



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 1st August 2022
Term 3 Week 4

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2022 Key Dates

Term 3 Week 4

Wednesday 3rd August

Parent Sacramental
Information Morning/Night
10.30am or 7pm, St. Alipius

Friday 5th August

Class Assembly FTW 12.40pm

Term 3 Week 5

Friday 12th August

Student Free Day (Circuit
breaker long weekend)

Saturday 13th August

6pm Mass at St. Alipius

Sunday 14th August

9am Mass at Buninyong
10.30am Mass at St. Alipius

Term 3 Week 6

Monday 15th August

Student Free Day (Circuit
breaker long weekend)

Friday 19th August

Class Assembly 6ZA 12.40pm

Saturday 20th August

6pm Mass at St. Alipius

Sunday 21st August

9am Mass at St. Alipius
10.30am Mass at Buninyong

Term 3 Week 7

Wednesday 24th August

Eureka District Basketball
Tournament

Friday 26th August

Book Week Dress Up Day
BCPS Athletics Day
Class Assembly 5OH 12.40pm

Saturday 27th August

6pm Mass at St. Alipius

Sunday 28th August

9am Mass at Buninyong
10.30am Mass at St. Alipius

Term 3 Week 8

Friday 2nd September

Father's Day Celebration

Saturday 3rd September

6pm Mass at St. Alipius

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear Parents and Families,

As I walked Mr Tom Sexton around our school the other day I thought it worth a mention regarding the way our children are participating in their learning at school. The rooms are abuzz with interest and excitement with the work that they are doing. The connections they have with their teachers are strong and warm.

It is a privilege to be able to wander the rooms and playgrounds of our school and see and hear children being respectful, caring people, learning how to relate with each other and solve their problems. I can only say that the future will be in great hands with their hopefulness, their vitality and their creative ways of dealing with their lives and respecting the lives of others.

Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Next Monday 8th August is the Feast of Saint Mary MacKillop. Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne (Australia) in 1842 and died in Sydney on 8th August 1909. She took the religious name Mary of the Cross. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor and the itinerant, offering special care to destitute women and children. She is remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny, and for her abiding trust in God's providence.

Next Monday morning at our whole school assembly, Mrs Meneely and her RE team will guide us through a special prayer to acknowledge Australia's first saint.

Holy God, source of all goodness, you show us in Mary MacKillop a woman of faith who lived by the power of the cross. Teach us to embrace what she pioneered: new ways of living the gospel that respect and defend the human dignity of all in our land. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



How was school today? It is not uncommon for parents to ask "How was school today?", and get little response from their child. If that's the case at your house try some of the following questions at the end of the school day.

Different ways to ask your child, "How was school today?"

- What was the best thing that happened at school today?
- If you could choose who would you like to sit next to in class?
- Where is the coolest place at the school?
- Tell me something that made you laugh today.
- If I called your teacher tonight what would she tell me about you?
- How did you help somebody today? Did anyone help you?
- Tell me one thing that you learned today and I'll tell you something I learnt at work.
- Do you have any wonderings about today?
- Who would you give student of the day to today? Why?
- Tell me something good that happened today.

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Sunday 4th September
9am Mass at St. Alipius
10.30am Mass at Buninyong

Term 3 Week 9

Tuesday 6th September
Student Led Conferences
6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Alipius

Wednesday 7th September
Student Led Conferences
6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Alipius

Thursday 8th September
6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Alipius

Friday 9th September
Student Free Day
Professional Learning Day

Term 3 Week 10

Mon 12th-Fri 16th Sept
Years 1 & 3 swimming

Wednesday 14th September
Golf Tournament

Friday 16th September
Last day of Term 3
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 FMM 12.40pm

Saturday 8th October
Sacrament of First Eucharist at St. Alipius

Sunday 9th October
Sacrament of First Eucharist at St. Alipius

Term 4 Week 2

Friday 14th October
Class Assembly 2CJ 12.40pm

Saturday 15th October
Sacrament of First Eucharist at St. Alipius & Buninyong

Sunday 16th October
Sacrament of First Eucharist at St. Alipius & Buninyong

Term 4 Week 3

Friday 21st October
Class Assembly 1EM 12.40pm

Saturday 22nd October
Sacrament of First Eucharist at St. Alipius

- What is the most interesting thing your teacher said today?
- What do you think you should do/learn more of at school?
- What do you think you should do/learn less of at school?
- Who is the funniest person in your class? Why is he/she so funny?
- If you got to be the teacher tomorrow what would you do?

We hope that these little tips help begin a conversation that is both positive and informative!

End of day pick up procedure- Our end of day pick up time is working really well and the teachers are so pleased that they can continue teaching and learning up until 3:10. Thank you so much for adapting to this slight change in our pick up procedure. We will once again continue to monitor traffic over the next few weeks.

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

School Closure Days for Term 3

Don't forget circuit breaker dates: NO school on Friday 12th and Monday 15th August. Our re-scheduled school closure day with Lyn Stone, Founder and creator of Lifelong Literacy, is Friday 9th September.

Assembly Awards Thank you to the children and staff of 1GJ for their assembly on Friday. The children were marvellous and it was wonderful to see so many families and friends from 1GJ in attendance. Congratulations to our Award winners who received an award for our school value of **Excellence**. Please check the attachment for names of the children who received an award. Excellence means being the best person we can be. We always try our hardest, even when it's difficult, just like Jesus did.



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
4	Foundation TW 5 th August
5	Student Free Day 12 th August
6	6ZA 19 th August
7	5OH 26 th August
8	Fathers' Day Celebrations 2 nd September
9	Student Free Day 9 th September
10	Foundation JS 16 th September

Important Information

Please visit the school website to see an up-to-date school calendar. Visit our school Facebook page to keep in touch with activities and events around the school. Don't forget to like/love the posts.

Important information: Please find attached: Assembly awards; St Alipius parish bulletin; Parenting ideas-supporting a highly sensitive child; NCCD information sheet for parents, carers and guardians.

Have a great week!

Yours sincerely,

Jane Clark

Jane Clark, Interim Principal

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Sunday 23rd October
Sacrament of First Eucharist
at St. Alipius

Term 4 Week 4

Friday 28th October
Casual Dress Day
Class Assembly 3JV 12.40pm

Term 4 Week 5

Monday 31st October
Student Free Day
Tuesday 1st November
Public Holiday–Melbourne Cup

Friday 4th November
Junior Athletics Day

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 2022 have been updated and can be accessed live on the Skoolbag App or by visiting the School Website

Religious Education News

Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist Children in Year 4 (and those from older Year Levels who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation) are being prepared for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist during Term Three. To register your child's involvement with the Parish please use the following link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfalz8df6EVCgbqBcggcDotzh70cKf8dFlbe8A5IGp5ZGGpg/viewform>

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL- Sunday July 31, 2022 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Opening prayer: Loving God, You bless us with many gifts. Help us to share our gifts with others. We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen

Gospel: Luke 12:16-1 Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. He thought 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink and be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich towards God."

(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation®)

Gospel reflection:

Today we hear a story about a rich man whose farm produced a large crop.

The rich man was very happy but he had a problem- he needed bigger sheds to store his crop. He was very pleased thinking about his new sheds filled with all his possessions, but the rich man worked for things that don't last.

God wants us to work towards things that are important- like our family and relationships, fairness and equality and taking care of our earthly home.

For example, if we have too many clothes that no longer fit, what can we do with them?

If we have lots of toys we don't play with anymore, what can we do with them?

If our garden patch has more veggies than we can eat, what can we do with the extra?

If I find math easy but my friend doesn't, what can I do to help?

God gives us gifts, talents and possessions to use for others and ourselves.

When we share what we have, we are truly rich in God's eyes.

Our Challenge: How can we share our many gifts and talents with those around us?

(Adapted from Margie Abbott "Join the Circle")



Christine Meneely, Interim Religious Education Leader

Curriculum News

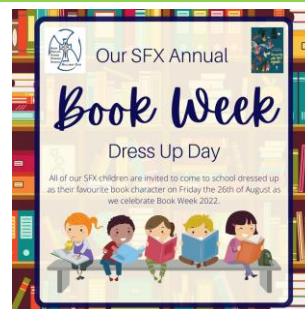
Welcome to Week Four!

Book Week Dress Up Day Our annual Book Week Dress Up Day is scheduled for Friday August the 26th. On this day all children are invited and encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character to share in the joy of our Book Week festivities. Due to our current climate, our Book Week Parade will not be open to families. However, please be reassured that we will share many, many photos from this event with you all via our Facebook page!

Student Led Conferences will be a feature of our Assessment and Reporting schedule this term. These will be held in Week 9, on Tuesday the 6th of September and Wednesday the 7th of September. Details for how you can book will be shared next week. Be sure to keep an eye out for this communication!

Wishing you all a great week!

Bec Conroy, Deputy Principal – Learning Enhancement



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NCCD (National Consistent Collection of Data)

Dear Families,

Each year schools contribute to the National Consistent Collection of Data in the first week of August. This includes submitting information to the Government around how many students we make what adjustments for, the levels of these adjustments and why. There is a tight criteria that enables schools to determine these levels of adjustments and the Personalised Learning Plans written by our teachers are an important resource when making these decisions. Please see the attached fact sheet for more information and feel free to make contact if you have any questions.

With thanks,

Jayne Mohr, **Learning Diversity Leader**



Wellbeing News

When my youngest son was about four, he commented that his brother talked a lot and in comparison, he thought a lot. This really summed up their unique temperaments! One child preferred to verbalise his thinking on everything, whereas the other was happy to observe and quietly contemplate. Just as we all differ on temperament traits such as extroversion, agreeableness, and consciousness, we also differ on another temperament trait: sensitivity. All of us fall somewhere on the sensitivity continuum from low sensitivity to high sensitivity.

Sometimes parents comment they wish their child wasn't "so sensitive" but our temperament is biologically based, it is not something we can simply switch on and off!

Learning more about our child's temperament will help us to understand them better.

By seeing our child's temperament as an important part of who they are, we can practice accepting their sensitivity rather than seeing it as something problematic that needs to be changed or 'fixed'. Your child doesn't need to be less sensitive. They need their sensitivity to be understood.

By accepting and validating the full range of our child's emotions we teach them healthy ways of responding to their own emotions—this is a lesson they will carry with them throughout their lifetime. Please find attached a great article on ways of supporting your sensitive child.

Christine Meneely, **Wellbeing Leader**

Sport/Physical Education News

Sporting Schools: Dates for after school Sporting Schools are:

Monday - Badminton - Monday August 1, 8, 22 & 29 Thursday - AFL - Thursday August 4, 11, 18 & 25

BCPS Athletics Day A squad of Yr 3-6 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 soon.

Inter-school Sports We are fortunate to be able to resume inter-school sports in Term 3. The Year 5/6's will participate in various sports and activities across 4 different days this term against other Ballarat Catholic Primary Schools. The intention of these days is to develop friendships, meet students that they may be with in secondary school and to try new sports/activities.

Golf Tournament Following last term's golf clinics, Tony Collier from Golf Vic assisted in selecting a squad of students from SFX to compete in a Primary Schools Golf Tournament on Wednesday September 14 at Mt Xavier Golf Course. Students participating have been notified via Operoo, with more specific information to come soon.

Swimming Program In Week 10 of this term, the Year 1 & 3 students will be participating in a swimming program at BALC. More information will be circulated via Operoo shortly.

Term 3 dates:

- Wk 4 - Friday August 5th - Interschool Sport v St Columba's (away)
- Wk 6 - Friday August 19th - Interschool Sport v St Aloysius (home)
- Wk 7 - Wednesday August 24th - Eureka District Basketball Tournament
- Wk 7 - Friday August 26th - BCPS Athletics Day
- Wk 10 - Wednesday September 14th - Golf Tournament
- Wk 10 - Monday - Friday Sep 12-16 - Swimming for Year 1 & 3

Have a wonderful week.

Shaun Carroll, **SFX Sport Coordinator**



Reconciliation in Action

Year 4 Collaborating with our Wadawurrung Artist friend Jenna Oldaker

Last week we were very lucky to have Wadawurrung artist Jenna Oldaker visit to work with the Year 4 children during their Visual Art and Environmental Education lessons. The children worked with Jenna, Mrs Page and Mrs Molloy to create an Acknowledgement of Country in Wadawurrung language and then used their wonderful artistic skills to create an artwork that paired with the Acknowledgement. These posters will be entered in an ABC Education competition and also displayed around our school. Mrs Page is currently teaching each class our Wadawurrung Acknowledgement of Country in their Environmental Education lessons. We are still consulting on the Wadawurrung translation for a couple of the words in our Acknowledgement and once we have these finalised we will very much look forward to sharing it with the SFX community along with our RAP Vision.





Nyatne

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

Parents' and Friends' News

SFX P&F's SILVER COIN CHALLENGE IS BACK!

For the month of August bring in your loose
change to fill your class' piggybank.

The class that raises the most money in each year level will win
a pizza lunch supplied by Carbonis thanks to Irene and Dona on
Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th Sept.



Uniform Shop

We are pleased to announce the uniform shop will be back open from Monday 1st August!
The opening hours will be as follows:

Mondays 8:40am Wednesdays 8:40am Fridays 2:30pm

Of course we are looking for volunteers to help! If you can help on any of those days please sign up below and yes
you can bring your little ones with you! <https://signup.com/go/WzBNEXU>

**Please note: If you are dropping off any second hand uniforms we can only accept items that have been washed
and cleaned.**

If you have any questions please email: sfxpsc@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au

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