



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 15th May 2023
Term 2 Week 4

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Term 2 (9 weeks)

Mon 24th April - Fri 23rd June

Tuesday 16th May
Division AFL

Friday 19th May
12.40pm 3GW Assembly

Wednesday 24th May
Division Netball

Thursday 25th May
2024 Foundation
Enrolments close

Friday 26th May
Years 3-6 SFX Athletics
Carnival at Llanberris

12.40pm 1EM Assembly

Monday 29th May
Regional Cross Country at
Warrnambool

Thursday 1st June
P&F Meeting
6pm in Staff Room

Friday 2nd June
12.40pm F TW Assembly

Division Soccer

Friday 9th June
Student free day

Monday 12th June
King's birthday holiday

Tuesday 13th June
Year 6 swimming

Tues 13th & Wed 14th June
Year 2 Log Cabin Camp

Friday 16th June
12.40pm 4BW Assembly

**6pm Sat 17th and 10.30am
Sun 18th June at St Alipius**
Year 4 First Eucharist

Mon 19th – Thurs 22nd June
Year 6 swimming

**Mon 19, Tue 20 & Wed 21
June** Yrs 4/5/6 Golf Clinics

**Mon 19, Tue 20 & Wed 21
June** SFX Music Showcases
6pm in Gym

Term 3 (10 weeks)

Mon 10th July - Fri 15th Sept

Mon 10th & Tues 11th July

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear families,

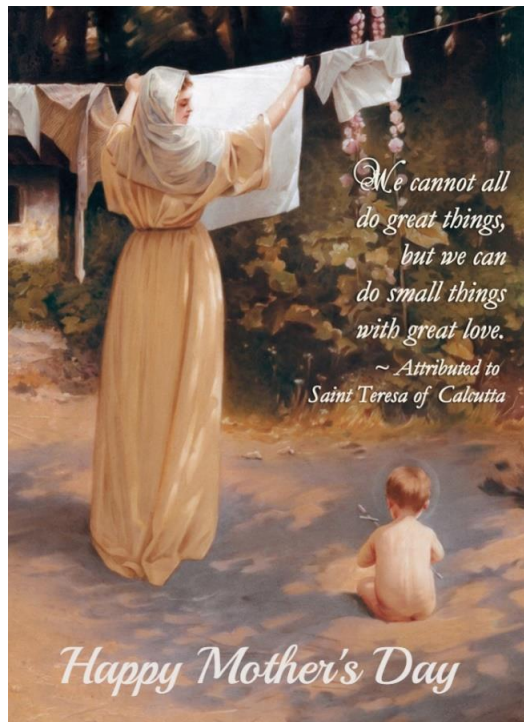
I hope that all our mothers, grandmothers, Carers and Special Friends had a lovely day yesterday. Mother's Day provides us with the opportunity to stop and reflect about what it means to be cared for and to care. Without a mother in our life, we would not exist and even if we can't be with our mother now, we know that the presence of a mother can take many forms at different times in our lives. As a classroom teacher I lost count of the amount of times I was referred to as 'mum' in the classroom!

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable weekend, whatever your story. I hope that you found time to smile and to give thanks. I hope that hugs were abundant and if not, I hope that your memories were sweet. I thank God for the gift of my mother and the many people who have showed love and care to me in my life. What a blessing these people are!

God bless,



Mark Hogbin.



Year 3 Camp

Friday 14th July

9.30am Mass in Gym

12.40pm 2EH Assembly

Friday 21st July

12.40pm 1MM Assembly

Fri 28th July school closure

Friday 4th August

12.40pm 5OH Assembly

Friday 11th August

12.40pm F LH Assembly

Friday 18th August

12.40pm 6MM Assembly

Friday 25th August

Book Week celebrations

Friday 1st September

Fathers' Day celebration

Thursday 7th September

6pm at St Alipius

Year 3 Confirmation

Friday 8th September

12.40pm 1JS Assembly

Mon 11th – Fri 15th Sept

Years 1 & 3 swimming

Term 4 (12 weeks)

Mon 2nd Oct - Wed 20th Dec

Mon 2nd – Fri 6th October

Years 2, 4 & 5 swimming

Friday 6th October

9.30am Mass at St Alipius

Friday 13th October

12.40pm 5JF Assembly

Friday 20th October

Grandparents' Day

Friday 27th October

12.40pm 2CJ Assembly

Friday 3rd November

12.40pm F MM Assembly

Friday 10th November

12.40pm 4CP Assembly

Friday 17th November

12.40pm 3NM Assembly

Friday 24th November

12.40pm F GJ Assembly

Friday 1st December

12.40pm 2GH Assembly

St Francis Xavier Feast Day
celebrations

Wednesday 6th December

Year 4 Camp

Monday 18th December

9.30am Mass in the Gym

Tuesday 19th December

Last 2023 student day

Emergency Evacuation Drill We conducted an emergency evacuation drill at school last week. It was a great opportunity to teach the children about how we can prepare for an emergency at school. We were very proud of the way our students responded and followed directions to remain safe. If you are having a chat about this at home it could be a great time to discuss and plan how you could evacuate from home if you needed to.

Thankyou P&F! Our wonderful Parents & Friends organised a host of terrific Mother's Day gifts to sell last week in the lead up to Mother's Day. There was certainly an atmosphere of excitement as the children went shopping for their special gifts. Thank you to our P&F for organising this event for us.

Sibling Enrolments 2024 We are just about at the end of our enrolment period now so if you need to enroll any siblings in our school for 2024, hop to it! We don't want anyone to miss out.

2023 Performing Arts Showcase



We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a series of Music Showcases on Monday the 19th, Tuesday the 20th and Wednesday the 21st of June (the last week of term 2) in the SFX gym.

These showcases will be a celebration of learning for every child. Your child will be involved in one of the above mentioned dates, and we will confirm which date as soon as possible. In the meantime, please mark these dates in your calendar!

Mother's Day Celebrations We celebrated Mother's Day in fine form on Friday with a special afternoon tea in the Gym followed by a liturgy and activities in family groups. It was wonderful to see so many members of our school community coming together in the spirit of community. Have a look at our Facebook page and you might see some familiar faces!



Year 3-6 School Sports Day Don't forget our Yr.3-6 School Sports Day will be held on Friday 26th May at Llanberris Reserve, Ballarat. This event was re-scheduled in first term due to excessive heat. Let's hope that we don't face the opposite this time! Parents and friends are welcome to join us at Llanberris as we come together to enjoy our school sports day. Feel free to remain at the event when you drop your children at Llanberris in the morning, or call by any time if you can.



Religious Education News

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL- Sunday May 14 , 2023 Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

Gospel: John 14:15-21

“If you love me, you will obey my commandments. I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, who will stay with you forever. He is the Spirit, who reveals the truth about God. The world cannot receive him, because it cannot see him or know him. But you know him, because he remains with you and is in you.

“When I go, you will not be left all alone; I will come back to you. In a little while the world will see me no more, but you will see me; and because I live, you also will live. When that day comes, you will know that I am in my Father and that you are in me, just as I am in you.

“Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. My Father will love those who love me; I too will love them and reveal myself to them.” *(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation)*

Gospel reflection: It is often easy to show our love for those people who are close to us. We can be kind and generous to our friends, we can listen to our parents, carers and teachers and we can share with our brother or sister. God loves each and every one of us because we are special - we need to show our love to all people, not just those who are close by.

How do you think we can show our love for our sisters and brothers around the world?

We can show our love by caring for our world, which is the home we all share. We can try to make the world a fairer place, by making sure world leaders or others who have power, know that we want them to make a difference. We can stand up for what we believe in and try to make a change so that all people feel loved, respected and supported to build the life they want for themselves and for their family.

Our Challenge: How will you show your love for others, both here and around the world in the coming week? *(Adapted from CAFOD)*



It was wonderful to see so many children from Year Four at the Parish Masses on the weekend- Fr Jorge introduced the children to the community and we are all excited as they prepare for their Sacrament of First Eucharist next month. Please keep them in your prayers.

We also offer our special congratulations to Maya and Lachlan Skewes, who were baptised over the weekend.



Christine Meneely, **Religious Education Leader**

Wellbeing News

Last week our Year Six Wellbeing Team launched a new initiative at Assembly and introduced our Wellbeing box. What is a WELLBEING BOX you might be wondering?

This little box is an opportunity for all children at St Francis Xavier to write a note or share a drawing about ideas for wellbeing.

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Our WELLBEING BOX is in the library foyer. We are encouraging all students to contribute to our wellbeing box by writing or drawing ways we can make our school happier, healthier, safer and more inclusive. So why have we come up with this idea? Wellbeing is really important- we want all children to recognise how valued they are as a part of our school community and feel a special sense of connection with others. Already the ideas to make our school even better are coming thick and fast! Check out some of the great comments and suggestions next time you are walking past and don't forget to share your own ideas!



Kind regards,
Christine Meneely, Wellbeing Leader

Sport/Physical Education News

After School Netball Well done to all of the students that began playing in the after school netball competition at Llanberris Netball Centre last week. All reports are that all of the teams played well and had heaps of fun!

Eureka Division Football - Boys & Girls Congratulations to all of the students and good luck for the games for Tuesday!

Boys: Nate Toohey, George Britt, Louis Britt, Jack Fraser, Zach Kennedy, Sully Boyd, Will Brown-Kenyon, Jake Cheeseman, Ash Norris, Xavier Kersley, Rafter Castles, Frankie Hill, Sebastian Green, Xavier Staley, Julian Simpson, Abe Sosinski, Toby Watson, Braxton Buntsma, Hugh Farrell, Mitch Kane, Lachlan Patterson & Will Shorter

Girls: Sadie Wilson, Mackenzie Burbidge, Pearl Nicholson, Tayla Hiscock, Lucy Kierce, Josie De Lorenzo, Abbey Gervasoni, Mia Maher, Charlotte Chibnall, Sophie Millington, Annabelle Chalmers, India Skewes, Milla Howlett, Lola Roney, Ivy Pearce, Felicity McGrath, Pippa Dalton, Hannah Smith, Lily Rice, Mila Shillito & Isla-Rose Block

Year 3 -6 Athletics Day We look forward to conducting our Yr 3-6 Athletics Day on Friday May 26th (Week 5). Please see all relevant information on PAM.

2023 Sports Dates

Term 2:

- Week 4 - Tuesday May 16th - Division AFL
- Week 5 - Wednesday May 24th - Division Netball
- Week 5 - Friday May 26th - Year 3 - 6 Athletics Carnival - Llanberris
- Week 6 - Monday May 29th - Regional Cross Country @ Warrnambool
- Week 6 - Friday Jun 2nd - Division Soccer
- Week 9 - Mon Jun 19, Tues Jun 20 & Wed Jun 21 - Golf Clinics (Yr 4/5/6)

SFX Football Jumpers, Singlets & Netball dresses/bibs If you have any SFX Football jumpers, singlets or netball dresses/bibs at home could you please return them to either Mr Down or Mr Carroll.

Have a tremendous week.



Shaun Carroll, **SFX Sport Coordinator**

P&F News

Term 2 P&F Update:

IGA Community rewards During the month of May, our school will be participating in the IGA Community Rewards Program. Where possible please try and support the following supermarkets, Pleasant Street, Midvale Street and Northway and place your rewards tokens in the St. Francis Xavier Primary School box. (Please note the new Victoria Street Supermarket is not part of this program as yet.)

Hot Chocolates We are once again offering hot chocolates with marshmallows for sale in the gym on Mondays for \$1.50 at first break.

We are again grateful to Inglenook Dairy for the generous donation of their delicious milk, Grounded Pleasures for the hot chocolate and So Soft Marshmallow Co for the yummy marshmallows! We require helpers (sorry no younger siblings due to OH&S) <https://signup.com/go/EQWuAaB>

Hot Lunches We are back ordering with Stewart's Bakery as our supplier and are so happy for them they have been able to re open. Orders need to be placed on Flexischools by 10am on Thursday. We are always in need of volunteers. Toddlers and younger siblings are most welcome in the gym.

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/9916281720121/false#/invitation>

Second hand uniform shop If you are wanting to inspect/purchase from the uniform shop, please fill out a slip at the front office and we can organise a time to meet you.

Parents and Friends meeting Our next meeting will be held on Thursday the 1st of June at 6pm in the staff rooms, all are welcome to attend.

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