



# St Francis Xavier Primary School

## Newsletter

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
Term 3 Week 2

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### 2022 Key Dates

#### Term 3 Week 2

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** 1<sup>st</sup> break  
Girls basketball tryouts

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> July** 2<sup>nd</sup> break  
Boys basketball tryouts

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**  
Class Assembly 2GH 12.40pm  
Catherine McAuley performances

#### Term 3 Week 3

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July**  
Casual Dress Day  
Class Assembly 1GJ 12.40pm

#### Term 3 Week 4

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**  
Parent Sacramental  
Information Morning/Night  
10.30am or 7pm, St. Alipius

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August**  
Class Assembly FTW 12.40pm

#### Term 3 Week 5

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August**  
Student Free Day (Circuit  
breaker long weekend)

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August**  
6pm Mass at St. Alipius

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August**  
9am Mass at Buninyong  
10.30am Mass at St. Alipius

#### Term 3 Week 6

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August**  
Student Free Day (Circuit  
breaker long weekend)

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August**  
Class Assembly 6ZA 12.40pm

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August**  
6pm Mass at St. Alipius

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August**  
9am Mass at St. Alipius  
10.30am Mass at Buninyong

#### Term 3 Week 7

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August**  
Eureka District Basketball  
Tournament

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

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to week Two! It seems like a lot has happened since last Monday's newsletter. What a wonderful start we have to term 3. Some classes have visited the Art Gallery, others to the Badminton stadium others showing their new learning and skills. Our new building is getting closer to finishing every day. We need the rain to stay away as this is slowing down the concreting and the removal of large pieces of rock and concrete.

I have visited classes this week to welcome the children back personally. Their engaging conversations and eager faces were a pleasure to experience.

Winter brings about many challenges and has such great beauty. Our Lake Wendouree is truly a blessing and looked spectacular the other night.



"We give thanks for the blessing of winter:  
Season to cherish the heart.

To make warmth and quiet for the heart.

To make soups and broths for the heart.

To cook for the heart and read for the heart.

To curl up softly and nestle with the heart.

To sleep deeply and gently at one with the heart.

To dream with the heart.

To spend time with the heart.

We give thanks for the blessing of winter:

Season to cherish the heart. Amen."

**Circuit Breaker weekend** With Tom Sexton offering a circuit breaker long weekend 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> August, we needed to change the date for our Professional Learning Day – Reading with Lyn Stone. The revised date is Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September Week 9. Please make these changes on your calendar. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility with this. I am fully aware of the disruption that this can cause for some families. Please continue to check the dates on our school calendar.

**Punctuality** It has been great to see that the majority of our children are arriving on time each morning, ready to gather and listen to our morning announcements. Thank you to Parents/Families for ensuring this takes place. It is essential that a smooth start to the day is established so that excellent learning can take place. We ask that you continue to ensure that the children arrive on time ready to start their day at 8:55am.

It is interesting to note that even if you are 10 minutes late a day that add ups to 50 minutes a week which is equivalent to 1 full class lesson and then if it becomes 500 minutes over the course of a term that equates up to 12 full class lessons.

**School Bus Safety** Thank you to all the families that continue to honour our bus system!  
**Bus Procedures for Parents/Families**

\* You need to notify the office if there is a change to your default (i.e. what you filled out on

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

Casual Dress Day

BCPS Aths Day

Class Assembly 5OH 12.40pm

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August

6pm Mass at St. Alipius

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August

9am Mass at Buninyong

10.30am Mass at St. Alipius

### Term 3 Week 8

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

Father's Day Celebration

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

6pm Mass at St. Alipius

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September

9am Mass at St. Alipius

10.30am Mass at Buninyong

### Term 3 Week 9

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Alipius

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Alipius

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September

6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Alipius

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

Student Free Day  
Professional Learning Day

### Term 3 Week 10

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

Years 1 & 3 swimming

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Golf Tournament

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

Last day of Term 3  
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

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Sacrament of First Eucharist  
at St. Alipius

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Sacrament of First Eucharist  
at St. Alipius

the form)

- \* Changes to the daily schedule would be appreciated as early in the day as possible – before 12 midday.
- \* Changes to the daily schedule are able to be conveyed to the office via telephone, or by a bus pass which will be available from the office.
- \* Changes can also be made via the Skoolbag App, Or via the generic "office" email office@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au



We send our congratulations to both **Mr Ethan Corfee and Ms. Emily Clarke** and who are the newly appointed Principals of Emmaus Catholic Primary School and St. Alipius Parish Primary School, Ballarat East respectively. We wish them both and their school communities all the best.



**Assembly awards** Congratulations to our Award winners who received an award for our school value of **Respect**. They were presented at 3GW's assembly last Friday. Please check the attachment for names of the children who received an award.



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.

### Covid Update advice from Acting Chief Health Officer as of 11:59pm Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

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 will include school holiday programs held on school grounds.

This means that parents and carers will be able to leave COVID self-isolation to take their non-COVID-19 child to school or school holiday programs 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.



Congratulations to Ms Caitlin Jans (Miss Catie) 2CJ, on the announcement of her engagement to Pat Keogh on 04/07/2022. We wish them all the very best for this most exciting time in their lives.

**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

**Term 4 Week 2**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**  
Class Assembly 2CJ 12.40pm  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October**  
Sacrament of First Eucharist  
at St. Alipius & Buninyong  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October**  
Sacrament of First Eucharist  
at St. Alipius & Buninyong

**Term 4 Week 3**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**  
Class Assembly 1EM 12.40pm  
**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**  
Sacrament of First Eucharist  
at St. Alipius  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**  
Sacrament of First Eucharist  
at St. Alipius

**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  
**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
Junior Athletics Day

**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**

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.

**School Assembly** Please note that our School Assembly Program 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
2	Year 2GH 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
3	Year 1GJ 29 <sup>th</sup> July
4	Foundation TW 5 <sup>th</sup> August
5	Student Free Day 12 <sup>th</sup> August

**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/>

**Important information:** Please also find attached: Assembly awards; Parish bulletin; Parenting ideas-Use your words Dad; How to buy a NAIDOC Week Wristband.

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

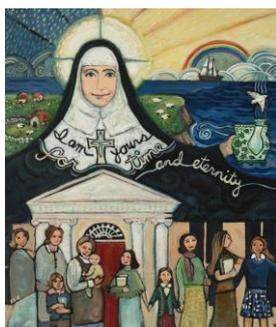
Have a great week!

Yours sincerely,

Jane Clark, Interim Principal



**Religious Education News**



**Special Performance** “It began with two, Sister Doyle and I”- these humble words speak to the sparse beginnings in Ireland in 1831 to what is now known as the Sisters of Mercy. On Friday July 22, St Francis Xavier will be visited by a Performing Arts group, who will present “Catherine McAuley’s Mercy”. Written by Trisha Starrs, this highly acclaimed play explores the political, practical and spiritual determination of a young woman, to fulfil her dream of educating the poor.

As a proud Mercy school, we look forward to learning more about the life of Catherine McCauley and how we too can live out Jesus' call. Ask your child to tell you something new they discovered about Catherine (maybe you will learn something too!)

**THIS WEEK’S GOSPEL- Sunday July 17, 2022 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

**Opening prayer:** Patient God, give us ears to hear, time to be still, courage to stop what we are doing and a willingness to listen to your words. Amen.

**Gospel:** Luke 10:38-42 As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him in her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat down at the feet of the Lord and listened

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

to his teaching. Martha was upset over all the work she had to do, so she came and said, “Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to come and help me!”

The Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha! You are worried and troubled over so many things, but just one is needed. Mary has chosen the right thing, and it will not be taken away from her.”

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

**Gospel reflection:** Jesus is welcomed into the house of a woman called Martha. Martha has a sister called Mary who is pleased to see Jesus and immediately sits down to hear him speak. Martha is busy with tasks. Perhaps she is getting Jesus a drink, making him some food, making sure he has everything he needs.

What does this story teach you about listening to Jesus?

When should we be busy and when should we be quiet?

Both are important in our lives but we need to get the balance right. Spending time quietly can help us sort out our ideas and feelings, we can listen to God who helps us think things through and we can work out what God is asking us to do next. Quiet time can help us to recognise Jesus in other people and to see how we can help each other.

**Our Challenge:** Do you make time for other people when they want to talk to you?

This week make some time for doing what God asks of us, treating all people with kindness, generosity, love and respect.

**St Alipius Parish News:** St Alipius Parish is excited to announce that we will be commencing a **training program for Altar Servers** for both St Alipius & Ss Peter & Paul communities.

Anyone who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation can apply to be involved.

Training sessions will be held on the 1st Wednesday & Saturday of each month at St Alipius church, commencing on Wednesday August 3. \* Wednesday training is from 4pm - 4.45pm \* Saturday training is from 10am - 10.45am

A parent or guardian will need to be in attendance for the 1st meeting if a person under 16 is attending for training. Adults are most welcome to be involved in altar serving and attending the training sessions.

Please register your interest to attend training by sending an email to [ballarateast@catholic.org.au](mailto:ballarateast@catholic.org.au) or call the Parish office on 5332 6611.

When contacting the office, simply tell us your name and the session you will be attending (either Wednesday or Saturday), along with your phone number.

**Sacramental News:** There have been some alterations to our Parish Sacrament Timetable so please find below some new key dates for your diary. The Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist for children in Year Four (and those who have made their Confirmation but may have missed these Sacraments during Covid) will be held during August and September. More information will be provided as to Registration and Enrolment in the coming week.

Parent Information Morning/Night	Wednesday August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 am OR 7.00 pm
Weekend Masses @6pm Saturday nights, 9 am and 10.30 am Sunday mornings (Fr. Jorge encourages you to attend at least two of these)	August 13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> August 20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> August 27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> September 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup>	At St. Alipius and Ss. Peter and Paul Buninyong
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Tues September 6 <sup>th</sup> Wed September 7 <sup>th</sup> Thurs September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Hosted by Emmaus 6pm Hosted by St. Alipius 6pm Hosted by SFX 6pm
Sacrament of First Eucharist Liturgy	Weekend of Oct 8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> Weekend of Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> Weekend of Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup>	Hosted by SFX at St. Alipius Church Hosted by Emmaus at St. Alipius & Ss. Peter & Paul Churches Hosted by St. Alipius at St. Alipius Church

Christine Meneely,  
Interim Religious Education Leader



## Curriculum News

What a start to Term Three, with our SFX children returning to school with smiles on their faces ready to embrace and engage in another term of learning. Our dedicated teaching staff are refreshed, well-planned and just as excited to continue facilitating a range of learning opportunities to ensure the best outcomes for all. It sure is set to be another action-packed term with many events and experiences for our SFX community of learners to look forward to.



### **Book Week 2022**

**Book Week Theme:** Dreaming with Eyes Open... **Dates:** August 20-26, 2022

Each year since 1945 the CBCA has brought children and books together across Australia through CBCA Book Week. As a school we are proud to be once again participating in the joys of Book Week. This event is one glorious week spent celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators. Stay tuned for our series of Book Week activities to be announced soon, including the return of our annual Book Week Dress Up Parade where everyone is invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. It's never too early to start organising your Book Week costume!



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

## Wellbeing News

My son always had a great imagination so when he turned 4 we got him a dollhouse full of little people, furniture and even a pet. His face would light up when we would sit down to play together and we spent many hours telling each other stories and acting them out

One day a neighbour was over visiting and she laughed when she saw the dollhouse- she made a comment that I had a house full of boys so why did we have a girl's toy?

She didn't *intend* any harm, but I couldn't help being annoyed. Because *gender stereotypes can be really harmful* and there are a lot of them directed at our children. Saying things like, "that's only for girls/boys," indicates to children that there is shame in expressing themselves freely. Gender expectations limit choices and behaviour. It doesn't matter if the gender expectation is positive or negative, it serves to perpetuate stereotypes and inequality.

This term in our Respectful Relationships program (as part of our Social and Emotional Learning) we will be exploring topics on stress management, help-seeking and gender and identity. You can support our learning at home, by your words and modelling of respectful relationships. The attached Parenting Ideas focuses on ways Dads (but I think parents of all genders) can communicate from their hearts as well as their heads, finding words to support, heal and advise when their children struggle.

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 Posonby, Sidney Porter, Lachlan Purtell, Hughey Roberts, Cooper Roberts, Austin Roberts, Jackson Roberts, Ignatius Rush, Sofia Shorter, Hudson Shorter, Will Shorter & Harvey Slater.

**Cross Country:** Congratulations to Archer Spackman (Yr 4) and Felicity McGrath (Yr 5) who ran in the State Finals of Cross Country last Thursday in Melbourne. In true cross country conditions both students ran extremely well and you should be very proud of your efforts.

**After School Netball:** Good luck to all those that are participating in after school netball on a Tuesday and Wednesday in Term 3. The season begins this week. 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.

**Basketball Tournament** SFX will be participating in the Eureka District Basketball Tournament on Wednesday August 24th. We will be entering 2 boys teams and 2 girls teams. Try outs will be held in the gym this week (Girls - Tuesday 1st break, Boys - Wednesday 2nd break). Please bring runners if this is not PE day.

**BCPS Athletics Day** A squad of students will be representing SFX on Friday August 26th at the Ballarat Catholic Primary Schools Athletics Day. The squad will be selected from the results of our Yr 3-6 Aths Day held in Term 2. Students will be informed of the squad shortly.

- Term 3 dates:**
- \* Tuesday July 19th - Girls tryouts for basketball - 1st break
  - \* Wednesday July 20th - Boys tryouts for basketball - 2nd break
  - \* Wednesday August 24th - Eureka District Basketball Tournament
  - \* Friday August 26th - BCPS Athletics Day
  - \* Wednesday September 14th - Golf Tournament



Shaun Carroll, SFX Sport Coordinator

Have a tremendous week.

### Reconciliation in Action

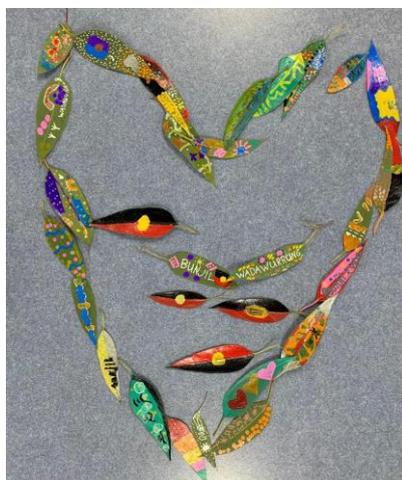


#### NAIDOC Week 2022

Last week, the students and staff of St. Francis Xavier Primary School came together to celebrate NAIDOC Week and further developed our collective knowledge of the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, in particular the Wadawurrung People, the traditional custodians of the land upon which we live, learn and play. Here's a taste of some of the activities we have been immersed in:

**BUNJIL ART INSTALLATION** As part of their learning experience, the students have been learning about **Bunjil** (represented as a wedge-tailed eagle) the creator spirit for the Wadawurrung people and the Kulin Nation, who created the lands, waters, plants, and animals of Wadawurrung Country, before creating the people, whom he created to respect and care for Country. We still see him today watching over Country as one of the North Stars, brightly shining beside the Southern Cross.

Throughout the week, each student received a native gumleaf, upon which they created their own artwork depicting what Wadawurrung Country means to them. These will be collected and collated to create the feathers of **Bunjil**. Our finished Bunjil Artwork will be displayed in our school for all to view, along with a description of our creation and our School RAP statement. We look forward to unveiling this in the coming weeks.



**NAIDOC WEEK ART GALLERY VISITS** Last week our Year 2 and 3 children were very lucky to visit the Art Gallery of Ballarat to participate in a NAIDOC week workshop with Wadawurrung artist and emerging elder Dr Deanne Gilson.

During the workshops we went on a tour of the many wonderful Indigenous artworks in the gallery before creating a bird for the Tree of Knowledge using traditional ochres.

Our SFX students were super impressive with their Wadawurrung knowledge, their enthusiasm for the experience and their respectful behaviour in the gallery.

A reminder to our families that visiting the Art Gallery of Ballarat is free of charge and such a wonderful experience!



**NAIDOC WEEK FUNDRAISER**

Last week we sold **NAIDOC Week wristbands**, for \$3.00 each, as part of our fundraising efforts to help bring our Indigenous Arts and Gardens projects to life. We will be extending our fundraiser for one more week. Students are able to order and pay for their wristband via their classroom teacher. These can also be ordered via your child's classroom teacher. Thank you to everyone for supporting this initiative.



**Nyatne**

To thank/thankful,  
Jacinta Molloy and Sarah Page, RAP Leaders



**Community News**



**MULTI-SPORTS (90 MINUTES)** Wednesdays After-School 3:25pm - 4:55pm (13th of July) to (14th of Sept) AFL, Soccer, Badminton Basketball and Netball  
Preps to Grade 6 \$231 for the 10 week program  
Enrol online <https://www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat>  
Any queries call or text Paul on 0423 335 616