



# St Francis Xavier Primary School

## Newsletter

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
Term 3 Week 9

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### Term 3 (9 weeks)

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Jul – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Sep

#### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September

1.45pm-3.15pm

Year 6 Market Day  
on lower oval

6pm Confirmation at  
Damascus College, Mt Clear

#### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

3.30pm – 7.30pm

Student Led Conferences

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Footy Colours Casual Dress  
Day - *Gold coin donation to  
support Fight Cancer  
Foundation*

12.40pm Assembly led by  
FBOK

Last day of term 3  
Classes finish at 2.20pm

### Term 4 (11 weeks)

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October

First day of term 4 for  
students

#### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

9.30am Start of Term/Mercy  
Day Mass at St Alipius  
Church

Regional Athletics @  
Llanberris (Yr 4-6 qualifiers  
from Division Athletics)

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October

2.40pm Assembly led by  
FTW

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Division Golf Tournament at  
Mt Xavier Golf Course  
(selected Yr 4-6 students)

2.40pm Assembly led by  
6MM

#### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Junior Sports Day for all  
Foundation-Year 2 students  
Casual Dress Day - *Gold coin  
donation for MercyWorks*

### In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear families,

Welcome to the last week of term! This has been the shortest term this year with only nine weeks in total. The wet and cold winter weather might have made it seem longer, but we have now passed the shortest day of the year so from now on we might be able to see a little more of the sun.

Throughout this term your children have been involved in many opportunities to extend their learning. From sports days to excursions and concerts, our students have certainly made the most of every opportunity. In our classrooms the focus on direct and explicit teaching has seen our children grow in knowledge and understanding while our specialist programs have extended thought and problem-solving skills in new and creative ways. In all, it has been a busy nine weeks.

I hope that your holiday is meaningful for your family. May the two weeks ahead provide some opportunities for rest and relaxation. May we all return to school recharged and ready to go.

God bless,

Mark Hogbin



### Student Led Conferences

We had our first round of student-led conferences last week. The children were very excited to present their learning to their families, and our teachers were very proud. Well done children! The second and final round of student led conferences will be conducted on Wednesday at school.

### Pass-tab Access to our School

Please note that due to an upgrade of the Pass-Tab check-in process in the front office, we have been experiencing some unexpected glitches. When registering before entering the school please be mindful that it may take a few minutes longer to register you as a visitor. Hopefully this will be rectified soon. Thanks for your patience as we work with the company to improve the system. Our office staff are ready and willing to assist, don't hesitate to reach out.

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**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

Pupil free day

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**Melbourne Cup Public  
Holiday - Pupil free day**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**Eureka Division Cricket  
at Alfredton Reserve  
(selected Yr 5 & 6 students)**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

No Assembly

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

No Assembly

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

No Assembly

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Year 5 Camp

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November**Casual Dress Day - Gold coin  
donation for St Vinnies**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

9.30am End of Year Mass

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**5.30pm Yr 6 Graduation  
Liturgy**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Final 2025 day for students

**Where are Anita and Jim?**

We say a brief farewell to Anita in the front office and Jim our maintenance man this week. Both Anita and Jim are heading off for a well-earned break and will return to us in the third week of fourth term. Safe travels Anita and Jim. We wish you well!

**Work Experience Students**

We say thank you to Jack Roney and Tadhg Arnts from St. Patrick's College who have spent the week with us on their work experience program. The children have certainly enjoyed having Tadhg and Jack as helpers in the PE classes and in the classrooms. This week we welcome Liam Riding who will be joining us for his work experience, also from Saint Patrick's College.

**End of Term – Start of Term**

Classes cease for this term on **Friday at 2.20pm.**

Fourth term will commence on Monday 6 October at 9.00am.

Happy holidays!

**Start of Term Mass**

All families are welcome to join us for Mass at St Alipius Church on Friday 10 October at 9.30am. We look forward to asking God's blessings on the final term at school.

**News from our staff**

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson who have given birth to a pair of beautiful twin girls. We are told that all members of the family are doing well and learning to live with somewhat unsettled sleep!

# YEAR 6 MARKET DAY!

**Date: Tuesday, 16th September**

**Time: 1:45pm - 3:15pm**

**Location: SFX Lower Oval**





**THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL- Sunday September 14, 2025    The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**Gospel:** John 3:13-17 Jesus said to Nicodemus: "And no one has ever gone up to heaven except the Son of Man, who came down from heaven. As Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the desert, in the same way the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its saviour." *(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation)*

**Gospel reflection**

In today's reading we hear that God loved the world so much that he sent us Jesus, to help bring us closer to him. Through his death and resurrection Jesus gave us all new life. How does it make you feel to know that God loves us all so much that he was willing to send his only son, Jesus, to be with us here on earth?

When we love someone we want what is best for them-we help them, we care for them, we try to make them happy. We support them when things are difficult and we celebrate with them when they are joyful. God does not just love you and me, God loves everybody. God loves all people whether they are rich or poor, no matter where they live or where they come from. We are all God's children and we are part of one global family. We were made by God to love God and one another. God intended for us all to live our lives the best way that we can, but sometimes we do not make the right choices.

Together we can build a better world where God's love for all shines through and all people have what they need to flourish. We can share God's love by working together with all the people in our global family to build a better world-a world where all people have enough food to eat, clean water to drink, and somewhere safe to live, learn and grow.

**Our Challenge:** How will you share God's love with others over the coming week? (Adapted from CAFOD website)

**Sacrament of Confirmation:**

This week we pray for many of our Year Three Students who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. As a part of their Religious Education lessons, the children have been learning about how Catholic Christians celebrate three sacraments of initiation into their faith (namely Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist). We wish the children and their families involved all the best this Tuesday evening.



**Free Dress Day this Friday September 19!**

**Footy Colours Day:** When we wear our team colours for Footy Colours Day, we're showing more than just who we cheer for. We're putting our Catholic Social Teaching into action!

Many in our school community have been touched by the diagnosis of cancer. By raising money for kids with cancer, we are living out **solidarity** (standing together) and respecting the **dignity of every person**. Just like teammates look out for each other on the field, we can look out for those who need our support and care, just like Jesus did.

Don't support a footy team like me? You are welcome to wear your gymnastics gear, netball or basketball uniform, dance outfits, horse riding clothes or any other outfit that shows off a hobby or interest! **Don't forget your gold coin donation!**

Christine Meneely, **Religious Education Leader**  
**MHiPS Leader (Mental Health in Primary School Leader)**



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### Student Led Conferences & Digital Learning Portfolios

A huge thank you to our students and teachers for their efforts in running Student Led Conferences over the past two weeks. These conferences are an important part of learning as they:

- help students show evidence of their progress
- build reflection, self-evaluation, and confidence
- develop organisation and communication skills
- encourage honest dialogue between students, parents/ carers and teachers
- support students in taking responsibility for their learning
- give parents/carers a deeper understanding of their child's journey
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We also encourage you to continue visiting your child's **Seesaw page** to see their 'real time' learning. Your comments and encouragement are greatly valued. Every class uses Seesaw as a **Digital Portfolio**, which is an important part of assessment and reporting. These portfolios showcase authentic learning samples linked to the Victorian Curriculum, gathered over time to reflect both what has been taught and what has been achieved.



As part of our Health and Physical Education curriculum, our Foundation to Year 2 students had a wonderful opportunity last Tuesday to learn with **Ditto the Lion Cub** from Bravehearts. This engaging program supports the VCAA (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority) guidelines, helping children understand health, safety, relationships, and wellbeing in age-appropriate ways.

More broadly, **Health Education at our school** encourages all students to explore the factors that influence their wellbeing. They develop skills in respect, inclusion, and positive decision-making while learning to challenge stereotypes and assumptions. Students also build personal and social skills, explore identity and emotions, and learn how to access reliable health information to support both their own and others' health. Thank you for supporting your child's learning – and enjoy a well-earned **Term 3 holiday!**

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



## Wellbeing News

**Child Safe Standard 2: Child safety and wellbeing is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture.**

At St Francis Xavier Primary School, we know that strong relationships between parents and teachers are central to every child's learning and wellbeing. When schools and families work together, students feel more supported, confident and motivated to achieve their personal best.

This week we are in the middle of our Student Led Conferences. These special meetings are a wonderful way to strengthen the partnership between home and school. They invite parents into the classroom to hear directly from

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their child about the learning that has taken place this term, guided by their teacher. This shared experience not only helps children take ownership of their learning but also builds a deeper connection between families and the classroom.

By coming together in this way, we celebrate each child's achievements and set future goals as a team. It's through these positive parent-teacher relationships that we can create the best possible environment for our students to thrive - academically, socially and emotionally.



### **SPECIAL REPORT: Parenting Styles**

There's no such thing as perfect parenting. But by understanding different parenting styles, we can better support our children in healthier and more effective ways.

Most of us parent as a blend of our own upbringing, lived experiences and external influences such as books, podcasts or parenting websites. And while parenting is always a challenge, it can become even more complex through divorce, separation, blended families, trauma and bereavement. Not to mention life's many other hurdles.

The concept of "parenting styles" was first introduced in the 1960s by Diana Baumrind, a clinical and developmental psychologist. She identified four main categories of parenting. Each style shapes a child's development in different ways and comes with both strengths and challenges.

Although well-intentioned, each parenting approach can have drawbacks in a child's development. Every child is unique, and their needs change as they grow. An authoritative style may suit younger children, but teenagers often require a greater balance of guidance and independence. The goal is to create a secure environment where children feel respected, heard and supported.

By learning more about the different styles and how they influence children, you can make informed choices about the approach that best suits your family. And remember, styles are not fixed. They can evolve over time as your child grows and their needs change.

SchoolTV invites you to watch this Special Report and complete the quiz to discover your own parenting styles. You might also like to compare your results with your partner's and reflect on the different approaches you each bring to parenting.

Here is the link to our Special Report: [https://sfxballarat.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-parenting-styles](https://sfxballarat.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-parenting-styles)

Sending cheers your way,



Gemma Johnson, **Wellbeing Leader**



## Division Athletics

A huge well done to the 18 students that were involved at last Thursday's Eureka Division Athletics at Llanberris. All students performed sensationally well in their event/s and should be very proud of their efforts.

Congratulations to the 13 students that have qualified for the Regional event early next term.





#### **Afterschool Netball**

Congratulations to all of the students that participated in the after school netball competition on Tuesday & Wednesday evenings during Term 3. The skill development, teamwork and fun that was had was fantastic to hear. Thank you to all of the coaches and families for your support and assistance with all of the teams involved.

#### **2025 SFX SPORTS DATES**

##### **Term 4:**

- Week 1 - Friday Oct 10th - Regional Athletics @ Llanberris (Qualifiers from Division Aths - Yr 4, 5 & 6)
- Week 3 - Friday Oct 24th - Division Golf Tournament @ Mt Xavier Golf Course (selected students from Yr 4, 5 & 6)
- Week 4 - Friday Oct 31st - SFX Junior Sports Day - (all students in F-2)
- Week 5 - Wednesday Nov 5th - Eureka Division Cricket @ Alredton Reserve (selected students from Yr 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 Mr Down or Mr Carroll or drop them into the office.

Have a great week.

Shaun Carroll, SFX Sport Coordinator





**RYANS IGA COMMUNITY REWARDS Program** For the months of September & October 2025 – St Francis Xavier Primary School has been selected to participate in the **Ryan's IGA Community Rewards program** at the **Northway store** – corner Doveton & Norman St. If you are in the area, pop in and collect your groceries and put you tokens in our token box.



**Hot Lunches** Please note, Flexischools have updated when you are placing your child's Lunch order, you are now able to select if your child has any allergies and it will print on your child's lunch bag label, we ask that you are selecting if they have any allergies as it makes it smoother process when it comes to packing lunch orders on a Friday. Also please note cut off for lunch orders is strictly 10am Thursday mornings. Thank you to our Co-ordinators & Volunteers who come and pack all of the children's lunch orders on a Friday!

## Attachments

Faith communities of Ballan, Ballarat East, Bungaree, Buninyong, Clarkes Hill, Dunnstown, Gordon and Springbank

# Ministry District Newsletter

**Priests** Frs Justin Driscoll & Shaiju Mathew  
**Ballarat East Parish**  
 Cathy Prunty and Natalie Gleeson  
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 Tuesday – Friday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Our parishes are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people, and vulnerable adults  
**Child Safety Officers:** Ballarat East Parish – Emily Clarke; Bungaree & Gordon Parishes – Cathy Prunty

## The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Year C 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2025

MINISTRY DISTRICT MASS TIMES			
Weekday Masses			
Tuesday September 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	St Alipius' Ballarat East	
Wednesday September 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am 11.00 am	Damascus College (30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) Mercy Place (All Welcome)	
Thursday September 18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am 11.30am	Calvary Kirralee Aged Care Ballarat East Ballan (with St Brigid's School)	
Friday September 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Ballarat East Dunnstown (with Damascus)	
Saturday September 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	St. Alipius' Ballarat East	
Weekend Masses			
Saturday September 20 <sup>th</sup>		Sunday September 21 <sup>st</sup>	
5.00 pm	Ballarat East	9.00 am	Ballarat East Gordon
6.30 pm	Dunnstown	10.30 am	Buninyong Ballan

### WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR:

#### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

John Box, Fr. Alex Lim, Michael Francis Pearce

#### THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

Robert (Bob) Stevenson

#### THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL

Irene D'Arcy Kathy Towns, Troy Watson (Steenhuis family), Elaine Conlan, Evelyn Farrugia, Patricia (Patty) Gannon, Michelle Hall, (baby) Mia Hanrahan, John Healy, Sarah McLachlan, Thelma Keating, Carole Simmons, Owen Widdison, Simon Murillo.

### PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAMS

#### BALLARAT EAST PARISH:

Rose Consignado, Judith Glaubitz, Martin McGettigan, Dianne McKeegan, Claire Stewart.

#### BUNGAREE PARISH:

Damian Ryan & Chris Frawley (Bungaree), Barry Sheehan & Dianne Reynolds (Dunnstown), Dom Prendergast, Maurice Mahar & Marty Forbes (Clarkes Hill).

#### GORDON PARISH:

Sue Daly & Brendan Maher (Springbank), Joan Bourke & Shane Carey (Gordon), Mark Conlan & Jim Leahy (Ballan).

*We acknowledge this land's traditional owners and custodians and pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging.*

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## COLLECTIONS

The figures below are for the last two weekends.

Supporting our priests: \$869

Supporting our parish: \$ 298.20

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

## BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Retired Priests

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for 17 retired priests. This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our retired priests. Your generous support has enabled us to continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up at Masses this weekend. You may also return your envelope during the week to the parish office.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

**'Caring for those who cared for us – the church community's responsibility'**

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

St Alipius Parish is served by three key Leadership groups – Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council and Liturgy Group. Each of these groups meet regularly throughout the year. Between them they seek to serve and build up the faith and community life of our parish, oversee its stewardship of financial and physical resources and coordinate its liturgical life. As well, there are many other groups and ministries that serve within our Parish.

There are currently vacancies on each of these groups. Expressions of interest are invited from parishioner to serve as a member of one of these key leadership groups – either as a member of the Pastoral Council, Finance Council or Liturgy Group. A written expression of interest can be emailed to [ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or given to Cathy Prunty (Co-ordinator) or Frs Justin of Shaiju. Please indicate which group you are interested in serving on, your contact details and tell us something about yourself.

## PARISH DIRECTORY

In recent times it has been suggested at Parish Council level that a Parish Directory should be collated to raise awareness of parish life. Thank you to some wonderful work from Judy Glaubitz, this directory has now been published and is available in the foyers of our churches. Please take one if you are interested in finding out more about our parish. The aim of this directory is for it to be easy to update so that the information in it is relevant at all times. Feedback is most welcome.

## CONFIRMATION

This coming Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, the children who have been preparing for Confirmation will gather in the John Shannon Centre at Damascus College where they will receive the sacrament. The children will be joined by their families and sponsors. We congratulate each of these children and keep them in our prayers. Thank you to the staff from our local schools for their support of this program.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for the random acts of kindness shown to my family and I, on the recent and unexpected death of our father, Felice. Whether, it was expressed through a text, an email, a thoughtful card, beautiful flowers, a plate of food, attending Dad's funeral, or silent acknowledgement and any other gesture of support, your empathy and compassion at this most difficult time is sincerely appreciated.

**Marcello and family**

## SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY, 14 SEPT

Today we are gathered on Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

## TRIVIA

Last Friday night we held our annual Trivia Night and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended. Thanks also to the many people who donated items for the raffle. Thank you to Natalie Gleeson for all her hard work in preparing the evening in a way that ensured a good night was had by all. \$1,232 was raised on the night.



## BAPTISMS

**Rubi Jay McDonald**  
Daughter of Ricky and Bianca McDonald

**Mack Nathaniel Quick**  
Son Trent and Tara Quick

## SEPTEMBER DATES

**Confirmation in the Ballarat East Parish**  
Tuesday September 16<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm @ Damascus

**Damascus Day 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass**  
Wednesday September 17<sup>th</sup> 10.00am

**Mecwacare Ballan Anointing Liturgy**  
Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00am

**St Brigid's School Mass Ballan**  
Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup> 11.30am

**Ballarat East Liturgy meeting**  
Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm

**Ballarat East Parish Pastoral Council**  
Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm

**Damascus @ St Brendan's Dunnstown Mass**  
Friday September 19<sup>th</sup> 1.00pm

**Mercy Day Mass @ Mercy Place**  
Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup> 11.00am

## SEASON OF CREATION

Each year from September 1 - October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. We are co-creatures and part of all that God has made. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth. We rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all beings who share it. This year, the theme for the season is "Peace with Creation."

## PARISH NEWSLETTERS

We welcome the opportunity to pray for those recently deceased and those whose anniversaries of death are occurring. These names will be included on the parish newsletter and in the prayers of the faithful. When sending in names to be included, please also include your name and a contact phone if any clarification is needed.



# The Most Distinctive of all Christian Symbols

## Reflection on the Gospel-The Triumph of the Cross

(John 3:13-17)

Veronica Lawson RSM

Today's feast of the Triumph or Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates the tradition that Empress Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, discovered the remains of the true Cross in Jerusalem in the 4<sup>th</sup> century CE. This "discovery" has captured the imagination of Christians through the ages. From earliest times, the Cross has been a sign of contradiction. It was initially a cause of embarrassment and shame, a reminder that the Romans executed Jesus as a common criminal. For John, it is a sign of God's great love for the world, evoking both the death of Jesus and his exaltation in glory. It was to become the most distinctive of all Christian symbols.

The reference to the cross in the reading from John's gospel is implied rather than explicit. Jesus must be "lifted up", both on the cross and in his return to God. John presents Jesus as the pre-existent one, as the one who comes from God and has already ascended to God. He then evokes the ancient Israelite story of the bronze serpent lifted up by Moses. According to the story in Numbers (21:5-9), the Israelites are unhappy with their lot in the desert. They complain about the food or lack of it and blame both God and Moses. Their situation worsens with the outbreak of a plague of poisonous snakes whose bite has killed no small number of them. The people interpret the plague as punishment for their sin of speaking against God.

They ask Moses to intercede with God on their behalf. God then instructs Moses to make an image of a fiery serpent and set it on a pole. Anyone affected by snakebite has only to look upon the image to find life and healing: the bronze serpent is lifted up and those who "see" or "look upon it" find life. That is the story from Israel's ancient folklore. Life and death, seeing and believing in God's love, are at the heart of this story.

The gospel writer taps into the collective memory of the emerging Christian community. Just as the serpent is lifted up and the people find life, so will Jesus be lifted up and those who "see" and believe in him will have unending life. This is possible because of God's unbounded love for the world. What does it mean for us, with our new consciousness of an evolving universe, to live out in these times of global discord and displacement the seemingly contradictory mystery of the exaltation of the cross? Many of us wear a cross, often a decorative cross. The walls of Christian institutions feature the cross. The cross we wear or hang on our walls remains a sign of God's love and of our solidarity in faith with millions of believers across the ages who have sought the healing power of the God of love. This year we might hold the cross in prayerful solidarity with the Christians of Gaza who refuse to abandon those who shelter in their church, whatever the cost to themselves.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers: 21:4-9

Philippians: 2:6-11

John: 3:13-17

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos: 8:4-7

1<sup>st</sup> Timothy: 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:10-13

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS 12<sup>th</sup> September Hosted by 5ZP Theme: Hospitality**

We welcome and include others.

Hospitality means welcoming other people to a home, business or school.

We show hospitality because Jesus teaches us to include everyone and show them they are welcome.

FLP	Stevie Smith and Hudson Warn	4JS	Connor White and Flynn McKay
FGJ	Vann Brooks and Kenzie Wilson	4LK	Macie Lloyd and Indie Shillito
FBO'K	Ivy Mitchell and Louis Dreyer	4KB	Lenny Ryan & Tara Lloyd
FTW	Lenny Sullivan and Louie Kersley	5CC	Lily Davison and Christian Wright
1JS	Leo Answer & Tex Olszewski	5ZP	Sophie McNeill & Kayden Finley
1EM	Elsie Howe and Jude Toohey	5QM	Lucy Bromley and Olivia Farrell
1GT	Sadie Porter and Will Green	6PB	Mia Hamill and Sophie Beseler
2RR	Zach Wilson and Lillian Armstrong	6ZA	Harriet Locke & Ava Nicholson
2MH	Alfie Brennan and Spencer Manning	6MM	Edward Lloyd and Aria Treacy
2TS	Lance Humphries & Cruz Raine	EE	4JS
3LL	Lachy Just and Freddy Dreher	PA	
3JT	Bryn Glab and Evie Loader	VA	Yael Vasserman and Harriet Howard (2RR)
3DG	Mila Quandt and Wilson Quinlan	PE	Birdie Toohey & Freddie Brown
		Tch	Isla Easton (2RR) & Howard Latchford (2RR)
<b>Principal's Award:</b> Charlie Kersley for representing our school so well in the community Ava Nicholson for assisting another student who needed help on the yard			

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY

## Group Program

# EQUINE ASSISTED THERAPY

Looking for a holiday activity that's more than just fun?  
Our Equine Assisted Therapy Holiday Sessions combine play, learning, and the magic of horses to help children and teens build emotional awareness, confidence, and resilience.

**6-9 years**  
*Playful pony connection*  
Games, fun activities, learning about feelings through horses

**10-13 years**  
*Confidence and connection*  
Teamwork with horses, self-awareness, managing emotions in a safe space

**14-18 years**  
*Leadership and emotional growth*  
Developing resilience, trust, communication, and stress management with horses

**EQUISS**  
Counselling and Therapies

**BOOK NOW**

\$100 per session

**September 2025 holiday bookings:**

<p><b>Week 1</b> Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 9am - 12pm 6-9 year olds 1:30pm - 4:30pm 10-13 year olds</p> <p><b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b> 9am - 12pm 10-13 year olds 1:30pm - 4:30pm 14-18 year olds</p>	<p><b>Week 2</b> Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 9am - 12pm 14-18 year olds 1:30pm - 4:30pm 10-13 year olds</p> <p><b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b> 9am - 12pm 10-13 year olds 1:30pm - 4:30pm 6-9 year olds</p>
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(20 mins from Ballarat)  
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Hi to all St Francis Xavier students and families, The Ballarat Junior Golf Academy is getting ready for a big Spring and Summer of Junior Golf at Mt Xavier golf club

A special free trial lesson day is open for any St Francis Xavier students who are interested in golf to take a golf class with us on Monday 29th September that will be held 10am to 12pm

No clubs no problem everything will be supplied.

To enrol in a trial lesson class or a term training program at Mt Xavier Golf Club go here

<https://www.golf.org.au/mygolf/facility/Mount+Xavier+Golf+Club>

From Thursday 9th October we are conducting a ten week program at Mt Xavier golf club and if you have a child who likes golf we would welcome the opportunity to guide them.

Just a reminder of what we do Train champions; our record is great! Win State and National awards for our support of Juniors!

Support Ballarat District Golf with tournaments for kids all year round!

Provide transport and opportunities every month for higher level tournament play across Metropolitan and other country regions!

Support every junior golfer regardless of skill level or age!

Consult to and work with Golf Australia, Westvic Academy of Sport, State Schools of Victoria and various other Golf clubs.

Any questions about Junior golf I can always be contacted on email or on Mobile 0409 403276.

All the best Andrew Cartledge [acartledge@pgamember.org.au](mailto:acartledge@pgamember.org.au)



**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.**



**Live Your Best Life in Love...**  
**A Marriage Encounter weekend is for you...**

Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from life's distractions.  
The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected  
and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive.

No group sharing is required.

The weekend is based around Catholic values. Couples of all faiths are very welcome.

**Please check our website for details and to book your special weekend:**

**We have 2 further weekends on offer this year**  
**October 3-5 at Tooleybuc Sporting Club / Tooleybuc Motor Inn - a great weekend getaway**  
**October 10-12 at St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South**  
Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

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Registrations are open for the **Ballarat Little Athletics Centre's 2025/2026 season.**

This program is designed for primary and secondary students to develop fundamental athletic skills,  
have fun, and build confidence through friendly competition.

Details:

- Season Dates: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025 - 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026
- Event Days: Saturdays @ 8:30 am
- Ages: Under 6 - Under 17
- Location: Llanberris Athletics Reserve, York Street, Ballarat East
- Registration link: <https://lavic.com.au/centres/ballarat/>



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CLINICS WITH

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## FOOTY AND WELLBEING

AGES 5-12



SKILLS



FUN



HEART



CONNECTION



STARS

AGES 12-16

HUMAN FIRST, ATHLETE SECOND

SEPTEMBER 22ND-OCTOBER 1ST

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DATES. LOCATIONS. INFO

BALLARAT (CE BROWN RESERVE)

MONDAY 22/SEP 9AM-3PM 5-12YRS

TUESDAY 23/SEP 10AM-2PM 12-16YRS

MONDAY 29/SEP 9AM-3PM 5-12YRS

TUESDAY 30/SEP 10AM-2PM 12-16YRS

MARYBOROUGH (PRINCES PARK)

WEDNESDAY 24/SEP 9AM-3PM 5-12YRS

WEDNESDAY 1/OCT 10AM-2PM 12-16YRS

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\$75 - ONE DAY

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## **Come Join Us**

### **Junior players required**

Brown Hill Cricket Club Junior training  
Commences Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October for  
**U11's, U13's, U15's & U17's**  
Brown Hill Reserve 4.30pm

### **Woolworths Cricket Blast**

Commencing Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October  
Brown Hill Reserve 4.30pm

**Require Further Information:**  
Contact: Phillip Knowles 0407399971  
Phillip.knowles1960@gmail.com