

St Francis Xavier Primary School



Newsletter

Monday 23rd May 2022
Term 2 Week 5

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2022

Key Dates

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 F-2
Gold coin donation for St
Vincent de Paul Winter
Relief Appeal

SFX Athletics Carnival for Yrs
3-6 at Llanberris Reserve

Class Assembly – F EH
12.40pm

Term 2 Week 6

Monday 30th May

National Reconciliation
Week

Tuesday 31st May

Principal Appointment and
Consultation Process –
Community Consultation
Meetings

Personal Development
Parent Information Evening
- Year 5 & 6

Wednesday 1st June

Police in Schools Program -
Year 5 & 6

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear Parents and Families,

It is with great pleasure that I write my first newsletter for our St Francis Xavier community. Firstly, I would like to extend my thanks to Mr. Paul Bissinella who has so graciously handed over the 'baton' to myself, Ms Jayne Mohr and Ms Rebecca Conroy to steer this fantastic school whilst arrangements are being made for us to welcome our new principal. Whilst Paul may have gone it will be 'business' as usual for staff, children and our school community. We send our best wishes to Paul as he embarks on a new position, new diocese and new challenges. Paul may have left the building but his hard work to build this school into a thriving, progressive, attractive Catholic school will continue on.

This week begins Catholic Education week in our diocese with the theme being "Share the Good News!" Our newsletter is one way that we can share "Good News" with our community. Catholic Education Week will be celebrated in the Diocese of Ballarat from 23rd-27th May. The theme is Faith in the Future, and recognises 200 Years of Catholic Education in Australia.

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 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. Children participated in a prayer time at this morning's assembly. During this week children will participate in a Buddy lunch time and a craft activity to make a whole school piece of art work. Staff will have a coffee and slice morning to recognise this special week for Catholic Education.

Congratulations and Goodbye to Mrs Luckman

Mrs Bernadette Luckman, our Year 3 teacher and Religious Education Leader, is leaving St Francis Xavier Primary School to take up a position at Catholic Education Ballarat as a Religious Education Advisor. We appreciate all that Mrs Luckman has done for the children,

Mark 16:15



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Friday 3rd June
Class Assembly – 6 JF

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

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

their families and staff of St Francis Xavier over the 5 years that she has been with us. She has certainly been an asset for the school and will be greatly missed.

On behalf of the school I would like to thank Bernadette for her years of service at St Francis Xavier, wish her and her family every best wish for the future.

Congratulations Mrs Meneely our new Interim Religious Leader

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate and welcome Mrs Christine Meneely into the interim Religious Education Leader position for the rest of the year. Christine displayed in her interview the values, knowledge and eagerness to take on this highly significant position in a Catholic school.

Congratulations Mrs Molloy and Mrs Page as our new RAP Leaders

With Bernadette's departure we have also been able to appoint Mrs Jacinta Molloy and Mrs Sarah Page as our new RAP (Reconciliation Action Plan) representatives. Jacinta and Sarah will oversee for our school the design, creation and implementation of our RAP vision statement, develop a formal plan for reconciliation and work on our annual action plan Priority one, "to provide opportunities for staff to build and extend their knowledge about indigenous issues and strategically include indigenous content into our units of work."

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.

Re: Principal Appointment and Consultation Process - Community Consultation Meeting

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.

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

Meeting 1

- Time: 9:00 am
- Date: Tuesday 31st May 2022
- Location: SFX Staffroom

Meeting 2

- Time: 5:00 pm
- Date: Tuesday 31st May 2022
- Location: 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.

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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

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. Our mid-year reports will be available on PAM from Thursday 23rd June.

Continued Arrangements for End of the School Day Pick-Up

Please see the table below for changed pick up arrangements that continue this week.

	3:00pm – 3:10pm	3:10:pm – 3:20pm	3:20pm onwards
	Children with Surnames beginning...		
Week 4 to Week 6	A – G	H – P	Q – Z
Monday 16 th May to Friday 3 rd June			

Year 5 & 6 Personal Development Information Evening

Parents are invited to attend an information meeting on 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.

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

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

Term 4

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

Term 4 Week 1

Monday 3rd October
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

Catherine McAuley

You must be cheerful and happy, animating all around you.

Letter to Frances Warde February 17, 1838

Religious Education News

Please see the St Alipius' Parish Bulletin attached to this week's email.

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Term 4 Week 4

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

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

Curriculum News



National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS)

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Each year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

This year St Francis Xavier Primary School will participate in National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday the 25th of May. This year's book, Family Tree, will be read from Foundation - Year Six to celebrate.

By celebrating and participating in this event it is our aim to:

- promote a love of reading within our community
- collectively share in promoting the value and fun of books
- celebrate an Australian writer and publisher
- recognise the importance of reading to and with our children



Assessment and Reporting

Our dedicated teachers are currently writing Semester Two reports. You will receive a formal written report for your child towards the end of this term via the Parent Access Module (PAM). Further information regarding formal reporting will be communicated within the coming weeks.

The Big Write

All year levels have now participated in our Term Two Big Write. Children from levels F-6 were presented with a picture prompt or sentence starter to write a narrative. In the coming weeks, teachers will analyse the writing using a narrative marking rubric that is aligned to the Victorian Curriculum standards. This will assist teachers in identifying achievements and areas for future learning to ensure our children continue to grow as authors!

Rebecca Conroy
Deputy Principal - Learning Enhancement

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Wellbeing News



Sometimes I get to the end of the day and realise I've hardly even looked at my kids!

I've basically just shuffled them from breakfast, to the bus, to sport, to homework and then to bed. Then the guilt sets in! We know connection is so important, but then life gets in the way and it seems hard to fit everything in!

Fortunately making meaningful connections with your children don't have to be time consuming or require preparation- we can have "mini-connections" throughout the day while driving them to school, standing in line at the grocery store or when they are hanging around in the kitchen wondering what's for dinner.

Find what works for you and your family -Dr Matt Sanders (Positive Parenting Program) suggests trying to spend small amounts of time with your child- as little as one or two minutes- frequently throughout the day.

Time that is special to your child might be when they approach to tell you something, show you something important, ask a question or involve you in their activity.

When these moments occur and you are not occupied with something important, try to stop what you are doing and be present with your child for just a short time.

It takes a bit of practice to really tune in but it can really be powerful in developing positive relationships with your child. (This strategy also works a treat for partners/ family/ friends and work colleagues too!)

Attached are some further ideas on how to achieve positive connections with your child.

Christine Meneely
Wellbeing Leader

Physical Education News



Cross Country

A huge well done to the students that ran in the Division Cross Country event at Ballarat High School last Friday. All students ran amazingly well and all achieved excellent results.

Congratulations to those that qualified for the Regional event to be held on Monday 30th May in Warrnambool. A big thank you to Mr Marshall for helping out on the day.

Winter Sports

We are all set for a big couple of days this week with the Winter Sports competitions. SFX will be participating in Girls and Mixed netball, Girls and Boys soccer and Girls and Boys Football. We wish all of those involved all the best and look forward to hearing reports of how you go.

Yr 3-6 Athletics Day

Fingers crossed the weather is kind to us this Friday for our Yr 3-6 Athletics Day at Llanberris 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. Please see the information provided on Operoo regarding the day.

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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:

- 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
- Tuesday 14th June - Yr 4 - 6 golf clinics
- Thursday 16th June - Yr 4 - 6 golf clinics
- Wednesday 22nd June - Yr 4 - 6 golf clinics

Have an awesome week.

Shaun Carroll

SFX Sport Coordinator

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 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!

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- **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!



The P&F are pleased to offer their next fundraiser for Term 2 and the school holidays! Please find attached an order form for *Bake & 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!