



# St Francis Xavier Primary School

## Newsletter

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022  
Term 3 Week 8

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### Term 3 Week 8

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

Year 3 swimming  
11.45am 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

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

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

Student Led Conferences  
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

District Athletics  
Student Free Day  
Professional Learning Day

### Term 3 Week 10

#### Mon 12<sup>th</sup>-Thur 15<sup>th</sup> Sept

Year 3 swimming

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

Year 1 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 FMM 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

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

Dear Parents and Families,

This Thursday we welcome Spring! It is a reminder that our world is changing and particularly in these challenging times we need to stop and recognize the wonder and beauty that is all around us!

*God, thank you for Spring and the hope of warmer, longer, brighter days. Thank you for the coming of growth and life and birth. Thank you that things are coming awake in the world. This is what our calendar says, and we do see some signs that it is real.*



A few years ago, Pope Francis asked that 1st September each year be marked as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. His groundbreaking 2015 encyclical – *Laudato Si – On Care for our Common Home* – remains a remarkable contribution to the world's reflections and insights about our capacity and call to care for creation. For Catholic Christians, one of the hugely significant aspects of his encyclical is that it challenges us to never again see that environmental issues are only for those who like nature or who've got a thing about renewable energy or who want to talk about climate change. Instead, Pope Francis has placed the issues of the environment and creation officially into Catholic Social Teaching. Indeed the care of our common home – of all creation – of all of life – is central to our very Catholic faith.



Signs of new life certainly were flourishing last Wednesday night as we invited our 2023 Foundation students and an adult to attend in their PJ's a story time session for Book Week. It was a huge success and many thanks to Ms. Conroy for organising this event. Our leadership team and wonderful Foundation staff eagerly participated as well.

**Father's and Special Person's Day** This Friday at school we celebrate our Father's and Special Person's Day with a shared lunch and 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 29<sup>th</sup> August: Foundation and Year 1,**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August: Year 2 and Year 3**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August: Year 4 and Year 5**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 note we have assorted gifts suitable for all Special Person's in the children's lives.

**Class Lists for 2022 and not returning to St. Francis Xavier in 2023** Early next term our classroom teachers will start to look at possible groupings for classes for next year. If you have any concerns that are of a serious nature, please forward these requests to me by

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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 3JV 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 6

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

Class Assembly 4CP 12.40pm

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

email at [principal@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au) no later than Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Please understand that this is the only process to go through if you would like this issue addressed properly.

With planning for the 2023 school year now gathering momentum, I would ask families that are aware that they will not be returning to St. Francis Xavier next year, to promptly inform the school.

**School Fees** Just a reminder that the end of this term is only 3 weeks away. In order for our school to operate we need to have a certain amount of cash flow so it is important for all parents to meet their commitment to have their school fees paid on time. If you are not able to meet this commitment please contact Gab at the office to organise an alternative arrangement.

**Assembly Awards** Thank you to the children and staff of 5OH for their assembly on Friday. The children were marvellous and it was wonderful to see so many families and friends from 5OH in attendance. Congratulations to our Award winners who received an award for our school value of **Respect**. 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.



**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 8	Fathers' Day Celebrations	2 <sup>nd</sup> September
	9	Student Free Day	9 <sup>th</sup> September
	10	Foundation JS	16 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 4	Week 1	Foundation MM	7 <sup>th</sup> October
	2	2CJ	14 <sup>th</sup> October
	3	1EM	21 <sup>st</sup> October
	4	3JV	28 <sup>th</sup> October

**Student Free and Public Holidays**

**Term 3** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September = **10 Weeks**

5	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Staff Professional Development Day (Reading) With Lyn Stone
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**Term 4** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December = **11 Weeks**

6	Monday 31 October	Staff Professional Development Day (Assessment & Reporting)
	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Melbourne Cup - Public Holiday
7	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Staff Professional Development Day (First Aid)
	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day for Staff - Staff Planning Day

Please find attached: St Alipius parish bulletin; details for Michael Grose's webinar for parents-Changing parenting gears for the teenage years; and our Assembly awards.

Have a great week!

Yours sincerely,

Jane Clark, Interim Principal



**THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL- Sunday August 28, 2022**  
**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

**Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14** On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.' *(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation®)*

**Gospel Reflection:** Jesus basically is telling the people, "Why do you care about getting first place to prove that you are important? You are chasing what you already have. God already likes and loves and honours and respects you. God already thinks you are important!" Jesus is teaching the people about respecting others- he said if we treat people with respect, then others would treat us with respect.

**Our Challenge:** We are all deserving of respect. What are some ways you can show respect this week at school, work and in our community?



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR FATHERS AND SPECIAL PEOPLE DAY AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2 AT 11.45AM FOR A PICNIC LUNCH AND LITURGY



Christine Meneely,  
 Interim Religious Education Leader

Learning & Teaching News

**NAPLAN 2022 & 2023** NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. Earlier in the year, our Year Three and Year Five children participated in NAPLAN. Families can expect to receive their child's individual report detailing their NAPLAN results within the next week. We will communicate with you as soon as they become available to share.

Please note, the dates for NAPLAN in 2023 will be different to previous years. The window for NAPLAN 2023 assessments will be from the **15<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 to the 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2023.**

**Book Week** Book Week has now drawn to a close after a week of festivities. We were fortunate to be led by our Year Six Library Leaders at break times, as they read shortlisted texts to our children. Our SFX Colouring In and Bookmark Design competitions were also extremely popular. Congratulations to our winners:

- Sahesi Kariyawasam (Foundation)
- Jack Quinlan (Year One)
- Alby Skrokov (Year Two)





- Isla Tongs (Year Three)
- Morgon Morley (Year Four)
- Toby Watson (Year Five)
- Eli Prebble (Year Six)
- Olivia Tocchet (Year Six)

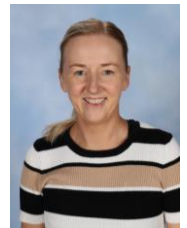


A huge shoutout to our SFX children, families and staff for the brilliant costumes on display at our annual Book Week parade. The gym was certainly full of positive energy as we celebrated Book Week 2022. Also, thank you to everyone who supported our first-ever Book Week Special Friend's Reading Afternoon. It was a pleasure to have you onsite and to see you share in the joys of reading with us. How lucky we are to be a part of the SFX community!

### **Assessment & Reporting - Student Led Conferences**

Student Led Conferences will be a feature of our Assessment and Reporting schedule this term. These will be held next week, on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of September and Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

#### **WEBINAR OPPORTUNITY with Michael Grose Changing Parenting Gears for the Teenage Years**

Many parents discover that the approaches they successfully used when their children were young don't stand up during the turbulent teenage years. Well-intentioned advice receives eye rolls and groans. Previous approaches to discipline no longer work, and enjoyable conversations are replaced with conflict, or worse, silence.

In this webinar, Michael Grose discusses the importance of changing parenting gears during the teenage years. He shares the critical shifts parents need to make when raising teenagers.

Key learning and discussion points include:

- why giving teenagers information to keep them safe doesn't work and what to do instead
- how to talk to teens about hard topics so that they take ideas on board
- how to support young people when they are experiencing friendship and other challenges
- why mistakes are an essential part of growing up and what parents can do to minimise harm
- the three stages of adolescence and the parenting approaches that each requires

The webinar will be held on 31 August 2022 at 8-9 PM AEST.

**We have a membership with Parenting Ideas, one of Australia's most trusted sources of parenting education and support. As part of this membership, all the parents and carers in our community can attend this webinar for NO COST!**

To redeem your webinar click or copy and paste this link: <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/parent-resources/parent-webinars/webinar-changing-parenting-gears-for-the-teenage-years>

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Christine Meneely, **Wellbeing Leader**

## Sport/Physical Education News

**Sporting Schools** Dates for Term 3 after school Sporting Schools are: **Monday - Badminton - Monday August 29**

**Eureka Division Basketball Tournament** Congratulations to our 4 SFX basketball teams on their efforts at last Wednesday's Division Basketball tournament. Your skill, sportspersonship and behavior were outstanding. You should all be very proud the way you conducted yourselves. A big thank you and well done also to Mr Down, Mrs V and Jordie Roney for supporting and coaching the teams.

**BCPS Athletics Day** A strong squad of Yr 3-6 students represented SFX at last Friday's Ballarat Catholic Primary Schools Athletics Day at Llanberris Athletics Reserve. The weather was kind and all students had a great day. There were some outstanding individual results across the day and we look forward to celebrating these with everyone. Congratulations to those that have progressed through to the next stage of competition. A massive thank you to Mr Down and Ms Dalton for all of their organising and support on the day.

**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 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 September 12-15 - Swimming for Year 3
- Wk 10 - Monday - Friday September 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 smashing week.



Shaun Carroll, SFX Sport Coordinator

## Parents' and Friends' News

### SFX Parents and Friends Update!

Don't forget to bring your loose silver change into your class piggybank for your chance to win a Pizza Lunch! 1 week to go!

*Volunteer Help! We are always seeking help to run different events for the children but we require parent help even if it's just one spot over the Term, many hands make light work! Younger siblings can attend Hot Lunches in the gym only.*



Please sign up below!

\*Please note we require extra helpers on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September for Father's Day.

**Hot Lunches**

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

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If you can assist on any of the above days to run the stall and help the children purchase a gift please sign up below:

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

## Uniform Shop

### Opening hours:

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](mailto:sfxpsc@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au)