



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Tuesday 16th August 2022
Term 3 Week 6

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2022 Key Dates

Term 3 Week 6

- 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
Year 3 swimming
Father's Day Celebration
- Saturday 3rd September
6pm Mass at St. Alipius
- 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
District Athletics
Student Free Day
Professional Learning Day

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear Parents and Families,

Well!, what a great opportunity we have had for an extra long week end. I am sure that both staff and students are refreshed and re-energised for the coming weeks. Looking forward in our calendar we have many fantastic events coming up. Book Week, Athletics days, Basketball competitions, Father's / Special Friends Day lunch and Liturgy. Please keep a close eye on the calendar for all dates and times. Click on the link for easy access
<https://www.sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au/news-events/school-calendar/>

On Monday, 15 August the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this Feast, Catholics traditionally celebrate Mary going to heaven. The tradition is that 'God took Mary, body and soul, to heaven after her life on earth had come to an end'.

*Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise,
for all life and all holiness come from you.
In the plan of your wisdom she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.
May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



New Building on its way to finishing Our Building is slowly getting closer to finishing. Mrs Mohr and I after staff consultation had the fun task to order class room furnishings for the new building. We know they will add to the already fantastic learning spaces which have been created. These are to be delivered late this term.

Book Week Next week we have Book Week 2022. Book Week at school always seems to have a life of its own. Children and staff are excited about the events which surround this special week. As part of our celebrations on our dress up day, Friday 26th August we would also like to invite one special friend per family to come onsite and share in the joy of reading from 2.40pm-3.10pm. Your child/ren's special friend could be an aunty, uncle, parent, grandparent, neighbour or family friend. All special friends are invited to bring a book to read during this time and will be directed to their child/ren's family group classroom.

Student-Led Conferences at SFX Your child(ren) will be showcasing their learning and discussing learning goals with you through Student-Led Conferences. During Student-Led Conferences, your children will lead the discussion with you about their school activities, while teachers will help direct conversation and answer questions you may have. These conferences are scheduled for **Week 9 this term**, on the following dates: Tuesday 6th September and Wednesday 7th September.

End of Day pick up procedure We have been closely monitoring our End of Day pick up procedure. We thank everyone for following the directions about what time children can be picked up from their classes. Our teachers are thrilled that they continue their teaching and the children's learning up until 3:10.

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

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Term 3 Week 10

Mon 12th-Thur 15th Sept
Year 3 swimming

Mon 12th-Fri 16th Sept
Year 1 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

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 6

Friday 11th November
Class Assembly 4CP 12.40pm

School Closure Day for Term 3 Our re-scheduled school closure day with Lyn Stone, Founder and creator of Lifelong Literacy, is Friday 9th September.

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
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

Father's / Special Men's Day at St. Francis Xavier – Friday 2nd September

Sunday 4th September is Father's / Special Friends Day and on Friday 2nd Sept we will celebrate our Fathers / Special persons at School.

- The Father's / Special Friend events takes place at 11.45 for shared lunch on Friday 2nd Sept followed by a Liturgy.

Father's and Special Person's Day Stall We will be holding a Father's and Special Person's Day Stall during the first break in the undercover area. Children are invited to purchase a gift for their Father or Special Person for \$2.00, \$3.00 or \$5.00 (Maximum spend \$5)

- Monday 29th August: Foundation and Year 1
- Tuesday 30th August: Year 2 and Year 3
- Wednesday 31st August: Year 4 and Year 5
- Thursday 1st September: Year 6 and anyone who missed out

We emphasise that this is not compulsory, it is just an opportunity for those children who wish to buy something for their Father or Special Person.

Please find attached: St Alipius parish bulletin and Parenting ideas-How to change your parenting for the teenage years.

Have a great week!

Yours sincerely,

Jane Clark, Interim Principal



Religious Education News



The Feast Of The Assumption- August 15th Gospel: Luke 1:39-56
Soon afterwards Mary got ready and hurried off to a town in the hill country of Judea. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby moved within her. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and said in a loud voice, "You are the most blessed of all women, and blessed is the child you will bear! Why should this great thing happen to me, that my Lord's mother comes to visit me? For as soon as I heard your greeting, the baby within me jumped with gladness. How happy you are to believe that the Lord's message to you will come true!" Mary stayed about three months with Elizabeth and then went back home.

(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation® and used with permission)*

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

Our Challenge: Today's gospel offers the story of the young pregnant Mary travelling "in haste" from her home town of Nazareth to a town in the hill country of Judaea, some 130 kilometres to the south, to be with her cousin Elizabeth who is also pregnant. The details of that long and demanding journey are left to our imagination. Though pregnant, Mary was prepared to do "the hard yards" to be with an older cousin in need. Celebrating this feast might mean doing the hard yards by "being there" for someone in need despite the personal cost.

(Adapted from [Veronica Lawson Gospel Commentary](#))



SAVE THE DATE!

Father's and Special Friends Liturgy and Lunch
11.45am Friday September 2nd
(more details to follow soon!)



Christine Meneely,
Interim Religious Education Leader

Learning & Teaching News

Welcome to Week Six!

In the Learning & Teaching Spotlight... It is with great joy that we celebrate the learning of our Year Two children this week. What an action-packed term they are having! Our Year Two children have been privileged to have the expertise of Rochelle Davison (a wonderful SFX parent) facilitate an informative Triple Zero Talk, as well as attending Narmbool as part of their NAIDOC Week and Inquiry learning. This term, they are celebrating differences through the exploration of different cultures and countries.

During Reading, Year Two have been learning to answer Head, Heart and Hand questions to enhance their comprehension of texts read. This was a particular learning highlight when they read the picture story book, The Bad Seed. In Maths, they have shown exceptional growth in completing their daily Mental Maths tasks independently and when identifying halves, quarters and eighths during their core learning time. Our Year Two children are to be congratulated for their endless achievements and for the joy they bring to SFX. A shoutout to their remarkable teachers too!



Book Week Festivities 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. Please be reassured that we will share many, many photos via our SFX Facebook page.

As part of our celebrations on our dress up day, we would also like to invite one special friend per family to come onsite and share in the joy of reading from 2.40pm-3.10pm. Your child/ren's special friend could be an aunty, uncle, parent, grandparent, neighbour or family friend. All special friends are invited to bring a book to read during this time and will be directed to their child/ren's family group classroom (this is the same classroom where our Mother's Day Liturgies were held).



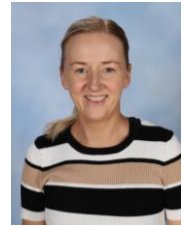
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Assessment & Reporting - Student Led Conferences Student Led Conferences will be a feature of our Assessment and Reporting schedule this term. These will be held in Week 9, on Tuesday the 6th of September and Wednesday the 7th of September. Be sure to make your Student Led Conference booking via PAM. Our teachers and children are beginning to prepare for this valuable and informative time with you where their learning will be showcased!

Assessment & Reporting – Seesaw As a school we are committed to using Seesaw as a platform to communicate real-time learning achievements and learning goals with families through our Seesaw Assessment tasks. Our children and teachers take great pride in the learning samples and reflections they share with you via Seesaw. The aim of Seesaw is to ensure you stay informed and remain an active part of the learning process for your children. Please double check that you are connected to your child's Seesaw journal and that you have your Seesaw notifications turned on so that you can view the fabulous learning of your child/ren. We also welcome you to like your child's Seesaw posts and we encourage you to leave a celebratory comment too. It certainly puts a smile on our learners faces seeing this acknowledgement from home!



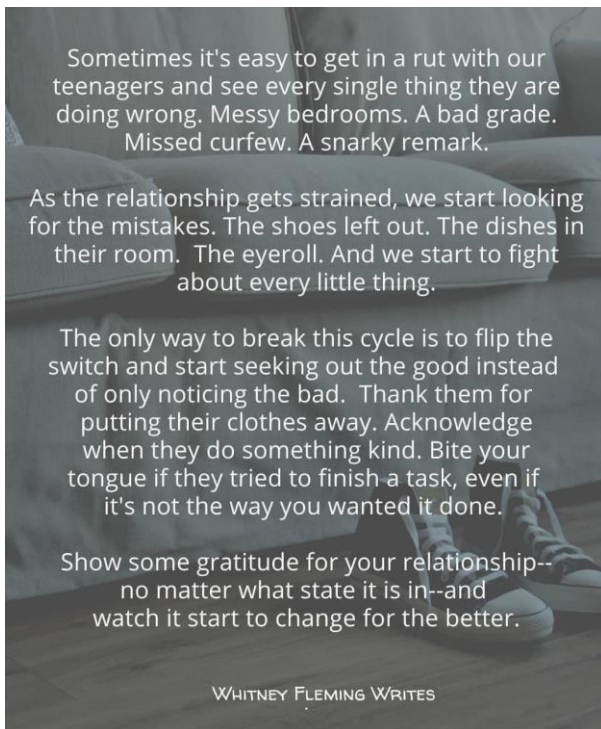
Thank you for your continued support!



Bec Conroy

Interim Deputy Principal – Learning Enhancement

Wellbeing News



Parenting teenagers is traditionally seen as the most difficult parenting stage. However, many parents have discovered that raising teenagers is a lot easier than raising younger children.

Young children and teenagers have very different needs. Effective parents adapt their parenting style to meet the developmental and emotional needs of their children at each stage of growing up. Teens need greater autonomy, skilled guidance and plenty of chances to talk about the issues that bother them and worry their parents.

Check out this week's article by Michael Grose about three changes parents can make to survive their kids' adolescence and stay tuned for a great free webinar opportunity next week!

Christine Meneely, **Wellbeing Leader**

Sport/Physical Education News

Sporting Schools: Dates for after school Sporting Schools are:

Monday - Badminton - Monday August 22 & 29

Thursday - AFL - Thursday August 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 to be held at Llanberris Athletics Reserve. The squad has been selected from the results of our Yr 3-6 Aths Day held in Term 2 and the observations of Mr Down during PE lessons. Students have been informed of the squad and a note sent via Operoo.

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.

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Eureka Division Basketball Tournament Thank you to all of the students that attended the tryouts for the Basketball teams over the past couple of weeks. Mr Down has selected the squads with 2 boys and 2 girls teams to be finalised over the next week. The tournament is being held at BSEC on Wednesday August 24th

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.

SFX Football Jumpers & Singlets If you have any SFX Football jumpers or singlets at home could you please return them to either Mr Down or Mr Carroll.

Term 3 dates:

- 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 8 - Friday September 2nd - Year 3 swimming
- Wk 9 - Friday September 9th - District Athletics
- Wk 10 - Wednesday September 14th - Golf Tournament
- Wk 10 - Monday - Thursday Sep 12-15 - Swimming for Year 3
- Wk 10 - Monday - Friday Sep 12-16 - Swimming for Year 1



Shaun Carroll, SFX Sport Coordinator

Have a sensational week.

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 Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th Sept.



SFX HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN



COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST
LOOK OUT FOR OUR TOKEN BOX IN THE
NORTHWAY,
PLEASANT PARK
AND MIDVALE STORES.

Uniform Shop

The opening hours are 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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