



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 5th September 2022
Term 3 Week 9

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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 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

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear Parents and Families,

Happy Father's Day for yesterday to all St. Francis Xavier dads and father figures in our lives. We give thanks for them, the role they play, the people they are. We hope that each and every one enjoyed a special day with their families!

What a wonderful celebration we had at school last Friday to recognise Father's and Special Persons Day. The school was alive with a buzz of excitement from the children finally been given the opportunity to spend time in their family groups with their special person. Hot lunches were enjoyed, Family group liturgy was experienced and children then had an opportunity to spend time outside in the fine spring weather for a play and a chat. Thank you to those who were able to participate in this event.

God, our Father

Bless these men, that they may find strength as fathers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

We are looking forward to our professional learning day this Friday. Please note that Friday 9th September is a student free day. NO school for children on this day.

NAPLAN results NAPLAN results will be sent out today. The VCAA asks that schools direct mail out the papers. Year 3 and 5 families please keep an eye out for these in your letterbox.

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

With planning for the 2022 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.

End of Term 3 Next Friday 16th September marks the end of our third term. School resumes for Term 4 on Monday 3rd October at 8.55am. Please note that the School Term ends next Friday at 2:20pm. Buses will run as normal but an hour earlier e.g. 2:20pm. It will also be our end of the term casual clothes day for Footy Colours. Our gold coin donations will go towards: Fight Cancer: Footy Colours Day <https://www.fightcancer.org.au/footy-colours-day>

Student Led Conferences take place this week



St. Francis Xavier Primary School is a Child Safe School called to action through Gospel values and Mercy tradition. Through the mission of Jesus within the Mercy tradition, we are called to action in pursuing fullness of life for all.

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

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



National eSmart Week 2022 Welcome To National ESMART Week!! What is National eSmart Week? National eSmart Week is an opportunity for communities to share their knowledge and celebrate being smart, safe and responsible when using digital technology. The week runs from Monday 5th September to Sunday 11th September. It is a week to create more awareness and community education on issues of cyber safety, bullying and wellbeing. This year’s theme is **‘Proud to be me, digitally.’** By taking responsibility for our actions we can all play a part in creating a safer environment online and offline.

School Fees Just a reminder that the end of this term is only two 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.

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. 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	9	Student Free Day	9 th September
	10	Foundation JS	16 th September (10.20am)
Term 4	Week 1	Foundation MM	7 th October (2.00pm)
	2	2CJ	14 th October
	3	1EM	21 st October
	4	3JV	28 th October

Student Free and Public Holidays

Term 3 Monday 11th July to Friday 16th September) = **10 Weeks**

5	Friday 9th September	Staff Professional Development Day (Reading) With Lyn Stone
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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

Please find attached: St Alipius parish bulletin and two Parenting Idea sheets – Insights in praise of fathers, the place of the modern Dad and Why dads matter.

Have a great week!

Yours sincerely,

Jane Clark, Interim Principal



THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL Sunday September 4, 2022 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Once when large crowds of people were going along with Jesus, he turned and said to them, "Those who come to me cannot be my disciples unless they love me more than they love father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and themselves as well. Those who do not carry their own cross and come after me cannot be my disciples.

"If one of you is planning to build a tower, you sit down first and work out what it will cost, to see if you have enough money to finish the job. If you don't, you will not be able to finish the tower after laying the foundation; and all who see what happened will laugh at you. 'This man began to build but can't finish the job!' they will say.

"If a king goes out with 10,000 men to fight another king who comes against him with 20,000 men, he will sit down first and decide if he is strong enough to face that other king. If he isn't, he will send messengers to meet the other king, to ask for terms of peace while he is still a long way off. In the same way," concluded Jesus, "none of you can be my disciple unless you give up everything you have." *(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation)*

Gospel reflection:

Jesus tells the crowds two short stories to explain what being a disciple means and what it means to "carry our cross" - accepting the things we find difficult in our lives and asking for God's help in these difficult things.

These difficult things might be people we find it hard to get on with, lessons in school that we find boring or wanting something we can't have. Throughout our lives as followers of Jesus we might have to choose to do what Jesus wants even if it means not always being popular.

Our Challenge: Think about what you find difficult and ask for God's help now.

(Adapted from CAFOD website)



Christine Meneely,
Interim Religious Education Leader

Learning & Teaching News

Welcome to Week 9 and what an action packed week it is!

NAPLAN 2022 & 2023 Our 2022 NAPLAN individual reports for each child have now arrived at SFX. Families of children in Year Three and Year Five will receive their child's NAPLAN results in the mail from Tuesday 6th of September. We look forward to sharing with you our Year 3 and 5 whole school trend data in the coming weeks.



Student Led Conferences

Student Led Conferences are this week and will be in full swing on the following two nights, 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 very much looking forward to this valuable and informative time with you!



National eSmart Week This week is National eSmart Week. At St Francis Xavier, we explicitly teach the children following our eSmart Scope and Sequence and in line with our Victorian Curriculum. Our aim is to make sure that we support the explicit teaching of cyber risks and cyber safety. With so much time spent online there has never been a more important time to be eSmart. This week all of our SFX children will spend time in their classrooms acknowledging eSmart Week by completing a range of activities prepared by our Digital Technologies expert, Mr Marshall. Please visit the eSmart website for more useful information: <https://www.esmart.org.au>





Professional Learning Day with Lyn Stone Our SFX teachers will engage in a full day of professional learning with linguist, literacy and language specialist Lyn Stone this Friday the 9th of September. Lyn is the founder of Lifelong Literacy and is well known for her best-selling books, Spelling for Life, Reading for Life and Language for Life.

Our day with Lyn will provide us with expert insights into evidence-based practices to support the building of knowledge and reading comprehension across the primary school years. We will be expertly led to plan lessons that integrate vocabulary, fluency and comprehension for immediate use in our classrooms. As a school we are committed to continuing to strengthen our current teaching and learning practices to ensure we are providing high quality education where our children achieve excellence and flourish.



Thank you for your continued support!

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

Wellbeing News

It was fabulous to see so many Dad's and Special People participating in our lunch and liturgy last Friday. I hope you had a wonderful weekend celebrating the special men in your lives.

As society changes, the role of fathers is also shifting- my own Dad probably saw his role in our family as predominantly a breadwinner and disciplinarian. Like mental health initiatives, most of the parenting advice in the 1980's was skewed towards mothers as primary caregivers and there was a lack of recognition of the role men played in their children's development.

While the place of a father or male role model in a child's life has always been important, there has never been a greater need for fathers to be supported and to widen our view of what it is to be a dad. With children growing up in step, adoptive, single parent and same sex families, whoever answers to father takes on importance in a child's life. This is not denying the rights of a biological father, but rather acknowledges that for many children the person who shows up whether stepfather, relative or family friend, or even a single parent doing both roles, is the father for a child.

Attached are two articles celebrating the place of Dads and Special People in our children's lives - one by Michael Carr-Gregg and one by Shona Hendley.

Christine Meneely, **Wellbeing Leader**

Sport/Physical Education News

Eureka Division Athletics Day Congratulations to the following students that have progressed through to next 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.

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.

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 9 - Friday September 9th - District Athletics
- Wk 10 - Wednesday September 14th - Golf Tournament
- Wk 10 - Monday - Friday Sep 12-16 - Swimming for Year 1 & 3

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

Have a magnificent week.



Shaun Carroll, **SFX Sport Coordinator**

Reconciliation in Action

Last Monday we welcomed Wadawurrung Elder Joy Oldaker to SFX. Amongst many roles, Joy is the mother of our Wadawurrung artist friend Jenna! Joy came to talk to the Year 3-6 children about her experiences as part of a First Nations delegation that took part in the Commonwealth closing ceremony in Birmingham. Our staff and children enjoyed hearing about Joy's part in the ceremony and the plans for Ballarat's involvement in the 2026 Commonwealth Games. Joy brought in her traditional possum skin coat that she wore at the closing ceremony and the children were very excited to be able to feel the possum skins.

This Wednesday we happily welcome Joy and Jenna back to school to share stories with our Foundation to Year 2 children for Indigenous Literacy Day.



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

Parents' and Friends' News

WINNERS!
SILVER COIN CHALLENGE

We are pleased to announce the winners of our Silver coin challenge!

Thanks to Carbonis's the following classes will have fresh PIZZA delivered for lunch on the following day's.

Monday 5th September
FMM, 2PB & SLH

Tuesday 6th September
IEM, 3GW, 4AH & 6JF



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!

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

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

Community News



KELLY SPORTS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM **Mon 19th Sept to Fri 30th Sept**

(No session Fri 23rd Sept due to AFL Public Holiday) Cost: \$55 per day (\$250 for a full week)

Eastwood Leisure Centre 8am - 5pm (weekdays) Boys & Girls, Preps to Grade 6

Fun-filled days featuring sports, games and activities to keep the kids engaged, entertained & active for the full day.

Enrol: www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat Queries: Please call Dom 0417 967 621