# St Francis Xavier Primary School



# **Newsletter**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Term 2 Week 3 PO Box 2027 Ballarat East VIC 3354 Phone: 5331 6311 Fax: 5331 8337

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# 2022 Key Dates

Term 2
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April to
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June
= 9 Weeks

#### Term 2 Week 3

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 NAPLAN

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 NAPLAN Student Led Conferences -Day 3

> Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 NAPLAN

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May Class Assembly – 2PB

#### Term 2 Week 4

Tuesday 17th May Year 6 Urban Camp

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May Class Assembly – 1 SM

#### Term 2 Week 5

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May Netball and Soccer - Division Tournament

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May**District AFL Football
Tournament

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May Casual Dress Day SFX Athletics Carnival -Llanberris Reserve Class Assembly – F EH

#### Term 2 Week 6

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** Class Assembly – 6 JF

#### In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear Parents and Families,

I hope all our families had a chance to celebrate Mother's Day yesterday. I hope all mothers had a day of happiness, a day where they felt cherished and where they could take time to dream dreams for their children. Mother's Day is a day of joy and celebration for those who can spend time with their mothers. For others, it is a day of remembrance of mothers who are no longer with them. The special thing about the day is that we all stop and in our own ways, we take time to honour Motherhood.

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.

#### **Religious Education Advisor at Catholic Education Ballarat**

It is with great pleasure (...and sadness!) that I inform you that **Bernadette Luckman** has accepted the role of Religious Education Advisor at Catholic Education Ballarat.

Bernadette is currently on Long Service Leave and will finish at St. Francis Xavier on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May and start at CEB om Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

We are very fortunate that Bec Warr has agreed to increase her hours from part time in 3BL, to work full time until the end of Term 2. From the beginning of Term 3 Brighid Ginnane Smith (returning from Parental Leave) will job share with Bec Warr until the end of the school year. Bec and Brighid will split the role 0.5 (FTE) each. Brighid has considerable Year 3 experience having worked in the year level as a teacher and leader prior to her leave. Brighid is familiar with the Year 3BL children and our school programs.

I am sure you join me in offering congratulations and our full support to Bernadette as the new Religious Education Advisor at Catholic Education Ballarat. At a time agreeable with Bernadette, we will organise an opportunity to farewell her and celebrate her time and significant contributions to St. Francis Xavier!

#### NAPLAN - National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy

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#### Term 2 Week 7

**Tuesday 7**th **June** P & F Meeting

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June Year 5 - 2022 Secondary Education Experience Day (SEED)

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June** Year 3 Camp – Sunnystones

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June
Year 3 Camp - Sunnystones
Class Assembly – 5 MA

#### Term 2 Week 8

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June Year 2 Camp - Log Cabin Camp Creswick

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June Year 2 Camp - Log Cabin Camp Creswick

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June Casual Dress Day Class Assembly – 4AH

#### Term 2 Week 9

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** Last Day of term 2 for Students

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June Student Free Day

#### **Term 3** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September

= 10 Weeks

#### Term 3 Week 1

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July Class Assembly – 3 BL

#### Term 3 Week 2

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Class Assembly – 2 GH

#### Term 3 Week 3

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July Class Assembly – 1 GJ Parents can help their child have a positive NAPLAN experience by ensuring they have a good night's sleep the night before the tests and a healthy breakfast each morning.

#### **School Uniform:**

The reason for our school uniform is to ensure that our children are identified as students who belong to the community of St. Francis Xavier. When some students continually ignore aspects of the uniform policy, this causes resentment and disharmony for other students and families. I ask parents to be encouraging and supportive in your role so that the school uniform is respected and adhered to and that there is a strong level of equality and fairness in the management of the uniform protocol.

 From today Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May (Week 3) all children are expected to be in Winter Uniform.

#### **Student - Led Conferences at SFX**

Your child(ren) will be showcasing their schoolwork and discussing learning goals with you through Student-Led Conferences. During Student – Led Conferences, your children will lead the discussion with you about their school work, while teachers will help direct conversation and answer questions you may have.

These conferences are scheduled for Week 2 & 3 next term, on the following dates:

- 1. Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022
- 2. Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- 3. Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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

We have several goals for holding conferences using this format:

# WHY STUDENT LED CONFERENCES?

- · Students develop ownership of their learning
- Students build independence
- Students take mills in their success
- Students identify areas for
- Students share knowledge and skills learned
- **For parents** we hope that you will get to see rather than simply being told about your child's progress.
- For students we hope students will take more responsibility for their learning.
- For teachers we want teachers to have more meaningful and impactful conferences with you.
- **For all** we want to maximize our time together, create ways to partner with one another to support student success.

#### Questions to ask your child at Student - Led Conferences.

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

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

#### Term 3 Week 4

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August Class Assembly – F TW

#### Term 3 Week 5

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August Student Free Day

#### Term 3 Week 6

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August Class Assembly – 6 ZA

#### Term 3 Week 7

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August Class Assembly – 5 OH

#### Term 3 Week 8

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** Father's Day Celebration

#### Term 3 Week 9

Friday 9th September Class Assembly – 4 CP

#### Term 3 Week 10

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September** Class Assembly – 3 JV

#### Student Led Conferences can be booked online using PAM

<u>Please note</u>: that **PAM** will be used for booking Student Led Conferences with instruction included below.

PAM will open on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 9:00am for you to log in a conference time. You can logon yourself and choose your preferred time or alternatively contact the office and we can do this for you. The allocated time is 20 mins per conference.

#### **Student - Led Conferences on PAM - Booking Instructions for Parents**

1. Log into PAM using your Username and Password

PAM can be accessed via the schools

homepage: <a href="http://www.sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au/news-events/parent-access-module/">http://www.sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au/news-events/parent-access-module/</a> or by going directly to the PAM site <a href="https://pam.sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au/Login/Default.aspx">https://pam.sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au/Login/Default.aspx</a>

- 2. Click on Parent Teacher Interviews
- 3. Select student
- 4. Select Core Group
- 5. Select Teacher (If your child's class has 2 teachers, only one teacher has the times available.)
- 6. Select your time
- 7. Click Book Interview
- The interview times will be displayed underneath your booking window. If you need to alter your child's interview time please click on the blue pen box and alter your time.
- If the interview time you have made does not suit and you wish to delete the time, please click on the red cross box
- There is an option to print your interview booking times by clicking the blue printer icon.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office on 5331 6311 should you have any queries or concerns

#### NEW DATES: Open Day and School Alive Tours - Term 2

Due to popular demand we will be running 2 additional Open Days and School Alive Tours early in Term 2.

Open Days and School Alive Tours will be held at:

1. 6:00pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022

To register your attendance at an Open Day and School Alive Tour please click on the "Book a Tour" link: <a href="http://www.sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au/enrol/open-days/">http://www.sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au/enrol/open-days/</a>

This is a great chance for parents who haven't made it to an Open Day or wish to have another look around after hours!

Please note that Foundation Enrolments for 2023 close on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

#### Term 4

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

#### Term 4 Week 1

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 First Day of Term 4 for Students

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October Class Assembly – 2 CJ

#### Term 4 Week 2

**Friday 14**<sup>th</sup> **October** Class Assembly – 1 EM

#### Term 4 Week 3

**Friday 21st October** Class Assembly – F JS

#### Term 4 Week 4

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October Casual Dress Day Class Assembly – F MM

#### Term 4 Week 5

Monday 31st October Student Free Day

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup

#### Term 4 Week 6

#### Term 4 Week 7

#### Term 4 Week 8

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November Casual Dress Day

#### Term 4 Week 9

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December St. Francis Xavier Feast Day

#### Term 4 Week 10

**Friday 9**th **December** Foundation Nativity

#### Term 4 Week 11

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** Last Day of Term 4 for Students

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

#### **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 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 1 to Week 3  Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	H - P	Q - Z	A - G
Week 4 to Week 6  Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	A - G	H - P	Q - Z
Week 7 to Week 9  Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Q - Z	A - G	H - P

#### **School Assembly Dates 2022**

Due to the Specialist Timetable running from Monday to Thursday our School Assemblies will continue on Fridays in 2022 from 12:40pm to 1:10pm

Please see list below. This has also been updated on the school calendar for your perusal.

Week	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
1		Year 3 ND	Year 3 BL	Year 3 JV
		(9:30am) 29.04.22	15.07.22	07.10.22
2		Student Free Day	Year 2 GH	Year 2 CJ
			22.07.22	14.10.22
		Year 2 PB	Year 1 GJ	Year 1 EM
3		13.05.22	29.07.22	21.10.22
		Year 1 SM	Foundation TW	Foundation MM
4		20.05.22	05.08.22	28.10.22
5		Foundation EH	Student Free Day	
		27.05.22		
6		Year 6 JF	Year 6 ZA	
		(9:30am) 03.06.22	19.08.22	
7		Year 5 MA	Year 5 OH	

		10.06.22	26.08.22	
8		Year 4 AH	Father's Day	
		17.06.22	Liturgy	
0	Year 6 CC	Student Free Day	Year 4 CP	St Francis Xavier
9	25.03.22	Student Free Day	09.09.22	Feast Day
10	Year 5 MH		Foundation JS	Foundation
10	01.04.22		16.09.22	(Nativity)
11	Year 4 BW			
11	08.04.22			

#### Term 2 COVID Safe Measures at St. Francis Xavier

There are some important changes to COVID Safe measures for schools that will apply from the start of Term 2.

#### 1. Face masks

From 11:59 pm Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, face masks, while recommended, are not required in any school setting. This means children in Year 3 to 6, staff and visitors in primary schools are no longer required to wear face masks. Any student or staff member who wishes to wear a mask may do so, including those who are medically at-risk.

#### 2. Rapid antigen test screening requirements

Students who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, now do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. This was previously 8 weeks.

#### 3. Household contacts

Students who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are not required to quarantine. They may return to school as long as they undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times during their 7-day period. They are required to notify the school that they are a household contact.

Students aged 8 years and above who are household contacts are required to wear face masks when indoors at school unless they have a valid exemption.

If a student household contact returns a positive RAT result, they must isolate for 7 days.

#### 4. Vaccination requirements for visitors to schools

Parents, carers and other adult visitors (not performing work) are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

#### 5. RAT screening program reminder

RATs will continue to be supplied for the first 4 weeks of Term 2 to support the early detection of COVID-19 in our school.

The testing recommendations will remain the same this Term for students and staff with:

 children and staff encouraged to test twice a week; every Sunday and Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning

As we approach winter and flu season, the vaccination of children aged 5 to 11 and booster shots for students 16+ remains the best way to ensure protection for students and staff.

If you have any concerns about getting your child vaccinated, please get in contact with your GP or another health professional who can answer your questions.

Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our school safe.



#### **DID YOU KNOW? - Facebook**

St. Francis Xavier Primary School, Ballarat East has a Facebook Page!

Invite your friends and "LIKE" us on Facebook to keep up to date with social events and things happening around the school and reminisce as we go through the archives!

https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Francis-Xavier-Primary-School/273229632859103

#### **School Calendar**

Please visit the **school website** to see a new and constantly up to date school calendar <a href="http://www.sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au/news-and-events/70/p/school-calendar/">http://www.sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au/news-and-events/70/p/school-calendar/</a>

#### **School Closure Day**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June School will be closed Reading a Staff Professional Development Day

Have a great week!

Yours sincerely,

Paul Binnella

Paul Bissinella Principal

#### **Catherine McAuley**

The blessing of unity still dwells amongst us and oh what a blessing, it should make all else pass into nothing....This is the spirit of the Order, indeed the true spirit of Mercy flowing on us...

Letter to Elizabeth Moore Easter Monday, 1841

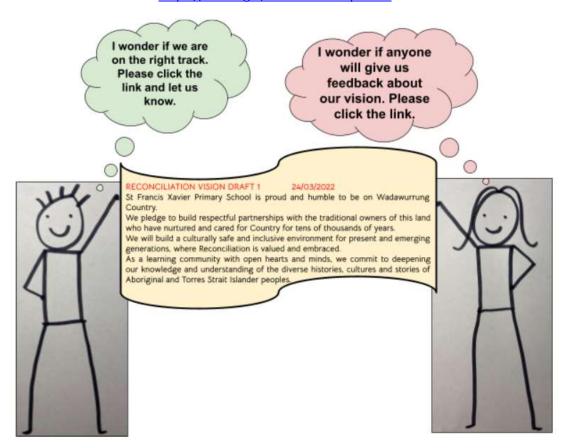
#### **Religious Education News**



#### **Reconciliation Action Plan**

#### FEEDBACK NEEDED.

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#### Sacramental News

We have received information from the St Alipius Parish Sacramental Team to pass on to you, regarding Confirmation for Year 3 students or those in Years 4, 5 or 6 who have missed out on the sacrament. Please click this link to enrol your child and find out more about: Link to Enrolment Letter

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

#### **BAPTISM**

If your child has been baptised since he/she started at St Francis Xavier Primary School, make sure you have informed us and you have sent a copy of the Baptism certificate to the school office.

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

St Alipius Parish, Ballarat East & Buninyong Sacramental Programs 2022

As parents/ guardians we invite you to enrol your BAPTSED CATHOLIC child into the Family Rosed, Porish Coordinated and Parish School supported Sacramental Program for 2022.

#### CONFIRMATION

#### Term Two Confirmation

For children who are BAPTISED who would like to be CONFIRMED and are in Year 3.

#### Parent Information Night/ First Session

St Alipius Church Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> 2022 7.00pm

#### Session Times

 Wednesday
 May 11
 7.00 pm

 Weekend of
 May 21/22
 6.00pm – 10.30am

 Weekend of
 May 28/29
 6.00pm – 10.30am

 Wednesday
 June 1
 7.00 pm

#### CELEBRATION DATES

wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm (5t. Alipius)
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm (5s. Peter & Paul)

#### Please Note:

Session One is included in the Parent Information Night. Children will be required to attend.

# THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL - Sunday 8th May 2022

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

### Gospel

Jn 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and Lare one.'

#### The Gospel of the Lord

## REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Shepherds in the first century did not have a particularly good reputation. Whilst the task itself was a responsible one, it was usually undertaken by hired help – usually young men or even boys. Being hired help, they had little allegiance to the flock and were generally regarded as basically untrustworthy and often accused of illicitly selling off the sheep's milk and even the occasional lamb. They lived for months at a time out in the hills with the sheep; often risking their lives in defence of their flock, yet still regarded with suspicion. Shepherds were held in such low regard that they could not appear in court as a witness. Yet, despite this grim picture of shepherds, Jesus described himself as the Good Shepherd. With that one word, he acknowledged the reputation of shepherds but utterly dismissed it by describing himself as a shepherd – but a good shepherd. He chose to describe himself as the worst of all occupations but raised the status to unimpeachable heights.

In describing himself as the good shepherd, Jesus joined a distinguished list of biblical shepherds: Abraham, his son Isaac, and grandson Jacob were all shepherds; Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, when God appeared to him in the burning bush and revealed God's name; and the great King, David, began life as a humble shepherd-boy. So, despite the poor reputation of shepherds in Jewish society, some of the greatest leaders of the Jews began life as shepherds.

Today's gospel passage follows the famous 'good shepherd' passage in the gospel of John and continues on the image. The passage portrays Jesus as 'claiming' his flock; guaranteeing them not only safety but also eternal life. This oath of loyalty and commitment is all the stronger and more remarkable in light of Jesus' rehabilitation of the status of shepherds.

#### Scriptural context - The Father and I are one

The final sentence of today's passage has Jesus declaring, 'The Father and I are one.' It seems a fitting way to finish the gospel reading for liturgical use in the Easter season. However, the passage in John's gospel continues on. Immediately upon hearing these words, the listening crowd grab rocks and are about to stone Jesus to death! They were horrified by his apparent blasphemy – claiming to be one with God. Such a bold declaration of oneness with the Father was no doubt used by the gospel writer to try to eradicate emerging questions about the divinity of Jesus.

#### Have you thought? Why John?

You may have noticed that during the Easter season, we have been hearing exclusively from the gospel of John. But aren't we in Year C of the liturgical cycle – the year of Luke? Well, yes, but ... The gospel of the year is predominantly proclaimed during Ordinary Time. However, there is no Year of John. This gospel is read during the Easter season and at other specific feasts

and seasons. As the synoptic gospels focus on the life and ministry of Jesus, the theological and metaphoric nature of John's gospel is much more suited to the post-resurrection season of Easter.

#### Gospel Focus - Eternal life

In the gospel passage, Jesus says of the sheep that belong to him, 'I give them eternal life.' He does not say, I give them the promise of eternal life. The message that comes through the gospel of John is clear that eternal life is not some future existence, but rather a new way of being in the here and now. But that is not to suggest that there is not an 'eternal' quality to eternal life. The gospel of John makes clear that eternal life begins in the here and now but has no end.

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

- Q. Why has the image of the 'good shepherd' been such an enduring and significant one in Christianity?
- Q. Why might Jesus have chosen such a 'controversial' image to describe himself?
- Q. What are the positive and negative implications of describing faithful people as 'sheep'?
- Q. What message of hope for people today can be found in this short passage?

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**



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The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents/carers and teachers about the children's performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement.

Delivery of NAPLAN online significantly reduces the time it takes to provide feedback to schools, students and parents/carers, so teachers can respond more quickly to learning needs.



Parents can help their child have a positive NAPLAN experience by ensuring they have a good night's sleep the night before the tests and a healthy breakfast each morning.

We wish all our students the best with their NAPLAN tests this week.

#### **SFX Annual Book Fair.**

What a fantastic response we had last week with our annual Book The support each day was huge. A great big "thank you" to Ms Meneely, Ms Shuttleworth, our P and F committee who graciously up their time to set up the fair, help person the stall and pack the up.



Fair.

gave cases In next week's newsletter the amount of books which will be able to be purchased for our school library from the sales will be announced. Brittany and Whitney "the Super Chooks " were very pleased with their book sales and have begun writing a new book titled New Fork- Brittany and Whitney in the Big Apple!

I hope everyone has a great week.

Jane Clark

#### **Deputy Principal - Learning Enhancement**

#### **Wellbeing News**

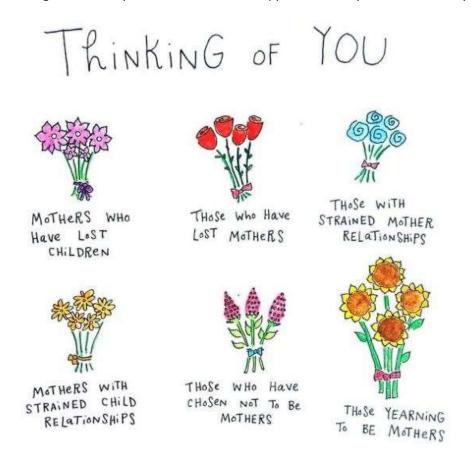


#### Mother's Day

I hope you all had a lovely weekend celebrating Mother's Day with your children and the special mother figures in your lives.

Mother's Day is a sensitive topic to write about- while it is a day of joy and delight for many families, it can be a day of pain, trauma and sadness for others.

Death, infertility, miscarriage, enstrangement, divorce, co-parenting and illness all bring challenges to this day. Reach out and seek support if this day was difficult for you.



I was reading about the history of Mother's Day and how a woman named Anna Jarvis founded it to honour her own mother. Her mother had been instrumental in organising work clubs to improve sanitary conditions and stem her community's appalling maternal and infant mortality rates (having herself only having four of her thirteen children survive to adulthood).

Anna Jarvis wanted the day to be about peace, remembrance and an acknowledgement of all a mother does for a family. Anna herself found this day very difficult and she spent the rest of her life fighting against the exploitation, consumerism and profiteering of the day she created.

Isn't it interesting how this day has evolved? Maybe it's time for us to focus more on issues affecting mother/caregivers such as mental health, parenting and work/life balance.

In the attached article, Dr Justin Coulson looks at ways we can support Mum's or mother figures to get the love and respect they deserve, not just on Mothers Day!

Christine Meneely Wellbeing Leader

#### **Physical Education News**



#### **Cross Country**

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to run in the Division Cross Country event at Ballarat High School on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May:

Mitchell Kane, Archer Spackman, Connor Foyster, Llewellyn Holcombe, Jake Cheeseman, Ash Norris, Felicity McGrath, Ruby Fraser, Ben Buckland, Liam Patterson, Lenny Driscoll, Ashlee Beseler, Saacha Hyland & Eva Cummins.

#### **Winter Sports**

Tryouts will be conducted this week for Soccer, (Girls & Boys, Netball (Girls & Mixed), and Football (Boys & Girls). Students will be informed what day/s these will be on Monday.

#### **Sporting Schools**

Term 2 after school Sporting Schools continues this week. Below are the names of those participating:

#### Monday (volleyball)

Damilare & Elizabeth Baruwa, Isla-Rose Block, Isabella Boadle, James & Laura Bodnar, Flynn & Sully Boyd, Cooper & Molly Danaher, River Fedke, Scarlett Govan, Daisy Howard, Edward & Macie Lloyd, Maggie, Emma & Harriet Locke, Ella-Sam & Michelle-May Lunn, Sophie Olechnowicz, Livia Pietrantuono, Ignatius, Mabel & Lottie Rush, Kardia Sarra, India Skewes, Savee Thuse, Mannix & Aria Treacy, Xavier & Ella Uljanic, Vivienne & Edith Young

#### Thursday (netball)

Maebh & Mollie Arnts, Sienna Block, Leni Brown, Josephine, Lachlan & Hazel De Lorenzo, Bonnie & Edie Giles, Remi & Winter James, Lucinda Leonard, Bailey McCartin, Lola & Ivy Miles, Sibella Moore, Willow Prato, Eli & Darci Prebble, Mila Quandt, Myah & Jett Rivett, Sofia Shorter, Maya Simanjuntak, Evie Staley, Violet Toohey, Sadie & Violet Wilson, Chloe & Ella Wilson.

#### **Swimming Program**

Year 6 will participate in a swimming program in Term 2, Year 1 & 3 at the end of Term 3, and Year 2, 4 5 at the beginning of Term 4.

#### **Year 6 Term 2 swimming dates:**

- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June
- Friday 3<sup>RD</sup> June
- Friday 10<sup>TH</sup> June
- Friday 17<sup>TH</sup> June

#### Term 2 dates:

- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May Division Cross Country @ Ballarat High School
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May Netball/Soccer Winter Sports @ Llanberris/Morshead Park
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May Football Winter Sports @ Vic Park
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May Year 3 6 Athletics Day @ Llanberris Athletics Reserve
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May Regional Cross Country @ Warrnambool

Have a magnificent week!

#### **Uniform Shop Update**

#### **NEWS from the Uniform Shop:**

#### **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 <a href="mailto:office@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au">office@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au</a> 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**

#### Term 2 Update from P&F:

We have a very exciting (and busy!) start to Term 2.

The P&F are seeking volunteers for:

- 1. Hot Lunches (\*extra volunteers are required for this Friday) <a href="https://signup.com/go/grKXbMX">https://signup.com/go/grKXbMX</a>
- 2. Hot Chocolates (Mondays from Week 2) <a href="https://signup.com/go/snhcNLf">https://signup.com/go/snhcNLf</a>
- 3. Mother's Day Stall (Week 2) <a href="https://signup.com/go/MywLaPo">https://signup.com/go/MywLaPo</a>
- 4. Book Fair (Week 2) <a href="https://signup.com/go/CMiNLwy">https://signup.com/go/CMiNLwy</a>

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

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

- As the **Mother's Day Celebration picnic** coincides with **Hot Lunches** mums or special friends may like to order additional items with their children's hot lunches for themselves.
- **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.

Thank you in advance for your support!



Wednesdays After-School 3:25pm - 4:55pm in SFX gym
(27th of April) to (22nd of June)
Soccer, Netball, AFL, Frisbee and Hockey.
Preps to Grade 4
\$178.20 for the 9 week program
Enrol online <a href="https://www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat">https://www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat</a>
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

Assembly Date: 29/04/22	Theme: COMPASSION Compassion means to feel the suffering of others and to help ease that suffering. We show compassion to others because Jesus teaches us how to care.	
HOST CLASS	3ND	
Year Level	Names (2 per class)	
F EH	Harvey Slater and Imogen Sordello	
F TW	Toby Skrokov and Harrison Madigan	
F JS	Milla Nicholson and Harper Gull	
FMM	Rory Dunne and Matilda Bell	
1 SM	Sophie Olechnowicz and Percy Veal	
1 GJ	Isabella Carrick and Lenny Ryan	
1 EM	Savee Thuse and Noah Osciak	
2 PB	Amaeley Walker and Minka Henjack	
2 CJ	Mollie Arnts and Jagger Toohey	
2 GH	Xavier Morris and Sienna Morton	
3 ND	Myles Youl and Sophie White	
3 BL	Emerson Rolfe and Isla Tongs	
3 JVG	Beatrice Heywood and Lachlan De Lorenzo	
4 BW	Liam Murphy and Stella Reus	
4 AH	Cooper Daly and Eden Howard	
4 CP	Sophia St Louis and Monty Harrison	
5 LH	Charlotte Siemensma and Xavier Kersley	
5 OH	Maebh Arnts and Jack Fraser	
5 MM	Logan Warren and Tayla Hiscock	
6 CC	Sophie Dalton and Isaac Morris	
6 JF	Milla Kinnersly and Fergus Le Grand	
6 ZA	Lenny Driscoll and Mila Psimaris	
Environmental Education	Milla Nicholson FJS and Milla Quandt FMM for the compassion they showed during break time to include a fellow student in their game who had lost her friends.	
Performing Arts		

Visual Arts	Cooper Manning and Claudia Cochrane
Physical Education	
Principal's Award	
Book Fair Winners	Felicity McGrath Mackenzie Burbidge Angus Burbidge Isabelle Slater Ava Nicholson Maddie Purtell Jack Quinlan Finn Burbidge Harvey Slater Milla Nicholson Wilson Quinlan  ** If the Book Fair Award winners would like to visit Miss Dalton before the end of the day, she has your certificates in her classroom for you.