

ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS STRATHFIELDSAYE

School Bulletin – Thursday 17 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

It is so hard to believe that 12 months has passed so quickly **and this is the final newsletter for the year.**

I am so grateful for our community – our students, parents and teachers have worked tirelessly together to overcome the challenges that Covid-19 presented throughout 2020. Our children could have felt sour about such an interrupted year, however each of you decided that you will make the best of a challenging time.

Our children have learnt to adapt, to learn new skills, to appreciate family and school. We also learnt to slow down a little and enjoy the simpler things in life.

I am incredibly proud of all St. Francis of the Fields staff members who supported our children and parents throughout the year - they were required to adjust the way they taught like no other time in history. An extraordinary achievement, considering there was so little time to prepare.

Sadly, we will miss people in our lives who are important to us - from the Staff, we farewell Gen Hoskin, Helen McCarthy, Raelene Gooch, Alice Kielty, Ash Sloan and Lachie Ratcliffe. Laura Flood will also take maternity leave during 2021. We wish them all the best in their new ventures.

Furthermore, I will miss the Year 6 Children and pray that they will enjoy the changes and challenges that will be theirs in the future. They have proven in 2020 that when they are faced with a challenge they can overcome anything with a positive mindset. Hopefully they will never forget the "family" of St. Francis of the Fields Primary School and how we have been part of their lives for the past 7 years.

We will also miss our parents whose children will be leaving for secondary school. My thanks will remain with each of these parents – those who have worked shoulder to shoulder for the benefit of St. Francis of the Fields Primary School. Thank you!

As educators we are entrusted with supporting the ideals that each family wants for their children. Each family at St. Francis of the Fields Primary School is so varied – each family has been gifted with their own talents and challenges. It is my belief that all parents want one fundamental ideal fulfilled in the education of their children – that their child is loved and nurtured so that they will feel challenged in a positive manner to reach their potential best.

Each one of the teachers of St. Francis of the Fields fulfil this ideal - they love the children in their care – this does not happen in every school - I pray that each child and parent realises how fortunate they have been to have been blessed with such teachers.

From all the staff at St. Francis of the Fields Primary School, we hope you have a very holy, merry and safe Christmas.



Prayer

I share with you the following Christmas blessing...

*May Bethlehem's road rise up to meet you
May the Christmas star light your way
And may there be peace in your heart and in your home.
May you be filled with the joy of this Christmas season
May Bethlehem's road rise up to meet you
May the angel choir ring in your ear "Christ is here, Christ is here"
In those who suffer, and have no food,
in those who have no home at all,
in those who cry out for what I take for granted.
May Bethlehem's road rise up to meet you
May the Christmas star light your way
May you seek His face as all wise men still do
In the love of your family and your friends near and far.
Till you find him and see that God is with you
That God is in you.
Amen*



Connecting with our 2021 Foundation Students

We were so impressed with our 2021 Foundation students during their transition and orientation days. It was wonderful to see the children greeting each other at the front of the school, meeting their 2021 teachers and then walking together into their classroom. To replicate the success of Orientation day and to continue the smooth transition to school we will be providing the following opportunities for our 2021 Foundation children:

Sunday 'Welcome Day' - Sunday 24 January, 2021 at 10.00am

- All new families and children are invited to come to St. Francis of the Fields school to see their classroom (desk, bag locker etc), practice walking to their classroom from your chosen drop off location and enjoy a play on one of our many playgrounds!
- We encourage students to come dressed in their school uniform to get all those 'first' photos taken on this day. This will mean photographs will not need to be taken in the classrooms on their first day of school as the noise of additional people in the classroom can cause some children levels of anxiety.



Thursday 28 January - first half day of school for Foundation students (9.00am - 12.30pm)

- I ask all parents to practice a hug and kiss goodbye before entering the classroom.
- We encourage all our families to continue the success of orientation day and enable their child to walk into their classroom independently. Please consider the necessity of your family remaining in the classroom on the first morning as we hope to create a calm and welcoming environment.
- We want our students to easily locate their friends, classroom teacher and find an activity to engage with. Please be considerate of the noise and quantity of adults in the classroom, to ensure our classrooms are not overwhelming for any of our students.
- I ask that all family members move to the shed at 9.00am, or earlier, to enjoy a cuppa with Grace, Maree and Tim. School information will be shared at this time.



Monday 1 - Thursday 4 February - Learning Conversations (Week 2)

- Parents will have the opportunity to book in for a Learning Conversation in Week 2. This will provide everyone the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and connect. It is a time when parents can help share information about what makes their child special. Please click on this link to book your interview time, [School Interviews](#) and enter the code – **248uy**. Please note, the School Interviews bookings will open on **Monday 21 December at 5.00pm**



Thursday 4 March - Community Cuppa at Strathfieldsaye Bakery from 9.00am

- Families are most welcome to enjoy a Community Cuppa at Strathfieldsaye Bakery from 9.00am. This is a great opportunity to get to know and/or reconnect with other St Francis families. Please note that purchases will be at your own expense.



Thursday 11 February - Welcome Mass at 6pm

- All children are invited to our school Welcome Mass. This is an important occasion for our Foundation and Year 6 children

Please note that we will communicate, when able, with all families when parents are able to hear children read, as part of the morning routine. The decision will be based on Covid-19 guidelines.

We look forward to continuing the success of our Orientation day and can not wait to welcome you and your child/ren to St Francis of the Fields in 2021.

Learning Conversations Yr 1 – Yr 6 - Week 2, Term 1

To help reconnect with our community after the covid-19 restrictions we will be holding Learning Conversations in Week 2 of Term 1. This will mean that parents will be able to share information with the class teacher about the children in their care. Please book your time using this allocated link, [School Interviews](#) and enter the code – **248uy**. Please note, the School Interviews bookings will open on **Monday 21 December at 5.00pm**.

2021 School Dates – Click on this link to view the full 2021 Term 1 calendar [Term 1 2021](#)

Sunday 24 January, 2021

- All new families are welcome to attend the Welcome Day in the Community Centre at 10.00am

Wednesday 27 January, 2021

- Teachers resume
- Uniform Shop will be open from 9am – 1pm (***) Please read further in the newsletter for more Uniform Shop opening times prior to the commencement of Term 1)

Thursday 28 January, 2021 (Fr. Andrew's birthday)

- Foundation children: Attend from 9.00 – 12.30pm (please pack lunch boxes)
- Year 1-6: All children attend full days
- After School Care commences - please book directly [YMCA After School Care Bookings](#)

Friday 29 January, 2021

- Foundation children: Attend from 9.00 – 12.30pm (please pack lunch boxes)
- Year 1-6: All children attend full days

Monday 1 February, 2021

- Foundation – Year 6: All children attend full days
- Foundation children have Wednesday off.
- Learning Conversations will commence in Week 2 - we hope that all families will connect with their teachers during this week)

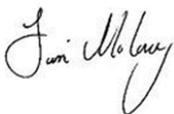
Friday 12 February, 2021

- All children (Fdn - Year 6) will come in for their MAI testing on this day (as booked by parents)

Friday 19 February, 2021

- All children (Fdn - Year 6) will come in for their MAI testing on this day (as booked by parents)

Christ has no hands but yours.



Tim Moloney – Principal



Pastoral Wellbeing

Maintaining strong family traditions

Theme: Positive Parenting



Strong families develop their own traditions and rituals that define them and bind members together. Birthdays, Christmas, Diwali, bar mitzvahs, and Ramadan are some traditions and rituals that families enjoy. They are the coat hooks upon which we hang our family memories. By definition, they are permanent and not set aside when life gets busy.

Rituals can be as simple as a parent saying to a child 'I love you' each day as they go to school, a weekly game of cricket or another sport, or the bedtime-story routine that so many children love. The permanence and uniqueness of rituals give them their significance.

My own family, for example, has developed a very strong food culture that is shown through the traditions and rituals that we maintain. A meal takes time and effort to prepare and there's an expectation that everyone contributes in some way. When the children were young the contribution was in preparation, table-setting or post meal clean up. The tradition of contribution continues as a new generation of children visit and do their bit to assist. Like most traditions this mealtime ritual was nurtured as a result of past parental experiences and gradually became refined over time to reflect our own family's unique identity.

Develop traditions early

Family traditions are best developed when children are pre-school or primary school aged. Parent approval is important so kids will generally comply when enjoyable family traditions engender a relaxed, calm atmosphere. Adolescents are likely to challenge many of their family's traditions and rituals, which is often difficult for parents to encounter. It helps to establish the traditions that are negotiable and those that are non-negotiable so you can approach adolescent challenges with some flexibility.

Defend them fiercely

When a child tells you that 'everyone at school is allowed to do....' you can reply by saying, "In our family we do it this way." Leaning against family tradition in this way gives you a strength to resist children's pester power. Family traditions and rituals need to be fiercely defended by parents.

Make family meals non-negotiable

This writer recommends that shared mealtimes should be non-negotiable in families. It's no coincidence that countries with strong food cultures are also known for their strong family cultures. Shared mealtimes build connection, are great tools for developing children's manners and respectful actions. They've also been linked to the maintenance of good mental health in children and young people, presumably due to the opportunity it provides parents to stay in touch with their children.

Healthy families are built around traditions and rituals. It's useful to approach the concept of family traditions with a mix of firmness to insist that children adhere to family rituals but also flexibility to accommodate growing independence as children move into the next stage of development.

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,
Grace Scalora
Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing
gscalora@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au

Farewell and Congratulations Yr 6's



Last night we farewelled our Class of 2020 - Year 6's. We wish them all the best for their future endeavours and thank them for being such a wonderful part of the St Francis Community.

We would like to congratulate our Yr 6 Award winners:

St Therese's Kennington Parish Award

- Zahli Van Emmerik
- Oliver Crowle
- Kallen Villani
- Isabelle Martin

St Francis of the Fields School Award

- Olivia Smith
- Jack Oldham

Strathfieldsaye Lions Club – All Rounder Scholarship

- Sam Gibson
- Delaney Wagner

School Sports Victoria Medal

- Riley Webster

St Francis of the Fields Music Award

- Georgia Stevens

Indonesian Award

- Meg Tyrrell

Visual Arts Award

- Lucia Fitzpatrick

St Francis Sustainability Award

- Tom Harrison

AWG Psychology – Social Justice Award

- Amber Durrant
- Olivia Hobbs

We also thank and farewell the following families who are leaving the St Francis Community at the end of 2020:

Abbott
Adams
Allan
Angelo
Aquilina
Bartlett
Bennett
Boyd
Buchanan
Chilver
Cooper

Cousins
Crowle
Duff
Dunn
Fox
Gladman
Gray
Hargreaves
Harris
Harrison
Harrop

Hobbs
Holliday
Howman
Janssen
Johnson
Koglin
Mathews
McCarthy
Pattinson
Pearce
Simpson

Smith
Smith
Tobin
Tyrrell
Varner
Wagner
Wallace
Wilkie
Zanatta



RE News....

St Vinnies' Christmas Hampers – Thank You

The St Therese's Conference of St Vincent De Paul Society thanks you for your kindness and generosity in providing such magnificent hampers and money for vouchers for our Christmas Appeal.

You have helped many families in our parish to feel happier and more relaxed at this busy time of preparation for the Christmas season.

We wish you a happy and safe holiday, a **wonderful joy filled Christmas** and a very happy 2021. May God bless you all.



St Francis Choir – Sandhurst Arts on Show

Please click on this link to view the [Combined St Francis & St Peter's Choir](#) which performed for the 2020 Sandhurst Arts on Show exhibition earlier this term.

Congratulations to all involved.



PE News....

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

St Francis Netball

All previous Netballers and those new to the game from Grade 3 - Grade 6:

The 2021 season commences on **April 17th**

The fee structure is as follows:

VNA \$ 58

BSNA - \$130 (\$125 grade 3)

St Francis Club Fee \$20

Netball Dresses are supplied. Personalized Hoodies will be available to order



Registrations will all occur online at the beginning of Feb 2021 - we will advertise!

Please join our FaceBook group 'St Francis Netball', or, contact us at stfrancisnetballclub@gmail.com

We look forward to getting our kids in the court in 2021!

Inga McMillan – President

St Francis Football Club – Auskick Volunteer required

St Francis JFC would like to continue running the Auskick program again in 2021 and we are looking for a volunteer to coordinate the program. If you think you can help out with this, please contact Adam Place on 0419518980 or adamdplace@gmail.com. Thank you



A St Francis Falcons Christmas Message

2020 –The Season That Wasn't!

Hello Falcons fans. What a year of challenges and social change we have faced in season 2020 – the season that wasn't! Whilst a season for the children didn't quite go to plan, we are setting our sights on 2021 and there's a few updates to get you all across.

Falcons 2021

A new Falcons executive has been established and we are pleased to announce Adam Place as incoming President, and Hayden McDonnell as Vice President for 2021. Gerard Horan will stay on as Treasurer and Caroline Strachan in the chair as Secretary. Joining our general committee are Sarah Willis and Todd Cody.

In 2020, we planned to move our club from Mandurang and play our home games at St Francis of the Fields oval, and we are excited to keep that promise and base ourselves at the school in 2021. Work is underway to ensure we have the right facilities in place heading into the season, and we are working closely with the school and associated stakeholders to bring those plans to life, including interchange shelters and a scoreboard. Next year will be a chance for the community to reconnect and we see our new home base as a place to bring together Players, Parents, Supporters and Sponsors in an important year for all.

Fees will remain the same in 2021, and we are thankful for the patience and consideration of all families who elected to have their 2020 fees donated, refunded or rolled over into 2021. This has been due to the tireless accounting work of Jane, Caroline and Gerard and we thank them for their efforts to provide all Falcon's families options.

Special Thankyou

Our esteemed President of the past 2 seasons in Jane Davis has stepped down given her family move to QLD earlier this year. Jane has been a wonderful contributor as President to our club, her energy and effort (particularly this year in trying circumstances) was second to none and we wish Jane, Shane and family well as they settle in the Sunshine State. Simon Nihill has also stepped down as Vice President but will remain on the committee, whilst Kevin Matthews and Nigel Fraser have both stepped off the general committee. We would like to thank Kevin and Nigel for their contribution to our club and wish them well.

Christmas time is upon us

As 2020 comes to a close, the Committee would like to extend Christmas wishes to all players, parents, supporters, and sponsors and we look forward to seeing everyone fresh and excited in the new year. Stay tuned for news and updates on our social media pages.

See you all in 2021, Go Falcons!



Repeat - 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

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 stfrancis@ymca.org.au.

Uniform Shop – Online Shop

The uniform shop is still waiting for the arrival of some stock; polo tops, skorts, rugby jumpers and sport shorts. Buxwear are working to get these to us by January. Our uniform shop hours for the beginning of 2021 are:

Wednesday 20 January - processing online orders

Thursday 21 January - 10.30 - 11.30am - pick up orders from the school office (we will message you if your order is ready for pickup at this time). **If you have items which need to be exchanged please bring them in to the school office at this time**

Wednesday 27th Jan - 9.00am – 3.00pm - Uniform shop open for exchanges, online orders and pickups. Bring items to be exchanged to the front office.

At present the COVID restrictions still don't allow us to be open for face to face so please continue to email all orders to stf@buxwear.com.au or you can also order and pay online at [St Francis / Buxwear Online Shop](#)

We wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas,
Sarah, Jade, Bec and Joelene.



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

Helen Jordan

PIANO

helenjordan@optusnet.com.au

Stephanie Wade

PIANO

stephwade@bigpond.com

Deb Lowes

PIANO

lowesdeb44@gmail.com

Kate van Emmerik (nee Jordan)

VIOLIN

kateviolin2@gmail.com

Sam Miles Forbes

GUITAR, BASS, DRUMS

sammilesforbes@gmail.com

Jo Woodward

GUITAR

jo.woodward@iinet.net.au

Min Miles

GUITAR

minmiles@bigpond.com

Liesbeth van Emmerik

RECORDER

liesbethhc@gmail.com





School Interviews

Dear Parents,

Learning Conversations are on the week of Monday 1 Feb to Thursday 4 Feb, 2021.

Interviews are strictly 15 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting.

Bookings open **Monday 21 December at 5.00pm.** Please go to:-

- www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code below.

248uy



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you do not receive your email, please check your junk mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if email address is incorrect.

DO NOT DELETE the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

Bookings must be finalised by **Wednesday 27 January at 9.00am.**

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.

Community News.....

This year the Strathfieldsaye Junior Netball Club committee is conducting our 2021 registrations via google forms. If interested, could you please register via the link below by **31st December, 2020**.

This registration form is for St Franics Grade 6 students only. Please contact us if you have any questions via our email sjnc3551@gmail.com

Information regarding grading days and fees to pay will come in the new year.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.



REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2021 JUNIOR FOOTBALL SEASON

The South Bendigo Junior Football Club are ready to bring our young players back out onto the football field in 2021.

Registrations are now open for Under 9, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16 Boys; and Under 12 and Under 14 Girls.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

https://websites.sportstg.com/club_info.cgi?c=0-6149-80384-530094-26494864&clubID=80384

For more information please contact Shaun Langdon
Email: jnfbpresident@southbendigofnc.com.au
Phone: 0413 922 625



SUMMER HOLIDAYS

N°40
Team Kids

BEST HOLIDAY PROGRAMS in Australia
VOTED BY YOU

Choose Your ADVENTURE

- KIDS VS ADULTS
- POLAR BEAR PLUNGE
- LONG GULLY SPLASH PARK
- EPIC CASTLE CONSTRUCTIONS

FUN FRIENDS GOOD TIMES

YOU ARE INVITED!

Book now!
TEAMKIDS.COM.AU
1300 035 000

Download Full Program



St Therese's Primary - Kennington
TIMES 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM DATES 21 DEC - 27 JAN

KELLY SPORTS Summer HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Mon 11th to Thurs 21st Jan 2021



Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including A Year of World Cups, Lots of Sports, Awesome Games & MUCH MORE!

Some activities may need to be swapped for other exciting ones! Go online to check out a full, up-to-date timetable for your school.

FOR THE LOVE OF SPORT 25 YEARS

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT **KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU**

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM SUMMER 2021

WEEK 1 4 - 8 JAN

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?

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!

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!

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!

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!

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

BENDIGO SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Lightning Reef Primary School | 74 Holmes Rd, North Bendigo VIC 3552
p: 0428 516 192 | e: bendigo@ymca.org.au | w: childrensprogramsmymca.org.au



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM SUMMER 2021

WEEK 3 18 - 22 JAN

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.

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?

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.

CRAZY HAIR DAY Thu 21 Jan



There's no better way to have some fun, than having crazy hair - the coolest colours, the weirdest hairstyles, there's hours of fun to be had. Plus face painting!

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!

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

BENDIGO SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Lightning Reef Primary School | 74 Holmes Rd, North Bendigo VIC 3552
p: 0428 516 192 | e: bendigo@ymca.org.au | w: childrensprogramsmymca.org.au



Welcome summer with a free community ride & swim!

Sunday 13 December

Two ride options:

Shorter ride (12km) - START: GOLDEN SQUARE POOL 10AM

This ride follows the Bendigo Creek Trail to the Play-o-saurus playground. After a short break we'll return on the creek trail to the pool (several road crossings). Ride at your own pace. Suitable for younger kids + newer riders.

Longer ride (20km) - START: CHRISTMAS TREE (Rosalind Park Piazza) 10AM

We'll ride on-road to Golden Square, then take the Bendigo Creek Trail to Crusoe Reservoir, ride around the res, then return to the pool via the creek trail. Moderate pace, suitable for older kids + adults.



Both rides return to Golden Square Pool.

Pool open 11am-noon: free swim for all riders + icy poles for kids.

Bring water, spares/puncture repair, your mask, and a snack if you like.

It's free, but [PLEASE REGISTER](https://www.trybooking.com/BLYON) to keep us COVID-safe: www.trybooking.com/BLYON

Bike Bendigo Community Rides are held on the second Sunday of every month.



HEADING TO HIGH SCHOOL? ON YOUR BIKE!



Time

9.15am - 1.00pm

Program Dates

18-19 Jan

Cost

\$25 for two sessions
(\$20 earlybird until 31 Dec)

Booking Essential

www.trybooking.com/BNKIU

School holiday program for teens & tweens

- Brush up on your riding skills
- Understand the road rules
- Learn strategies for safe on-road riding
- Prepare for independent travel

About the instructors

Nicola Dunicliff-Wells is an accredited Bike Ed Instructor and AustCycle Skills Coach. President of Bike Bendigo and mother of three, she is passionate about supporting active travel to school.

Megan Horgan holds a Bike Ed Instructor certificate and has worked as a National Standard Cycling Instructor in the UK. Megan loves her active lifestyle and seeing others enjoy the fun and freedom of riding!



This program is funded through the VicRoads
Community Road Safety Grants program

Community
Road Safety Grants

