



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 3rd October 2022
Term 4 Week 1

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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 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

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

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope that you have had a safe and enjoyable school holiday, spending time without the school routines and being able to share time with family and friends.

Lord Jesus,

We ask for Your help as we begin this new school term. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school term brings. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our learning and courage to accept new opportunities. Jesus, inspire us to be faith filled, respectful and resilient learners and be the best that we can be. Amen

Please keep in your prayers all our children who will be receiving their First Eucharist this coming weekend. We thank their teachers and Mrs Meneely, our Religious Education Leader, for their organisation and preparation for this significant Sacrament in the lives of our children.

We also keep in our prayers and thoughts Michelle Broderick, Principal of Loreto College, and the entire Loreto College community. May the girls and their teachers know that we send our love to them as they try to come to terms and recover from the bus accident which happened during our school holidays.

Class Structure for 2023

Next year all our classes will be straight year levels. The set up will be:

Foundation x 4 Year 1 x 3 Year 2 x 3 Year 3 x 3 Year 4 x 3 Year 5 x 3 Year 6 x 3

Teachers will begin shortly constructing class groups for 2023. As part of this process the children will be asked to nominate children who they know they can work well with and would like to be considered to be in a room with. This information provides the teachers with information to assist them in placing each child in the most suitable group.

In the coming weeks I will be in a position to share our class teacher allocation and your child's 2023 class placement. 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.

Summer Uniform The reason for our school uniform is to ensure that our children are identified as students who belong to the community of St. Francis Xavier Primary School.

- Full summer uniform may be worn from Day 1 Term 4.
 - For the first 3 weeks of Term 4 we will be in a transition phase for Uniform. Children are permitted to be in either Summer or Winter Uniform.
 - **From Monday 24th October (Week 4) all children are expected to be in Summer Uniform.**
- Thank you for your support with this matter.



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

Hats As we are a SunSmart school, it is an expectation that all children and staff at break times and when having classes outside wear their 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! We say “No Hat No Play”.

Foundation 2023 Transition Days Next Friday, 14th October we will hold our first of our three transition days for our 2023 Foundation Children. All of our children look forward to these days with great expectation. It is a sign of the life and movement that make schools reinvent themselves all the time. Many thanks to Rebecca Conroy and Emma Hancock for organising and planning this wonderful experience for our 2023 Foundation children!

Swimming for Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 children Our 2022 SFX Swimming Program continues at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre this week, and concludes this Friday 7th October. Children in Years 2, 4 and 5 are participating in this intensive program which is a component of our Health and Physical Education Curriculum.

Assembly Awards Thank you to the children and staff of Foundation JS for their assembly on the last day of term 3. The children were marvellous and it was wonderful to see so many families and friends from Foundation JS in attendance. Congratulations to our Award winners who received an award for our school value of **Justice**. Please check the attachment for names of the children who received an award. Justice means making things fair for everyone by making positive changes when we notice injustice. We act for justice because Jesus shows us how to include others and to use our actions to make change.

School Assembly Roster Please note that our School Assembly Program is held weekly at 12:40pm on a Friday afternoon, except for 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 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)

School closure days

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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

New Building Update The weather has played a large part in our inability to occupy and use our beautiful new building. Hopefully as this newsletter goes to print, we will be hearing good news that we can occupy the building and ring the furniture people to deliver our new tables and chairs! I will keep you up to date with this.

We look forward to an exciting Term 4 and sharing the educational journey in partnership with you, our families. Finally, with AFL finished for another year, we congratulate all Geelong supporters and their teams’ ‘purrfect’ performance. For the rest of us, we know there is always next year!!!!

Please find attached: St Alipius parish bulletin; Assembly Awards from 16th September; Insights: Parenting introverts and quiet kids.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,



Jane Clark, Interim Principal



What a busy week ahead! This Friday at 9.30am, we will join together to celebrate Mercy Day and the founders of our school with a Mass at St Alipius Church. It will be lovely to all gather and Father Jorge will be blessing a beautiful brass statue of Catherine McAuley, which will later be installed in our school grounds as a reminder of our history and mercy values.

On the weekend (October 8 & 9), many of our children are celebrating their Sacrament of First Eucharist. We wish them all the very best and remember their faith journey in our prayers.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL- Sunday October 2, 2022
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Make our faith greater."

The Lord answered, "If you had faith as big as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Pull yourself up by the roots and plant yourself in the sea!' and it would obey you.

"Suppose one of you has a servant who is ploughing or looking after the sheep. When he comes in from the field, do you tell him to hurry and eat his meal? Of course not! Instead, you say to him, 'Get my supper ready, then put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may have your meal.' The servant does not deserve thanks for obeying orders, does he? It is the same with you; when you have done all you have been told to do, say, 'We are ordinary servants; we have only done our duty.'" *(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation®)*

Gospel reflection: A mustard seed is really tiny. Jesus is saying that even if we only have a small amount of faith we can do amazing things. When we look at the world we can see that it is not very fair. It is getting harder for families here and around the world to get the food that they need. In fact, nearly one in three people around the world do not have enough safe and healthy food all year round.

There are many reasons for this-the climate crisis, COVID and the conflict in Ukraine. These problems often have the worst effects for some of our poorest brothers and sisters around the world.

Yet this reading gives us hope – that even if we just have a tiny little bit of faith, with God's help, we can make real changes to the world around us.

If we have more than we need, we can share what we have with others.

We can ask world leaders to make a change so that the world is a fairer place for all people.

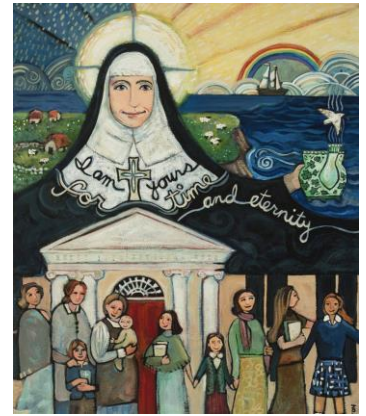
We can pray for a world where food is grown and shared fairly.

Our Challenge: What change will you try to make in the world this week?

(Adapted from CAFOD website)



Christine Meneely, **Interim Religious Education Leader**



Wellbeing News

There was so much positive energy at the front gate this morning- all the excitement and chatter of children keen to get back to school and connect with their friends. Some children were keen to share stories about their holiday adventures, others were wanting to ask questions and a few were quiet and a little overwhelmed by coming back to school after the break.

Many parents worry when their child is shy, quieter than others or not the outgoing type. The thought that their child may be a loner turns parents into social organisers who arrange playdates and parties or friendship coaches. They may upskill their kids to start conversations, manage conflict and play with others. This flurry of activity can be exhausting, and they cause a great deal of angst for kids. However, it may be that their child is introverted by nature, and they are trying to make them fit the extrovert mould.

In this week's Parenting Ideas, Michael Grose explores how we can best support our introverted children and quieter children.

Christine Meneely, **Wellbeing Leader**

Sport/Physical Education News

Regional Athletics Day Congratulations to the following students that will represent SFX at this Friday's Regional Athletics Carnival at Llanberris: Milla O'Donohue, Ashlee Beseler, Nic Ward, Maya Simanjuntak, Nate Toohey, Mia van Hamond, Felicity McGrath, Archer Spackman and Mitchell Kane. Congratulations on making it to this stage and good luck in your events.

Golf Tournament Well done to all of the students that participated in last Term's Golf Tournament. Congratulations to Leo Thorp, Lenny Driscoll, Xavier Kersley and Charlotte Bell who have qualified for the next stage of competition in a few weeks.

Swimming Program This week Year 2, 4 and 5 students will be participating in a swimming program at BALC. Please refer to the Operoo note for more details.

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 4 dates:

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



Shaun Carroll, SFX Sport Coordinator

Have a wonderful week.

Learning Technologies News



It's the beginning of Term 4 and what a massive last couple of weeks we had to end Term 3 in the digital technologies world! In Week 9 we celebrated National eSmart Week at our school! The intention of this week was to really shine a light on appropriate internet use and to explore the great things that can be done online! I worked closely with the IT Leaders from Year 6 to

deliver some resources that the classroom teachers could share in their classes during eSmart Week. There were targeted activities that the students took part in and some recordings of eSmart books that the IT Leaders had read. It was a fantastic week and it was great to receive so much positive feedback about the learning that took place during the week. We look forward to another exciting term in the ICT world!



Michael Marshall, ICT Leader

Parents' and Friends' News



are back for term 4

50c EACH
Starting Monday 3rd Oct

Uniform Shop

As of Term 4 we have made the decision that the school uniform shop will become a second hand uniform shop. Our sports uniform will be now available at Crockers only. We believe having our uniform in one place makes it so much easier for families. If you have any questions please email: sfxpsc@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au



We must say a huge big thank you to **Sam Murphy** who has worked tirelessly in the uniform shop for over 9 years, what a superb volunteer!

Thank you Sam, your dedication and effort has not gone unnoticed.

Community News



Basketball Ballarat Community Programs ballaratbasketball.com.au

Basketball Ballarat provide children with a fun and safe basketball experience that will serve as an introduction to a lifetime involvement in the game. A wide variety of introduction to basketball programs are run by Basketball Ballarat, allowing children to start learning basketball as young as 4 years old.

Basketball Ballarat's introduction to basketball programs:

- Aussie Hoops – perfect for children aged 4 – 7 years
- Rookie Hoops – perfect for children aged 8 – 11 years
- All Abilities Rookie Hoops – perfect for children aged 5 – 13 years whom are living with a disability

Registrations are now open for all community hoops programs, with the programs starting the week beginning October 10th. For more information and to register: [Community \(nbl1.com.au\)](http://Community(nbl1.com.au))

For further details please contact Ethan Fiegert via email development@ballaratbasketball.com or call reception on (03) 5338 1220.

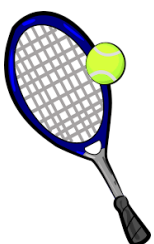
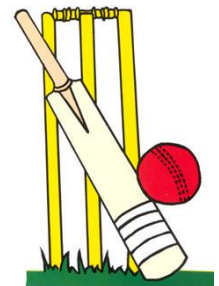
East Ballarat Junior Cricket Program - 2022/23

“Your Local Family Club, Run by Families”

Cricket 4 Kids

Big Focus “This Girl Can Pathway” - U.9/11; U.14; U.17; Women
Our junior cricket program at Russell Square offers opportunities for Primary School **Girls & Boys** of all ages. **Skills Sessions** are held on Tuesday afternoons (4:00 – 5:15) and **“Real Games”** on Wednesday afternoons (4:15 – 6:15pm) Our wonderful new Practice Nets facility is soon to open. Another highlight includes **two “Multi coloured” roll out pitches** we've imported from England – a unique coaching aid for Primary School age participants. Come and give it a try and bring a friend!!

Further information. - Mark Ryan. markndianne179@bigpond.com - 0477 527 334



MOUNT PROSPECT TENNIS ASSOCIATION Looking for a great summer outdoor sport for your child to get involved with, then tennis at Mt Prospect is for you. Played across both Term 4 and Term 1 at the same location in Creswick on natural grass courts, tennis provides your child a great chance to be physically active in a safe, multi-gendered sport. With coaching available, along with competitions, now is a great time to get your child into tennis. To find out more, please contact Casey on 0417 379 525 or Kckenzi@hotmail.com, or visit www.mtprospecttennis.com.au