



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 10th November 2025
Term 4 Week 6

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Term 4 (11 weeks)

Mon 6th Oct – Fri 19th Dec

Friday 14th November

Year 6 Graduation photos

2pm Colour Run on our oval

No Assembly

Friday 21st November

Interschool Sport with
Emmaus – Yr 5 @ SFX,
Yr 6 @ Emmaus

No Assembly

Mon 24th – Wed 26th Nov

Year 5 Camp

Tuesday 25th November

6.30pm Foundation
information night in gym

Friday 28th November

Casual Dress Day - *Gold coin
donation for St Vinnies*

Last day for Reverse Advent
Calendar donations

Last day for Book Club
Issue 8 orders

Tuesday 2nd December

Pop Up Uniform Shop

Moving up day for whole
school

Friday 5th December

9.30am End of Year Mass
in our Gym

Tuesday 9th December

5pm Christmas Carols Night

Friday 12th December

Yr 6 Students v Staff annual
netball match

Tuesday 16th December

5.30pm Yr 6 Graduation
Liturgy

Thursday 18th December

Final 2025 day for students

On the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear families,

In just four weeks, our federal government will introduce new legislation restricting social media access for children under 16 years of age. This represents a significant step forward in the area of cyber safety and is being closely watched by many other countries.

The new restrictions are designed to protect children from the pressures and risks associated with social media use. These risks often stem from design features that encourage excessive screen time and expose young users to content that can impact their health and wellbeing. It's important to note that online gaming and standalone messaging apps are excluded from the new rules. However, messaging services that include social-media-style features—such as content sharing or public interaction—may fall under the new age restrictions, as will messaging features accessed through age-restricted social media platforms.

As someone who occasionally encounters the darker side of social media, I am very aware of the impact it can have on young people. As an educator, I've seen firsthand the effects of overexposure to screens; and as a parent, I understand how central technology has become in all our lives. I'm hopeful that these new regulations will help address these challenges and provide parents with greater support as we navigate this evolving space together.

With the new laws taking effect on December 10, now may be a good time to start preparing and having those important family discussions.



God bless,

Mark Hogbin



November – Our time to remember

During the month of November, we like to stop for a moment to recall friends and family who have died. As part of our remembering time, we have set up a prayer focus in our school chapel. If you would like to spend a moment in prayer or reflection, please feel welcome to visit our chapel at any time during the day.

May theirs, and the souls of all the faithfully departed, rest in peace. Amen

SFX Colour Run

Are you ready for the Colour Run on Friday? This is a great day of fun for all students as they come together to enjoy some special fun and games.

Each year our Parents & Friends Committee works hard to raise funds for our school. Special events like the Colour Run add something unique to the year while at the same time assisting us to reach our goals. This year we would like to add to our adventure playground with some new and exciting equipment. We are aiming high to raise funds and the Colour Run is something that the children can contribute to as part of our school community. We still have a bit of a way to go if we want to reach our targets so if you haven't offered sponsorship yet, it's not too late! Dig deep and enjoy hearing your children's account of how they ran and dodged colour jets to help our school. Of course, all members of our community are welcome to join us. We will gather on the oval to commence at 2.00pm.



Thankyou Parents & Friends!



Thank you to our Parents & Friends Committee who organised family Santa photos yesterday. Many families were able to take up the opportunity to have a free photo with Santa before he gets too busy in the lead up to Christmas. Our P&F do a great job throughout the year supporting our school and helping to build community at SFX. Thank you, P&F!

Summer School Uniform

As we move into the warmer months, students are now required to wear their summer school uniform for the remainder of the school year. This will continue until the end of Term 1, 2026.

A reminder that hats are a compulsory part of the uniform during this period. Please ensure your child brings a hat to school each day to support our SunSmart practices and keep everyone protected while outdoors.

Congratulations SFX Athletics Team!

Our senior boys competed in the State Athletics Championships last week at Lakeside stadium. Congratulations to Sidney, Tom, Jed and Alex who not only represented our school so well but also secured a silver medal for the boys 100-metre relay making them one of the fastest relay teams in Victoria! We also congratulate Sidney who came 8th in the 100-metre sprint finals. Well done team!



Cover- Up Clothing

With the warmer weather (hopefully) not too far away, children may cease bringing cover up clothing to school. We will continue to remind the children to play safely on the yard and to enjoy their break times respectfully.

Simon User Update

DOBCEL would like to acknowledge the support and patience that all families have shown while the SIMON platform has been out of action across all of our schools. We are hopeful that SIMON will be up and operating again soon.

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.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL- Sunday November 9, 2025 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Year C)

Gospel: John 2:13-22

It was almost time for the Passover Festival, so Jesus went to Jerusalem. There in the Temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and pigeons, and also the moneychangers sitting at their tables. So he made a whip from cords and drove all the animals out of the Temple, both the sheep and the cattle; he overturned the tables of the money changers and scattered their coins; and he ordered those who sold the pigeons, "Take them out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that the scripture says, "My devotion to your house, O God, burns in me like a fire."

The Jewish authorities came back at him with a question, "What miracle can you perform to show us that you have the right to do this? Jesus answered, "Tear down this Temple, and in three days I will build it again."

"Are you going to build it again in three days?" they asked him. "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple!" But the temple Jesus was speaking about was his body. So when he was raised from death his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and what Jesus had said. *(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation®)*

Gospel reflection: The temple was the highly symbolic place where civil and religious power melded into one. Jesus targets a central part of the corruption, the exploitation of pilgrims of their hard earned money. It was the poor who were being exploited through the sale of sacrificial doves and other animals, which by law they were obliged to buy. Those getting the payoff included the High Priest and his entourage, who in addition to any profits accrued, received taxes from vendors and money-changers. Jesus drove the traders all out of the Temple because he saw the meaning of the Temple as a holy sanctuary had been lost for ordinary people due to the greed of the traders and the ruling caste running the Temple. Jesus was standing up for what he believed in. He saw something that he did not think was fair or right and so he acted to change the situation. Just like Jesus stood up for what was right, we are called to do the same.

Our Challenge: What do you do when you see something that you know is wrong or unfair? What can you do to change things that you know are unfair? *(Adapted from CAFOD website and Jim Considine "Driving Out the Money Changers" 2009)*



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER is proud to be involved
in the 2025 Reverse Advent Calendar!**

What is a Reverse Advent Calendar?

Unlike a regular Advent Calendar where the focus is on receiving a treat every day **the Reverse Advent Calendar takes the focus off receiving and places the focus on giving to others.** This aligns with our Catholic Social Teaching in providing preferential treatment for the poor and vulnerable.

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To support this wonderful Ballarat initiative, our school is collecting donations of **PASTA AND PASTA SAUCE** to help fill any donated boxes that need extra items. This way, we can help ensure that every box recipient receives a special gift this Christmas. Boxes for donations will be situated in the school office and in classrooms. Please ensure all donations are received by Friday November 28

Join us in spreading kindness and making a difference in our community!

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



Sport/Physical Education News

Division Cricket

Some would say a typical Ballarat Spring day was on display at Alfredton Rec Res last Wednesday as our 4 SFX teams took to the fields in the Eureka Division Cricket tournament. We were represented by 32 wonderful students who all displayed outstanding skill, teamwork and sportspersonship. Congratulations to all of our teams and a special mention to the Villa 2 Girls and Boys teams for both finishing second overall in their divisions. A big thank you to Ms Astbury, Tegan and Bella for coaching and a special shoutout to Xavier Staley for giving up his time to also assist on the day.





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SFX Junior Sports Day

We got off to a magnificent start to the morning at our Junior Sports Day, but unfortunately the weather wasn't on our side and we had to call an early end to the day. A big thankyou to the families for your understanding. We are trying to organise something at school to conduct the running events as this is always a special part of the day.

State Track and Field

A huge congratulations to Tom K, Alex P, Jed H and Sidney P who ran at last week's Victorian State Track and Field event in Melbourne. After finishing second in their heat of the 4x100m relay, the boys ran in lane 5 in the final and in a super tight finish managed to win the silver medal. We are all very proud of you and you should all be extremely proud of yourselves too.

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.

Term 4:

- Week 7 - Friday November 21st - Interschool Sport with Emmaus - Yr 5 @ SFX, Yr 6 @ Emmaus

Have a great week.



Shaun Carroll, **SFX Sport Coordinator**



Only 4 more sleeps until Colour Run on Friday!!!
2.00pm - 3.15pm



Volunteers are needed to make this event run smoothly, so if you can help out, please reach out to Lisa Clark on 0412 647 737



Also don't forget if you haven't already signed your child up with a profile for your child to participate and raise money please do so asap - there are still lots of children not signed up!
<https://stfrancisxavierballarateast.goraiseit.com.au/>.



Do you want to slime a teacher??? To be eligible for this you must be signed up and have collected donations! We also have 3 more spot prizes this week - the final prize will be given to the child with the most donations!!!



With PAM currently down, we require everyone to please send the school office an email with your consent for your child/children to participate in the Colour Run office@sfxballarat.catholic.edu.au



Casual clothes day - but remember to wear a white t-shirt if you can and clothes you don't mind getting colour on! This includes a hat if possible - sunglasses will be provided!



Bring a bin bag or towel to sit on in the car on the way home



Bus kids bring a change of clothes please



Children will be given a Zooper Dooper after the run!



If you would like to come along and watch you are more than welcome!

Thanks for everyone's support for this event - we can't wait for the kids to have a great afternoon!!!



- **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DONATIONS** – We are seeking donations for our Christmas Raffle – if you would like to make a donation, or know someone or a Business who would like to make a donation – please reach out to Lisa Clark 0412 647 737 – or drop your donation into the office – **if we could have these in by the end of this week please.**

- **Uniform Shop**

Our Second Hand Uniform shop is always open, please see the office staff if you wish to have a look at any items in our Second Hand Uniform shop, or reach out to a member of our P&F to help you with any of your Uniform needs – **We will be holding another Pop Up Shop on Tuesday 2nd December – we would love if anyone who has uniforms that no longer fit be donated prior to this date!**

- **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!

- **Zooper Doopers - every FRIDAY in Term 4 - \$1 each available at 2nd break**



SFX Christmas raffle

DONATIONS

SFX Parents & Friends association are
seeking your support for donations
for our Christmas raffle

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO OWNS A BUSINESS THAT
COULD OFFER A SERVICE OR WOULD DONATE AN ITEM FOR
OUR SFX CHRISTMAS RAFFLE?

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DONATION BUT ARE UNSURE
HOW YOU CAN HELP?

PURCHASE A GIFT VOUCHER, DONATE A HAMPER,
PURCHASE AN ITEM TO DONATE

ALL BUSINESSES & FAMILIES WHO MAKE DONATIONS WILL
BE PROMOTED IN ORDER FOR OUR SFX COMMUNITY TO
CONTINUE SUPPORTING THEM IN THE SAME MANNER THAT
THEY HAVE SUPPORTED OUR SCHOOL

Please drop any donations into the
front office, or if you have any
questions contact Lisa Clark

0412 647 737



2025 SFX Colour Run Fundraiser



**Sign up to begin fundraising
today - scan on the QR code**

Friday 14th November

- **Spot Prizes drawn every school day of the campaign**
- **Opportunity to slime the teachers**
- **Free Sunglasses for every child**
- **Free Zooper Dooper at the end**
- **Don't forget to wear a white t-shirt for the best effect**

**Volunteers needed to make the
day run smoothly - Please
contact Lisa 0412 647 737**

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

Ministry District Newsletter

Priests Frs Justin Driscoll & Shaiju Mathew
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Cathy Prunty and Natalie Gleeson
0437 505 517

ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au
bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au
gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Year C – 9th November, 2025

MINISTRY DISTRICT MASS TIMES			
Weekday Masses			
Tuesday November 11 th	9.30 am	St Alipius' Ballarat East	
Wednesday November 12 th	11.00 am	Mercy Place (All Welcome)	
Thursday November 13 th	10.30 am	St Brigid's Ballan	
	11.00 am	Mecwacare Ballarat East	
Friday November 14 th	9.30am	St Alipius' Ballarat East	
Saturday November 15 th	9.30 am	St. Alipius' Ballarat East	
Weekend Masses			
Saturday November 15 th		Sunday November 16 th	
6.00 pm	Ballarat East	9.00 am	Ballarat East Ballan
6.30 pm	Dunnstown	10.30 am	Buninyong Gordon Cemetery

WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR:

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME
Lynette O'Brien, Connor Prunty, Paul Wheelahan,
Joseph Toohey, Grace Bartaska, Bob Conroy, Valerie
Adams, Dorothea Toohey, Matthew George, Frank
Teuma, Catherine Keating, Richard Butler, Maudie
Smallman, Joe Fitzpatrick, Mary Ryan

THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL
Daren Vukmirovic, Irene D'Arcy, 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

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.

COLLECTIONS

There was no counting this week, due to the public holiday on Tuesday.

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

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Gordon Parish is hosting a Christmas Celebration at Donegan's Farm, 309 Butter Factory Road, Gordon, on Sunday, 30th November at 6.00pm. All welcome, it's a great opportunity for us all to have a get together before Christmas. Nibbles on arrival, roast main and plum pudding. Cost \$40. Bookings to be made through the Parish Office, phone 0437 505 517.

VIT REGISTRATION

As part of the safeguarding in our parish, we ask teachers who volunteer to provide their updated VIT registration to the parish on an annual basis. If you are a volunteer who needs to do this, can we ask that you do so as soon as possible please.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL) NEWS

Garden Party to support Pregnancy Help Ballarat, Sunday November 30th - Keep this date free - Details to follow.

Christmas Stall at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday December 14th, after the morning Masses. Competition for decorated Christmas cake. Tickets to be sold in advance. Rose sale. Donations welcome
Inquiries - Carmel 0401 175 045

LITURGY ROSTER

During the next week office staff will be looking at the Liturgy Roster for Advent and beyond. Please advise us if you are not available to be rostered at stages during the months of December and January.

PRAYER FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY – NOVEMBER 11

Father of peace,
we pray for those who have served to protect our great Southern Land;
we commend to your mercy those who died for our freedom;
we pray for the safety of those who are currently serving in the defence forces.
we pray for peace throughout the world.
We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASSES

Our annual Remembrance Masses, celebrating the lives of those who have passed away in the past 12 months will be held in coming weeks.

ST. ALIPIUS PARISH

6 pm Saturday November 8th at St Alipius

10.30 am Sunday November 16th at Ss. Peter and Paul's Buninyong

GORDON PARISH

The cemetery Mass will be held on Sunday 16th November, at 11.00am, at the Gordon Cemetery, Old Western Highway, Gordon. All welcome.

BUNGAREE PARISH

Mass at the Bungaree (Pootilla) cemetery on November 9th at 9am.

RCIA FOR CHILDREN

The parish currently has several families who have expressed interest in the RCIA for children. This program will run in the first term of 2026. If you know of anyone who would be interested in finding out more about this process, please encourage them to contact the parish office. An information meeting will be held in late November, early December.

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028 THEME ANNOUNCED

Pope Leo XIV has chosen "This is My Body, Given for You" as the theme for the International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Sydney in 2028. Read more at the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

WELCOME BACK FR. JUSTIN

We are pleased to welcome Fr. Justin back to the parish this weekend after his well-earned break. Fr. Justin we hope you found some peace in your time away.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

During Advent this year, we will be having the Children's Liturgy of the Word at our 6pm Masses. This program will begin on the evening of Saturday November 29th and will run each weekend until Christmas. This gives children a chance to listen to the readings, complete an activity and pray together. Please spread the word.

UPCOMING DATES

Saturday 8th November
Remembrance Mass
6 pm St. Alipius'

Wednesday 12th November
Parish Finance Council
7.30 am – Parish Hub

Sunday 16th November
Remembrance Mass
10.30 am Ss. Peter and Paul's

Thursday 13th November
Liturgy Meeting
5 pm – Parish Hub

Thursday 20th November
PPC Meeting
6.30 pm - Venue TBC

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE

The Australian Catholics Magazine is available in the foyers of our churches. Pick up your copy today, it always contains a series of interesting articles to reflect on.

COUNTER'S ROSTER

Our parish is currently looking for people who might like to be on our counter's roster. If you are available on a Tuesday morning and think that this is something you could do, please contact the parish office. Please note that a Police check is required for this, but we are happy to help you with that.

BAPTISMS

Teddy Max & Navy Hart Holloway
Children of Aaron Holloway and Abbey Rigby

Lilly-Rose Siare & Philip Kaki Kosky
Children of Jake & Nicole Kosky

Y.C.W CRICKET CLUB

Former players, family and supporters of the Y.C.W Cricket Club are invited to a get together for lunch on Sunday 7th December 2025 at the Robin Hood Hotel, starting at 12pm. For further details or to book contact Terry on 0401 730 670 or John on 0409 864 080.

OLHC PARISH WENDOUREE CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

OLHC Parish Wendouree volunteers are hosting a free lunch on Christmas Day in the Parish Hall, 480A Gillies Street North, Wendouree from 12.00noon – 2.00pm (meal at 12.30pm). Bookings are essential as seating is limited, ph. 0491 029217. Thank you to all the very wonderful volunteers for their work in making the Christmas Day lunch at OLHC so special over all the years it has been held. We welcome all those who would like to volunteer on the day - please phone 0467 683504 to register. A Working with Children Check is required for all volunteers.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Thank you for your continued support of Caritas Australia. It is due to this support that we have been able to provide humanitarian aid to communities impacted by natural disasters and war, and clean water, education, and food security to vulnerable communities worldwide. Here are some articles that highlight how your support has enabled our partners to provide humanitarian aid in Gaza:

- [Caritas Jerusalem delivers life-saving infant formula in Gaza amid ceasefire](#)
- [Caritas Australia welcomes ruling on urgent humanitarian access to Gaza](#)

We are inviting you to continue supporting our efforts by:

- Purchasing Global Gifts Christmas Cards: these are a great gift idea that will help to build a brighter future for children, women and men experiencing hardship and poverty - www.globalgifts.org.au
- Praying with us, using our Advent Resources - www.caritas.org.au/advent

Caritas Australia's Global Gifts are Christmas Cards with purpose!

Every card you buy helps build brighter futures for children, women and men experiencing hardship and poverty. By putting your compassion into action and shopping for the Global Gifts of your choice you will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable and communities, while giving your loved ones a meaningful Christmas card. View the range of Global Gifts at www.globalgifts.org.au

We Cannot Live without Beauty or the Symbolic in our Lives

Reflection on the Gospel- Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

(John 2:13-22)

Veronica Lawson RSM

My mother once told us (her children) never to replicate a mistake that she had made when she was first married. She received an unexpected £2000 bequest from a relative and found herself confronted with a choice between purchasing furniture for the house my dad had just built and investing in a Dobell painting that had come on the market. After a good deal of soul-searching, she opted for the furniture. Reflecting on this decision many years later, she told us: "You can sit on kerosene tins or wooden cartons, but you cannot live without beauty or the symbolic in your life. Never make the mistake that I made." That advice comes to mind again as I consider today's feast and as I reflect on those who, over the ages, have taken to heart the message of the prophet Haggai and have attended to the building of God's house of worship.

Why celebrate the dedication of a church? Why does this feast override the sequence of Sundays in Ordinary Time? Why is it so important? It is not so much a question of the beauty of the Church of St John Lateran in Rome that makes it so important. It rather has to do with what this particular church signifies for Christians. The first Lateran Basilica was built in the time of the Emperor Constantine. Many of the Church Councils from the seventh century to the sixteenth century were held there. It was known as the "mother and head of all the churches of the city (Rome) and of the world." It is the Pope's church and the basilica of Rome. As such, it has functioned as a sign of unity for all Christians from the fourth century of the common era and has the potential to function in this way for all Catholic Christians in our times.



The selection from John's gospel presents Jesus driving the money-changers and the merchants from the Temple precinct in Jerusalem. These people had a legitimate function there, but some were more interested in financial gain than in respect for the Temple as God's dwelling place and as a locus of worship. Jesus affirms the Temple as God's 'house'. He goes on to speak of the temple of his body that God will "raise up" after three days. The gospel is thus a subtle reminder that the building is God's house only if our lives are congruent with what the building signifies. In Paul's theology, the church and its members are "God's building". The term "church" has come to designate both the architectural edifice and the believers who assemble for worship. Beautiful church buildings play a crucial role in raising our hearts and minds to God and in leading us to deep respect for all of God's creation. That is most certainly true of my regular place of worship, the Church of Saints Peter and Paul in Buninyong, Victoria. My mother was right about the power of the symbolic.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ezekiel: 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

1 Corinthians: 3:9-11, 16-17

Gospel: John: 2:13-22

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi: 3:19-20

2 Thessalonians: 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19



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Camp #36 & Camp OUT:
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Camp #37: 19-23 Jan**



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Queries:
Coach Sean
0411 602 204

SUMMER

Holiday Program

**\$65
per
day**

**8am - 5pm
Mon - Fri**

Kinder - Grade 6
All different sports and
games, join the fun!

DEC

15th - 24th

JAN

5th - 30th

Location

Our Holiday Program will be running at the
Ballarat Netball Association these holidays!

115 Barkly St, Golden Point, 3350

**Nerf
Games**

**9th
Jan**

**Kelly
Sports
Games**

**16th
Jan**

**Summer
Games**

**23rd
Jan**

Kids need to bring along a
big packed lunch & large
refillable drink bottle. Dress in
comfortable sports clothing!

Ballarat Netball Association
115 Barkly St, Golden Point, 3350
8am - 5pm Weekdays
Kinder - Grade 6 - Enroll online

We will NOT be running
MON 26th January
public holiday

www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat

SEEKING COMMUNITY KINSHIP CARERS



COULD YOU OFFER A SAFE SPACE WITHIN YOUR HOME FOR A CHILD IN OUR COMMUNITY?

DFFH and BADAC are currently working together to build a network of Kinship carers within the BADAC community. This will ensure our children remain connected to Culture and Community.

If you have ever considered helping to provide care for one of our children, please reach out to us on the numbers provided, or come along to our Community Kinship Carer Information Night!

Kinship care is about:

- Ensuring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people have a positive and nurturing family life experience that will support their cultural, social and emotional development.
- Providing a culturally safe home for children who cannot live with their birth families.
- Maintaining the child or young person's connections with their families and communities.
- Recognising and maintaining the child or young person's Aboriginal identity and place in the community.

Families come in all shapes and sizes; large families, couples and single adults can all offer something different to meet the needs of specific children. We currently need Kinship carers for all types of care; long-term, short-term and respite, and want to work with you to discover what would best suit your circumstances.

There is immediate and ongoing financial support available for all placements to ensure that caring for children does not have a negative financial impact on your family.

CARERS INFORMATION NIGHT

WHEN? 19th November, 2025
at 6pm

WHERE? Tree room, BADAC
106-108 Armstrong st,
Ballarat Central VIC
3350

**To register your interest,
please contact:**

Caitlin (BADAC)- 0427 274 663
Linda (DFFH)- 0448 111 325



BADAC is a Child Safe Organisation.