



# ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS STRATHFIELDSAYE

## School Bulletin – Thursday 25 June 2020

St. Francis of the Fields is a community united in faith and committed in action, to live, learn and grow in God's love.

Dear Families,

We come to the end of one of the most tumultuous terms that I have ever experienced. I am grateful for our wonderful community of students, staff and parents who have worked together to support each other during these tricky times. I share with you this beautiful Irish Blessing to enjoy on your holidays...

### May God Give You

May God give you...  
For every storm, a rainbow,  
For every tear, a smile,  
For every care, a promise,  
And a blessing in each trial.  
For every problem life sends,  
A faithful friend to share,  
For every sigh, a sweet song,  
and an answer for each prayer.



### Drop off and Pick up

#### Last day of the Term (tomorrow) - Early finish

At the end of each term all schools finish the end of the school day 1 hour earlier. Please see the change of times for tomorrow.

- 1.10pm: Lunch
- 1.20pm: Play
- 1.50pm: End of Lunch
- 2.00pm: P-2 leave for home
- 2.20pm: Early bus - Eppalock
- 2.30pm: Yr. 3-6 leave for home



### Semester 1 Reports

All students' reports will be able to be accessed by parents this afternoon from 4pm using the Parent Access Module (PAM). A letter will be emailed to all parents by 4pm today explaining the changes made in the Semester 1 reports due to Home Learning.



### Flexibuzz

We were informed last week that Flexibuzz will no longer be available for use, as the business has ceased operation from June 30, 2020. We have decided to extend the use of SIMON/PAM to

enable similar communication. The new addition to our system will allow us to "push" out text messages to all families, or individual classes in case of emergencies. I ask all parents to update your contact details, and emergency contact details via PAM. Another benefit that we hope will assist parents is the ability to complete student absences via the PAM application.

Instructions to download the application will be sent to all families via email in the coming days.

### Gold Coin donation

To support raising funds for Vinnies we have decided to hold a gold coin donation tomorrow. To ensure the safety of students and staff, staff members will hold an ice-cream container with individual children dropping the coins into the container. The money will be poured into one container and then stored in our school safe for 15 days over holidays before handling. This will ensure the safety of all staff and students.



### Term 3 Canteen



The school canteen will continue to operate each Thursday and Friday during Term 3 with several small modifications. Unfortunately, we are still unable to have parent helpers volunteer their time and expertise due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Subsequently, the specials will be removed from the Canteen Menu to ensure

Donna and Fiona the time to prepare and serve the meals for our children. Please note, previous specials items, School Pies, Sausage Rolls and Chicken Balls, will be available to order individually from the menu. Please check the Term 3 Menu List on PAM.

### Term 3 COVID-19 Restrictions

I expect to hear more detailed information about Covid-19 restrictions during the holidays.

At this stage we will prepare for the beginning of Term 3 in the following manner:

#### Term 3 - Morning Drop off from 8.30am

- Staff members will no longer be opening car doors and assisting students out of the car in the morning from Term 3. (This was a short-term support only, though Maree, Linda, Grace and I have thoroughly enjoyed it).
- I ask families to park around the oval, gravel car park or behind the shed (gymnasium) and have the children walk into class.
- You may also wish to drop the children off at the front of the school, as long as they are able to exit the car quickly.
- Please note that parents are still required to avoid entering the school buildings and congregating on school grounds, where possible.

#### Term 3 - Pick up in the afternoon

- Pick up times remain as follows, though I am hopeful this will return to normal time soon:
  - 2.45pm - F/12

- 3.05pm - Year 3/4
- 3.20pm - Year 5/6
- Older siblings will be picked up at the youngest sibling's pick up time
- Class teachers will supervise their Year level pick up
- Those parents who cannot pick up till 3.20pm - children will be supervised at the front of the school.
- Children riding a bike or walking home will leave at their allocated time above.
- Wet days - students and teachers will be standing at the front of the school under cover at their designated time.

#### **Parents, volunteers and visitors entering the school**

- Parents are asked to please avoid entering the school buildings, unless absolutely essential.
- If parents must enter the school, please sanitise hands immediately (sanitiser provided at front counter).
- The Department of Health insists that adults should not be permitted to go beyond the Reception area.

#### **If children are unwell**

Any child who comes to school feeling unwell or becomes unwell during the school day, the parent (or the emergency contact person) will be called to collect their child.



#### **Water Bottles**

Drinking fountains are not to be used by students. Each should bring water from home.



#### **2021 Enrolments**

All existing families who wish to enrol their kinder children at St. Francis of the Fields for 2021 please do so - places are filling quickly. Simply log onto our website and complete the enrolment application.

Send the application to [office@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au) ASAP.

The final enrolment dates for Bendigo Catholic schools are as follows:

- Friday 17 July  
Close of enrolments for Bendigo Catholic Primary Schools
- Tuesday 21 July  
Catholic schools begin sending first round enrolment acceptance notifications

#### **Dates to remember**

##### **Term 3 dates**

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| Friday 17 July   | <b>Pupil Free Day:</b> NCCD  |
| Thursday 23 July | Maths Parent Information night with Leonie Anstey via Zoom – please see the flyer in this bulletin |
| Friday 24 July   | <b>Pupil Free Day:</b> Mathematics with Leonie Anstey  |

#### **2021 CMC Year 7 Enrolments**

Families wishing to enrol their child into Year 7 at Catherine McAuley College for 2021 must have their application submitted to the college before the end of term 2. Applications for enrolment received after this date may be at risk of missing out on a position.

#### **Weekend Maintenance**

The weekend maintenance program will recommence in Term 3. The updated roster has been uploaded to Flexibuzz and the school website. If you no longer wish to



participate, could you please let the office know and you will be removed from the roster. If families need to swap the weekend you have been allocated to, please arrange with another family and notify the office of this change.

#### **YMCA ASC – Term 3 Pupil Free Days**

The YMCA ASC program is offered to families for these two scheduled days in Week 1 & 2, Term 3. Please make your bookings in the My Family Lounge App to ensure a spot for your child/ren. Bookings are essential.

Christ has no hands but yours.

**Tim Moloney – Principal**



MATHS PARENT  
INFORMATION  
NIGHT

with Maths Consultant  
Leonie Anstey

THURSDAY 23rd JULY, 7PM  
VIA ZOOM

To register for the workshop,  
please email Amy Delaney or Kate Ellis  
[adelaney@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au](mailto:adelaney@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au)  
[kellis@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kellis@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au)



## Pastoral Wellbeing

### Reading your child's report

By Michael Grose



Reports can mean anxious times for children. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children.

Could try harder . . . always does her best . . . lacks concentration . . . easily distracted. a pleasure to teach . . .

Do these comments, taken from a batch of student reports sound familiar? Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped.

Reports can mean anxious times for children too. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

#### 1. Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?

Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child's abilities. A quick check of your child's last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.

#### 2. Do you believe that children learn at different rates?

There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends' children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.

#### 3. Are you willing to safeguard your child's self-esteem rather than deflate it?

Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible. School reports come in different formats. Some are prescriptive while some use grading systems such as A, B,

C, etc. with room for teacher comments. Regardless of the format school reports should provide you with an idea of your child's progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.

#### Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child's report:

- **Focus on strengths.** Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.
- **Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning.** If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.
- **Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a social setting.** How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don't dismiss these as unimportant.
- **Take note of student self- assessment.** Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.
- **Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement.** Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

After reports are read and discussed, celebrate your child's efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.



Regards,  
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Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing  
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## RE News

### Fundraiser for Vinnies Winter Appeal – Casual Clothes Friday 26 June

Students are invited to wear casual clothes to school tomorrow, Friday 26 June, and if possible please bring along a gold coin donation for Vinnies.

The Winter Vinnies Appeal provides emergency relief to people at risk and experiencing homelessness. Our donations will help our Vinnies conference volunteers to rebuild lives.

For more information on how donations are used to support people or to make a donation: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/donation-hub>



## Vinnies winter appeal fundraiser

On Friday the 26th of June



Wear casual clothes



Bring a gold coin donation

This fundraiser is for emergency relief to people at risk and who are experiencing homelessness

thanks



**SEASONS FOR GROWTH** - a program for children who have experienced grief

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At St Francis of the Fields we recognise that when changes occur in families through **death, separation, divorce** or related circumstances, children and young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively.

We are, therefore, offering a very successful education program called '**Seasons for Growth**'. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research that highlights the importance of social support and the need to practice new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem solving, decision making, effective communication and support networks.

**Seasons for Growth** runs for eight weeks and each weekly session is 40-50 minutes during school hours. This program is being offered to all students.

**Seasons for Growth** will commence the second week of third term. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from **Seasons for Growth**, we would encourage you to talk to him/her about this. Please fill out the 'interested' slip and return before Friday 17th July.

If you would like more information please email me:  
[moconnor@sfstrathfieldsave.catholic.edu.au](mailto:moconnor@sfstrathfieldsave.catholic.edu.au)

Yours sincerely,  
Maree O'Connor - Seasons for Growth Site Coordinator



**SEASONS FOR GROWTH** - a program for children who have experienced grief  
(please return slip to Maree O'Connor before Friday 17th July, 2020)

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_



## St Francis Basketball News

Looks like we are set for a return - Week 1, Term 3.

Thanks for all teams who have replied to the return to a shortened Winter Season 2020.

We will continue to update you all as the basketball association informs us of the next steps. At this stage we are still unable to train in the shed or on school grounds until we get further advice on restrictions easing.

Individual registration to teams via PlayHQ will happen shortly - keep an eye out for updates from your team managers as this will occur over the school holidays.

The specific details of stadium entry, strict sign in, electronic payments etc will all be emailed when finalised.

Also remember we will post on the St Francis Basketball private group Facebook page for any urgent updates: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1081236251980337/?ref=share>  
Please request access if you haven't already!!

**Singlet top allocation** - Team Managers (or one parent from each team only please) to contact Fiona Horan, 0438411678 or [fionajodiemorgan@hotmail.com](mailto:fionajodiemorgan@hotmail.com) to arrange collection/swaps. Please do not contact individually.



**St Francis Basketball  
Thermomix Fundraiser**  
Limited Tickets available  
Just \$20.60 each

- Prize is a new TM6 valued at \$2269
- Only 300 tickets available
- Ticket cost includes 3% ticketing fee
- Drawn once all tickets sold or on July 17th 2020



### Fundraiser - win a Thermomix!!!

St Francis Basketball Club are raising the final funds required to install height adjustable hoops on the outside school court, with a planned installation for Term 3, 2020. What an easy way to support the club and all the school kids who will benefit from these hoops.

There are only 300 tickets to be purchased - for just \$20.60 you can win the brand new TM6 valued at \$2269 delivered directly to you - anywhere in Australia.

Share online with family and friends for their chance to win an amazing machine and support our school community - how easy!!

<https://stfrancisbasketballthermomixfundraiser.floktu.com/>

Thanks for your support, Kristy & St Francis Basketball Committee

0428921776, [stfrancisball46@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisball46@gmail.com)



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## School Holiday Netball Clinic

# BENDIGO



Tuesday 7th July 2020

## BENDIGO STADIUM

91 Inglis Street,  
West Bendigo VIC 3550

1 Hour Class

9:00am - Under 9's

10:30am - Under 11's

12:00pm - Under 11's

1:30pm - Under 13's

3:00pm - Under 15's



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Tennis Fun for Juniors of all standards!

**SOUTH BENDIGO** Monday 29th June  
Tuesday 30th June  
Wednesday 1st July  
9.30-11.30AM EACH DAY

**CASTLEMAINE** Thursday 2nd July  
Friday 3rd July  
9.30-11.30AM EACH DAY

\$25/DAY Attend to many requests as you play!

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South Bendigo TC - Strathfieldsaye TC - Maiden Gully TC - Castlemaine LTC - Bendigo RSL

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL CLINIC

### BENDIGO STADIUM

Friday 3rd July 2020

9am - 11.30am: 7 - 11 yrs  
12.30pm - 3pm: 12 - 15 yrs  
Cost: \$45 per participant

Limited spaces available due to COVID-19 restrictions

Every participant receives a Netball  
Book Online: [www.juliecorletto.com](http://www.juliecorletto.com)

## GIANT Tennis

Term 3 2020  
10 WEEKS - FROM JULY 13

GROUP LESSONS		TERM FEE
Blue Ball (3-5yrs)	30mins	\$100
Red Ball (5-7yrs)	45mins	\$130
Orange Ball (7-9yrs)	60mins	\$165
Green Ball (9-12yrs)	60mins	\$165
Yellow Ball (11+yrs)	60mins	\$165
GIANT Adults	60mins	\$165
Cardio+Kids	45mins	\$15/session*

\*Price includes Adult & Child, extra child:\$15  
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