

St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter



Monday 22nd August 2022
Term 3 Week 7

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Term 3 Week 7

Wednesday 24th August
Eureka District Basketball
Tournament

Friday 26th August
Book Week Dress Up Day
2.40-3.10pm Special Friend's
Reading Afternoon
.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
11.45am 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

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

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear Parents and Families,

We keep in mind our children, families and staff who are preparing the children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which takes place in a few weeks' time. (Week 9). From all of us I would like to share a special prayer to them.

A Prayer for our Reconciliation Candidates:

Loving God help us to teach our children that you love us totally and unconditionally. Help us to encourage our children to grow in love and to learn how to say sorry, knowing that you always forgive. Give us the courage to pray with our children and to share our faith with them as we journey together. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



This past week has been a busy week in very cold, wet and wintery conditions. The children are to be congratulated on the way they have dealt with this year's exceptionally wet conditions and the way they have also adapted to different areas to play and being flexible to head outside when the sun has popped through to get some time outside during our breaks. Signs around our school are just starting to show that Spring is not too far away.

Congratulations and Welcome

With the change of leadership throughout last term, we have had a Junior Level Leader position for the remainder of 2022 which needed to be filled. After consultation and interviewing it is with great excitement that I congratulate Emma Hancock as the successful candidate. This will mean that Emma will remain as Foundation Leader, FEH teacher for three days a week and for two days she will fill the role working with teachers and children between Years Foundation, One and Two. Emma comes to this position with knowledge, enthusiasm and commitment to the tasks and challenges which it will provide. This opportunity also gives Emma another form of leadership role which we value highly here at St Francis Xavier.



With this change, we welcome Teresa Skrypko (current CRT at SFX) and part time teacher at Lumen Christi to work with Emma, the Foundation staff and children of FEH for two days each week. Welcome Teresa to St. Francis Xavier Primary School. We looked forward to working with you for the remainder of 2022.

Over the next few weeks at St Francis Xavier, we are jammed packed with events, activities, learning and fun. I take this opportunity to "Thank" our wonderful staff who spend many hours planning amazing learning sessions and also events that their children will find engaging and purposeful. These extra tasks show the commitment and enthusiasm which our staff provide for their classes.



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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

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

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/>

- Father's / Special Friends Day
- Student led conferences
- School Assemblies
- Book Week activities including- Book Time for our 2023 Foundation children, Book Week parade and Family group reading time
- Sporting events - Eureka District Basketball tournament, Ballarat Catholic Primary Schools Athletics Day

Happy 2022 Book week to ALL

We are looking forward to the many and varied Book Week activities which are planned.

Thank you to Ms. Conroy who has prepared whole school activities for us to enjoy and take part in.



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

Reminder: Rescheduled School Closure Day for Term 3 Lyn Stone Week 9 Friday 9th September. There will be NO school for children on this day as staff will be attending an onsite workshop with Lyn and staff from the Catholic Education Ballarat and other schools from the Ballarat area.

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.

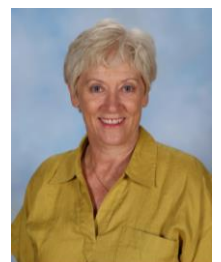
Term 3	Week 7	5OH	26 th August
	8	Fathers' Day Celebrations	2 nd September
	9	Student Free Day	9 th September
	10	Foundation JS	16 th September
Term 4	Week 1	Foundation MM	7 th October
	2	2CJ	14 th October
	3	1EM	21 st October
	4	3JV	28 th October

Please find attached: St Alipius parish bulletin; Parenting ideas-Why family rituals really matter and Brown Hill Cricket Club's flyer.

Have a great week!

Yours sincerely,

Jane Clark, Interim Principal



THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL- Sunday August 21, 2022 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Lord, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation®)

Gospel Reflection: The first sentence of this gospel passage reminds us that Jesus is still on his journey to Jerusalem and it appears that the journey is proving to be difficult.

The question asked of Jesus centres on 'salvation'. Jesus 'saves' people in many ways and calls us to be involved in the process of 'salvation'. Jesus was always concerned about the condition of people's lives and how those conditions could be improved.

Jesus wants us to be just as concerned about the condition of people's lives today. We may not be able to stop world wars but we can be peace-makers. We may not be able to bring unity and reconciliation to nations but we can be ready to forgive those who hurt and harm us. *(Adapted from Liturgia website)*

Our Challenge:

How can I improve the life of others through acts of kindness and thoughtfulness?

How can I show real concern and outreach?

Christine Meneely, **Interim Religious Education Leader**



Learning & Teaching News

Welcome to Book Week!

In the Learning & Teaching Spotlight... Our Foundation children and teachers are in our Learning and Teaching spotlight this week. During the term, they have been learning about the five senses and integrating this learning into their Religious Education time. This has included using their five senses to help them appreciate God's Creation. Our Foundation children have also been learning all about Story Grammar (the parts of a story). They have been on the lookout for these key elements when reading a range of Fairy Tales, as well as spending time writing their very own narratives too!



The Foundation children have also enjoyed getting to know their Year Six Buddies throughout the year. Our SFX Buddy Program sure is a hit with the children, while also allowing them to gain confidence and build relationships with our Year Six leaders. Recently, the Foundation children also celebrated 100 days of school. We congratulate them on reaching this special milestone and wish them continued success in all they do. **HAPPY 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL!**

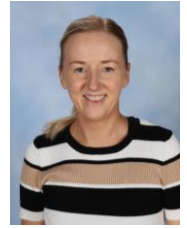
We thank our wonderful team of Foundation teachers who continue to work their magic in creating nurturing and engaging learning environments for our Foundation children to thrive in!

Book Week Festivities A friendly reminder that our annual Book Week Dress Up Day is scheduled for this Friday the 26th of August. On this day all children are invited to attend school dressed as their favourite book character. We also have our Special Friend's reading afternoon on this day to enhance our connections to community and share in the joys of reading. Stay tuned for a glimpse into our Book Week festivities via our SFX Facebook page throughout the week!





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 well underway with their preparations for this valuable and informative time with you!



Thank you for your continued support!

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

Wellbeing News

Bookweek is one of my favourite weeks of the year!

It's not only the fun of sharing books and dressing up as a favourite character- to me it brings back such wonderful memories of being snuggled up and read to as a child.

One of my earliest memories is my mother reading me the whole series of Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne. I still can't help but smile when I think of Pooh getting stuck after eating too much honey!

In turn, reading books at bedtime was a time of special connection with my own boys. It was a special thing that we did together and it had special meaning for our family.

Family rituals are important to the health and well-being of today's families trying to juggle busy demands of work, home, school, social lives and uncertainty.

Michael Grose states that "behaviours become habits become patterns".

Read a book once to a child and it's just a behaviour. Read frequently and it becomes a habit ; and if it's a nightly ritual it becomes a pattern.

Your family rituals may not include reading at night, but could be watching a footy game together, cooking, gardening, board games or family celebrations. These are times that create shared memories, build family relationships and provide comfort and stability in our life.

Family rituals give you and your children a sense of security, identity and belonging.

In the attached article, parenting expert Maggie Dent shares why family rituals are so important.

Why not grab a book and start your own family ritual tonight?

Christine Meneely, **Wellbeing Leader**

Sport/Physical Education News

What a big and exciting week we have this week!

Sporting Schools:

Dates for after school Sporting Schools are:

Monday - Badminton - Monday August 22 & 29

Thursday - AFL - Thursday August 25

Eureka Division Basketball Tournament We wish our 4 SFX basketball teams all the best this Wednesday at the Division Basketball tournament. Thank you to Mr Down and Mrs V for supporting and coaching the teams.

BCPS Athletics Day A squad of Yr 3-6 students will be representing SFX this Friday 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. Good luck to all of the students involved.

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. Please check Operoo for more information.

*Please note that Yr 3 have a session on Friday Sep 2nd in lieu of Friday Sep 16th

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 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

Good luck to all of the students participating in football and netball finals in both the BJFNL and CHFL.

Have a wonderful week.



Shaun Carroll, **SFX Sport Coordinator**

Parents' and Friends' News



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.

Uniform Shop

The opening hours are: 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

Community News

Please see attached flyer for **Brown Hill Cricket Club 2022/2023 junior and senior season** details.

Home ground: Progress Park, Reid Street, Brown Hill (behind the Brown Hill pool)

Information night: 5.00-6.30pm Tuesday 6th September at the Clubrooms.

For any further information or if you would like to become a Player, Coach or Volunteer please contact:

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