022 at 8-9pm AEST

Discipline is one of the most confusing and challenging topics that parents grapple with.

When you look up the word discipline in the dictionary the first definition is “punishment”. Dr Justin Coulson explains this is a relatively new way of understanding the word- until a couple of hundred years ago, to be disciplined meant to be shown a way to follow.

As a school, we have a membership with Parenting Ideas, one of Australia’s most trusted sources of parenting education and support. As part of this membership, all the parents and carers in our community can attend/ access parenting resources at no cost.

This upcoming webinar, presented by Dr Justin Coulson is for every parent who has ever been so desperate to get their kids to ‘behave’ that they’ve tried Triple P, Super-Nanny, 1–2–3 Magic, and pretty much everything else out there, and still found themselves stuck. It explores the concept of discipline and how parents can encourage good behaviour in children.

Key learning and discussion points include:

- why the centuries-old strategies we still cling to should be left in the past
- how we get discipline wrong and why
- real world examples of discipline that are as imperfect as parents and their kids, but that still work
- ideas for discipline that turn everything you thought you knew about the topic on its head
- applicable strategies for everyone

Redeem your webinar - it’s easy!

To redeem your webinar click or copy and paste this link: <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/parent-resources/parent-webinars/webinar-encouraging-good-behaviour>

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This offer is valid until 8 September 2022. If you’re unable to make the broadcast time, just register anyway and you will get access to the recording.

Attached are some further details about the *Encouraging good behaviour* webinar.

Christine Meneely
Wellbeing Leader

Physical Education News



Cross Country Good luck to Archer Spackman, Mitchell Kane, Connor Foyster, Jake Cheeseman, Felicity McGrath, Ben Buckland, Saacha Hyland and Ashlee Beseler who are running in Warrnambool on Monday at the Regional Cross Country. Safe travels and stay warm!

Winter Sports What a huge couple of days we had on Wednesday and Thursday for the Winter Sports competitions! Firstly, both our Girls and Mixed netball teams put together some fantastic performances on Wednesday and managed to play really well as a team. A massive thank you to Ms Astbury and Mrs Boyd for coaching and looking after the teams on the day.

Also on Wednesday we had the girls soccer and boys soccer teams competing. The girls played with great energy and finished 2nd overall while the boys displayed outstanding skill and teamwork, managing to win all of their matches to progress through to the Division stage. A big thank you to Mrs Hayward for coaching and support the girls. The weather was perfect for football on Thursday for our girls and boys teams at Vic Park. Mr Marshall had the girls team firing and they came away with 2 wins and 2 narrow losses, but the improvement they showed

over the course of the day was inspiring. The boys team played with exceptional teamwork and determination and were rewarded with a solid win in the final and progress to the next stage in a few weeks. A huge thank you to all of the families that came along over the 2 days to support all of the players and coaches.

Yr 3-6 Athletics Day How good was the weather on Friday?! A magnificent day was had by all last Friday at the Yr 3-6 Athletics Day at Llanberris. Every single student 'had a go', 'tried their best' and 'had fun' which made the day very successful. Thank you to all of the students, staff and families that made this event so spectacular. A very big thank you and well done to Mr Down who coordinated the day and for all of his time and effort put into planning for the day. We are busy tallying up all of the scores and will announce the winning House very soon.

Golf Clinics Students in Yr 4 - 6 will be participating in Golf Clinics with Tony from Golf Vic later this term. Each class in Yr 4 - 6 will be involved in 2 x 45min clinics, and from this Tony will help us select a squad to participate in a primary school golf tournament later in Term 3 at Mt Xavier GC.

Term 2 dates:

- Monday 30th May - Regional Cross Country @ Warrnambool
- Tuesday 14th June - Yr 4 - 6 golf clinics
- Thursday 16th June - Yr 4 - 6 golf clinics
- Friday 17th June - Division Boys Soccer
- Friday 17th June - Division Boys Football
- Wednesday 22nd June - Yr 4 - 6 golf clinics

Have a tremendous week.

[Shaun Carroll](#)

SFX Sport Coordinator

Uniform Shop Update

Uniform Shop Sales during Term 2

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.

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 secondhand uniforms can be left at the shop with Sam. All donations are appreciated. Thanks.

Community News

Term 2 Update from P&F: The P&F are seeking volunteers for:

1. **Hot Lunches** (Fridays) <https://signup.com/go/grKXbMX>
2. **Hot Chocolates** (Mondays) <https://signup.com/go/snhcNlf>

Please click on the Sign-up links if you are able to volunteer. As always, thanks for your support!

- **Hot chocolates** will be available to purchase for \$1.50 on Mondays during first break. We are once again grateful for donations from Grounded Pleasures of the chocolate powder and So Soft of the yummy marshmallows.

If anyone is available to lead and coordinate the **Hot Chocolates** this term, then please email sfxpsc@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au or contact Ange Staley on 0438 599 996.

The P&F are pleased to offer their next fundraiser for term 2 and the school holidays! Please find attached an order form for **Baker & Grind Pie, Slice & Donut drive**. **Please complete form and return with cash no later than Friday 10th June**. Orders will be delivered to school and available for collection on Friday 17th June. Thank you for your support!

