



# St Francis Xavier Primary School

## Newsletter

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
Term 2 Week 7

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## 2022 Key Dates

### Term 2 Week 7

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June**  
P & F Meeting 7pm

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 5 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 5MA 12.40pm  
Year 6 swimming program

### 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  
Years 4-6 Golf Clinic

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

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June**  
Years 4-6 Golf Clinic

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June**  
Casual Dress Day  
Class Assembly 4AH 12.40pm  
Year 6 swimming program

### Term 2 Week 9

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**  
Years 4-6 Golf Clinic

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**  
Last Student Day for Term 2

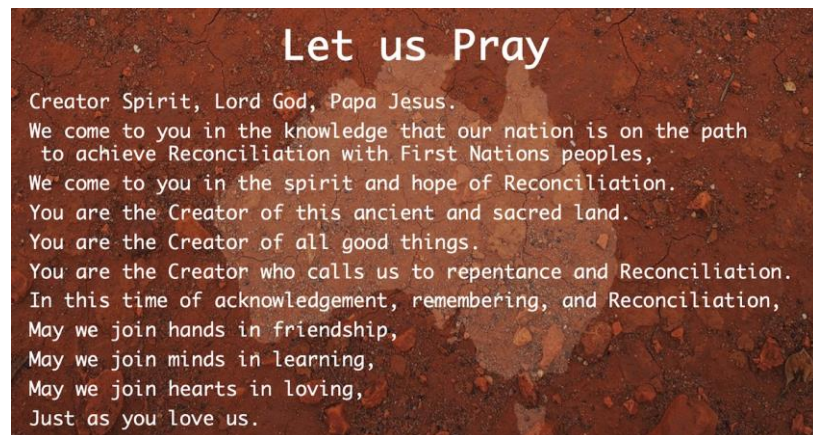
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June**  
Student Free Day

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

Dear Parents and Families,

St Francis Xavier school staff were provided with the below prayer as part of our weekly staff prayer time. I would like to share it with you as it captures all that Reconciliation Week is built around and all that we strive to be.

National Reconciliation Week 27 May to 3 June



This week once again, is full of learning, camps, visits to secondary schools, swimming, assemblies and all the great activities which the staff provide for our children.



*Des Hudson from the Police in Schools program working with Yr 5LH.*

Please keep an eye on the Key Dates 2022 as this is always updated and a great reference to use.

### Important information

Please also find attached:

\* Parish Bulletin

\* Award winners from 1SM and 6JF assemblies

\* Wellbeing: Do's and don'ts of discipline

\* Damascus production of Clue poster

\* Donut, pie and slice order form – last day for orders is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June

\* Ballarat Christian College Year 7 information session

\* Ballarat Christian College secondary scholarship information

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### 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 3BL 12.40pm

#### Term 3 Week 2

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

Class Assembly 2GH 12.40pm

#### Term 3 Week 3

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

Casual Dress Day

Class Assembly 1GJ 12.40pm

#### Term 3 Week 4

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

Class Assembly FTW 12.40pm

#### 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 6ZA 12.40pm

#### Term 3 Week 7

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

Casual Dress Day

Class Assembly 5OH 12.40pm

#### Term 3 Week 8

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

Father's Day Celebration

#### Term 3 Week 9

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

Class Assembly 4CP 12.40pm

#### Term 3 Week 10

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup>-Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Sept**

Years 1 & 3 swimming

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

Class Assembly FJS 12.40pm

### Term 4

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct to Friday  
16<sup>th</sup> Dec = **11 Weeks**

#### Term 4 Week 1

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

First Student Day for Term 4

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>-Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Years 2, 4 & 5 swimming

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

Class Assembly 3JV 12.40pm

**Principal Appointment and Consultation Process** On Tuesday children, staff and community met with Jo-Anne Bond, Education Consultant Central Zone, to discuss, share thoughts, ask questions and understand further the process which will be taking place over the next few weeks for our new Principal. What struck me the most from Jo-Anne's talk was the rigour and thoroughness that DOBCEL use to appoint the 'right' Principal for a specific school. I feel that we are in 'good hands' with the process. Please remember to fill out the survey and return it by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Your voice does matter!

#### Cover Up Clothes

Top Oval: As of week 7, children are most welcome to play up on the top oval but they must have cover up clothes that will go on over their school uniform.

Cover up clothes would include tops and bottoms and a change of shoes. Old clothes would be suitable as would footy/sport tops, old shoes/footy boots.

Footy shorts would not suffice as they do not cover the school pants/track pants. A strong plastic bag to 'house' this clothing would be most helpful.

We are fortunate to have a great top oval but we need to be aware of mud and wet, as we are now in the Winter months.

Thank you for supporting this.

#### Mid-Year Reports

Currently teachers are working on finalising mid term reports. I commend them for the energy, thoroughness, sincerity, and professionalism that they bring to their report writing processes.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 7 to Week 9 Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> to Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Q – Z	A – G	H – P

**Assembly awards** Last Friday we had an unusual occurrence where 1SM and 6JF presented their assemblies. Please see the attached listing of children who received awards for the values of RESPECT and EXCELLENCE.



**Respect** means considering the feelings and wishes of others, respecting myself and caring for all of creation. We show respect because Jesus shows us that everyone is important and because our world needs our care.

**Excellence** means being the best person we can be. We always try our hardest, even when it's difficult, just like Jesus did.

#### Term 4 Week 2

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

Class Assembly 2CJ 12.40pm

#### Term 4 Week 3

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

Class Assembly 1EM 12.40pm

#### Term 4 Week 4

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Casual Dress Day

Class Assembly FMM 12.40pm

#### Term 4 Week 5

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

Student Free Day

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Public Holiday–Melbourne Cup

#### 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<sup>th</sup> December**

Foundation Nativity

#### Term 4 Week 11

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Year 5 & 6 Personal Development Information Evening** Thank you very much to the Year 5/6 staff who presented the Year 5/6 Fullness of Life Personal Development session via Zoom for families. We wish the children all the best in their learning over the next few weeks as they journey through the *Things are changing* program.

**Lost Property** The buckets are once again full of UNAMED items. If your child has lost a jumper or tracksuit pants, please contact the office to retrieve these items. The left-over articles are now being washed and will be put into the second-hand clothing pool.

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



**Catherine McAuley**

***You must be cheerful and happy, animating all around you.*** Letter to Frances Warde Feb 17, 1838

### Religious Education News

#### **Children's liturgy – Pentecost (Year C)**

Today Jesus tells the disciples that if they love him then they will keep his commandments; and that once he has left them, he will send the Holy Spirit to guide and protect them. Let's find out more...

#### **Gospel:** John 14:15-16, 23-26

Jesus said to his disciples "If you love me, you will obey my commandments. I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, who will stay with you forever.

Those who love me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and my Father and I will come to them and live with them. Those who do not love me do not obey my teaching. And the teaching you have heard is not mine, but comes from the Father, who sent me.

I have told you this while I am still with you. The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and make you remember all that I have told you."

*(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation®)*

**Gospel reflection:** Today is the feast of Pentecost. We remember that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with his disciples. Pentecost means 50 in Greek as the Holy Spirit came to the disciples 50 days after Easter.

Jesus asked his friends to love one another as he has loved them; and he says that God will send the Holy Spirit to be with them forever and to help them. *The Holy Spirit will teach the disciples everything they need to know once Jesus has left and will remind them of Jesus' words while he was with them.*

God lives with us in our hearts. God is always there and the Holy Spirit is always guiding us to do what is right. Let us be guided by the Holy Spirit, who was given to the disciples on the first Pentecost and is still with us today, to show our love for God and for other people.

#### **Our Challenge:**

How will you show your love for others in the coming week?

*(Adapted from CAFOD website)*

Christine Meneely

**Interim Religious Education Leader**



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**Better Together - Semester One Formal Reports**

Research shows that children are more likely to perform better when school and families work together. Our formal reports are another opportunity for us to foster our school-home partnership with you. You will receive a formal written report for your child/ren on the last day of this term via the Parent Access Module (PAM). This report will provide feedback about your child's progress and achievement in accordance with the Victorian Curriculum.

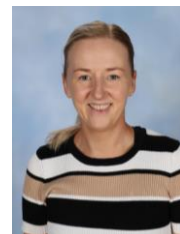


The Semester One Formal Reports will include:

1. A Religious Education comment detailing your child's Semester One learning outcomes and opportunities in alignment with our Awakenings Core Document
2. A personalised written comment to celebrate your child's achievements, particularly in relation to their Personal and Social Learning
3. A personalised comment to identify your child's Next Steps in Learning to ensure future success and growth
4. Level of attainment in the form of a dot on a continuum for the learning areas explicitly taught in Semester One and in accordance with the Victorian Curriculum Achievement Standards:
  - English (Reading & Viewing, Writing, Speaking & Listening)
  - Mathematics (Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry, Statistics & Probability)
  - Visual Arts
  - Performing Arts
  - Health and Physical Education
  - Science
  - Technologies
  - Humanities
  - Capabilities (Ethical, Personal and Social, Critical and Creative Thinking and Intercultural)

**Continuing to Strive for Excellence**

At SFX we are continuing to strive to provide quality **learning** and **teaching** that promotes excellence and fosters fullness of life for all. We believe in always looking for opportunities to strengthen our current practices to enhance the learning outcomes for our children. As a school, we are currently celebrating how our current Reading Program aligns with evidence-based practices, while also investigating reading strategies to enhance our current reality. Within this our ultimate goal is to develop engaged readers, who read to learn and love to read!



Enjoy the week ahead!

Bec Conroy, **Deputy Principal – Learning Enhancement**

**Wellbeing News**

It's okay to let our kids see our humanness. In fact, I think it's necessary.

They should see what it looks like to mess up, apologize, and figure out how to make it right. None of us walk through this life perfectly, and the real lesson is showing our kids what to do next after the mistake.

*Running Forward*

I remember speaking to a trusted friend when my son was little. I was feeling infuriated by his behaviour and my friend replied "Yes- he's acting like such a 7 year old!"

This comment made me laugh and helped me change my thinking. When we take the time to understand our child's perspective, problem solving gets easier.

Sometimes we forget that our children are wearing "L" plates while they learn how to do life.

If it takes 5 years before they can tie a shoelace, it will take even longer before they can regulate their emotions and behaviours.

Some adults still struggle. Be patient while they develop.

The attached article by Justin Coulson focuses on discipline as a way of teaching, guiding and instructing our children when they are struggling. I hope it provides some food for thought!

Christine Meneely, **Wellbeing Leader**



**Cross Country** Well done to Archer Spackman, Mitchell Kane, Connor Foyster, Jake Cheeseman, Felicity McGrath, Ben Buckland, Saacha Hyland and Ashlee Beseler who ran in Warrnambool last Monday at the Regional Cross Country. All runners gave their all and we are all proud of your efforts. Congratulations to Archer and Felicity who both finished 4th in their age group and have made it through to the State Finals in Melbourne to be held next term.

**P.E. in Year 6** Last week, the Year 6 classes started a four week Sport Education, Physical Education Program (SEPEP) unit. The selected sport is Korfbal. SEPEP is a student-centred approach to Physical Education which takes the best parts of community sport to enhance

student learning. It allows students the opportunity to be involved as players, in team roles such as captain, coach and sports board member, and also in duty roles such as umpire, scorekeeper and timekeeper.

SEPEP is designed to develop cross curricular links with other curriculum areas. For example, statistical analysis can be used as part of Maths. It can be used as an approach to meet a number of the learning outcomes of the National Health and Physical Education Curriculum.

SEPEP can be an important part of a well-balanced and comprehensive Physical Education program that caters for all ability levels and extends learning beyond that of a traditional Physical Education program.

Peer teaching becomes a feature as students want their team to do well and help other students to succeed.

There are social benefits for students through working with others in a variety of situations.

The roles the Year 6 students have applied for include: Sports Board; Umpire & Rules co-ordinator; Results co-ordinator; Publicist / Media / Communications; Captain; Coach / Selector; First aid officer; Equipment manager.

The media / communications team look forward to sharing with you updates on how their round-robin season is progressing.

**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:

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| * 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 fantastic week.

[Shaun Carroll](#), SFX Sport Coordinator



Congratulations to **Wentworth Campbell** who has been picked to represent the Ballarat District Soccer Association in the regional championships this weekend in Geelong in the U11 age group.

It was also announced that he has been selected as the Vice Captain for the team.



## Uniform Shop Update

We are happy to announce the uniform shop will be open on the following days for the last 3 weeks of Term 2 for families to pop in and purchase any new or second hand items:

**Monday 6th June morning from 8:30am**

**Friday 10th June afternoon from 2:30pm**

**Monday 13th June closed long weekend**

**Friday 17th June afternoon from 2:30pm**

**Monday 20th June morning from 8:30am**

We will soon announce the opening times for Term 3 and 4.

We are still accepting orders submitted by completing an order form located in the front office and also attached to the newsletter and emailing back to [office@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au) or by dropping it into the school office. Payment can be made by filling out your credit card details on the order form or by cash. Please indicate your

preferred payment method on the order form.

The price list and order form is downloadable from the schoolbag app. Orders with full payment may be left at the front office. EFTPOS also available!

If you can assist with volunteering at the uniform shop please email [sfxpsc@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sfxpsc@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au)

This is a great opportunity for those parents with toddlers and who are keen to volunteer!

### Parents and Friends Update

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. Please send \$1.50 with your child on Mondays if they would like a Hot Chocolate.

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 from the undercover area. Thank you for your support!



### Community News



This year the Damascus College Performing Arts department, on a dark and stormy night, invites you to a very unusual dinner party. Clue is a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery. Based on the iconic 1985 Paramount movie which was inspired by the classic board game Cluedo. Murder and blackmail are on the menu when six mysterious guests assemble at Boddy

Manor for a night they'll never forget! When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects. Led by Wadsworth – the butler, Miss Scarlett, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock and Colonel Mustard race to find the killer as the body count stacks up. Clue is a comedy whodunit where the audience tries to figure out through the laughter and mayhem ...WHO did it, WHERE, and with WHAT! Was it Mrs. Peacock in the study with the knife? Or was it Colonel Mustard in the library with the wrench? The possibilities are endless but you will need to see it to find the culprit and solve the mystery. The season opens on the 20th of July at 8:00pm and continues to the 23rd with a 2pm matinee on it's final day! Tickets available at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BZHFR>

#### Kelly Sports KELLY SPORTS WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM MON 27th JUNE TO FRI 8th JULY

**Location:** Eastwood Leisure Centre **Times:** 8am to 5pm

**Ages:** Kinder to Grade 6, boys & girls

**Activities:** Full day of fun sports games & activities

**What to bring:** Warm clothes, plenty of food & a large refillable drink bottle

**Cost:** \$55 per child per day (\$250 for a full week) **Enrol:** Online at [www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat](http://www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat)



A limited number of **SCHOLARSHIPS** are available for students entering Year 7 at Ballarat Christian College (BalCC). Scholarships are awarded for three years, and students may reapply in Year 9 for a further 3 year scholarship for the remainder of their secondary schooling at the College. <https://www.balcc.vic.edu.au/enrolment#scholarships>

On Thursday 9 June from 4:00-4:30pm (followed by refreshments) we will be running the **Year 7 Information Session** for Year 5 and 6 students, who will be looking to commence Year 7 in 2023 or 2024. The free session will be open to current BalCC families and any prospective families. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BZXHW> or by scanning the QR code on the attached flyer. For further information on the session, please email Heather McInerney, College Registrar at [registrar@balcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@balcc.vic.edu.au) or phone 5337 5900.