

ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS STRATHFIELDSAYE

School Bulletin – Thursday 23 July 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,

In these days of COVID-19 we can become overwhelmed by the negative media saturation. It is important that our children hear us being positive and hope-filled. With this in mind I share the following reflection:

*"I've always been delighted at the prospect of a
new day,
a fresh try, one more start,
with perhaps a bit of magic waiting somewhere
behind the morning."*

JB Priestley



Thank you

I am very thankful for the following groups who have ensured our children are able to return to the sporting fields. A special thank you to:

- Our school basketball, football and netball administrators, coaches and managers for ensuring the safety of our children whilst playing the sports they love.
- Our P & F association who have committed to purchasing new roof mounted backboards for the shed. This will happen in 2-3 weeks time. Please note the shed will be closed during these 3 days.



2021 Enrolments

All parents who have enrolled their child/ren for 2021 should now have received an email stating that their child is enrolled. A letter explaining the interview dates and times has been posted and should be received in the next 3-5 days. Please book in your interview time ASAP.

If you have not received an email please ring our office on 5439 3191 immediately to ensure enrolment occurs.

Covid-19 Update

At the end of Term 2 I was very hopeful that we would be able to return to our normal pick up times while still ensuring social distancing. However, with the surge in cases throughout Victoria we

are still required to stagger the pick up times. Please know that as soon as we can return to normal hours we will!

Parents, volunteers and visitors entering school - Repeat

- 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.

Pick up in the afternoon - Repeat

- Pick up times remain as follows, though I am hopeful this will return to normal time soon:
 - 2.45pm - Fdn/1/2
 - 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.

Term 3 dates

Thursday 23 July Maths Parent Information night with Leonie Anstey via Zoom @ 7.00pm.

Friday 24 July **Pupil Free Day:** Mathematics with Leonie Anstey

Christ has no hands but yours.

Tim Moloney – Principal

CSEF - Camps, Sport & Excursion Fund – Applications 2020

Please note closing date is tomorrow - Friday 24 July
CSEF Information and Application forms are available from our website – see downloads/forms

<https://www.sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au/downloads/forms>



Pastoral Wellbeing

Giving kids scripts for social and school success

By Michael Grose



Recently, I heard my adult daughter rebuke a male friend for telling her that she'd lost weight.

"You just can't say that," remarked my daughter.

Realising his mistake this young man said, "So what should I say instead?"

"Tell me I look healthy."

"Hey, you look really healthy!"

"That's better," remarked my daughter, who's not backward in coming forwards.

This young man's scripting was askew. He knew that a male complimenting a female on losing weight maybe no compliment at all, however he didn't know what else to say. My daughter gave him a new script that he can use in similar situations in the future.

This scenario is relevant to parenting. Parents should always look for opportunities to give their kids the social scripts to express themselves in different situations.

Benefits of providing kids with social scripts

Social scripting wins the parenting trifecta. Giving kids the words to use helps them stay safe; become social and importantly, promotes their independence. Your job as a parent is to wean kids off you. Social scripting is a big part of this process.

So if keeping kids safe, while socialising and developing their independence is important then look for ways to give kids the right words to use. Here are some ideas to get you started.

1. Asking a teacher for help or assistance

Kids often coerces parents to do their bidding with teachers, coaches, siblings and other adults. It's easy to pick up the phone and arrange to meet a teacher or go into your child's room and ask for

something on behalf of your child. Take a different approach. "Choose a time when your teacher is free, and then ask her if you can sit at the front of the classroom. You could say...."

2. Entering a game at school

Many kids struggle to enter into a game or activity at school, so they sit on the sidelines and miss out. Consider coaching a child about how he or she may approach a situation. Suggest that he or she looks for someone they know, and wait for a lull in the game before asking. Social scripting involves timing, not just the words to use.

3. Telling a sibling to stop annoying them

"Jessica, please stop flicking the ruler while I'm watching TV. I find it annoying." This may work. If not, this child could try, "Jessica, could you flick your ruler elsewhere." It may work. It may not. But it's infinitely better than yelling, "Jessica, DDDOOOONNNN'TTTT!!!"

4. Saying No to a friend without losing face

Research shows that many teenagers struggle with peer pressure because they don't know how to say NO in a way that maintains their status. One strategy is to use an excuse rather than say give an outright NO. "I don't want to drink tonight because I've got football training in the morning."

5. Expressing their emotions

Both genders can struggle to express their feelings, particularly if they haven't been taught the words to use at home. Recently, I saw a mother prompt her three year old when he was clearly annoyed.

"Are you frustrated Maxie?"

"Yes, I frustrated!!"

"Would you like a hug?"

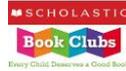
"Yessss!"

You're never too young or too old to be hugged. Just as you're never too young or too old to receive a social script from a well-meaning parent or friend.

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.

Scholastic Book Orders

Scholastic Issue 5 is out now. Orders due back by **this Friday July 24th**. Thank you



Sandpiper Publication

Sandpiper e-News from the Diocese of Sandhurst. Here is the new format for our Sandpiper paper and is now available to view on our website. Click [here](#).



School Crossings

City of Greater Bendigo has asked us to remind parents and students of social distancing requirements while using our school crossings.



Please maintain your 1.5 metre distancing from the school crossing supervisor while at the crossing. If we can keep the crossing supervisors safe, they will be able to continue assisting our students to get to and from school safely.

Lost Property

We are trying to locate the whereabouts of some lost property items for a school family. Unfortunately, some of the items were not named. The brand-new items missing are: Size 6 Trackpants, Size 6 Rugby Jumper and Size 6 Woollen Jumper (named). Could everyone please check your child's school bag to see that these items haven't mistakenly gone to the wrong home? If found, please return to the office. Many Thanks!



Weekend Maintenance Roster – Term 3

2	25-07-20	26-07-20	Baker (Fdn M), Wharton (Fdn A), Shelton (Fdn A), Lennon (1FM), Kanzamar (3GH)
3	1-08-20	2-08-20	Harrop (5K), Templeton (4HJ), Hurford (2D), McDermott (Fdn M)
4	08-08-20	09-08-20	McKern (Fdn B), Connolly (2M), Emmerson (4H), Behrens (4W), Duffy (2D),
5	15-08-20	16-08-20	Tuohey (4Z), Jackson-Leahy (5B), Orr (5B), Butcher (Fdn M)
6	22-08-20	23-08-20	Barnes (Fdn M), Pattinson (6D), Jackson (1R), Allan (2D), O'Sullivan (2P)
7	29-08-20	30-08-20	Howman (6FD), Waters (Fdn A), Gordon (3L) Bortolotto (5K), Burns (3H)
8	5-09-20	6-09-20	Stuart (Fdn B), Dyer/Cavallaro (5W), Mansfield (Fdn B), Wagner (6D) (Father's Day W/End)
9	12-09-20	13-09-20	Dickson (5W), O'Bree (5W), Mulready (Fdn WM), Whitty (4HJ), Evans (5B)
10	19-09-20	20-09-20	TERM 3 BREAK
	26-09-20	27-09-20	NO MAINTENANCE
	3-10-20	4-10-20	Stubbins (Fdn A), Singh (Fdn A), Balic (6G), Finney/Neave (5T)

YMCA ASC

The YMCA operates an After School Care Program at St Francis of the Fields Primary School. The program operates every school day for children aged 5-12 years. The YMCA also provides care on days of school closure. Families can contact the service on 0459 988 313 or visit 'My Family Lounge' where you can register your child in advance for any bookings. any questions please contact Hazel stfrancis@ymca.org.au.



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
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