

# St Francis Xavier Primary School

## Newsletter



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
Term 4 Week 6

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### Term 4 Week 6

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

Regional Golf Tournament

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

Class Assembly 4CP 12.40pm

### Term 4 Week 7

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

SFX Art Exhibition

3.30pm to 6pm

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Grandparents'/Grand

Friends' Day 2.30pm

### Term 4 Week 8

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Casual Dress Day

Foundation-Year 2

Sports Day

### Term 4 Week 9

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

St. Francis Xavier Feast Day

Last 2022 Hot Lunch Day

### Term 4 Week 10

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

5pm Christmas Carols

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Foundation Nativity

### Term 4 Week 11

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Last Student Day for Term 4

2023 Term 1 Week 1

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

First Student Day for Term 1

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

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

Dear Parents and Families,

**Remembrance Day** This Friday 11th November is Remembrance Day. It is a day for remembering the many young people who died during war, while protecting Australia. We will recognise this significant day at 3CP assembly this Friday.

*God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come.*

As the year rolls on, teachers are busily engaged in creating your child's report, being mindful of ensuring that it is an accurate record of achievement during the semester. These take time and much thought in order to represent your child well. I thank all the teachers for the effort and time which they put into these documents. Over the next few weeks teachers are also involved in the testing of literacy and numeracy skills to update data we have on your child's learning journey. Class groupings and teacher allocations are nearly finalised and I hope to inform you before the end of November of your child's class and teacher for 2023.

It has taken a long time but children and staff from Years 2 and 3 are finally in the new building. Great excitement on moving days occurred and already everyone looks very comfortable in their new surroundings. Like any new build, we will have a few 'teething' issues but we will be getting them rectified daily. We will have our official opening of the building in 2023. (Details to follow.)



REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Left We Forget*



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### Good Bye and Good Luck

This week is the final week for Ms Macklin and Ms Curtain here at St Francis Xavier, as they both head off for their maternity leave. May the weeks ahead be full of excitement, sleep and rest before your babies are born.

We will keep you in our prayers and thoughts during this most exciting time for you and your partners.

**End of day pick up times** This is just a reminder that teachers will be teaching their classes up until 3:10 each day. We ask that you do not pick your child up any earlier as over time this can add up to many minutes of missed class time. e.g. 5 mins per day = 25 mins per week = 100 minutes per month.

We are aware of the traffic issues and we continue to be in consultation with the Ballarat City Council about this. Thank you very much for your cooperation with this matter.

**Orientation Day** On Tuesday 29th November we will hold Orientation Day when our new Foundation children come to our school and our Year 6's move on to their new school. We will also be promoting all the other children into their new classrooms with their new class teachers. This day provides a great opportunity for your child to familiarise themselves with their new class friends and class teacher for 2023.

### A thank you message from the Rumble family

To the SFX Community, We would just like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who has reached out in support of our family and especially Renee as she battles through the early stages of her Hodgkins Lymphoma treatment.



Since Renee's diagnosis in September the texts, calls, gifts, flowers, offers to look after our boys and people who are participating in the meal train program has been quite overwhelming to say the least.

We are so lucky to be surrounded by such a fantastic community and your support is making this journey so much easier for all of us. Everyone's love and support has not gone unnoticed, we cannot thank you enough.

With thanks, Justin, Renee, Ollie and Lenny.



### Congratulations to Sibella Moore

We wanted to share with you about Sibella's MS Readathon amazingness! Sibella read 219 books, raised over \$2700 and was the third highest money raiser in Australia. Sibella received a parcel from MS Readathon in the parcel was a certificate as well as a personalised book mark, a lanyard, a hat and a Kindle. Congratulations Sibella. All at St Francis Xavier are thrilled for your efforts with your reading and fundraising.

**Hot Lunches** for 2022 will end Friday 2nd Dec. This will mean hot lunches will **not** be available Friday 9th Dec and Friday 16th December.



**St. Francis Xavier Christmas Carols** 5pm Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022. **Each Year Group and staff group will lead the community in carols ranging** from traditional carols to more modern Christmas songs. More details of the event will be communicated over the next few weeks. For the moment I ask for you to take note of the date and mark it in your diaries!

**Camps** Children and staff in Years 4 and 5 are looking forward to their upcoming camps. Thank you to those involved with all the preparation and planning which goes into these to make them so successful.

Our school excursion program offers our children a great opportunity to experience settings and situations that they may not normally experience. Participating in camps allows the children to build on their self-esteem and interact with other children and adults in unfamiliar surrounds. **Year 5 Camp Week 8** **Year 4 Camp Week 11**

**Closure Dates—Term 4 2022** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December=**11 Weeks**

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; Helping your young perfectionist.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely, Jane Clark, **Interim Principal**



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**THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL - Sunday November 6, 2022 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

**Gospel:** Luke 20:27-38 Then some Sadducees, who say that people will not rise from death, came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, Moses wrote this law for us: 'If a man dies and leaves a wife but no children, that man's brother must marry the widow so that they can have children who will be considered the dead man's children.' Once there were seven brothers; the eldest got married and died without having children. Then the second one married the woman, and then the third. The same thing happened to all seven—they died without having children. Last of all, the woman died. Now, on the day when the dead rise to life, whose wife will she be? All seven of them had married her."

Jesus answered them, "The men and women of this age marry, but the men and women who are worthy to rise from death and live in the age to come will not then marry. They will be like angels and cannot die. They are the children of God, because they have risen from death. And Moses clearly proves that the dead are raised to life. In the passage about the burning bush he speaks of the Lord as 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' He is the God of the living, not of the dead, for to him all are alive." *(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation®)*

**Gospel reflection:** In this gospel story, Jesus is showing us that God sees things differently to us.

The religious leaders loved to obey rules so they asked Jesus a question to trap him, to catch him out. They were trying to trick him so he would be in trouble for his ideas.

Jesus taught us everyone should be treated equally and fairly, whether they are men, women, girls or boys. We know that this doesn't always happen in our world right now, for instance, in many countries girls don't have the same chance to go to school that boys do. Can you think of some things that we should all have wherever we live in our world, whether we're rich or poor, whether we're a boy or a girl? (e.g. food, water, house, clothes, books, the chance to go to school, healthcare, toys, friends etc)

If we all treat each other fairly and as we would like to be treated, perhaps we can reflect a little bit of God's Kingdom here on earth.

**Our Challenge:** What will you do this week to show fairness here on earth?



**BRAVEHEARTS VISIT**

On Wednesday at 10.30am, the children in Foundation, Year One and Year Two have the opportunity to experience Bravehearts' personal safety education program Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Show. The Ditto show is a live, interactive 40 minute performance starring Bravehearts' mascot 'Ditto'. It includes song, dance, and easy-to-remember messages about personal safety.

The show is underpinned by the following six principles of personal safety:

- Differentiating 'yes' and 'no' feelings
- Recognising the bodies 'warning signs'
- Identifying 'private parts' and 'privacy'
- Helping children identify language and feelings associated with secrets
- Reinforcing that there is no secret that children cannot tell someone

Parents and carers are WELCOME to attend!

If you would like to learn more about how to talk to your child about personal safety, download Bravehearts' FREE PERSONAL SAFETY PARENTS AND CARERS GUIDE from the Bravehearts website. Just go to:

[bravehearts.org.au/personalsafety](http://bravehearts.org.au/personalsafety).



**Grandparents' and Grandfriends' Liturgy**

Your child will have brought home an invitation for them to share with their Grandparent/ Grandfriend to join us for a liturgy on **Friday November 18 beginning at 2.30pm.**

We will be in our Family Groups for this liturgy and the children will also take our visitors to view our Art Show in the gym. If your special person has any specific needs, please let us know so we can try and accommodate them. We look forward to sharing this memorable time together!



Christine Meneely, **Interim Religious Education Leader**

## Wellbeing News

There's a perception in our society that perfectionism is a good thing, akin to 'being perfect..' That it's something we should strive for, yet the reality is quite different. Perfectionism leads us to place unreasonably and often unrealistically high expectations on ourselves. Essentially, it causes us to raise the bar so high, that we frequently wind up feeling like failures, consumed by frustration and self-blame. This can be very unsettling to witness in our kids and it can be hard for us to know how best to help. It can start when our children are very young and grow with them in intensity.

We need to challenge their thinking and self-talk by using empathetic comments like "I can see you're angry/upset because you want this to be perfect". Then have your child reflect on these questions:

"What's the worst thing that could happen?"

"What's a more positive way to think about this?"

"What part of my problem could I solve now?"

Being open with our children when we make mistakes and talking about how we learn from them is a simple way to comfort your child's unrealistic self-expectations.

In the attached article Dr Kayleen Henderson offers some tips to help our children break the unhealthy habit of perfectionism.

Christine Meneely, **Wellbeing Leader**

## Sport/Physical Education News

**Junior Sports Day** Unfortunately the decision was made to postpone our scheduled Foundation - Year 2 Sports Day to be held at Russell Square Reserve last Friday. Following conversations with the ground curators and an inspection of the surface the difficult decision was made. The weather conditions over the previous week left the oval quite muddy in patches and very soft underfoot. The safety and welfare of our students, staff and families was taken into consideration as was the preservation of the surface. A new date - Friday November 25th has been selected to conduct the event. We look forward to seeing everyone (and the sunshine) there!

**Division Cricket** We are still awaiting information on the rescheduled date for the Division Cricket Tournament. Once we get a new date we will inform those involved of the new details.

**Regional Golf** Good luck to our four golfers that will be competing in the Regional Golf Tournament at Midlands Golf Club this week. Leo Thorp, Xavier Kersley, Lenny Driscoll and Charlotte Bell progressed to this event and we wish them all the best.

**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 6 - Tuesday November 8 - Regional Golf Tournament (Midlands GC)
- Wk 8 - Friday November 25th - Junior Sports Day (Russell Square) *Rescheduled date*

Have a great week.

Shaun Carroll, **SFX Sport Coordinator**



## Visual Art News



*On Tuesday November 15th from 3.30pm to 6pm, families and special friends are invited along to our St Francis Xavier gym to see the wonderful artwork that our artists have created during their Visual Arts classes in 2022. We can't wait to celebrate our artists with you!*

*There will also be an opportunity for grandparents and special friends to visit the Art Exhibition during our Grandparents Afternoon on Friday November 18th. We can't wait to celebrate our artists with you!*

Jacinta Molloy  
**Visual Arts Specialist**





**THE ANNUAL  
SFX  
Christmas  
RAFFLE**

27 FANTASTIC PRIZES TO BE WON!  
1ST PRIZE: \$1000 OFF SCHOOL FEES AND  
\$200 ATHLETES FOOT VOUCHER  
2ND PRIZE: \$1000 CROWN VOUCHER.  
THANKS TO TOOHEY'S FORMCRETE  
3RD PRIZE: COASTAL ARTWORK VALUED AT \$880  
DONATED BY BEC WARR  
PLUS MANY MORE!!!

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TICKET PRICES START AT \$10

**Community News**

**KELLY SPORTS DEC & JAN HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

**DECEMBER: Mon 12th to Fri 23rd**

**JANUARY: Tue 3rd to Fri 27th (potentially extending to Tue 31st Jan)**

**Eastwood Leisure Centre**

8am - 5pm (weekdays)

Boys & Girls, Kinder to Grade 6

Cost: \$55 per day (\$250 for a full week)

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](http://www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat)

Queries: Please call Dom 0417 967 621

**KELLY SPORTS TERM 4 AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE!!!**

**Mondays 3:25pm-4:55pm**

**Wednesdays 3:25pm-4:55pm**

**Boys & Girls, Preps to Grade 6**

Both programs are run at SFX

\$138.60 per child, per program for the last 6 weeks of term

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