



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 27th May 2024
Term 2 Week 7

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Term 2 (11 weeks)

Mon 15th Apr – Fri 28th Jun

Thursday 30th May

4pm Reconciliation Action Plan Launch in the future Indigenous Garden

Friday 31st May

2.40pm Assembly led by 6MM

Friday 7th June

2.40pm Assembly led by 5MM

Monday 10th June

King's Birthday Holiday

Wednesday 12th June

Last day for Book Club Issue 4 Orders

Friday 14th June

2.40pm Assembly led by 4ML

Friday 21st June

2.40pm Assembly led by 3JW

Friday 28th June

12.40pm Assembly led by FMM

Term 3 (10 weeks)

Mon 15th Jul – Fri 20th Sep

Mon 15th & Tues 16th July

Student Free Days

Thursday 18th July

10.30am and 6pm

Confirmation: Compulsory Parent Information Sessions at St Alipius Church

Friday 19th July

Start of Term Mass

Friday 26th July

2.40pm Assembly led by 2CK

Friday 2nd August

2.40pm Assembly led by 1EM

Friday 16th August

2.40pm Assembly led by FTW

In the Land of the Wadawurrung People

Dear families,

I have had great pleasure in wandering around our school this week to observe students learning in their classrooms and on the yard. One thing that stands out as I speak with the children is how well-mannered our students are. This has led me to ponder on the significance of manners and their importance in our lives today. Are manners still important? I'm fairly sure they are.

We know that good manners help to create a culture of respect. When we treat each other with courtesy and respect it fosters a culture where everyone feels valued and heard. This in turn, enhances communication and cooperation which are both essential elements for a learning community. We also know that good manners contribute to building honest relationships. Politeness in our interactions cultivates trust and understanding among peers and between students and staff.

Anyone who works in business will tell us that good manners prepare children for life beyond the classroom. Employers value people who exhibit professionalism and respect towards others. By practicing good manners at school, our children develop some valuable life skills that will serve them well in their future endeavors.

Good manners are not just niceties, they are essential for creating a positive learning environment, fostering positive relationships, and preparing our children for life beyond the classroom. Our students at Saint Francis Xavier exhibit excellent manners. Let's celebrate that and build on our strengths as we grow and learn together.

God bless,

Mark Hogbin



Friday 23rd August

Book Week Parade
2.40pm Assembly led by FGJ

Friday 30th August

Fathers/Special Friends Day
Liturgy

Friday 6th September

2.40pm Assembly led by
4BO

Friday 13th September

2.40pm Assembly led by
3DW

Term 4 (11 weeks)

Mon 7th Oct – Fri 20th Dec

Friday 11th October

Start of Term/Mercy Day
Mass

Friday 18th October

2.40pm Assembly led by 2JS

Friday 25th October

2.40pm Assembly led by
1MV

Friday 1st November

2.40pm Assembly led by
5JW

Monday 4th November

Student Free Day

Tuesday 5th November

Melbourne Cup Holiday

Friday 8th November

2.40pm Assembly led by 6ZA

Friday 15th November

2.40pm Assembly led by 2RR

Wed 20th & Thurs 21st Nov

Year 5 Camp

Winter Uniform

It has been great to see our students wearing their winter school uniform with pride. If you would like to purchase a winter Beanie please note that the SFX school beanie can be purchased from Crockers in Ballarat. This is the only form of acceptable winter beanie to be worn with our school uniform.

Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6 students enjoyed a great Melbourne experience last week. From exploring the Shrine of Remembrance to shopping at Victoria Market, everyone had an experience to remember. Thank you to our dedicated staff who worked so hard to make this event such a success. Well done to our students also who so proudly represented our school.

Following the Villa Way

Following the Villa Way is an important part of how we teach children to be mindful and respecting of others. Our core values of Respect, Hospitality, Justice, Compassion and Excellence are reflected in our Villa Way and these are practiced by our students every day. Let's all be mindful that when we attend outside sporting events in our schools name that we are representing our school and our school values. In this way we will be promoting our school in the most positive ways possible.



THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL- Sunday May 26, 2024 The Most Holy Trinity (Year B)

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus' eleven disciples went to a mountain in Galilee, where Jesus had told them to meet him. They saw him and worshiped him, but some of them doubted. Jesus came to them and said: I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth! Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world. (*Gospel passage taken from Contemporary English Version*)

Gospel reflection:

Sometime after his death and resurrection, Jesus appears to the disciples. He has a very special task for them- He asks them to spread his word – to teach people to follow his commandments. Jesus asks us to love God and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Jesus's words today weren't just for his disciples – they were for all of us. Saint Francis of Assisi said, "Preach the gospel at all times, and when necessary use words." What do you think this means?

What do you think is the best way of sharing Jesus's word with other people? Is it telling them about Jesus? Or might it be better to show people through our actions? We could be kind and generous and share with others – the same way we would like them to treat us. We could try to make sure that the world is a fairer place for all people to live in.

Our Challenge- What will you do to share Jesus's word with others through your actions? (*Adapted from CAFOD website*)



Christine Meneely, **Religious Education Leader**

Curriculum News



Continuing to Strive for Excellence At SFX

Here at SFX we are continually striving to provide quality learning and teaching that promotes excellence and fosters fullness of life for all. We believe in always looking for opportunities to strengthen our current practices to enhance the learning outcomes for our children.

St Francis Xavier Primary School aims to provide an enriched education where all students are equipped with the

knowledge, skills and behaviours to prosper in the global knowledge economy of the 21st century. As we move through the term teachers and children are working hard and learning so much in the curriculum areas we provide here. Religion, English, Mathematics, Inquiry, Social and Emotional Learning, Auslan, Technology, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Physical Education, Environmental Education also our Critical and Creative Thinking and our Personal and Social Capabilities. Great work everyone!

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Semester One Reports

Currently teachers are working on moderating and formulating your child's/ren work samples and testing results to ensure that their reports are accurate and up to date. I thank them for the energy, thoroughness, sincerity, and professionalism that they bring to their report writing. As communicated to families, St. Francis Xavier Primary School continues its firm commitment to working in partnership with parents/carers to enable our children to achieve their best. Our end of Semester One reports will be made available via PAM from Thursday 27th June.



What a great time we had in our library on Wednesday celebrating our National Simultaneous Story Time (NSS). Many thanks to the children who attended the reading.

Enjoy your week.



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

Wellbeing News

We know that when children feel listened to and know where to go for help and support it can make it easier if they feel worried or unsafe right now or at some point in the future. To prompt this feeling you may like to have a go at creating a Wellbeing Box with your child - you may even like to make one for yourself as well!

What you will need:

A box. You could choose to decorate the box with wrapping paper or paint.

Start by talking about why you're making a Wellbeing Box together. Find a quiet time and explain that the Wellbeing Box is to collect all the things that can help a person when things are difficult. Ask your child to think about what helps them, who they can talk to if they need support and what kind of things make them feel better. Let your child guide you so that they can decide what works for them. If you're making one too - feel free to share about what you're going to put in yours and why.

Fill your box with reminders of things that make them feel safe and happy.

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This could be:

- Objects or photos to remind your child of their trusted adults.
- Something that reminds them of places they felt happy and safe (a keepsake from a trip, a pebble from a beach for example).
- Messages/cards from friends and family to your child.
- Song lyrics or poetry that they like.
- Their favourite small teddy or toy.
- Playlist of upbeat songs.
- Items that help them feel calmer (a feather to help with calm breathing, a glitter ball, squeeze ball, a smooth stone).
- Notepad to write down things to share.

Small activities like this help kids learn and remember that every child has the right to speak out and stay safe.

Sending cheers your way,



Gemma Johnson, **Wellbeing Leader**

Sport/Physical Education News

Division Soccer

Well done to the amazing boys' and girls' soccer teams for their outstanding performances at last week's Eureka Division Soccer tournament. All teams played exceptionally well showcasing not only their incredible skills on the field but also exemplary sportspersonship. Your hard work, dedication and team spirit represented our school with pride and honour. A big thank you to Mr Ferguson and Mrs Walker for looking after the teams and to all of the families that came along to support the teams.

GWR Regional Cross Country

On Monday we have 11 students running at the Greater Western Region Cross Country event in Warrnambool. Good luck to Archer Spackman, Mitch Kane, Pippa Dalton, Jed Hynes, Billy Cheeseman, Henri Gleeson, Sam Norris, Xavier Foster, Nellie Cheeseman, Lucy Elliot and Lawrence Wilson. This is an amazing experience and we wish them all the best.

Golf Clinics

In Week 8 of this term, Tony Collier from Golf Victoria will be conducting golf clinics with all classes in Yr 4 - 6. The clinics will help select the students from SFX for the Ballarat Primary Schools Golf tournament later in the year. Please see PAM notification for more details.

Term 2 Calendar:

- Week 7 - Monday May 27th - Regional Cross Country @ Warrnambool (11 qualifiers from Division XC)
- Week 7 - Friday May 31st - Interschool Sport ALL Yr 5/6 v STM @ SFX
- Week 8 - Mon Jun 3rd/Tue 4th/Wed 5th - Golf Clinics (all students Yr 4/5/6)
- Week 9 - Friday June 14th - Division Netball @ Selkirk Stadium (selected students from Yr 5/6)

Term 3 Calendar:

- Week 1 - Wed July 17th - Fri July 19th - Swimming Program Yr 3 - 6
- Week 4 - Monday Aug 5th - Ballarat Catholic Primary Schools Athletics @ Llanberris (selected students from Yr 4, 5 & 6)

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- Week 6 - Friday Aug 23rd - Division Basketball @ Selkirk Stadium (selected students from Yr 5/6)
- Week 8 - Friday Sep 6th - Interschool Sport ALL Yr 5/6 @ St James
- Week 9 - Thursday Sep 12th - Division Athletics @ Llanberris (qualifiers from BCPS Aths - Yr 4, 5 & 6)

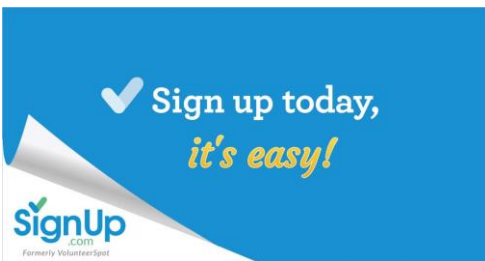
Have a wonderful week.

Shaun Carroll, SFX Sport Coordinator



Parents' & Friends' News

Hot lunches: Each Friday we require a minimum of 5 volunteers to help pack our hot lunches for an hour, 11am to 12noon. Please sign up here if you are free to help.



[Hot Lunches](#)
signup.com

Attachments

ASSEMBLY AWARDS 24th May 2024 Hosted by FLH Theme: Respect

Respect means considering the feelings and wishes of others, respecting myself and caring for all of creation. We show respect because Jesus shows us that everyone is important and because our world needs our care.

FLH	Jed Phelan and Lola Troon	4GH	Eliza Simpson and Mia Whatmough
FGJ	Hazel Fedke and Charlie Johnson	4ML	Madeline Purtell and Winnie Harrison
FTW	Jude Toohey and Olive Micelli	4BOK	Nixon George and Betsy Nicholson
FMM	Will Nicholls and Blake Pitman	5CC	Aria Treacy
1JS	Oscar Martin and Howard Latchford	5MA	Elly Kane & Isabelle Slater
1EM	Hudson McKay and Noa Cavanagh	5JW	Aila Glab and Harriet Locke
1MV	Elliot Fulcher and Hazel Martin	6PB	camp
2RR	Harper Gull and Lachy Just	6ZA	camp
2CK	Oscar Kersley and Devon McCartin	6MM	camp
2JS	Jax Lodge and Sashes Kariyawasam	EE	Minka Henjak & Alby Skrokov (4GH)
3JE	Lenny Owins and Sophie Knowles	PA	Harper Phelan (3DW) Charlie Quarrell (3DW)
3JV	Flynn McKay and Ben Walshe	VA	Jimmy Robinson (FTW) Lachy Hatt (1MV)
3DW	Noah Osciak and Ava Warr	PE	
		Tch	Sadie Buntsma (4GH) Evie Answer (4GH)



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OPEN TUE – FRI
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

26 May 2024

The Most Holy Trinity

Make disciples of all nations

St Alipius parish

ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/ballar-at-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 this land's traditional owners and custodians and pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging.

WE PRAY FOR

Faithfully departed: Peter Goates

Anniversaries: George Pearse

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

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest
Fr Justin Driscoll

Assistant Priest
Fr Matthew Restall

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.

National 20-26 MAY 2024
Volunteer
Something for Everyone **Week**

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

This past week we celebrated National Volunteer Week. Providentially it followed the commissioning of all engaged in ministries across the three parishes and eight faith communities of our Ministry District. This year's theme is "Something for Everyone," which is true for our faith communities and the community, recreational, service, and sporting associations and groups that serve our broader communities and rely on the generous contribution of so many. Volunteer Week provides an opportunity to express our gratitude to the many who serve and as an invitation for others to become volunteers in our parishes. Some ministries require a Working With Children Check and/or a Police Check. All volunteers must be familiar with and acknowledge their compliance with the Code of Conduct, and Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy and process.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Meeting – Acknowledging our Parish's Historic Anniversaries

3:00 PM, Sunday 26 May, St Alipius Hall

Finance and Property Update Meetings

5:30 PM, 29 May, Buninyong Hall

5:30 PM, 30 May, St Alipius Hall

Social Evening and Dinner

6:00 PM, Thursday 6 June, Robin Hood Hotel

Baptism Preparation

10:00 AM or 5:30 PM, 6 June, Cathedral Hall

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Thank you to all parishioners who contribute to our stewardship program. Your generosity is appreciated. The figures shown below are for the past two weeks:

Supporting our parish priests	\$1,133
Maintenance of parish buildings, office and administration expenses, grounds maintenance etc.	\$278

Contact the parish office to join the program and support your parish.

ST ALIPIUS ROSTER

The roster for liturgy ministries for June and July will be distributed next week. Thank you to all who have generously volunteered to help.

VOLUNTEERS PRAYER

We pray for all those who volunteer in our parishes. May we value the many talents and gifts that God has given to these people. We thank them for generously offering their time to parish ministries. For all these gifts, given out of your love, we thank you, God of all goodness. Amen.

ANNIVERSARY PLANNING

St Alipius Parish was founded in 1852 and the first canvas and bark church was built on the current site a year later. The foundation stone for the church at Buninyong was also laid in 1853. 170 years ago, parish priest Fr Patrick Smyth attended the Eureka Stockade and helped Peter Lalor's escape. Our church building was opened 150 years ago, and the bell tower and fence were erected 100 years ago. All parishioners are invited to a meeting in the parish hall at 3:00 PM on Sunday 26 May to share their ideas on acknowledging these historic milestones.

FINANCES AND PROPERTY

The Parish Finance Council will be holding community meetings to update parishioners on the financial position of the parish, including options for the future use of our parish land and buildings and the insurance of our churches and other buildings. These are important issues affecting the future of our parish, so your attendance and input would be greatly appreciated. A meeting will be held at 5:30 PM at each church, at Ss Peter and Paul's Buninyong on Wednesday 29 May, and at St Alipius parish hall, on Thursday 30 May.

SOCIAL EVENING AND DINNER

You are invited to a social evening and dinner at the Robin Hood Hotel at 6:00 PM on Thursday 6 June to spend time with one another and our new priests Fathers Justin and Matt. Contact the parish office to RSVP.

FIRST EUCHARIST

This weekend we welcome children from our parish who are receiving the sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. These children will be joined by their families who have spent the past few weeks working at home to prepare them. Please keep them all in your prayers. We are grateful for the work that our parish schools have done in supporting the preparation of these students and we thank staff for joining us today.

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

The second edition of ODC will focus on the diocese's 150th anniversary, with the theme "Community – Remember, Revitalise and Hope." Please share your stories with odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au by 31 May.

WORLD'S CHILDREN'S DAY

Pope Francis has announced the celebration of the first World Children's Day on 25 and 26 May. "Like Jesus, we want to put children at the centre and care for them." The day will be organised by the Vatican's Dicastery for Culture and Education and will seek to answer the question, "What kind of world do we wish to pass on to the children who are growing up?" Read the Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the First World Children's Day at <https://www.worldchildrenday.org/>

BAPTISMS

Nadia Claire and Juliette Frances Bertsclik
Children of James and Annie Bertsclik

Theodore James McLean
Child of Lachlan and Hannah McLean

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

Pope Francis

LAUDATO SI' WEEK PRAYER

God of all creation, thank you for the gift of our lives and for the world in which we live. We thank you for the warmth of the sun in winter, and a cool breeze in summer. We thank you for the great diversity of life, which fills us with wonder and reminds us that we too are creatures. We pray that we will grow in respect for all life, and for the Earth itself. That we will use your gifts with gentleness and wisdom, not with greed and selfishness. We pray that our minds and hearts will lead us to an active hope, as we respond to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor in our time. May our hope transform humanity, to take bold action to protect our world. At this time of Pentecost may we call on the Holy Spirit to kindle in us the fire of God's love and renew the face of the Earth. May we all be part of that renewal. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S DAY PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in the faces of children all over the world. Come, Jesus, you who make all things new, who are the way that leads us to the Father, come and remain with us always. Amen.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK

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 "Learn about your food."

During *Laudato Si'* Week (19–26 May), we are invited to contemplate the wonder of creation and nurture the seeds of hope for our suffering planet.

RECONCILIATION WEEK

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The theme for 2024, "Now More Than Ever", is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will—and must—continue. Resources and more information are available from the diocesan website

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/national-reconciliation-week-may-27-june-3-including-sorry-day-may-26/



PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice, and pastoral care. More information and application forms are available at <http://pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship>. The closing date for applications is 31 July.

MINISTERS OF WORD TRAINING

ACU offers an \$80, four-week online training course for new and experienced Ministers of the Word. Visit <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/pastoral-training/ministers-of-the-word-information> for details.

Communion of Relational Love

Gospel reflection by Veronica Lawson RSM

The Most Holy Trinity: Matthew 28:16–20

Trinity Sunday celebrates the core Christian conviction that God is a communion of relational love.

For the people of Israel, no other god could compare with their God whom they knew as both creator and liberator and whom they experienced as intimately involved in every aspect of their lives.

In a world of many gods, the assertion found in today's first reading from Deuteronomy that there is "no other god" was an enormous claim to make. Awareness of YHWH's sustaining and liberating presence brought with it serious responsibilities: keeping the commandments grounded the people of Israel in the life of their God.

The earliest Christians inherited the Jewish belief in one God. At the same time, Christian Jews expressed their faith in distinctively Trinitarian language.

Over the first six centuries of the Christian era, the belief that God is a communion of love was to develop into the doctrine of the Trinity, a teaching that is at the heart of Christian faith.

The word Trinity is not used in the Christian Scriptures. In fact, it was not until the Council of Constantinople in 381CE that the doctrine of the Trinity

was set out in the creed, and not until the Second Council of Constantinople in 551CE that the word "Trinity" was actually used of the Triune God.

The gospel reading has Jesus commanding his followers to make disciples of all and to baptise in the name of the Trinity.

At the beginning of this gospel, Jesus is named Emmanuel, "God with us." With Jesus' final assurance, "know that I am with you always", we find ourselves gathered into the very life of God.

We find ourselves gathered into the very life of God

Perichoresis, a Greek term suggestive of both permeation and diversity in unity, is one of the earliest and probably one of the most striking metaphors used to explain this Trinitarian life of God. The life in God is three and yet one in a totally harmonious union of love.

Since God is neither male nor female, the traditional male language of Father, Son and Spirit is not to be absolutised or taken as a literal



description of the triune God: it is one way of imaging God.

As St. Paul reminds us in today's reading from his letter to the community in Rome, God is not a distant God, but rather a God whose Spirit draws us, as "joint heirs with Christ", into God's own life of love and relationship.

Trinity Sunday is the day we set aside to celebrate the mystery of God and the nearness of God who invites us into the dynamic cycle of life and love, a cycle that reaches out beyond the human community and embraces the entire cosmos.

As we make the sign of the cross, a symbolic action with a two-millennia history (from the 2nd Century CE), we might become more and more attentive to the wonder of the divine life that dwells in us and in whom we are privileged to dwell.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
DEUTERONOMY 4:32–34; 39–40
ROMANS 8:14–17
MATTHEW 28:16–20

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF
CHRIST
EXODUS 24:3–8
HEBREWS 9:11–15
MARK 14:12–16, 22–26

DAMASCUS COLLEGE

BRIGHT FUTURES PATHWAYS PANEL & BREAKFAST

The Bright Futures Pathways Panel & Breakfast is an annual event that brings together alumni, current students, families, and staff, for networking and inspiration.

This panel discussion will shine a light on the many and varied career pathways available to students, on completion of their studies at Damascus College. Panel members will share their career journey and aspirations so far and provide an insight in to how their Damascus education has/is impacting their lives.

2024 PANEL OF SPEAKERS



Haileigh Buttigieg
CLASS OF 2025
Year 11 Damascus
College student



Adele Nairn
CLASS OF 2000
Program Lead of Committee for Ballarat's
community leadership program
Future Shapers



Jason Kelly, PhD
CLASS OF 1991
Rotary BowelScan Post
Doctoral Research Fellow

Haileigh is a dedicated STEM student, Girls in STEAM leader, and ADF Long Tan Award recipient, inspiring peers through her leadership and interest in neurology. Haileigh will discuss the decision making process undertaken to successfully choose subjects that align with her chosen career path in medicine.

Adele leads Ballarat's Future Shapers program, advocating for community leadership, innovation, and sustainability, shaped by her VET experience at Damascus College. Adele embraced the non-traditional aspects of her education, and she will unpack how a VET focus helped her achieve success.

Jason, a leading cancer researcher at Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute (FECRI), has a distinguished career in pathology with numerous publications and international presentations. After finishing VCE, Jason transitioned to university and shifted into his chosen career in the health industry. He has pivoted numerous times within this field and has now completed his PhD, with his research on the immune system and bowel cancer being highly acclaimed.

Thursday 6 June 2024
7:00am - 8:45am
Damascus Events Centre

Ticket Price: \$15 Adult and \$5 Student (18 and under)
Continental breakfast supplied

Book here: <https://www.trybooking.com/CRSXS>
RSVP: 31 May 2024



damascus.vic.edu.au



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS AFTER SCHOOL *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.

For more information call 0491 743 126
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