



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 16th May 2022
Term 2 Week 4

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2022 Key Dates

Term 2 Week 4

Tuesday 17th May
Year 6 Urban Camp

Friday 20th May
Class Assembly – 1 SM
Division Cross Country

Term 2 Week 5

Monday 23rd May
Catholic Education Week
"Share the Good News."

Wednesday 25th May
Netball and Soccer - Division
Tournament
National Simultaneous
Storytime Day 2022

Thursday 26th May
District AFL Football
Tournament

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

Term 2 Week 6

Monday 30th May
National Reconciliation
Week

Tuesday 31st May
Personal Development
Parent Information Evening
- Year 5 & 6

Wednesday 1st June
Police in Schools Program -
Year 5 & 6

Friday 3rd June
Class Assembly – 6 JF

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear Parents and Families,

Principal's Farewell

In presenting my final Newsletter, we continue to build on the strong foundations established through a long and proud history of Catholic education and Mercy traditions at St. Francis Xavier, Ballarat East. However, it is with genuine sadness that I begin my final week!

The past eight years have been a genuine pleasure and whilst there have been many challenges over the course of the past eight years the joy and satisfaction I have felt as we have grown and improved our school, far outweighs any difficulties along the way. The words, "thank you" seem somewhat inadequate as I try to summarise my feelings at this significant time in the life of St. Francis Xavier and my career path.



Thank you children, each and every one of you, who have learnt and worked with us over the course of our eight years together. It has often been noted that we have seen our school grow from a student population of 340 in February 2014 to what will be a total student population of close to 500 for the start of the 2023 school year. Our success in attracting enrolments has been quite exceptional and this is in no small part to the care, professionalism and sense of welcome that has been offered by our staff, our parent community and of course the children in our school.

The parent community at St. Francis Xavier has always been superb and will continue to ensure that this is a school community 'of choice' for many in and around Ballarat. It is always a pleasure to encounter you on the path as you bring your children to school, to work alongside you at a working bee, to see you engaging with our children's classrooms, to meet with you in learning conferences or support group meetings. This is a parent community that tries to find tangible ways to support our school and in doing so leave it a better place for those that follow.

Over my time at St. Francis Xavier with our staff we have seen so many moments of celebration and the inevitable times of sadness. It has been a genuine honour to be a part of them all! From wedding celebrations, numerous births of babies and sadly the occasions of loss of a loved one, this staff team has felt very much like an extension of my family. Thank you for your commitment to create this wonderful school community!

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

Term 2 Week 7

Tuesday 7th June
P & F Meeting

Wednesday 8th June
Year 5 - 2022 Secondary
Education Experience Day
(SEED)

Thursday 9th June
Year 3 Camp – Sunnystones

Friday 10th June
Year 3 Camp - Sunnystones
Class Assembly – 5 MA

Term 2 Week 8

Monday 13th June
Public Holiday – Queen’s
Birthday

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

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

Friday 17th June
Casual Dress Day
Class Assembly – 4AH

Term 2 Week 9

Thursday 23rd June
Last Day of term 2 for
Students

Friday 24th June
Student Free Day

As Principal, I believe that I have been in a position of great responsibility and opportunity. In partnership with a dedicated leadership team, I have been deeply committed to leading the St. Francis Xavier community, continuing a journey of discovery and re-imagining. Contemporary, innovative schools like St. Francis Xavier have a responsibility to provide an educational context that enables students to take risks, make mistakes, problem solve and think their way through challenging situations, both cognitively and emotionally.

My special thanks go to our School Board, the Parents and Friends Association and the School Leadership Team. Their commitment and unwavering support to me has been truly remarkable. Our passage through the Pandemic years has been made easier and smoother because of the guidance and support they offered me.

I am very pleased that Jane Clark has willingly accepted the position as Interim Principal while the process of appointing a new Principal is underway. As a current leader at St Francis Xavier, Jane will be familiar to many of you and along with co-deputies Jayne Mohr and Rebecca Conroy, will lead the school in this time of transition. I am extremely proud to leave St. Francis Xavier in a very good place and in such capable hands!

As I conclude my time at St. Francis Xavier, I thank you all for making me and my family so welcome and for your support of all our endeavours across the years. You have helped me more than you realize! My sincere gratitude to Sr. Berenice and Fr. Kevin for their faith in me from the moment of my appointment and also for being so supportive of my ideas and vision for St. Francis Xavier.

Finally, I encourage you the parents to continue supporting the school as much, or more than you do so already. St. Francis Xavier needs your involvement to continue being a successful place of learning for your children.

Principalship: Community Consultation

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. Shortly there will be information circulated to families inviting them to participate in Parent Feedback Sessions and Surveys.

This Week’s News!

The weeks are flying by. The children are having a busy term—a term filled with many varied experiences and learnings.

Next week is **Catholic Education Week**. This is a celebration of our Catholic Identity. The week celebrates the important role faith plays in the lives of our children. The presence of God is celebrated in the everyday relationships we form. These relationships are based on honesty and respect. A sense of wonder of the world and each other is fostered as students are helped to understand God as a loving and integral part of their lives.

The theme is **“Share the Good News!”**

Our communities are beautiful places that can and do enrich the mystery of Christ’s identity and enable his way to be continually raised up in and by community. “Go into the world and proclaim the good news to the whole of creation,” is an urgent invitation to our community to comprehend the meaning of Jesus’ life to grasp what this looks like in following and enacting God’s dream for the world. We pray that our communities inspire from within to be



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Term 3

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

Term 3 Week 1

Friday 15th July
Class Assembly – 3 BL

Term 3 Week 2

Friday 22nd July
Class Assembly – 2 GH

Term 3 Week 3

Friday 29th July
Class Assembly – 1 GJ

Term 3 Week 4

Friday 5th August
Class Assembly – F TW

Term 3 Week 5

Friday 12th August
Student Free Day

Term 3 Week 6

Friday 19th August
Class Assembly – 6 ZA

Term 3 Week 7

Friday 26th August
Class Assembly – 5 OH

Term 3 Week 8

Friday 2nd September
Father's Day Celebration

Term 3 Week 9

Friday 9th September
Class Assembly – 4 CP

Term 3 Week 10

Friday 9th September
Class Assembly – 3 JV

Term 4

Monday 3rd October to
Friday 16th December
= 11 Weeks

Term 4 Week 1

Monday 3rd October 2022
First Day of Term 4 for
Students

Friday 7th October
Class Assembly – 2 CJ

Term 4 Week 2

Friday 14th October
Class Assembly – 1 EM

Term 4 Week 3

Friday 21st October
Class Assembly – F JS

Term 4 Week 4

Friday 28th October
Casual Dress Day
Class Assembly – F MM

people of peace, hope and love in these times of displacement, anxiety and concern for Earth as our common home: to realise each unique community's intimate connection in proclaiming who Jesus is and what it means to follow in the light of the gospel for these times. Catholic Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate and enhance the reality of this identity, to dialogue with the Catholic faith tradition and the world in which we live to interpret and proclaim the good news.

Election 2022 information

With Election season well under way and voting this coming Saturday 21st May, I hope that the materials provided by Catholic Education Ballarat and attached to this Newsletter can assist you during this time.

Year 6 Camp – Urban Camp Melbourne

Tomorrow morning our Year 6 children and teachers leave for Melbourne for their annual camp. This is a great opportunity and learning experience for our children, taking them out of their 'comfort zone' and giving them a variety of wonderful experiences in Melbourne. Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered to assist. We look forward to hearing about all the positive experiences the children have and will publish some of them in future newsletters.

Congratulations!

Recently we received some great news that I am very happy to share with you. **Mr. Jack Ferguson** (Class Teacher 6JF) announced that he is getting married. Congratulations Jack and Tess!

NAPLAN Testing

Congratulations to all our Year 3 & 5 students who recently completed four days of National Assessment. Some children thought the tests were easy and others thought they would not survive them, but they have all recovered and this week their school routine will be back to normal! In Term 3 we will receive reports for these children.

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 (PAM) *Parent Access Module* 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.

We are aiming to have the mid-year reports available on PAM from Friday 24th June.

Parent - Teacher Partnerships

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

Important messages for parents from teachers

Today's teachers have provided the parents of children attending preschool and school with some valuable insights into how they can contribute more effectively to their children's education.

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Term 4 Week 5

Monday 31st October
Student Free Day

Tuesday 1st November
Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup

Term 4 Week 6

Term 4 Week 7

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 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

Features surveyed:

In response to an opinion survey conducted by NEITA (National Excellence in Teaching Awards) and the Australian Scholarships Group (ASG), award-winning teachers speak openly about learning, teaching, and parent involvement in their children’s education.

Insights gained:

Teachers offer insights into the roles parents need to play to help their children make the best of their abilities. Most of all, teachers want parents to work in partnership with them.

Attached: *PTP Rule 1-Prepare Your Child For School.pdf*

Year 5 & 6 Personal Development Information Evening

Parents are invited to attend an information meeting tonight Tuesday 31st May, beginning at 6.00pm online via Zoom. It is suggested that parents 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.

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 th April to Friday 13 th May | H - P | Q - Z | A - G |
| Week 4 to Week 6 Monday 16 th May to Friday 3 rd June | A - G | H - P | Q - Z |
| Week 7 to Week 9 Monday 6 th June to Thursday 23 rd 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 (9:30am) 29.04.22 | Year 3 BL 15.07.22 | Year 3 JV 07.10.22 |
| 2 | | Student Free Day | Year 2 GH 22.07.22 | Year 2 CJ 14.10.22 |
| 3 | | Year 2 PB 13.05.22 | Year 1 GJ 29.07.22 | Year 1 EM 21.10.22 |
| 4 | | Year 1 SM 20.05.22 | Foundation TW 05.08.22 | Foundation MM 28.10.22 |
| 5 | | Foundation EH 27.05.22 | Student Free Day | |
| 6 | | Year 6 JF (9:30am) 03.06.22 | Year 6 ZA 19.08.22 | |
| 7 | | Year 5 MA 10.06.22 | Year 5 OH 26.08.22 | |
| 8 | | Year 4 AH 17.06.22 | Father's Day Liturgy | |
| 9 | Year 6 CC 25.03.22 | Student Free Day | Year 4 CP 09.09.22 | St Francis Xavier Feast Day |
| 10 | Year 5 MH 01.04.22 | | Foundation JS 16.09.22 | Foundation (Nativity) |
| 11 | Year 4 BW 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 22nd 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.

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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.

School Calendar

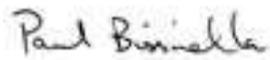
Please visit the **school website** to see a new and constantly up to date school calendar <http://www.sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au/news-and-events/70/p/school-calendar/>

School Closure Day

- **Friday 24th June** School will be closed **Reading** a Staff Professional Development Day

Thank you for your continued support! I hope that you have an enjoyable week!

Yours sincerely,



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



Reconciliation Action Plan

FEEDBACK NEEDED.

<https://forms.gle/DPSEY3f1ah1qHKvT8>

I wonder if we are on the right track. Please click the link and let us know.

I wonder if anyone will give us feedback about our vision. Please click the link.

RECONCILIATION VISION DRAFT 1 24/03/2022
 St Francis Xavier Primary School is proud and humble to be on Wadawurrung Country.
 We pledge to build respectful partnerships with the traditional owners of this land who have nurtured and cared for Country for tens of thousands of years.
 We will build a culturally safe and inclusive environment for present and emerging generations, where Reconciliation is valued and embraced.
 As a learning community with open hearts and minds, we commit to deepening our knowledge and understanding of the diverse histories, cultures and stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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 ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au. 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 BAPTISED CATHOLIC child into the Family Based, Parish 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 11th 2022
 7.00pm

Session Times

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|------------|-----------|------------------|
| 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

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|------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| June | Wednesday 15 th | 6.00pm (St. Alipius) |
| | Thursday 16 th | 6.00pm (Ss. Peter & Paul) |

Please Note:

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

Gospel

Jn 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:
'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.
My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

The passage from the Gospel of John actually comes from the Last Supper account, as is indicated by the opening line: 'When Judas had gone'. However, the passage is being used during the post-resurrection Easter season. The passage about being glorified can be read in this context as referring to the crucifixion that was, rather than the crucifixion that is still to come in the original setting. The reference that Jesus will not be with the disciples much longer can also be read as an indicator towards the Ascension. It is a clever liturgical use of a gospel passage out of its intended context.

The second half of the gospel passage is perhaps the more familiar section. It is a common text for marriage ceremonies. However, sometimes its selection is purely based on the use of the term 'love'. Earlier in his ministry, Jesus was asked which commandment was the most important. He replied that you must love the Lord your God with all your heart and that you must love your neighbour as yourself. (Mt 22) The 'new' commandment that he issues at the Last Supper is not so much a new commandment as a variation on a theme. The newness highlights the changes that are occurring in the small group of friends. His language conveys an imperative: you must love one another, 'just as I have loved you'. He tells the disciples – and us – that the way they behave towards one another must be with the same love that Jesus treated them. And the love that Jesus gave was the love of God for all the world. So the love that Jesus commands the disciples (us) to show one another is nothing less than the powerful love of God.

Have you thought? Love

I love my dog! I love your hair! I love that new song! I absolutely love chocolate! We throw around the word 'love' so casually today that it has almost lost its meaning. The decision whether or not to say 'I love you' in a relationship has become a major dilemma – or alternatively, just the formula that has to be said to get what you want! Jesus did not use the word so casually or so inappropriately. He spoke of love very deliberately and very specifically. Jesus calls us to share in the selfless love that he modelled and to follow his example.

Gospel Focus – God’s Love

What does it mean to love as Jesus loved? The love Jesus poured out to all was an expression of God’s love that has been poured out to all creation since the very beginning and continues to be poured out today. God’s love doesn’t keep score. When humankind turned its back on God, God’s love continued to call them back to faithful relationship. God’s love is not conditional – whatever we do, God continues to love us. There is no barrier that we can construct that God’s love cannot get around. It is this sort of love that the new commandment demands of us.

Living the Gospel – Love is all around

Love surrounds us all the time. It is impossible to turn on a radio without hearing ‘love’ used in one way or another. Love is the most common theme of songs, poetry, literature and art. Although we might bemoan the casual use of ‘love’, the fact remains that we fill our lives with the sounds and images of love. It’s easier to imagine the all-pervasive nature of God’s love when we recognise just how pervasive the commercial and artistic expressions of love have become. As Christian people, the challenge that faces us is to imbue these expressions with a richer, deeper notion of love.

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

- Q. Why did Jesus give this speech immediately after revealing the betrayal of Judas?
- Q. In what way/s is this commandment to love a new commandment?
- Q. What are some of the characteristics of Jesus’ model of love?
- Q. How would demonstrating love for one another reveal you to be a disciple of Jesus?
- Q. Where in your life do you need to show more love?

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



NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for our Year 3 and 5 children were held last week most successfully. Thank you to our IT Co-ordinator Mr. Michael Marshall who dealt with any technical issues in a calm and professional manner. This week we have assigned days for 'catch up' sessions. The end of this week is the completion of NAPLAN 2022.

Catch Ups

NAPLAN 2022 Catch up sessions

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|--------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Monday 16th May | Writing | 9:30 am |
| Tuesday 17th May | Conventions of Language | 11:45 am |
| Wednesday 18th May | Reading | 9:30 am |
| Wednesday 18th May | Numeracy | 11:45 am |

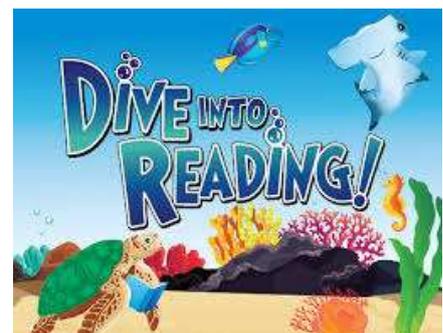
SFX Annual Book Fair.

Our annual Book Fair has raised over \$2500 for us to purchase books for our school library. Thank you for your support with the Book Fair.

Have a happy week.

Jane Clark

Deputy Principal - Learning Enhancement



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Positive Coping and Problem Solving

During our Social and Emotional Learning this term, we are focusing on the Respectful Relationships topics of Positive Coping and Problem Solving.

Problem-solving skills are an important part of the coping repertoire. Whether it's a toy-related conflict, a tricky math equation or negative peer pressure, children of all ages face problems and challenges on a daily basis.

As parents or teachers, we can't always be there to solve every problem for our children! In fact, this is not our job! **Our job is to teach children how to solve problems by themselves.**

When children tackle problems on their own or in a group they learn valuable skills, such as looking at challenges from a fresh perspective, negotiation, patience and time management.

The classroom program provides a number of learning activities to develop students' problem-solving skills. The activities in the program assist students to develop their critical and creative thinking skills, and to apply them to scenarios exploring personal, social and ethical dilemmas. Typically, children who learn effective problem solving skills are happier, more independent and more confident in their ability to cope with adversity.

Here are some tips for coaching your children in problem-solving:

- Give your children opportunities to play with others. Playgroups, playdates and games help children learn to play well together and practise positive alternatives to fighting.
- Step in with ideas as soon as you see that children are finding it hard to work things out. For example, 'Remember to share', or 'Can you think of a way that you can both have a turn?'
- Talk things over later. With older children, working out a blame-free solution afterwards will make the fight less likely to happen again. For example, 'How could you have handled it so that both of you got to use the tablet?'
- Help children find ways to express upset or angry feelings through calm words or positive activities. For example, water play, painting and playdough help younger children express feelings. Older children might find that kicking a ball or playing music helps.
- Teach and model the social skill of 'respectful disagreeing'. This involves saying something that you can both agree on, then saying what you don't agree on. For example, 'I agree that Grandma gave you the book for your birthday, but I don't think it's fair to stop your sister reading it if she asks politely'.

Attached are some more great ways you can help empower your child when they struggle!

Christine Meneely
Wellbeing Leader



Cross Country

Good luck to the following students who will be running in the Division Cross Country event at Ballarat High School this Friday:

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

Winter Sports

A big thank you to Mr Down who conducted tryouts for netball, soccer and football last week. It was fantastic to see so many students trying out for all of the sports. Unfortunately not all can make it and students will be informed early this week of these teams. See below for the dates.

Yr 3-6 Athletics Day

Fingers crossed the weather is kind to us for our upcoming Yr 3-6 Athletics Day at Llanberris - Friday May 27th. Mr Down has been teaching and practicing all of the track and field events and this day allows students to get involved, try their best and have fun while participating in an Athletics Day. More information will be provided through Operoo early this week.

Year 6 Term 2 swimming dates:

- Wednesday 1st June
- Friday 3rd June
- Friday 10th June
- Friday 17th June

Term 2 dates:

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

Have a magnificent week!

Shaun Carroll
Sports Co-ordinator

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 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.

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) <https://signup.com/go/grKXbMX>
2. **Hot Chocolates** (Mondays from Week 2) <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.

Thank you in advance for your support!



TERM 2 PROGRAM

MULTI-SPORTS (90 MINUTES)

*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 <https://www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat>

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>

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| Assembly Date: 13/5/22 Term 2, Week 3 | Theme: HOSPITALITY Hospitality means welcoming other people. We show hospitality because Jesus teaches us to include everyone and show them they are welcome. |
| HOST CLASS Petra Barclay | |
| Year Level 2 | Names (2 per class) |
| F EH | Jude Reus and Nicolas Taylor |
| F TW | Tex Brown & Charlie Irving |
| F JS | Hughey Roberts and Lachy Just |
| F MM | Lachlan Purtell and Alfie Heywood |
| 1 SM | Hamish Nicholls and Macie Lloyd |
| 1 GJ | Harper Phelan and Byron Morton |
| 1 EM | Lyla Nestor and Jameson Campbell |
| 2 PB | Paddy Dwyer and Maddie Purtell |
| 2 CJ | Noah Rice and Winnie Harrison |
| 2 GH | Lucy Bromley and Carter Keen |
| 3 ND | Billy Cheeseman and Thomas Kierce |
| 3 BL | Haddie Morley and Christopher Martin |
| 3 JVG | Sophie Beseler and Rhys Bell |
| 4 BW | Archer Spackman and Charlotte Morris |
| 4 AH | Campbell Delahunty and Charlotte Quarrell |
| 4 CP | Milla Alford and Laura Bodnar |
| 5 LH | Jed Foyster and Mackenzie Burbidge |
| 5 OH | Louis Britt and Josie De Lorenzo |
| 5 MM | Abbie Gervasoni and Abe Sosinski |
| 6 CC | Ivy Howard and Milla Foyster |
| 6 JF | Ethan Wright and Ruby Fraser |
| 6 ZA | Elliott Marson & Milla Russell |
| Environmental Education | Aria Treacy (3BL) and Lyla Harney (3BL) <i>for the friendly and generous way they welcome others into both their classroom and Garden Club. Ladies, you are shining examples of hospitality and what it means to be hospitable!</i> |
| Performing Arts | Lucinda Leonard and Margot Castles 3JVG |

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

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| Visual Arts | Mabel Reus 4AH Eden Howard 4AH |
| Physical Education | |
| Principal's Award | Abe Sosinski |