



ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS STRATHFIELDSAYE

School Bulletin – Thursday 3 December 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,

Advent

I again share with you a prayer reflection that each family may wish to include if they have an Advent Wreath in their home. You may wish to light the next candle as you say the prayer below.

May the Season of Advent be one marked by generosity to others, prayerful preparation and joyful expectation.

FAMILY PRAYERS FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

WEEK THREE

A family member lights three candles, including the rose-coloured one.

Leader: **Jesus, in your light we see how to be truly happy. Help us to bring happiness to one another.**

All: Jesus, you are the light of our world!

At the beginning of each week allow time for quiet prayer and for the sharing of thoughts about the meaning of Christmas.



Orientation Day

We have finally received an updated guideline that spells out how Orientation Days can be held while considering the covid-19 safety guidelines.

All 2021 children will be able to hold their Orientation day in a variety of formats.

Our 2021 Foundation children:

- We have been instructed that our kindergarten group sizes must not exceed public gathering limits of 20 people indoors. Subsequently, our 2021 Foundation classes of 22 children will need to be divided into two groups of 11 children each, plus several staff members.
- We will hold these 30-minute orientation sessions for our 2021 Foundation classes on Tuesday 8 December at
 - 11.45am Group 1
 - 12.30pm Group 2
- I ask that all parents drop their children off at the front of the school at either 11.45am or 12.30pm (depending on the time we give to you) in the pick-up/drop off zone. We will have the class teachers, Maree O'Connor (Counsellor), Linda Cartwright (Learning Diversity Leader) and myself waiting to collect the children and take them to their new classroom. Parents are asked to please pick your child up from school at either 12.15pm (if your child's session began at 11.45am); or 1.00pm (if your child's session commenced at 12.30pm).

- The school will allocate your child a time by Friday 4 December. I apologise for the delay in notifying parents of their time.
- Please know that we will take time in 2021 to meet with our parents when safe to do so.

Our 2021 Year 1-6 children:

- All Year 1-6 will move to their new 2021 classrooms with their new teachers and classmates from 11.45am-1.00pm.
- Any new students will be required to be dropped off at the front of the school at 11.40am and a Teacher Aide will take the children to their new class.
- Parents are asked to pick their children up from the front of the school at 1.00pm.

Our current Year 6 children:

- Those current Year 6 children whose Secondary schools are not yet able to offer an Orientation Day will be taught by our Creative Art teachers from 11.45 - 1.00pm.

I hope this Orientation session helps your child feel comfortable attending St. Francis of the Fields Primary School in 2021.

2020 Graduation Ceremony



On **Wednesday 16th December** we will celebrate the Year 6

students' graduation. The following information outlines the format of the evening.

The Year 6 Graduation Dinner will be in the Community Centre. We ask that the Year 6 students be at the Community Centre at 5.45pm, as we will share a meal at 6pm. Only students and staff will attend this dinner.

Due to the easing of some of the Covid-19 restrictions, the Year 6 graduation ceremony will now be a Mass, celebrated outdoors on the soccer pitch at 7.00pm. Each student is allowed **two guests** only to ensure the school remains within Covid 19 parameters. Please note there will **NOT BE** a Live Streamed link for the Mass.

To ensure Covid 19 guidelines are adhered to, guests must reserve a place through the school interview system. We will send the link to all Year 6 parents - this will assist in contract tracing, if required.

Dress code for the dinner and graduation for both boys and girls is to be neat, clean and casual - something that can be worn again.

2021 Class Teachers

The Class Structures for the 2021 Year have seen some changes from this year.

This time of year is always an exciting and nerve-racking time. Will our children be placed with their friends? Will my child be placed with the teacher that I want?

Please note that we have many parent requests – some of which are contrary to each other. One parent will request, "Can Timmy be placed with Roger?" Whilst Roger's parents will ask that they be separated.

At these times we need to trust that each teacher at St. Francis of the Fields knows, loves and cares for your child. They have worked diligently on class lists for many hours trying to ensure each child will flourish in 2021.

Parents have an enormous role in how their child views the changes for 2021.

A positive parent will reassure that any new change will be a blessing – an opportunity for new friendships to be fostered and a chance to learn from a teacher who will support and care for them. These parents will find that their child develops resilience – an essential commodity necessary for adult life.

As a parent you have a choice – do I speak glowingly of the changes that my child faces, or will I model disappointment and anguish with my child?

| Year Level | Name | Name | Name | Name |
|------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Foundation | Ash Barbetti | Morgan Maud | Andrea Muscatello | Kate Williams & Anna Sier |
| Yr. 1 | Amy Curnow | Craig Ryan | Ange Simpson & Jenna Anderson | Sam Muscatello |
| Yr. 2 | Felicity Davis | Nat Shearer | Jacob Morrissey | Brylie Parker |
| Yr. 3 | Julie Langdon | Kate Gundry & Jan Eaton | Josh Hann | Hilary Bottcher |
| Yr. 4 | Gab Hudson | Emma Jensen & Naomi McGregor | Rhys Zera | |
| Yr. 5 | Dave Waters | Lisa Hitchcock & Bianca Metherill | Ella Wales | Bernard Kerrins |
| Yr. 6 | John Deane | Donna Freeman & Naomi McGregor | Darby Walsh | Cam Taylor |

Last day of Term 4, 2020

Please note that school, for students, finishes on **Thursday 17 December at 3.20pm**. I urge all parents to remind their children to enjoy the end of the year in a respectful manner with all students, teachers, parents and, of course, St. Francis of the Fields Primary School.

This will also be the last day for After School Care.

Christ has no hands but yours.



Tim Moloney – Principal



Socktember – Tomorrow, Friday 4 December

Don't forget to wear your favourite/crazy socks tomorrow and bring a gold coin donation for Catholic Mission.



PE News....

Welcome back Mrs. Coates

It is with pleasure that I welcome Mrs. Coates back into the role of PE Coordinator for 2021. She has been amazing thus far and I wish her all the best for the role next year.

Swimming in 2021

The end of the year is quickly approaching. I hope you have a great holiday and enjoy the warm weather with your families. I am sure you will spend many a day swimming at the beach or in a pool.

The Year 3-6 children will have their swimming lessons on the first Monday back at school next year. Please ensure you have completed any permission forms sent through via PAM prior to the commencement of the 2021 school year.

Year 3-6 swimming lesson dates:

Monday February 1
Wednesday February 3
Friday February 5
Monday February 8



The children will be invited to swim freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and invitational butterfly. They can choose between the distances of 25m kickboard, 25m and 50m. Events will be discussed and finalised during the swimming lessons in 2021.

Year 3-6 school swimming sports: Wednesday 10 Feb 2021

The day begins at 9.30am and will conclude at approximately 1.30pm. This will take place at Bendigo East Pool. Depending on C-19 regulations we would love as many people there as possible to cheer our children on. **Coffee Storm** will be at the pool for your convenience.



Some other important dates to be mindful of in 2021:

School Swimming Sports (3-6's): Wednesday 10 Feb

Catholic Swimming Sports: Tuesday 16 Feb

Please note, year 3's are **ONLY eligible for 3 individual events- 50m freestyle, breaststroke & backstroke. They may be used in the 9-12/13 years medley & open age group relays, should they have the fastest time. They will not take the place of 10 years individual events or 10 years age group specific relays. Please contact me with any questions around this.*

Divisional Swimming Championships: Friday 5 Mar

Regional Swimming Championships (Swan Hill): Thursday 18 Mar

State Swimming Championships (Melbourne): Thursday 22 Apr

School Cross Country: Thursday 29 Apr

Division Cross Country: Wednesday 5 May TBC

Regional Cross Country (St Arnaud): Tuesday 1 Jun

State Cross Country (Melbourne): Thursday 15 Jul

School Athletics Sports (3-6's): Wednesday 4 Aug

Catholic Athletics Championships (3-6's): Thursday 19 Aug

Please note, year 3's are **ONLY eligible for 4 events- Shot put, Long jump, 100m & hurdles.*

Divisional Athletics Championships: Monday 13 Sept

State Athletics Championships: Thursday 11 Nov



SCHOOL SPORTING TEAMS: Please be mindful when your child is selected in a sporting team, it is then expected that they attend all training sessions and follow on events. Much organisation goes into these events and the focus is always to give the children the best opportunity to succeed.

Matt Butcher, PE Teacher

Arthur Reed Photos

School Photos are still online and available to order for 2020

On photo day all students received a flyer which includes a code unique to them. You will require this 2020 code to register online and view your photos. If you registered earlier this year, you will be able to log back into your account to view your images.



If you have not yet registered, please go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your unique code to complete your order.

If you have misplaced your registration code or are unsure if you have registered, please contact the Arthur Reed Photos customer service team directly on 5243 4390 or customerservice@arphotos.com.au

Please note that you will need to register online with your **2020 photo code** to gain access to this year's images.

All photo packages are currently being sent home in, so please ensure that you enter the correct details and nominated shipping address upon checkout.

If you require any assistance ordering your photos, please contact Arthur Reed Photos directly on 5243 4390 or email customerservice@arphotos.com.au

RE News....

Socktember – Tomorrow, Friday 4 December



With all that has happened this year we have held off Socktober until December and now we will have Socktember! Funds raised from Socktember will go to Catholic Missions and also support our local St Vincent de Paul Conference.

Students can wear their favourite socks tomorrow, Friday, December 4, and if able please bring along a gold coin donation.



St Vinnies' Christmas Hampers



The Kennington St Vincent de Paul Conference has once again invited us to participate in their Christmas Appeal. They will be distributing hampers in our local community this Christmas and we can help by donating items for hampers.

Each class will have a list of items for their class Christmas Hamper. Students will be allocated a hamper item to donate by their classroom teacher. **If able to donate, students can bring along the item to school by Monday, 7 December.** Thank you!



Confirmation & First Eucharist

Our Sacramental Candidates have begun to be Confirmed and receive First Eucharist at our Parish Confirmation and First Eucharist Masses being celebrated with the candidates and families over many weekends.

Please keep these candidates and their families in your prayers. We are very grateful to Fr Andrew and the St Therese's Parish Pastoral Associate Joe Van Dillen for all they are doing for our students as they continue their faith journey.

We congratulate:

Cail Francis
Lachlan Colville
Flynn Stevens
Arianna Gibson
Lahni Tyrell
Archer Mitchell
Harry Freeman
Jasmine Bone

Alex Houghton
Indiana Houghton
Hunter O'Brien
Sienna Raco
Isabella Carroll
Amelia Johnson
Amelia Burns
Isabella Wallace

Harlow Cairns
Mitchell Khodja
James Neunhoffer
Archer Horan
Aysha O'Kane
Aoife Chilver
Temperance Johnson
Tara Collard

Elena Spicer
Brodie Webster
Ava Hope
Tom Feiss
Alice Fraser



Uniform Shop – Online Shop

The St Francis/Buxwear Uniform Shop is now **online**. Click on this link to visit the shop - [St Francis/Buxwear Online Shop](#).

Online orders will be processed from our shop at school and then sent home via the classroom tubs.

Orders can still be placed by emailing sff@buxwear.com.au or sending an order form through the tubs.

Order forms are available from the school website.

Take care, Sarah, Stacy and Jade.



Regional Roads Victoria (RRV)

Regional Roads Victoria (RRV) is investigating key sections of [Strathfieldsaye Road](#) and [McIvor Highway](#) to explore ways to improve traffic flow, safety and active transport.

An important part of this project is to understand how students travel to and from school and how to encourage more walking and cycling for students.

RRV want to hear from local parents and guardians through this [online survey](#) to help develop concepts for possible future improvements to McIvor Highway and Strathfieldsaye Road.

The survey takes about 10 minutes and will close at midnight on Sunday 6 December.

Your feedback will help RRV plan potential future upgrades to ensure that all road users experience a safe and efficient drive, ride or walk in Longlea, Strathdale, Junortoun and Strathfieldsaye.



Thank you for your participation.

Weekend Maintenance

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| 9 | 5-12-20 | 6-12-20 | Arundell (4H), Merrett (6FD), Goddard (4HJ), Wingrave (6D), Giffard (6G) |
| 10 | 12-12-20 | 13-12-20 | Carroll (3H), Coman (4H), Frawley (4H), Raco (3L), Khodja (5K) |
| 11 | 19-12-20 | 20-12-20 | (Last Day Term 4 for students 17/12/2019) |

YMCA ASC

Important ASC announcement

Due to Hazel's retirement, collection of children from Assisi Kindergarten cannot continue. This will mean, from Friday 27 November, parents will have to make other arrangements for the collection of their Kindergarten child. We apologise for this inconvenience.

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 stfrancis@ymca.org.au.



2021 INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM ENROLMENTS

The Instrumental program is open to all children from Grades Foundation (Prep) to 6. The children are collected from their classrooms for their lessons during school hours on a rotational basis. Lessons are held in the 4 Instrumental Rooms in the Music Centre.

In 2021 we offer tuition in the following Instruments: Piano, guitar, bass guitar, drums, recorder and violin.

As part of the program, we hold an annual Instrumental Concert where the children are able to perform an item that they have learnt during the year. It is a wonderful day/night that showcases their talent and hard work.

Each teacher requires term payments paid on time, please. Individual teachers will let parents know of their preferred method of payment.

Enrolment involves **parents contacting the Instrumental Teacher of their choice directly**. These details are listed below.

*** *Current parents only need to contact their instrumental teachers if their child is **no longer** continuing. Otherwise it is assumed that students are continuing with lessons in 2021.*

New parents can contact the instrumental teacher via email requesting a position for their child.

2021 TEACHERS' CONTACT DETAILS

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| WEEK 1 | 4 - 8 JAN | WEEK 2 | 11 - 15 JAN |
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| TIE DYING WORKSHOP Mon 4 Jan | Let's get tie dying and create colourful items to take home. What can we make with cool colours and our imagination? | ONE DAY CRICKET Mon 11 Jan | Howzat! Cheer on your team mates as we bowl, bat and catch in our very own One Day Cricket spectacular. Learn and practice your batting and bowling skills. |
| A DAY AT THE RACES Tue 5 Jan | Join us for a full day of racing challenges including egg and spoon, 3 legged and sack races, plus design the ultimate paper plane for our flying competition and heaps more! | INVENTIONS AND CREATIONS Tue 12 Jan | Create your own invention from recycled materials and showcase it to your friends. We will have heaps of other creative activities on hand too. |
| ART AND CRAFT SPECTACULAR Wed 6 Jan | Are you ready to get creative? We have a day full of arty, crafty fun to help you create your own masterpieces! Have a go at new art ideas and crazy art activities! | YOGA AND MINDFULNESS Wed 13 Jan | Explore yoga and movement through our yoga classes and get in touch with your inner self through mindfulness. |
| READY, STEADY, COOK!* Thu 7 Jan | Today the food journey is in your hands. You get to make a variety of delicious foods to enjoy throughout the day. Yummy! | DIORAMA CREATIONS Thu 14 Jan | Let your imagination run wild and create a mini world in a box using all sorts of miniature materials. |
| Y CINEMAS* Fri 8 Jan | Today we welcome you into our very own gold class cinema! Select your session time and movie, then be welcomed into the movie with your gold ticket. Yes, of course there will be popcorn! | LET'S DANCE Fri 15 Jan | Get your dance shoes on, we've got a huge day of hip hop dancing, dance jam and karaoke planned. Create your own dance routine and show us your moves. |

| WEEK 3 | 18 - 22 JAN | WEEK 4 | 25 - 27 JAN |
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| BACKWARDS DAY Mon 18 Jan | It's a day of everything backwards! Let's have fun by wearing all our clothes backwards - shirt and socks inside out... Say 'hello' for 'good-bye' and 'goodbye' for 'hello'. Write and say your name backwards and plenty of games. | LEGO MASTERS Mon 25 Jan | You've seen the show, now test yourself in our Lego Masters day. Use your skills in our solo and team Lego Challenge. Lots of brick building fun! |
| Y PHOTOGRAPHERS Tue 19 Jan | Today we see the world through your eyes! You could decorate your own photo frame to put a printed photo inside or create props for the photo booth and have fun making poses to photograph? | CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY Tue 26 Jan | |
| BACK TO NATURE Wed 20 Jan | Calling all budding green thumbs! Today we get our hands dirty as we decorate our very own pots and plant them out. You can then take your plant home to look after and watch it grow. | HAWAIIAN LUAU* Wed 27 Jan | Aloha! We're getting tropical and preparing for a Hawaiian Luau. Come dressed up for the beach as we discover art, costumes and food from this beautiful island. |
| CRAZY HAIR DAY Thu 21 Jan | There's no better way to have some fun, than having crazy hair - the coolest colours, to the weirdest hairstyles, there's hours of fun to be had. Plus face painting! | Give your child an opportunity to grow and learn through new experiences. If your child is aged between 5 - 12 years old and enrolled in primary school, they will love our school holiday program! Our School Holiday Programs are created with the right mixture of fun, adventure, creativity and discovery; helping kids become more confident and independent. In addition to the advertised program each day we have a diverse range of indoor and outdoor activities planned to cater for each child's interests and abilities. | |
| SPLASHTASTIC Fri 22 Jan | What better way to spend a hot summer's day than getting wet and playing water games? If this sounds like fun then today will be perfect for you! Come prepared to get wet! | What to bring • Lunch and snack (Nutritious & NUT FREE) • Water bottle, broad brim hat and sunscreen | |
| Additional needs Children with additional needs are welcome to attend our program. Families must contact the OSHC Coordinator at least four weeks prior to the holiday program to discuss the individual needs of your child so that we ensure we have everything in place to support your child to participate in the program. | | | |
| Bookings and Fees • All bookings are subject to availability. • Bookings are made via the casual booking calendar. • Bookings will not be accepted on the day unless places, adequate staffing and resources are available. • Additional permissions are required for excursions. • Cancellations must be received in writing seven (7) days before the last day of school term. • A late fee of \$2 per minute applies when a child is picked up after closing time. • Please speak to service about any dietary requirements | | | |

\$84 per day - bookings can be made through your My Family Lounge account
What to bring: Don't forget your broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaires hat, sunscreen, snacks, lunch and drink bottle.

BENDIGO SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
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