



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 12th September 2022
Term 3 Week 10

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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 10.20am

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 2.00pm

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

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear Parents and Families,



I am sure you have read our exciting news that was distributed on Friday afternoon by Tom Sexton, Executive Director of Catholic Education Ballarat about Mr Mark Hogbin being appointed as Principal to St Francis Xavier Primary School, Ballarat East for the commencement of the 2023 school year. It was wonderful news to receive and I know that Mark will be a 'great fit' for our school. In the coming weeks /months, I know Mark will visit us and receive a fantastic St. Francis Xavier staff and community welcome.



Thank you Staff This term has been very busy and productive. The children have worked with enthusiasm in their classrooms and have been presented with enriching learning activities and experiences. As this term comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our wonderful staff here at St. Francis Xavier Primary School for their ongoing hard work, dedication and energy!



We thank you Lord, for this term. For our challenges, our successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt. Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends. Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith. Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others. To be

peacemakers in our family. Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term. We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us. May we always be conscious of you in our lives. Amen

Not intending to return to St Francis Xavier for 2023 If your family is not intending to return to St Francis Xavier for 2023, could you please place this in writing and send to principal@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au as soon as possible. Many Thanks

Please Note:

- School finishes for the term this Friday 16th September at 2:20pm
- Buses will run as normal but an hour earlier e.g. 2:20pm.
- School resumes for Term 4 on Monday 3rd October at 8.55am.

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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

All other Calendar Dates for 2022 have been updated and can be accessed live on the Skoolbag App or by visiting the School Website

School Closure Day last Friday

Last Friday we welcomed Lyn Stone to our school for our staff professional day. The day was most successful with visitors from Catholic Education Ballarat and surrounding schools. Lyn spoke to us and challenged us about developing our best practice around teaching reading and raising our capacity with knowledge in this area. Lyn worked with us on fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, linking vocabulary and reading, working on the delicate balance between the components of reading and writing and planning for term 4. A very big thank you to Ms Conroy Deputy Principal / Learning and Teaching who organised, planned and implemented our day.



Student Free and Public Holidays

Term 4

Monday 3rd October to Friday 16th December = **11 Weeks**

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

Student Led Conferences

Last week we conducted our Student-Led Conferences. Your child(ren) showcased their schoolwork and discussed learning goals with you. During the Student-Led Conferences, all children were able to lead the discussion about their school work. The success that the children and teachers feel after these meetings is priceless. A great sense of satisfaction and pride occurs. Thank you for your support with these.

Class Lists for 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 email no later than Friday 16th September 2022. Please understand that this is the only process to go through if you would like this issue addressed properly. principal@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au

Footy Colours Day - Friday 17th September

This Friday 16th September is a Casual Dress Day. The Casual Dress Day will be a Footy Colours Day where children are encouraged to dress in the colours of their favourite football team/ sport team or favourite colour and bring along a gold coin donation.

Footy Colours Day is a national and community fundraising campaign held during September each year. It has been continuing to help children since it was first set up in 1995. The event is centred around raising funds to support kids living with cancer. The funding has a particular goal of keeping children living with cancer up with their education during their cancer treatment and recovery.

All money raised from our Footy Colours Day will be donated to this charity.

Fight Cancer: Footy Colours Day <https://www.fightcancer.org.au/footy-colours-day>



School Fees

Just a reminder that the end of this term is only one week 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.

School Assembly

Please note that our School Assembly Program is held weekly at 12:40pm on a Friday afternoon, except for our FJS Assembly in Week 10 (**10.20am**) and our FMM Assembly in Week 1 of Term 4 (**2.00pm**). Assemblies will take place in the Gymnasium.

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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	10	Foundation JS	16 th September (10.20am)
Term 4	Week	1	Foundation MM	7 th October (2.00pm)
		2	2CJ	14 th October (12.40pm)
		3	1EM	21 st October (12.40pm)
		4	3JV	28 th October (12.40pm)

NAPLAN Update Families with children in years 3 and 5 should have received their Naplan results via mail last week.

Hats, Hats, Hats Remember that our children need to have their school hats from the beginning of term 4 until the end of Term 1 next year! New hats are available from the Uniform Shop. We remind the children about NO Hat NO play!

Lost Property The Lost Property area is once again full of UNAMED and some NAMED items. If your child has lost a jumper, coat, tracksuit pants or water bottle please contact the office to retrieve these items. The left-over articles will be washed and will be put into the second-hand clothing pool.

Please find attached: St Alipius parish bulletin, Parenting Ideas—Is playtime dead? and Camp Quality parent information sheet.

May everyone have a wonderful break.

Yours sincerely,



Jane Clark, **Interim Principal**



happy
holidays!

Religious Education News

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU We congratulate the children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last week. They have been preparing for this Sacrament and presented themselves beautifully at the liturgies. Many thanks to the families and to Ms Wrigley, Ms Pearson and Ms Howard for preparing and supporting these children at this special time.



Thanks also to Frs. Eladio, Eugene, Ed, Jim and Abraham for giving up their time to join us.

A big thank you to our Parish Priest Fr. Jorge who visited all the children in school, prior to this week. We look forward now to joining these children as they receive their First Eucharist in October. Please keep them in your prayers.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL- Sunday September 11, 2022 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

One day when many tax collectors and other outcasts came to listen to Jesus, the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law started grumbling, "This man welcomes outcasts and even eats with them!" So Jesus told them this parable:

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“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them—what do you do? You leave the other 99 sheep in the pasture and go looking for the one that got lost until you find it. When you find it, you are so happy that you put it on your shoulders and carry it back home. Then you call your friends and neighbours together and say to them, ‘I am so happy I found my lost sheep. Let us celebrate!’ In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 respectable people who do not need to repent.

“Or suppose a woman who has ten silver coins loses one of them—what does she do? She lights a lamp, sweeps her house, and looks carefully everywhere until she finds it. When she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together, and says to them, ‘I am so happy I found the coin I lost. Let us celebrate!’ In the same way, I tell you, the angels of God rejoice over one sinner who repents.” *(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation®)*

Gospel reflection: Have you ever lost something that was very important to you? How did you feel when you lost it and what did you do to try to find it?

In the reading, even though it was only one sheep or one coin, it was still very important and valuable to the person who had lost it. In the same way as in the stories, all people are valuable to God, nothing in creation is more important or precious than another.

We are all different and special. God cares for us and loves us.

We can try to recognise everyone’s special gifts and talents and help everyone to feel safe and happy.

Our Challenge: This week, do what is right and share God’s love for everyone with all the people that you meet, particularly those people who seem lonely or sad.



Christine Meneely, Interim Religious Education Leader

Learning & Teaching News

Welcome to Week 10!

NAPLAN 2022 Our 2022 NAPLAN individual reports for each child have now arrived at SFX and families should have received their child’s report in the mail. Please communicate with the school directly if you are yet to receive your child’s report. We have also started to analyse our 2022 NAPLAN data at a school level. Please see below our five-year trend data for Reading and Numeracy.



Year 3 Reading Results – 5 Year Trend Data Reading

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Nation	434	432	-	438	-
State	448	447	-	452	-
St Francis Xavier PS	453	450	-	470	489
Student Count	52	61	-	58	72

Year 5 Reading Results – 5 Year Trend Data Reading

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Nation	509	506	-	511	-
State	521	516	-	523	-
St Francis Xavier PS	515	532	-	523	526
Student Count	48	52	-	68	63

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Year 3 Numeracy Results – 5 Year Trend Data Numeracy

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Nation	408	408	-	403	-
State	419	420	-	414	-
St Francis Xavier PS	431	449	-	433	460
Student Count	52	61	-	58	72

Year 5 Numeracy Results – 5 Year Trend Data Numeracy

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Nation	494	496	-	495	-
State	504	507	-	506	-
St Francis Xavier PS	519	530	-	522	506
Student Count	48	52	-	68	63

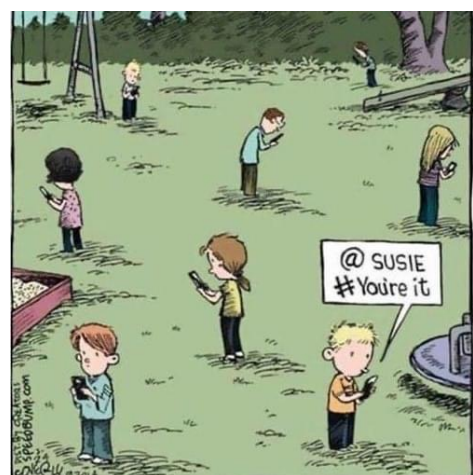
Wishing everyone a joyful last week of term and a happy holiday when they arrive!

Bec Conroy
Interim Deputy Principal – Learning Enhancement



Wellbeing News

School holidays are almost upon us and for many parents the struggle to keep their children from spending all day on their devices is real! Without any balance or rules to manage their screen time consumption, many kids would happily spend their days streaming and scrolling. And, likely, everything coming across their screen isn't rich educational content. But even if it was, too much screen time can be detrimental. There are generally four different ways we consume screen time- creating content, communicating with others, interacting (like playing games), or passively consuming (binge watching Netflix). While the quality of all screen time isn't the same, the quantity still matters.



Some parents use a checklist children need to complete each day, including chores, personal tasks and some educational and screen-less activities to focus on balance in their life- you may like to try something similar. In my house I make a calendar on the fridge outlining plans for the holidays, just so we keep some routine and structure.

In the attached article, Justin Coulson looks at ways we can encourage our children to play more. We know that play time encourages children to develop their interests, practice making decisions and solving problems, learn to regulate their emotions, assess and respond to risk, develop socially, and most importantly, facilitates access to joy- all of which contribute to good mental health and wellbeing.

Camp Quality Puppet Show This week to coincide with our Footy Colour Day and fundraising for childhood cancer, we welcome the team from Camp Quality. Their Cancer Education Program, featuring the Camp Quality Puppets, visits primary schools and preschools across Australia to deliver cancer education and help dispel myths, confusion and anxiety that can follow arise from a cancer diagnosis.

The puppets provide interactive and age-appropriate education for any child impacted by cancer – whether they are dealing with their own diagnosis or the diagnosis of a sibling, parent/carer, family member or friend. This program helps to create a shared language to facilitate cancer conversations within the school community and attached to the newsletter is a parent information sheet about this incursion.

Christine Meneely, **Wellbeing Leader**

Sport/Physical Education News

Eureka Division Athletics Day Congratulations to the following students that represented SFX at last Friday's Eureka Division Athletics Carnival at Llanberris: Milla O'Donohue, Ashlee Beseler, Ben Buckland, Saacha Hyland, Nic Ward, Eva Cummins, Nate Toohey, Mia van Hamond, Felicity McGrath, Jake Cheeseman, Archer Spackman, Mitchell Kane, Pippa Dalton and Connor Foyster. Although the conditions weren't ideal, all students performed exceptionally well.

Golf Tournament Good luck to all of the students participating in the primary school Golf tournament on Wednesday. Hopefully the weather is fine and some outstanding golf can be played.

Swimming Program This week Year 1 & 3 students will be participating in a swimming program at BALC. Year 2, 4 & 5 will be participating in Week 1 Term 4.

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 10 - Wednesday September 14th - Golf Tournament
- Wk 10 - Monday - Friday Sep 12-16 - Swimming for Year 1 & 3

Term 4 dates:

- Wk 1 - Monday - Friday Oct 3-7 - Swimming for Year 2, 4 & 5
- Wk 1 - Friday October 7 - Regional Athletics
- Wk 5 - November 4 - Junior Sports Day (F - Yr 2)

Well done and congratulations to all of the students that participated in football and netball Grand Finals in both the BJFNL and CHFL over the weekend

Have a wonderful week.



Shaun Carroll, **SFX Sport Coordinator**

Uniform Shop

END OF SEASON SALE

All New Stock 15% off Monday 12th September to Thursday 15th September

Opening Hours this week: Monday 8.40- 9.10 Tuesday 2.30 – 3.20 Wednesday 8.40 – 9.10 Thursday 2.30 – 3.20
Eftpos available. Orders welcome with credit card details provided. No holds.

Op Shop volunteers: 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