



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Tuesday 14th June 2022
Term 2 Week 8

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2022 Key Dates

Term 2 Week 8

Tuesday 14th June

Year 2 Camp - Log Cabin
Camp Creswick

Years 4-6 Golf Clinics

Confirmation Liturgy
at St Alipius

Wednesday 15th June

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Thursday 16th June

Years 4-6 Golf Clinics

Confirmation Liturgy at St
Peter and Paul's, Buninyong

Friday 17th June

Casual Dress Day – Duchenne
Muscular Dystrophy awareness
and fundraiser

Class Assembly 4AH 12.40pm

Year 6 swimming program

Regional Boys Soccer
@ Morshead Park

Regional Boys Football
@ Alfredton

Term 2 Week 9

Wednesday 22nd June

Years 4-6 Golf Clinics

Thursday 23rd June

Last Student Day for Term 2

Friday 24th June

Student Free Day

Term 3

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

Term 3 Week 1

Friday 15th July

Class Assembly 3BL 12.40pm

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear Parents and Families,

Greetings and welcome to this week's news. I hope it finds you well and that all families enjoyed the long weekend!

This past week has been a busy week in very cold, wet and wintry conditions. The children are to be congratulated on the way they have dealt with the exceptionally wet conditions and the way they are wearing their winter uniforms and coats. We closely keep an eye on the weather and where possible we try to get the children out for a play at break times.

With these wintry days upon us warm drinks like our Hot chocolates, homemade soups and a hot drink, seem to bring us great joy. As a Catholic school in the Mercy tradition, the stories of Catherine McAuley are well known to us, perhaps the most famous is about the virtue of 'a good cup of tea'. "Will you tell the Sisters to get a good cup of tea....when I am gone and to comfort one another." Catherine McAuley.

Although a simple idea, it describes a deep truth of the importance of hospitality and community. Hospitality is one of our school values. Hospitality means welcoming other people, we show hospitality because Jesus teaches us to include everyone and show them they are welcome.



Keep warm, spend some time with people and enjoy a cup of tea together.

Lost Property

The buckets are once again full of UNNAMED items. If your child has lost a woollen jumper, tracksuit pants or sports jumper, please contact the office or visit the lost property baskets located near the Art room to retrieve these items. As it is nearly the end of term, we would like to find these articles of clothing a 'home.'

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 top 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.

Term 3 Week 2

Friday 22nd July

Class Assembly 2GH 12.40pm

Term 3 Week 3

Friday 29th July

Casual Dress Day

Class Assembly 1GJ 12.40pm

Term 3 Week 4

Friday 5th August

Class Assembly FTW 12.40pm

Term 3 Week 5

Friday 12th August

Student Free Day

Term 3 Week 6

Friday 19th August

Class Assembly 6ZA 12.40pm

Term 3 Week 7

Friday 26th August

Casual Dress Day

Class Assembly 5OH 12.40pm

Term 3 Week 8

Friday 2nd September

Father's Day Celebration

Term 3 Week 9

Friday 9th September

Class Assembly 4CP 12.40pm

Term 3 Week 10

Mon 12th-Fri 16th Sept

Years 1 & 3 swimming

Friday 16th September

Class Assembly FJS 12.40pm

Term 4

Monday 3rd Oct to Friday

16th Dec = **11 Weeks**

Term 4 Week 1

Monday 3rd October

First Student Day for Term 4

Mon 3rd-Fri 7th Oct

Years 2, 4 & 5 swimming

Friday 7th October

Class Assembly 3JV 12.40pm

Term 4 Week 2

Friday 14th October

Class Assembly 2CJ 12.40pm

Term 4 Week 3

Friday 21st October

Class Assembly 1EM 12.40pm

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 23rd June**.

Continued Arrangements for End of the School Day Pick-Up

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

Assembly awards

Congratulations to our Award winners who received an award for our school value of Compassion. They were presented at 5MMA assembly last Friday. Please check the attachment for names of the children who received an award.

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.



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

Important information:

Please also find attached:

Parish bulletin

Letter from Bishop Paul regarding the Annual collection for the Pope
Assembly awards

Parenting ideas: Teaching kids to be kind

Basketball holiday camp (2 attachments)

National Boys Choir at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat

Have a great week!

Yours sincerely,

Jane Clark, **Interim Principal**



Term 4 Week 4

Friday 28th October
Casual Dress Day

Class Assembly FMM 12.40pm

Term 4 Week 5

Monday 31st October
Student Free Day

Tuesday 1st November
Public Holiday–Melbourne Cup

Term 4 Week 8

Friday 25th November
Casual Dress Day

Term 4 Week 9

Friday 2nd December
St. Francis Xavier Feast Day

Term 4 Week 10

Friday 9th December
Foundation Nativity

Term 4 Week 11

Friday 16th December
Last Student Day for Term 4

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

THIS WEEK’S GOSPEL- Sunday June 12, 2022 The Most Holy Trinity (Year C)

This weekend is Trinity Sunday when we think about how God is made up of three persons: God the Father, Jesus Christ, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: John 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I have much more to tell you, but now it would be too much for you to bear. When, however, the Spirit comes, who reveals the truth about God, he will lead you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own authority, but he will speak of what he hears and will tell you of things to come. He will give me glory, because he will take what I say and tell it to you. All that my Father has is mine; that is why I said that the Spirit will take what I give him and tell it to you.”
(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation®)

Gospel reflection:

This story is part of Jesus' farewell conversation to the disciples before he dies on the cross. Jesus says to the disciples that after he has gone, the Holy Spirit will guide them. The Holy Spirit will be their teacher and will speak to them just as Jesus did when he was alive and with them. The Holy Spirit will show the disciples what they must do and what they must say in Jesus' name.

Who teaches you and guides you? Teachers, parents, friends and family all teach us and guide us. The Holy Spirit is there to guide us too.

God is made up of three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

This is what we call the Trinity. Trinity means three.

We are reminded of the Trinity every time we pray- *through the Sign of the Cross.*

We believe that Jesus' promise to the disciples - that the Holy Spirit would be with them and guide them, is still true for all of us today. The Holy Spirit can guide us to do what is right and to use our talents in the best way to help others.

Our Challenge : Can you listen to the Holy Spirit in the coming week, and see how the Spirit guides you, especially in the way you treat those you live with and the members of our global family throughout the world?

(Adapted from the Cafod website)



Dress As A Superhero Day

This Friday (June 17) is Dress As a Superhero Day at St Francis Xavier and our focus is raising awareness of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and supporting research efforts. We will be donating the proceeds of our free dress day to this valuable work.

We recognise not all superheroes wear capes! Everyday people can display extraordinary qualities, like **the good Samaritan who runs in to help after an accident.** These people possess internal qualities that make them a hero, and because of them, the term “everyday hero” was coined. Many superheroes are everyday people in disguise- like doctors, nurses, paramedics, teachers, scientists, police officers and researchers.

What is Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy?

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) is a genetic disorder that affects the ability of muscles to make dystrophin. Dystrophin is used in muscle contraction to produce muscle strength.

Without the dystrophin, muscles are unable to contract properly and therefore are weakened. This process is degenerative and progressive. DMD only affects males as the gene for dystrophin is located on the X chromosome. Research focuses on gene therapy and the hope of finding a substitute for dystrophin. Other research seeks ways to protect the muscle and help it to repair and regrow. Some research efforts have found their way to clinical trials.

Sacramental News:

We are really excited for the children participating in their Confirmation Liturgy Celebrations on the evenings of Tuesday June 14 (St Alipius), Wednesday June 15 (St Alipius) or Thursday June 16th (St Peter and Paul’s Buninyong).

Father Jorge came to school last week to visit the Year Three children in their classrooms and he was really interested to hear about their Confirmation preparation, their upcoming camp and what they have been learning in the classroom.

He even taught them a word in Filipino! Ask them what SALAMUT means!

(Salamut means thank you and Father Jorge spoke to the children about thanking their parents and teachers; and showing gratitude for the many gifts they have received)

Christine Meneely, **Interim Religious Education Leader**



Curriculum News

Welcome to Week Eight!

Camps, Camps, Camps

At SFX we recognise school camps as an important part of the learning experience for all students from Year Two to Year Six. Camps provide quality learning opportunities for all, inclusive of supporting children to build important social and emotional skills. This includes teamwork, independence, organisation, resilience and confidence-building. During camp experiences, our children are also provided with authentic opportunities to face challenges, problem solve, connect with nature, participate in creative and imaginative play and build their coordination and strength. This term, our Year 6 and Year 3 children have been fortunate to attend their annual camps, with our Year 2 children set to venture on their first-ever school camp this week.



We thank our teachers, families and children for their thorough organisation and commitment in ensuring fun, successful and safe camp experiences for our SFX children.

In the Spotlight - Celebrating Learning & Teaching at SFX

This week we celebrate the learning and teaching occurring in Year One and Year Six.

Our Year One children have been focusing on building their Vocabulary and Fluency through their Shared Reading experiences. Last week, the rich literature in focus was the ever-popular Thelma the Unicorn. The Year One children have certainly made significant reading gains so far this year. We cannot wait to witness their continued reading success and joy next semester!



In Year Six, the children have been busy engaging in many additional learning experiences throughout Term Two. They have attended their Urban Camp experience, interschool sporting events, the Year Six Swimming Program and more recently participated in their annual Personal Development program. These learning opportunities have supported the children to continue developing holistically, while also enhancing engagement for all. As a school, we are proud of the leadership our Year Six children demonstrate when learning onsite and in external settings.



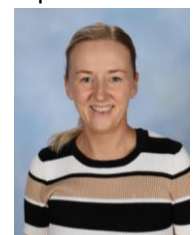
A shoutout to our Year One and Year Six children and their dedicated teachers for being in our Learning and Teaching spotlight this week – keep shining brightly in all that you do!

Professional Learning Day – School Closure

Friday the 24th of June is a School Closure Day for the children of SFX. On this day, our staff will be participating in a collaborative Professional Learning Day with a specific focus on enhancing our current understandings in the area of Reading. We believe every child has the right to learn to read and that every child has the right to discover the magic of reading too! By enhancing our collective understandings, we can ensure we continue to strive to optimise the Reading outcomes for all of our children here at SFX.

Thank you for continuing to support your child's learning and for partnering with us!

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



Wellbeing News



In a world where you can be anything, be kind! I love this quote! Kindness needs to be a conscious act and we need to create opportunities for our children to engage in acts of kindness. We also need them to know what it feels like to have someone treat them kindly (so they know what behaviours to copy, and why kindness is important). It might mean us as parents modelling kindness- giving genuine compliments, letting someone with fewer items go ahead in the grocery line (time permitting) or helping someone carry something when you see they are struggling. It might mean encouraging your child to invite the whole class to their birthday party, instead of excluding one or two children.

In the attached Parenting Ideas, Rachel Tomlinson explores why encouraging kids to be kind is essential in helping them avoid seeking

instant gratification, ego-centric solutions, or being cruel.

Genuine kindness is one of the most important virtues in developing good character in our children.

Let's try and start a Kindness Revolution!

Christine Meneely, **Wellbeing Leader**

Sport/Physical Education News



Greater Western Region Soccer (boys) & Football (boys) We wish our SFX Boys soccer and Boys football teams good luck as they compete against other primary schools in the Greater Western Region Winter Sports Tournament this Friday.

Training this week:

Soccer - Tuesday 1st break & Wednesday 2nd break

Football - Tuesday 2nd break & Thursday 2nd break

Golf Clinics Students in Yr 4 - 6 will be participating in Golf Clinics with Tony from Golf Vic beginning this week. 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:

- Tuesday 14th June - Yr 4 - 6 golf clinics
- Thursday 16th June - Yr 4 - 6 golf clinics
- Friday 17th June - Regional Boys Soccer @ Morshead Park
- Friday 17th June - Regional Boys Football @ Alfredton
- Wednesday 22nd June - Yr 4 - 6 golf clinics

Have an awesome week.

[Shaun Carroll](#), SFX Sport Coordinator

Uniform Shop Update

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

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 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

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.

Orders from the **Bake & Grind Pie, Slice and Donut drive** will be delivered to school and available for collection on Friday 17th June from the undercover area. Thank you for your support!

Community News

BASKETBALL BALLARAT JUNIOR MINERS HOLIDAY CAMP

Adroit Insurance Camp; Risk Junior Holiday Camps are held during each school holidays for children aged 6-13 years old of all genders and abilities.

Improve your skills, develop techniques, enhance your game, meet new friends and ultimately have fun! The camp catering for the beginner who has never picked up a basketball to the most experienced 13 year old in the land!

All participants can expect:

- Meet your favourite Miners players
- Expert instructions from professional coaches including Miners player and coaches
 - Develop new basketball skills and training methods
 - Fun and inclusive learning environment
- Structured session content including great games and prizes at every camp
 - Learn how to be a great team mate and help others succeed

Registrations for Winter Holidays are now open, with the camp being held on Wednesday July 6th and Thursday July 7th from 9:00am till 2:00pm at Selkirk Stadium.

For more information and to register: Adroit Insurance Camp; Risk Holiday Camps (nbl1.com.au)

For further details please contact Amber Bumpstead on (03) 5338 1220 or email reception@ballaratbasketball.com

THE NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA

5pm Friday 24 June at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. The boys will be joined by the **Colorado Children's Chorale**, visiting from America. \$25 adults, \$18 concession, Under 16 free.

An eclectic program of choral music, including the 'Messe Basse' by Gabriel Faure, the Flower Duet from 'Lakme' by Delibes, and songs from Bob Chilcott, Irving Berlin, and Beatle George Harrison.

Please contact office@nationalboyschoir.com.au or Jan Eldred 0407 567 341 if you require further information.

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