



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 20th June 2022
Term 2 Week 9

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2022 Key Dates

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

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

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear Parents and Families,

As we come to the end of Term 2, we acknowledge the efforts and work of our school community; the children, staff, carers, parents and families. We have had a wonderful term full of changes and challenges.

Please Note: * School finishes for the term this Thursday 24th June at 3:20pm
* School resumes for Term 3 on Monday 11th July at 8:55am

As our term comes to end this Thursday 23rd June at 3:20pm, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for the way they have adapted to the change in Senior Leadership and how they have supported myself, Jayne Mohr, Rebecca Conroy and Christine Meneely in the daily running of school life here at St Francis Xavier. We have watched how teachers, LSO's and classes have participated in Athletics Days, Student Led Conferences, Assemblies, Camps, Personal Development Zoom meeting and the daily activities in classrooms all with enthusiasm and professionalism. Staff have been prepared to adapt when we have been struck with Flu and Covid cases. Teachers have kindly understood when they have had their daily routines altered, missed out on planning sessions and when activities have had to be restructured due to the many absences. Many thanks also go to our wonderful 'band' of CRT's who have arrived often at school thinking they were working in a specific class to be notified that 'things have altered due to staff shortages. Their cheerful dispositions and 'Can Do' attitude have been witnessed with joy. On a personal note, I would like to thank this community for making me feel so welcome in my Interim Principal position. It always gives me immense pride in how we as humans are so adaptable and accepting of change.



Last Friday was a wonderful day at St. Francis Xavier as we were invited to come dressed as a Super Hero to support Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Super Heroes come in all shapes and sizes and don't always need to wear a cape. Thank you for your support with our fundraiser, all money raised will be forwarded on to this organisation.

May you all have a restful, safe and happy holiday. Term 3 will be full of new learnings for all. Please continue to look at dates on our school calendar to know what events are taking place.

Looking forward to seeing everyone back at school on

Monday 11th July for the beginning of Term 3.

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

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

Congratulations Ms Macklin and Ben St. Francis Xavier school community would like to congratulate Ms Macklin and her husband Ben on their very exciting news. Ms Macklin is having a baby. We hope that her journey of pregnancy is full of health and happiness.



Mid-Year Reports Teachers have finalised their class reports and they are currently being uploaded to PAM for release this Thursday. I commend our teachers 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/carers 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 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 children who received an award for our school value of Hospitality.

They were presented at 4AH assembly last Friday. Please check the attachment for names of the children who received an award.



Theme: Hospitality Hospitality means welcoming other people. We show hospitality because Jesus teaches us to include everyone and show them, they are welcome.

Lost Property As it is nearly the end of term, we would like to find these articles of clothing/belongings a home. Come and check the buckets of UNAMED items in lost property. If your child has lost a woollen jumper, tracksuit pants, sports jumper or water bottle 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.'

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

Important information:

Please also find attached: Parenting ideas: Building and maintaining school belonging Parish bulletin
4AH Assembly award winners

Have a great week!

Yours sincerely,

Jane Clark, Interim Principal



THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL- Sunday June 19, 2022 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Year C)

Today we hear how Jesus performed a great miracle with bread for five thousand people. Let's find out why this miracle is so important to us as well.

Gospel: Luke 9:11-17

Jesus welcomed the crowds, spoke to them about the Kingdom of God, and healed those who needed it. When the sun was beginning to set, the twelve disciples came to him and said, "Send the people away so that they can go to the villages and farms around here and find food and lodging, because this is a lonely place."

But Jesus said to them, "You yourselves give them something to eat."

They answered, "All we have are five loaves and two fish. Do you want us to go and buy food for this whole crowd?"

(There were about 5,000 men there.)

Jesus said to his disciples, "Make the people sit down in groups of about fifty each."

After the disciples had done so, Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up to heaven, thanked God for them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. They all ate and had enough, and the disciples took up twelve baskets of what was left over.

(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation®)

Gospel reflection:

(This miracle is the only miracle found in all four Gospels, apart from the miracle of the resurrection, and so it is a really important event)

In the gospel, through God's grace, everyone, all 5000 people, eat the bread and the fish, and there is plenty left over, twelve baskets full!

Imagine you are in the crowd of people who have come to Jesus. You were hungry and had no idea where you would find food. But then because of Jesus' miracle you get given something to eat by the disciples.

Even though there is enough food produced in the world to feed everyone there are many people who go without food every day.

Big food companies are growing and sharing food in many ways that harm the earth and make it difficult for some people to have enough food to eat. They make lots of money and hold lots of power, while small scale farmers around the world, along with their families and communities are left living in poverty.

We are all members of one global family. We are all parts of one body – the body of Christ. So if one person is hungry, it is like we are all hungry.

Just like Jesus asks the disciples to feed the crowd in today's reading, we are also asked to do what we can to make sure that everyone has enough to eat.

Our Challenge: What can we do to help make the world a fairer place, so that everyone has enough to eat?

Adapted from the CAFOD website)

Christine Meneely, **Interim Religious Education Leader**



Curriculum News

After a productive term filled with many learning celebrations and student growth, it's almost holiday time! Enjoy your last week of Term Two!

In the Spotlight - Celebrating Learning & Teaching at SFX

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

Our Year Four children have been studying the expertise of author Ashley Spires through their Scaffolding Literacy unit. During this time, they have created their own writing by drawing on the features of Ashley Spires' text, *The Most Magnificent Thing*, inclusive of using vivid verbs.





Year Four have also been learning about explorers and their voyages of discovery around the world. As part of this investigation, they have created information booklets about Captain Cook and produced some impressive sailing ship drawings too.

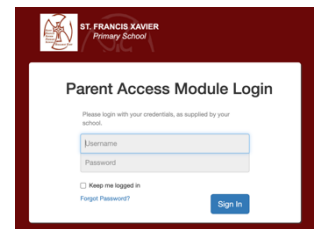
In Performing Arts with Mr West, the Year Four children have been developing their ukulele playing skills, including how to place their fingers on the strings to change the pitch. They have learnt about rhythm and strumming patterns as they have developed their abilities to play different songs.



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

Assessment & Reporting - Semester One Formal Reports

On Thursday the 23rd of June you will be able to access your child's Semester One formal report via our 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)

Professional Learning Day – School Closure

A friendly reminder that this Friday (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

I'm in a very privileged position at St Francis Xavier, as I get to watch children interact with their teachers and friends everyday. What I notice is the sense of belonging and connectedness most children feel at school and the efforts their teachers make to strengthen this connection.

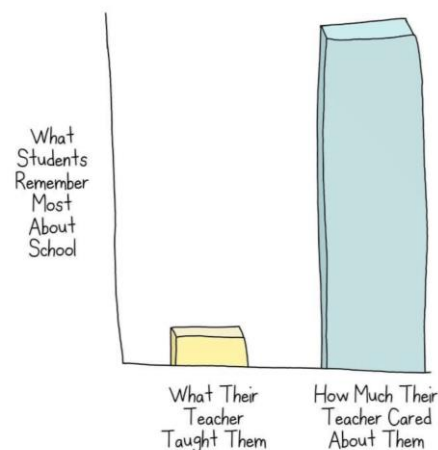
I hear good morning welcomes ("it's so great to see you!" "I'm glad you are back- the class wasn't the same without you!"), lovely shared stories (new shoes, lost teeth and Pokemon/footy cards) and tales of woe (fighting with brothers and sisters, death of a loved pet, AFL team loss).

Although you might think these interactions have nothing to do with learning, they have everything to do with relationships. We know children learn best when they feel valued, loved and respected.

Parents can help the student-teacher relationship by keeping communication channels open, attending school events that allow opportunities to meet teachers and encouraging their children to ask their teachers for help when needed. Parents could reflect on their own school experiences, share information about their favourite teachers when at school, and help their children identify a teacher's positive aspects, especially for those teachers their child is struggling to build rapport with.

In the attached Parenting Ideas, there are some great strategies for helping your child build and strengthen their feeling of belonging at school.

Happy holidays and we look forward to seeing you all again in Term Three!



Christine Meneely, **Wellbeing Leader**

Sport/Physical Education News



Greater Western Region Soccer (boys) & Football (boys)

Congratulations and well done to the students that represented SFX at last Friday's GWR Winter Sports Tournament in both the soccer and football. The conditions weren't too bad and allowed both teams to display fantastic teamwork and enthusiasm and were rewarded with some outstanding passages of play and results. Both teams managed to finish Runners Up on the day!

Thank you to Mr Ferguson who helped at the soccer and Mr Marshall at the football. And a big thank you to the families that came along to support.



Congratulations to Cooper Danaher who competed in the NSW MX state finals last weekend, riding against almost 40 other riders. Cooper ended up getting 2nd overall in the 65cc 10-12 y/o class and 2nd overall in the 85cc small wheel 9-12 y/o class. Well done Cooper in achieving such an awesome result against the fastest kids across the country!



Term 2 dates:

- Wednesday 22nd June - Yr 4 - 6 golf clinics

Have a great week.

Shaun Carroll, **SFX Sport Coordinator**

Uniform Shop Update

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.

Community News

BASKETBALL BALLARAT JUNIOR MINERS HOLIDAY CAMP

Adroit Insurance & 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

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

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS LIBRARIES

For storytime and holiday activity details and bookings, please copy and paste this link to your browser:

https://www.centralhighlandslibraries.org.au/client/en_AU/chls/?rm=KIDS+AND+FAMIL0%7C%7C%7C1%7C%7C%7C0%7C%7C%7Ctrue

Please note: The NAIDOC Week Boomerang Painting session is booked out, but you can join a waiting list.

Bookings are still available for the Dinosaur themed activities.