



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 11th July 2022
Term 3 Week 1

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2022 Key Dates

Term 3

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

Term 3 Week 1

Thursday 14th July

State Cross Country Finals

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

Circuit breaker long week-
end Student Free Day

Term 3 Week 6

Monday 15th August

Circuit breaker long week-
end Student Free Day

Friday 19th August

Class Assembly 6ZA 12.40pm

Term 3 Week 7

Friday 26th August

Casual Dress Day

BCPS Aths 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

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome back to Term 3. As the children arrived in the playground this morning, there was great excitement as they met their friends and caught up on the goings and comings of the previous two weeks. School is a very social place for your children and to see them content and happy being back together again certainly means that they are ready for another term of learning and excitement. This also pertains to our staff- great chatter and excitement was felt as we began Term 3 together.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement throughout Term 2 and we look forward to an equally positive and productive Term 3.

Staffing Announcements at St. Francis Xavier.

Today we welcome back Ms. Brigid Ginnane-Smith from maternity leave. Brigid will be stepping back into a Year 3 teaching position sharing with Ms Bec Warr. Brigid returns with a wealth of knowledge in the Year 3 area particularly in the English/Scaffolding Literacy domain. I am sure Brigid and Bec will be an outstanding team in 3BL and I know you will join me in welcoming Brigid back to St Francis Xavier and her classroom teaching role.



Today we also welcome back our very supportive and professional School Crossing Supervisor Dennis McGuire. Dennis has been away from his duties recovering from an illness. We are so pleased to have Dennis back. We have missed his friendly voice and his kind comments- "Have a good day," and "see you all tomorrow" as the children and families walk across the crossing.

Many thanks goes to Ms Bec Warr who kindly stepped into the role of full-time classroom teacher in 3BL for 5 weeks during Term 2 with the departure of Ms Bernadette Luckman who left to work at the Ballarat Catholic Education Office. Bec graciously took on the role and provided the children with continuity and a professional manner in the classroom.



School Health and Safety Measures at St. Francis Xavier:

Please see below important updated COVID-19 Guidelines for your perusal.

As you would be aware, following advice from the Acting Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government recently announced changes to the pandemic orders. There will no longer be a mandated vaccination requirement for staff working in mainstream schools. This change will come in from 11.59pm Friday 24 June, so in effect from the start of Term 3 2022. With almost 100% of school staff now vaccinated across Victoria, this will cause little change to our school.

As part of the changes, from 11.59pm Friday 24 June 2022, parents and carers who have COVID-19 can transport their non-COVID-19 children via private vehicle to their primary or secondary school when an alternative person is not available to assist. This means that

Term 3 Week 10

Mon 12th-Fri 16th Sept

Years 1 & 3 swimming

Wednesday 14th September

Golf Tournament

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

parents and carers will be able to leave COVID self-isolation to take their non-COVID-19 child to schools via a private vehicle. The parent or carer must travel directly to and from the school only. They must remain in the vehicle at all times, unless it is reasonably necessary to leave the vehicle to walk the child to and from the entrance of the school safely. They must wear a face mask at all times.

Please contact the school office and we can make arrangements for meeting your child at the front gate.

Family members are asked to continue reporting positive COVID-19 cases to the Department of Health.

You must also let the school know if your child is a close contact. Students who are close contacts and want to attend should still take 5 RATs over 7 days and wear a face mask whilst indoors if they are aged 8 years or over.

Students should continue to stay home if they are unwell, even if they test negative on a RAT.

Thank you for your support as we continue to make these adjustments.

End of the Day Drop Off:

Slight changes have been made for our end of day pick up procedure. After discussion with teachers, we feel that this maybe our best way forward managing teaching/ learning time and traffic flow. As much as possible, I ask that you adhere to the times so the system can work as effectively as possible. Once again, we will assess this process after a 4-week trial. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

3:10-3:20	3:20 onwards
Week 1- 4	Week 1- 4
Children with surnames beginning.....	Children with surnames beginning.....
A-M	N-Z

To minimise congestion, especially among adults, we ask families to adhere to this timetable and to be vigilant when promptly entering and exiting the building.

Hot Chocolates

Hot Chocolates continue in Term 3, on a Monday.

Children can purchase their hot chocolate for \$1:50 during the first break in the gym.

School Uniform:

I am taking this opportunity to remind you all that it is an expectation of the school that children wear the correct school uniform. Most of the time this is not a problem, and the uniform is worn correctly. However, I have noticed that a few things do need to be addressed for some children.

Firstly, black school shoes are the recommended footwear for all students. On the days that the children have their Physical Education lesson they are permitted to wear sports shoes e.g., runners, trainers etc. Children are also encouraged to bring their runners and/or extra clothes to school to change into and out of for sports games at lunchtimes – Cover up clothes

Secondly, jewellery is not part of the uniform. The reason for this is that jewellery can pose a health and safety risk whilst children are playing. Dangly ear-rings, bracelets, rings and necklaces can all cause some harm in a play situation. In sports such as football or netball, it is a requirement that all jewellery be removed before play begins. Children are able to wear stud earrings or small sleepers and watches.

If for any reason your child is unable to wear the correct school uniform, please let us know. Uniform is designed to create school pride within the school community and to provide equity between students.

School Assembly continues this term.

Please note that our School Assembly Program for is held weekly at 12:40pm on a Friday afternoon. Assemblies will take place in the Gymnasium.

The roster below indicates when each Class will be leading Assembly/Prayer. This has also been updated on the school calendar for your perusal.

Week	Term 3	Term 4
1	Year 3BL 15 th July	Year 3JV 7 th October
2	Year 2GH 22 nd July	Year 2CJ 14 th October
3	Year 1GJ 29 th July	Year 1EM 21 st October
4	Foundation TW 5 th August	Foundation MM 28 th October
5	Student Free Day 12 th August	4 th November
6	Year 6ZA 19 th August	11 th November
7	Year 5OH 26 th August	18 th November
8	Fathers' Day Liturgy 2 nd September	25 th November
9	Year 4CP 9 th September	St Francis Xavier Feast Day 2 nd December
10	Foundation JS 16 th September	Foundation (Nativity) 9 th December

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/>

God of all wonder, We pause in the busyness of our days to listen deeply to the wisdom of this land and those who



**GET UP!
STAND UP!
SHOW UP!**
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belong to it. May our minds be open to dialogue, May our hearts be open to transformation and May our hands do the work of reconciliation. We ask that the Spirit accompany us on our journey of healing on these lands, seas and waterways; We also ask the Spirit of peace be with all those who are living a life of fear, dispossession and distress. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus our brother and friend. Amen.

Important information:

Please also find attached: Parish bulletin

Have a great week!

Yours sincerely,

Jane Clark, Interim Principal



Religious Education News

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL- Sunday July 10, 2022 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Today we hear how a Good Samaritan helped a man who was hurt but how a Priest and a Levite both ignored him. This gospel story tells us we must be ready to help anyone in need, whether they live near or far from us.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

A teacher of the Law came up and tried to trap Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to receive eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "What do the Scriptures say? How do you interpret them?"

The man answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind'; and 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself.'"

"You are right," Jesus replied; "do this and you will live."

But the teacher of the Law wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbour?"

Jesus answered, "There was once a man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attacked him, stripped him, and beat him up, leaving him half dead. It so happened that a priest was going down that road; but when he saw the man, he walked on by, on the other side. In the same way a Levite also came there, went over and looked at the man, and then walked on by, on the other side. But a Samaritan who was travelling that way came upon the man, and when he saw him, his heart was filled with pity. He went over to him, poured oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them; then he put the man on his own animal and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Take care of him,' he told the innkeeper, 'And

when I come back this way, I will pay you whatever else you spend on him.”

And Jesus concluded, “In your opinion, which one of these three acted like a neighbour towards the man attacked by the robbers?”

The teacher of the Law answered, “The one who was kind to him.”

Jesus replied, “You go, then, and do the same.”

(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation®)

Our Challenge:

How can we be like the Good Samaritans?

Who might be ignored or neglected in our parish, our school, our neighbourhood or our world? What can we do about it?

(Adapted from the CAFOD website)



Christine Meneely,
Interim Religious Education Leader

Wellbeing News

Welcome back to Term Three!



I trust you had a relaxing break and had time to re-energise in anticipation of the fun weeks ahead.

We have an exciting new initiative- today the Year Six Wellbeing Team have introduced a BUDDY BOX! This little mailbox will be an opportunity for children to write a note or share a drawing/colouring with their buddies.

It is our hope that children will recognise how valued they are as a part of our school community and feel a special sense of connection with others.

When you post your letter or picture, please don't forget to put your name and your buddies name and class on the paper or envelope! The BUDDY BOX will be in the uncover area and our Wellbeing Team will make the special deliveries each week.

Also beginning this term is Seasons for Growth groups for children in Years 3-6.

The **Seasons for Growth** program is designed for children who are dealing with significant life changes such as parental separation/divorce/estrangement or the death or illness of a family member/friend. The children learn skills such as exploring the impact of change and loss on every-day life and learning new ways to respond to these changes. Please don't hesitate to talk to me or your child's teacher should you have any queries about the **Seasons for Growth** program and if you would like your child to be considered for inclusion in Seasons please email me on

cmeneely@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au

Christine Meneely, Wellbeing Leader

Sport/Physical Education News

Sporting Schools: Thank you to all those that expressed interest in participating in our Term 3 after school Sporting Schools programs. Please see below those that will be participating

Monday - Badminton - Monday July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 22 & 29

Elizabeth Baruwa, James Bodnar, Laura Bodnar, Finn Burbidge, Angus Burbidge, Claudia Cochrane, Hazel De Lorenzo, Lachlan De Lorenzo, Josephine De Lorenzo, Remi James, Winter James, Sahesi Kariyawasam, Macie Lloyd, Edward Lloyd, Harriet Locke, Emma Locke, Maggie Locke, Ryder Macklin, Devon McCartin, Bailey McCartin, Jensen McCartin, Rahui Munokoa, Madeline Purtell, Mylo Robertson, Mabel Rush, Addilyn Simpson, Evangeline Spiers, Maeve Tongs, Isla Tongs, Olena Vallance, Vivienne Young & Edith Young.

Thursday - AFL - Thursday July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18 & 25

Ryan Alford, Eddie Anderson, Damilare Baruwa, Rhys Bell, James Bosworth, Freddie Brown, Tex Brown, Leni Brown, Jameson Campbell, Leo Dodd, Freddie Dreher, Levi Dreher, Nicholas Green, Mia Hamill, Eddy Heinrich, Charlie Irving, Noah Irving, Harvey Kersley, Ned Kersley, Harrison Madigan, Cooper Manning, Banjo Nicholson, Oskar Olszewski, Riley Ponsonby, Alexander Ponsonby, Sidney Porter, Lachlan Purtell, Hughey Roberts, Cooper Roberts, Austin Roberts, Jackson Roberts, Ignatius Rush, Sofia Shorter, Hudson Shorter, Will Shorter & Harvey Slater.

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

Cross Country: Good luck to Archer Spackman (Yr 4) and Felicity McGrath (Yr 5) who will be competing in the State Finals of Cross Country this Thursday in Melbourne.

After School Netball: Good luck to all those that are participating in after school netball on a Tuesday and Wednesday in Term 3. If your child is in Year 3 - 6 and is interested in playing there are potentially some spots still available. Please contact me for more information.

Term 3 dates:

- Thursday July 14 - State Cross Country Finals
- Friday August 26th - BCPS Aths Day
- Wednesday September 14th - Golf Tournament

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

Welcome back to Term 3! We have a few exciting things coming up for this Term, stay tuned for details to come soon!

Monday Hot Chocolates

Our Hot Chocolates will continue for this Term on Monday's at First Break. Don't forget your \$1.50 each Monday! Starting first day back!

We need your help to make this happen for the children if you can help on Mondays from 10am please use the sign up below!

<https://signup.com/go/FFXFqOj>

Friday Hot Lunches

Hot Lunches will also continue for Term 3 with thanks to Golden Nugget Bakery and Wilson's! We need volunteers each Friday from 11am to pack orders please if you can spare an hour to help please sign up below. Hot Lunch orders need to be in by 10am each Thursday morning.

*Please note Flexischools have updated their service and you can no longer access the weekly repeat order option.

<https://signup.com/go/VLNJROT>