



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 19th February 2024
Term 1 Week 4

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Term 1 (9 weeks)

Mon 29th Jan – Thu 28th Mar

Tuesday 20th February

9.30am Open Day

3.30-5.15pm Getting to know your child as a learner meetings

Friday 23rd February

Athletics Day at Llanberris for all Year 3-6 students

Monday 26th February

School photo day

Tuesday 27th February

9.30am Open Day

Wednesday 28th February

3.30-5.15pm Getting to know your child as a learner meetings

Friday 1st March

2.40pm Assembly led by 6PB

Wednesday 6th March

9.30am Open Day

Friday 8th March

2.40pm Assembly led by 5CC

Friday 15th March

2.40pm Assembly led by 4GH

Friday 22nd March

12.40pm Assembly led by 3JV

1.45pm-3.15pm

Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun

Mix and Mingle

More details to come

Wednesday 27th March

9.30am & 6pm Open Day

Term 2 (11 weeks)

Mon 15th Apr – Fri 28th Jun

Monday 15th April

Student Free Day

Friday 26th April

Student Free Day

Term 3 (10 weeks)

Mon 15th Jul – Fri 20th Sep

Mon 15th July

Student Free Day

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear families,

This week marks an important time in our school calendar as we commence our annual "Getting to know my child as a learner" meetings.

At the start of each year we provide the opportunity for parents and carers to meet with the classroom teachers for a brief introduction and to share any information that the teachers might need to know about their students. This is a great opportunity and I encourage everyone to take it up if you can. Sometimes by creating an opportunity for a quick discussion early in the year we can ensure that communication channels are established and positive relationships are formed. Our teachers are keen to meet with you and to share knowledge about the children who will be in their class this year.

Throughout the year we will be reporting formally and informally about your child's progress at school. Getting to know your child is important so that the teachers can support each child as they build on their knowledge and understandings at school. By working together we can ensure that every child feels welcome and valued at school. I hope that you enjoy meeting your child's teacher in the coming weeks and I thank our teachers for so willingly engaging in the process.

God bless,

Mark Hogbin



A Lenten Prayer

Lord be with me at this time

You knew the way

You taught the people

You healed the sick and lonely

Lord be with me at this time

You suffered for your beliefs

You carried a cross of shame

You cried out in despair

Lord be with me at this time

You forgave the sinners

You carried the message

You rose from the dead

Lord be with me at this time

You show us the way

You promise eternity

You are peace and love

Lord, You are the way!



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Tuesday 16th July
Student Free Day

Term 4 (11 weeks)
Mon 7th Oct – Fri 20th Dec

Monday 4th November
Student Free Day

Year 3 – 6 Athletics Sports

At this stage we plan to proceed with our Sports day on Friday. Please ensure that all children are wearing sun hats, have a drink bottle and sun screen with them at all times. This is a great day for our students and we warmly invite families and friends of our school to join us on the day.



Foundation Students

It might seem hard to believe but it's time to look at our Foundation students for 2025! If you would like to enroll a child in our school next year, please contact the office as soon as possible so that we can ensure that all siblings are registered for school next year. How exciting!

Walk to a different beat...

Foster Care is about creating a safe space for children in our community. And we don't need superheroes, just everyday people who care.

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Religious Education News

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL- Sunday February 18, 2024 Children's liturgy – First Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

At once the Spirit made [Jesus] go into the desert, where he stayed forty days, being tempted by Satan. Wild animals were there also, but angels came and helped him.

After John had been put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee and preached the Good News from God. "The right time has come," he said, "and the Kingdom of God is near! Turn away from your sins and believe the Good News!"

(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation®)

Gospel reflection: In our gospel story Jesus goes out into the desert for 40 days (the number 40 in the bible is not literal- in Jesus' time it was used to indicate a long period of time). He had hardly any food to eat or water to drink- Jesus might have been hungry, thirsty, afraid and lonely. Sometimes we feel like this- who are the "angels" that help us?

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. Lent lasts for 40 days, just like Jesus' time in the desert. Lent is a special time when we prepare for Easter. We take time in Lent to think about how we live our lives. This time can help us to change for the better and grow in our faith. As we grow closer to God, we also realise that we are called to put our faith into action, and to live our lives as God wants us to, loving and caring for all people and for the earth.

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Our Challenge: How can we support each other and our brothers and sisters around the world, as we try to live as God calls us to?

Could I share what I have by bringing a coin to donate to Caritas?

Can I be an "angel" to someone who needs my love or support today?



Christine Meneely, **Religious Education Leader**

Curriculum News

Getting to know your child as a learner Tuesday 20th Feb / Wednesday 28th Feb 2024



Getting to know children as learners is a crucial aspect of their educational journey, and building strong relationships is the foundation for understanding their unique learning styles, interests, and challenges. As teachers, we value the partnership between school and home to create a supportive and enriching environment for your child. Any insights you can share about your child's interests, strengths, and areas where they may need additional support will greatly contribute to our efforts in fostering their academic and personal growth.

Our classroom teachers are looking forward to meeting with you.

The "Getting to Know Your Child as a Learner" meeting takes place over two nights, beginning tomorrow, Tuesday, 20th Feb, and then the following Wednesday, 28th Feb. If you haven't already signed up, please do so. The process to sign up is through your PAM account.

These meetings provide seven minutes of dedicated one-on-one time for parents/carers and teachers to meet.



NAPLAN 2024 is not far away for our Year 3 and Year 5 students. Please put these dates into your calendar. NAPLAN 2024 13th March - 25th March.

Enjoy your week,



Jane Clark, **Deputy Principal – Learning Enhancement**

After the excitement of the beginning of the 2024 school year as well as meeting their new teachers and friends, some children begin to realise this thing called education and school is going to take up a significant amount of their time!

Parents can assist in this by modelling positive coping strategies, having a growth mindset and acknowledging how their children are feeling. The connection that you have with your child is the most important support that can be given!

For any little ones (or even big ones!) struggling with separation anxiety as they get back into the routines of school, here are a few simple little tips which can be so effective in supporting emotional feelings they may be having.

Thank you to Dr Mary O’Kane for these strategies from her book Perfectly Imperfect Parenting!

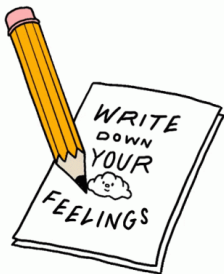


Matching Love Hearts:

Draw a little heart on your wrist and a matching one on your child’s. If they are missing you during the day, or just feel the need to connect with you, they can put their fingers on the little heart. They will feel their pulse, like a reassuring heartbeat, when they touch their wrist. Let them know that you will press your love heart if you are missing them. You can also add a spray of perfume or aftershave to their wrist as another little connection to you. Familiar smells are always such a comforting thing.

Pebble in my Pocket:

Find two very similar pebbles, gem-stones or crystals. You keep one in your pocket and your child keeps the other in their pocket. Tell them that any time they feel a little nervous or are missing you they give their pebble a little squeeze. This can be a very concrete reminder of their connection to you.



Worries in my Pocket:

Talk to your child about any worries or big feelings they have about school. Write these worries down on a piece of paper. Tell your child you are going to carry their worries for the day or overnight, so they don’t have to carry them alone. This can really help to ease any fears they may have.

Sending cheers your way,



Gemma Johnson, **Wellbeing Leader**

Tennis Tournament

The first Interschool Sport event was held last Wednesday with our tennis team taking part in the Ballarat Primary Schools Tennis Tournament.

SFX was proudly represented by 10 students who displayed great skill and sportspersonship with all having a great day.

Well done to Lachie and Mitch who finished 3rd overall in the Boys competition.

Midlands District Primary Schools Swimming Sports - 9 yrs & Under 25m Encouragement Meet ***CHANGE OF DATE**

Please note that due to operational issues at the Ballarat Aquatic & Lifestyle Centre, organisers have had to change the date of this Meet to **Thursday 14th March**. All times for the Meet remain the same. The closing date for entries will now be Monday March 4. Please see PAM notification for more details. For those that have indicated YES, could you please let me know which particular events your child would like to compete in.

Yr3 - 6 Athletics Day

Fingers crossed for some pleasant conditions this Friday for our 2024 Yr 3-6 Athletics Day! This day is always a fantastic day and is much enjoyed by all.

Once again the day will run from 9:30am - 2:30pm. Students are to be dropped off/picked up from the venue. There will be a bus going to SFX at the completion of the day for those that require it (must fill out the note on PAM).

Please see the PAM notification for more information.

Spectators are most welcome to come along and support.

Kilometre Club

All students are invited to join our Kilometre Club which will start again this Wednesday (Week 4). The Kilometre Club will be conducted every Wednesday morning, during the first break. Students and teachers meet outside the gym on the top oval for an 11:05am start. The Kilometre Club will consist of a continuous 20 minute walk, jog or run around a 250m loop.

Teachers and Students who wish to participate are reminded to bring their runners and a drink bottle each Wednesday.

We look forward to seeing lots of students there.

2024 Sport Dates

Please see below a list of the dates we currently have for various sporting events for Term 1.

Term 1:

- Week 4 - Friday Feb 23rd - SFX Athletics Day @ Llanberris (ALL Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 students)
- Week 5 - Friday Mar 1st - District Swimming @ Eureka Outdoor Pool (nominated students from Yr 4, 5 & 6)
- Week 6 - Friday Mar 8th - Regional Swimming @ Horsham (qualifiers from District swimming)
- Week 7 - Thursday Mar 14th* (please note change of date) - Midlands District Primary Schools Swimming Sports - 9 yrs & Under 25m Encouragement Meet
- Week 8 - Friday Mar 22nd - Interschool Sport ALL Yr 5/6 v STM/ST AL @SFX

Have a tremendous week everyone.



Shaun Carroll, **SFX Sport Coordinator**



**OUR LADY HELP
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care program

We cater to the needs of all children and offer a range of activities including sports, games, arts and crafts, cooking, creative and expressive arts such as drama, singing and dancing, board games and puzzles and much more. We also provide healthy and delicious snacks.

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Dear St Francis Xavier School,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to extend an invitation to your community to participate in the upcoming annual Mother's Day Classic event, Sunday, 12th of May 2024.

The Mother's Day Classic has become a significant initiative and has raised over \$44 million to the National Breast Cancer Foundation since 1998. Each Mother's Day, thousands of Australians unite to walk/run, celebrate, and raise awareness and funds to support ongoing research.

Breast and ovarian cancer take the lives of 12 women each day. This year, we're putting our foot down to raise vital funds for research, and work towards a day where no lives are taken from cancer.

We extend a warm invitation to have your school participate in the Mother's Day Classic event at Victoria Park across from Loreto College on Sunday 12 May. Your involvement will undoubtedly contribute to the success of this meaningful cause.

We have three options on the day, 5km walk, 5km run or 10km run.

When you sign up in February, you will receive up to two FREE Child registrations (age 12 and under) with every paying Adult or Concession registration transaction.

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We sincerely hope that your community will join us in making a positive impact towards vital research for breast and ovarian cancer this Mother's Day. Your support would be greatly and wholeheartedly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact me on ballarat.communication@fernwoodfitness.com.au. I look forward to working with you to encourage your school community to support physical wellness and breast and ovarian cancer research.

Thank you for considering our invitation. We look forward to the possibility of your school's involvement in this year's Mother's Day Classic!

Kind regards,

Henry Squire

Victoria Committee Event organizer

Mother's Day Classic Foundation



Ballarat Outdoor Playgroup!

Come together once a week with other families to explore nature in child-led sensory and art activities, sing songs, hear stories and bush walking in a beautiful outside setting.

Wadawurrung Country Meet up In all weather Term OR casual rates

Friday mornings 9:30 -11:30
Wednesday mornings (dependent on numbers)

For more info email Janet!
Janet is a qualified Kindergarten Teacher with backgrounds in music and sustainability.

ballaratoutdoorplaygroup@fastmail.com

A restorative time to connect with nature
and form lifelong friendships.



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9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

18 February 2024
First Sunday of Lent
Believe the Good News

St Alipius parish

ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/ballarata-east/

MASS TIMES

St Alipius

Tuesday – Friday 9:30 AM

Saturday 9:30 AM, 6:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM (1st, 3rd & 5th weeks)

10:30 AM (2nd & 4th)

Ss Peter and Paul's

Sunday 9:00 AM (2nd & 4th)

10:30 AM (1st, 3rd & 5th)

Rosary – Thursday 11:00 AM

Mass and prayer resources

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Counting team 4

Our Parish is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people, and vulnerable adults.

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land and pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging.

WE PRAY FOR

Faithfully departed: Janet McHenry, Sr. Angela Caine – funeral mass 1:00 PM Thursday 22 February

Anniversaries: Jack Gittings

Unwell: Socorro De Chavez, Peter McLachlan, Sarah McLachlan, Eleanor McMahon, Shelley Pawang, Carole Simmons

PARISH TEAM

Parish Administrator
Fr Concord Bagaoisan, OSJ

Visiting Priest
Fr Barry Ryan

Sacramental and Parish Coordinator
Cathy Prunty

Administrative Assistant
Natalie Shannon

Finance Officer
Bernadette Prestwood

Child Safety Officer
Emily Clarke

PARISH VISION

The combined communities of St Alipius Parish reach out in the spirit of faith, hope, love, and acceptance, as God calls us to in the gospels.

PARISH MISSION

Our mission in the Parish of St Alipius is to actively engage and serve our combined communities, embodying the teachings of the Gospel. Strengthened in the spirit of faith, hope, love acceptance and Mercy, we strive to foster a welcoming and inclusive environment. Guided by God's call to service, we aim to build strong connections, provide spiritual nourishment, promote social justice, and offer support to individuals and families in their journey of faith. Through our dedicated interactions, we seek to deepen our relationships with God, inspire transformation, and make a positive impact in the lives of those we encounter, spreading God's love and compassion to all.

PROJECT COMPASSION 

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This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa, and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for future generations. Learn about these women and how Project Compassion helped them here: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/10823301/video/885560092>

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes, by calling 1800 024 41, visiting www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or scanning this QR code.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
6:30 PM, Thursday 22 February

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents who wish their children under the age of seven to be baptised in our parish are required to attend an information session on Thursday 7 March at 10 AM or 5.30 PM (choose one) in the small hall at St. Patrick's Cathedral. No registration is required. For further information please call the parish office.

VOLUNTEERING AT MERCY PLACE

Mercy Place are currently seeking volunteers for a range of roles within their facility. Volunteers may spend time one on one with residents, taking them for walks in the garden, going on bus trips or helping in the garden. The hours are organised to suit the volunteer. If you are interested in learning more, please see the flyer in the church foyer.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Thank you to all parishioners who contribute to our stewardship program. Your generosity is appreciated.

Supporting our parish priests	\$980
Maintenance of parish buildings, office and administration expenses, grounds maintenance etc.	\$478.20

We invite anybody who would like to join the stewardship program to please contact the parish office.

POPE'S MESSAGE FOR LENT

Pope Francis' Lenten message is focused on God's call to leave behind the bonds of slavery and is titled, "Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom", which is from the Book of Exodus (20:2). Read the message at www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/len/doc/uments/20231203-messaaggio-guaresima2024.html or view a video: <https://youtu.be/zXPPVVtpHBM?t=408>

HOLY WATER IN FONTS

Following some recent discussions about COVID provisions, I was asked about restoring Holy Water to fonts in our churches. While we did empty fonts at the height of the COVID pandemic, this restriction seems unnecessary now. Some parishes restored Holy Water to fonts quite some time ago and I fully support this. This makes Holy Water readily available for those who wish to use it. Of course, any parishioner who has concerns need not use the Holy Water from a font. God bless you all. Bishop Paul

OUR DIOCESE TURNS 150

This year the Diocese of Ballarat will mark its 150th anniversary. Beginning with the season of Lent the Diocese acknowledges historic sinfulness and asks God's forgiveness for failing to be the people God called us to be. We pray for help to recognise our need for forgiveness and reconciliation with God and with our brothers and sisters.

LENT WITH BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! Sign up for Bruce Downes' free Lenten Program and for 40 days you will receive a short, practical, and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful.

<https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>

COMMISSIONING MASSES

On Pentecost Sunday, the Parish will commission new and recommission existing liturgical ministers, including readers, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, PowerPoint operators, musicians, sacristans, and welcome. Information on how to sign up to continue or start volunteering in one or more of these ministries, and what the tasks involve, will be provided in the coming weeks, continuing this week with the music/visual display operator and PowerPoint slide-making ministries.

MUSIC AND VISUAL DISPLAY

The Vatican's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy states that Christ is present when the church prays and sings, for he promised, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20.) Each week our masses are enriched with pre-recorded hymns, or choirs and musicians who lead our singing. The lyrics, longer prayers and other information are presented on the churches' visual display screens via PowerPoint slides. A small group of volunteers are rostered to take turns updating these slides and selecting the hymns. Another group take turns operating the laptop and projection equipment during mass. These operators occasionally make brief announcements before or during mass. Musicians select the hymns they will sing, practice them, and then perform during mass. These tasks all require certain levels of skill and confidence, but fulfilling these ministries is something that you can train and practice for and are vital liturgical roles that add so much to our celebration of mass.

BAPTISMS

Ella Jane Tuddenham
Child of Luke and Sarah Tuddenham

Augie George Tuddenham
Child of Bradley and Bonnie Tuddenham

The church gives faith to your children through Baptism, and you have the task to make it grow.
Pope Francis

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

Our Diocesan Community (ODC) is published three times a year to share news about things taking place around the diocese. You are invited to contribute articles for the first issue by Friday 23 February. The focus for this year will be the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat with the theme Community – Remember, Revitalise & Hope, which reflects various aspects of the anniversary, along with the scripture passage, "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer" (Romans 12:12) that considers diverse elements of our vocation as a Christian community. Please share your stories with these concepts in mind. Articles should be approximately 250 words maximum in length and accompanied by photos where possible. Photos should be sent as separate files, with permission sought from those in the pictures. Email articles to odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

WISDOM AT THE CATHEDRAL

You are invited to a one-hour session in the Wisdom at the Cathedral series at 7:00 PM on Thursday 29 February. Fr Bill Lowry will discuss *Discerning God's Will in Your Life*, including the processes employed by the saints and the Lord himself in discerning the Father's will for their lives. The venue is the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms and entry is by donation. A cuppa will follow. Contact Fiona Bradley at fionalouisebradley@gmail.com for additional information.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (WDP)

WDP is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. An ecumenical group of Palestinian Christian women have prayed and reflected together over the past several years to respond to the invitation from the WDP International Committee in 2017 to write the 2024 program. The theme is "I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love," based on Ephesians 4:1-6. Our Christian sisters invite the global church to pray for peace, justice, and freedom for every individual irrespective of nationality, religion, or origin.

World Day of Prayer services in Ballarat and Creswick this year on Friday, 1 March at the following times and venues:

10:00 AM	St Peter's Anglican Church 1307 Sturt Street West, Ballarat
2:00 PM	St Mary's Anglican Church, Birchip
6:00 PM	St Paul's Anglican Church 3 Humffray Street, Bakery Hill
7:00 PM	St John's Anglican Church 103 Napier Street, Creswick

LAUDATO SI'

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminds us that everything is connected. Our relationship with nature is not separate from our relationship with God and others. This concept of integral ecology encourages us to care for the Earth and each other. It calls us to action.

The Diocesan Social Justice Commission, in collaboration with Caritas (Diocese of Ballarat), Earthcare Ballarat and the Pastoral Ministry Office, encourages us to "Think before you buy."

A great way to reduce waste is to think about whether you need something before you buy it. See if you can buy second-hand rather than new. Buying from small local businesses is also a good way to reduce your environmental impact.

Believe the Good News

Gospel reflection by Veronica Lawson RSM

1st Sunday in Lent: Mark 1:12-15

Lent comes around each year and presents us with its usual challenge to take stock of our lives, to see more clearly what is in our hearts and to discover what might be calling us out of our comfort zones.

It is a time to consider how we might respond to the pain of the world and of its inhabitants.

It is a time for personal as well as group reflection, a time for entering into "the wilderness" and for grappling with the mysteries of life.

It is a time of preparation for Easter when we will renew our baptismal vows and celebrate the greatest mysteries of our faith.

The gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus' forty-day experience in "the wilderness".

Jesus is said to be "filled with the Holy Spirit" and, like so many human beings before and since, is "led by the Spirit" into the wilderness of life to be "tested" there. ["Tested" is a more accurate translation of the original Greek term than is "tempted"].

Forty is a symbolic number in Israel's story: the great flood lasts forty days and forty nights; Moses spends forty days and forty nights on the mountain

of God; Israel wanders for forty years in the wilderness; King David reigns for forty years; the prophet Elijah travels forty days and forty nights in the wilderness on his way to the mountain of God.

The wilderness of Judah, with its unique desert flora and fauna, its wadis, and waterholes, is ever so real.

His message is to repent

At the same time, it functions symbolically in the narrative. In Israel's story, it is the place of testing for God's people: "Remember the long way that your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness... testing you to know what was in your heart" (Deuteronomy 8:2).

Jesus now passes the tests that Israel failed in the wilderness.

Jesus is "with the wild beasts". This terse statement recalls the prophet Isaiah's vision of a future time of reconciliation and harmony when "the wolf will lie down with the lamb" (Isaiah 11:6-9). Jesus is presented as the one who ushers in that age of peace and healing of division.



God's agents care for him in his time of testing: "angels minister to him". In this context, Jesus announces the coming of God's empire or reign.

His message is to "repent", "think again", to take stock in a way that might turn lives around in God's direction, and to "believe the good news" that he is set to proclaim in word and action.

The call to repent is a call to expand our thinking and to change our behaviour.

At a time of growing divide between the mega-rich and the desperately poor, we might look back to our symbolic tradition and forward to ways of bringing good news to those most deeply affected by the inequities in our world.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

GENESIS 9:8-15

1 PETER 3:18-22

MARK 1:12-15

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

GENESIS 22:1-2, 9:13,15-18

ROMANS 8:31-34

MARK 9:2-10

Please follow the instructions below fully if you would like to order school photos of your child/children.



MSP Photography
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ST FRANCIS XAVIER PS

PHOTO DAY: Monday 26th February 2024

HOW TO ORDER

Ordering online is quick and easy using the steps below!

Step 1

Click **on the link below** to access your ordering portal.

<https://stfrancisxavierballarateast-vic.msp.photos>

Step 2

Click 'Sign in with Student Details'



Enter your child's surname and date of birth. You will be prompted to create an account. If you have an existing account, please use those login details. Once logged in, you will be able to add additional children and place sibling photo orders. Please note that sibling photo orders must be placed by **Midnight on Sunday 25th February 2024**.

The portal does not have a cut off ordering date, however once the job has gone to the lab for printing, any late orders will incur a later order charge.



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Zooper Doopers for sale at second break on Mondays.
50 cents each.

Volunteer helpers needed:

If you are able to assist, please go to <https://signup.com/go/CEdCHSb>
or scan the code below with your smartphone camera. Thank you.



The cut off for orders is 10am on Thursday.

If you are a new parent, please make sure to download the Flexi Schools app to ensure you can access and manage your child's lunch preferences.

THE **BETTER CHOICE** FOR **FUNDRAISING!**



Get your Colour on, St Francis Xavier Primary School is hosting a Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun!

Our Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun will be on Friday the 22nd of March from 1.45pm to 3.15pm.

Not only are we hosting an awesome Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun, Students can order up to a total of 5 prizes based on their donations received. They can even mix and match! Don't want the prizes, donate your donations to one of the five causes – Carbon Neutral (tree planting), Great Barrier Reef Foundation (coral planting or turtle protection), The Smith Family (reading support) or OzHarvest (providing meals).

Students have received a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at www.australianfundraising.com.au. This is an entirely online fundraiser; all cash donations must be converted to online donations to redeem your prizes.

Extra Incentives to Fundraise!

- ★ Online Golden Coins – complete fun online tasks to redeem an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.
- ★ Monty the Monstar's Bonus Prizes – achieve milestones to unlock Monty's bonus prizes.
- ★ \$10,000 Budget Booster Bonanza Spending Spree for one organisation's highest fundraising student
- ★ Our school will win an extra \$5,000 if we have the highest average fundraised amount per student in 2024.
- ★ A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle – see your child's sponsorship booklet for more!

For more information, please contact Steph Nunn on 0466096488.

Happy fundraising!