

ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 2 – February 11, 2021

(Term 1 – Week 3)

The Jaara people are the traditional custodians of the land on which we live. They have lived here for thousands of years. We commit to working for Reconciliation and justice for all Aboriginal people and to learning more about the Jaara people.

“To Live, Learn and Grow in God’s Love”

Reminders

Thursday February 11

- P&F Meeting @ 7.30pm

Friday February 12

- PUPIL FREE DAY - MAI Assessments

Saturday February 13

- MARONG CUP

Tuesday February 16

- Shrove Tuesday
- Burning of the Palms 10.30am
- Catholic Swimming Sports @ Bgo East Pool



Wednesday February 17

- Foundation Rest Day
- Ash Wednesday Liturgy 11am
- School Board Meeting @ 7.30pm
- Yr 5 Parent/Child Cyber Safety Night 7pm - ONLINE

Friday February 19

- PUPIL FREE DAY - MAI Assessments

Wednesday February 24

- Foundation Rest Day
- Foundation Numeracy Workshop @ 9am & 2pm

Friday February 26

- Assembly @ 2.45pm

Wednesday March 3

- Foundation Rest Day
- Foundation Numeracy Workshop @ 9am

Friday March 5

- Division Swimming Carnival

Monday March 8

- Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday March 9

- Foundation start attending full time

Wednesday March 10

- School Photos

Thursday March 11

- School Photos

Friday March 12

- Assembly @ 2.45pm

Tuckshop 2021

Week 3 –

Thursday February 11

Friday February 12 – Pupil Free Day

Week 4 –

Thursday February 18

Friday February 19 – Pupil Free Day

Week 5 –

Thursday February 25

Friday February 26

Week 6 –

Thursday March 4

Friday March 5

Weekend Maintenance

13-14 Feb Carroll (4Z), Goddard (5D), Rodda (3H), Butcher (1M)

20-21 Feb Cunningham (5HM), Stead (1SA), Turpie (1M)

27-28 Feb Deacon (3B), Pollock (3B), Fewings (3B)

6-7 Mar Jackson-Leahy (6FM), McDermott (1R), Humphreys (6FM)

13-14 Mar Dyer (6W), Freeman (4Z), Place (6FM)

“For it is in giving that we receive.” St Francis of Assisi



Dear Families,

We are only one week away from the beginning of Lent. I still remember a priest I worked with saying that Lent is not a time for “giving up” things, but rather a time for “doing” for others. As mature Christians we should be able to look outside our personal square and look for opportunities to be bearers of kindness, respect, dignity, comfort, love – true reflections of who we are.

I share with you this beautiful Reflection:

If I Could

If I could, I would teach each child to be positive, to smile, to love and be loved.

I would teach each child to take time to observe some miracle of nature – the song of a bird, the beauty of a snowflake, the orange glow of a winter sunset.

I would teach each child to feel warmly about those for whom the task of learning does not come easily.

I would teach each one to be kind to all living creatures, and to crowd out of their lives feelings of guilt, misunderstanding and lack of compassion.

I would teach each child that it is alright to show their feelings by laughing, crying, or touching someone they care about.

Everyday I would have a child feel special and through my actions, each one would know how much I really care.



Pupil Free Days

All Catholic Schools are allocated Pupil Free Days each year. These days are generally used to focus on the professional development that staff members require to achieve the Strategic and Operational Goals set each year. In order for this to happen the school is closed for the day (though After School Care generally still operates in the Community Centre).



Our Pupil Free Days for Term 1 & 2 are as follows:

- Friday 12 February - MAI Testing
- Friday 19 February - MAI Testing

Covid requirements update

Stay home when unwell

- Parents are asked to please keep children home from school, if they are unwell.
- All school staff must also stay home unwell.
- If students, staff or parents have symptoms of covid they must be tested, and can only return to school once determined the results were negative.

Practise good hygiene

- Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds regularly throughout the day
- Use hand sanitiser provided
- Sneeze or cough into your arm
- Avoid sharing food
- Use non-contact greetings (avoid kissing, handshakes, hugging)



Ensure physical distancing (1.5 m)

- Density limits do not apply to classrooms.
- Density limits apply for gatherings with parents and staff members.
- All parents use the QR codes when entering the Administration area and classrooms

Masks

- Teachers or visitors to school sites must also wear masks when indoors.
- Teachers are not required to wear masks when teaching.
- Children under 12 years of age and students at primary school are not required to wear face masks when at school, or when attending an OHSC program.

Assemblies, award ceremonies and other large gatherings

- If an event is held with external guests (parents/carers/visitors), then the overall attendee limit (inclusive of guests, staff and students) must be based on the available floor space of the venue, with the density limit of one person per two square metres applied.
- We have 617 students and 71 staff. Unfortunately this means we cannot have any parents attend assemblies or masses in the shed as the density limit will be exceeded.

Excursion or sport events.

- If held at an external venue, entertainment facility or community facility, the school will need to abide by the restrictions on the type of venue,

Opening School Mass

Our children celebrated their first whole school mass of the year, and their first whole school mass for 10 months. It was lovely to have our Parish Priest, Father Andrew Fewings celebrating with the children, especially our Foundation children. Hopefully our parent community can soon join in with our school liturgies.

Swimming Championships



Our children competed brilliantly and fairly throughout the Swimming Championships yesterday. I was especially proud of our Year 6 students who were wonderful helpers in the kickboard events. Thank you to Danielle Coates (PE Coordinator) and Annette Exell (PE Assistant) for coordinating a wonderful Yr. 3-6 Swimming Championship yesterday. Thanks also to all the school staff who assisted in making the day such a successful one. It was lovely to see plenty of parent support on the day.

Parents & Friends Meeting

All parents are most welcome to attend our first P & F meeting tonight at 7.30pm. The meeting will be held in the staff room. If we have more than 20 parents attend we will move to a larger room to accommodate social distancing. Please come along and help our school.



School Advisory Council (Formally known as the the School Board)

Our School Advisory Council will meet on Wednesday 17th February at 7.30pm in the Staffroom. I look forward to meeting with our Board and working through our 2021 Operational Plan. All board members should have been emailed the agenda. If you have not yet received the agenda please let Tim Moloney know ASAP. Thank you.



Forms to be returned to school via PAM (Parent Access Module)

- Updated Asthma Plan (for those students who need one)
- Anaphylaxis plan (for those students who need a plan)

If you have not yet completed any of the forms listed above on PAM (where applicable), please complete using these instructions.

- Please enter this URL into your browser - <https://pam.sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au>
 - Click on the 'Forgot Password?' link and follow the prompts. (Please take note of your username in the email which will be sent to you with the next link)
- Excursion permission forms can be found under 'School Activities'.

Marong Cup - Saturday 13 February from 11.00am - Repeat

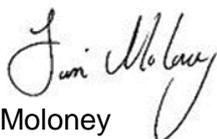
A reminder that the Marong Cup will be held on Saturday 13 February.



Please note the race day will proceed but will be vastly different due to COVID-19 restrictions. The changes include:

- No kids activity area (so no wristband sales at school)
- No musical entertainment
- No Schools Race this year
- Admission only by pre-booked ticket with BJC and will be allocated a specific seat in the grandstand or an area.
- There will not be any sitting on the lawn area and no one will be permitted to just roam around the grounds
- No tickets sold at the gate
- No tickets sold at schools
- A reduced number of volunteers still needed – school reps will have details
- Volunteers will need to sign in at the front entrance and get a wristband to enable entry to the racecourse
- Volunteers working on the day will not be able to take children (unless they have pre booked a seat) and must leave the course following their shift unless they have purchased a ticket.

Christ has no hands but yours.



Tim Moloney
Principal

Pastoral Wellbeing

Helping your child become the best student they can be

By Michael Grose

Theme: Education/ Learning



The new school year is full of excitement and possibility for students and parents. Regardless of how a child or young person has previously performed, this year offers a chance to set a new course.

While it's tempting as a parent to make the attainment of good academic results the main priority, this is a narrow view that may be incompatible with long-term success. It's wiser to broaden your view and focus on helping your child or young person become the best student they can be. Here's how.

Encourage learning

The rapidly changing world and workforce that your child will enter requires that they have a willingness to continually learn and adapt. The concept of a lifelong learner, previously lauded by educators with an eye to the future, has now become a reality. Learning and continual improvement should be embedded in each child's psyche so that school life is just a starting point to a lifetime of learning, growth and development. Help your child see themselves as successful learners who achieve results through hard work and application, and that nothing is beyond them if they apply themselves.

Promote leadership

Leadership is required in all walks of life including at school, at work, in families and in the wider community. Help your child see themselves as a leader by focusing on personal leadership capacities such as planning ahead, communicating clearly, being accountable for their behaviour, developing emotional awareness and fostering good relationships with siblings and peers. Personal leadership development provides a strong foundation for the development of leadership skills in more public forums in later life.

Applaud independence

The school years are critical for the development of independence, which can easily be closed down by the roadblocks of impatience, overindulgence, fear and lack of time. Alternatively, independence is promoted when we show patience, provide opportunity, display confidence and teach students how.

Embed wellbeing

If there is one difference that modern schooling is making to the next generation it's in the leadership they have shown in recent years to the maintenance of mental health and wellbeing practises. Parents can support their child's long term wellbeing by embedding wellbeing habits including healthy eating, exercise, sleep, relaxation techniques, regular time in nature, gratitude and mindfulness.

Teach socialisation

If you want your child to be liked by others, it's essential to spend time and effort developing the skills and attitudes needed to succeed. Develop in them an awareness of how their behaviour impacts on others, instil manners and community-mindedness and develop a broad range of friendship skills that will assist them to relate well to others.

Foster resilience

2020 showed us life is unpredictable, full of ups and downs, straight balls and curve balls. It's the unpredictability, the downs and the curve balls that develop kids' resilience. How parents and teachers react to the hardships, frustrations and difficulties kids face either hamper or foster resilience. Spoil, overprotect or pamper and growth opportunities are wasted. Support, encourage and teach kids to cope and you'll be helping them develop a real sense of psychological hardiness and resilience that's essential for long term happiness and success.

Make this year a memorable one by helping your child grow and develop into the best student they can be. Keep the focus broad and do all you can to ensure that your child sees themselves as a confident and continuous learner.

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



RE News....

Ash Wednesday & the beginning of Lent

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday which begins Lent, that annual journey that leads us to Easter. Lent parallels those 40 days that Jesus ventured through the wilderness to strengthen himself for the challenging journey that would lead him to that first Easter.

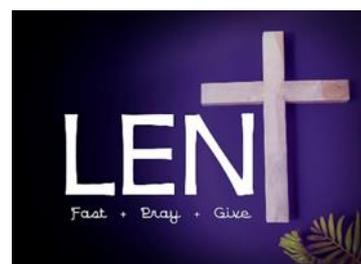
During this period, we too are invited to make our own journey to Easter during which we re-examine our own lives, by sifting through the “ashes” that have resulted from our separation from God. This year, Lent takes on a new dimension when we consider the recent pandemic that has brought so much uncertainty and despair to our nation. But out of the bleakness of pain, suffering, loss and death, let us continue to pray for the certain renewal that will come from God, through the generosity of the Holy Spirit.

Through spiritual acts, such as prayer, retreat, fasting, charitable service and almsgiving during Lent, let us also work with God to renew our own dedication to and love of God and of all Creation whom we are called to serve. Jesus is the human face of God. He is the one who shows us the perfect pattern of discipleship.

Next week we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday. The tradition of Shrove Tuesday, the day before we begin Lent, will be explored by students, as they experience a range of activities. Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday dates back to 1000 AD and was the last chance to enjoy foods such as eggs, sugar and dairy. It was also a way to use these foods up before the Lenten fast began.

We will be making pancakes once again this year. Unfortunately, due to COVID we are not able to have our parent volunteers to help us.

Fr Andrew will lead us in prayer to prepare for Ash Wednesday and Lent on Tuesday by Burning of the Palms from last year's Palm Sunday and our Lenten Promises that we had written. Lent is a time for fasting, almsgiving, prayer, reflecting and a time for growing closer to God. On Ash Wednesday, Fr Andrew will once again lead us in prayer and we will be signed with these ashes (COVID safely) renewing our promise to follow Jesus and to live as better, loving people.



Project Compassion



Next week, Wednesday 17 February, the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.

We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. Each family will receive a Project Compassion box and/or a set of envelopes for their donations or you can donate online via the Caritas Australia website at: lent.caritas.org.au

St Francis of the Fields will once again be participating in Caritas Ks. This will be held on Friday 19 March. All classrooms will have a donation box. During Lent, we can make little changes to our daily lives as we think about others in our community and beyond who need our support. The money saved from these changes can be donated to Project Compassion to help others. Giving up weekly treat/s and donating the money to your classroom donation box.

Our choir will be performing at the Project Compassion Launch in the Hargreaves Mall on, Tuesday 16 March at 11:30pm. Thank you to Mrs Heinrich for preparing the students and leading the choir. Free pancakes are served from 11:00am! All are welcome to attend.

Saint Oscar Romero is our inspiration for Project Compassion 2021, so in his words let's "Aspire not to have more, but to be more."



World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking

Pope Francis has declared 8 February to be the world day of prayer and action against human trafficking. He chose this day because it is the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of Sudan and of victims of slavery. Josephine Bakhita was kidnapped as a child from Africa and sold into slavery in the Sudan and in Italy before being freed and becoming a Canossian Sister.

It is estimated that over 40 million people are trapped in slavery globally – and that 25% of these are children. Many products we buy come from producers who use child labour and forced labour, often involving trafficked children and adults. Even if these workers are not slaves, they live and work in slavery-like conditions, which are often unsanitary and dangerous, for less than the minimum wage.

We know this situation is particularly rife in the production of coffee, tea and cocoa; it is also all too prevalent in industries like construction, agriculture and textiles to name a few. Instances of trafficking and forced labour continue to arise in Australia and in the Sandhurst diocese – they are not issues that are remote to us.

You are invited to join ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans), to find out more about the things you can do in your everyday life:

- Do you know if your coffee or chocolate is certified slavery-free?
- Speak to your local supermarket about providing more slavery-free products on their shelves.
- Tell at least five other people about slavery-free chocolate and encourage them to buy it too.
- Subscribe to ACRATH to receive regular updates three or four times a year via their newsletter <https://acrath.org.au/news/newsletter-subscription/>
- Donate to ACRATH. Currently, ACRATH receives no Government funding and values the many grants and donations from supporters and members who share their vision for 'a world free of human trafficking'.
- Look for chocolate with one of these logos on it – Fairtrade, UTZ or Rainforest Alliance.



St. Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery as a child and endured untold hardship and suffering. Once liberated from your physical enslavement, you found true redemption in your encounter with Christ and his Church.

O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom people enslave, let God set free. Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to you as an example of hope and faith.

Help all survivors find healing from their wounds. We ask for your prayers and intercessions for those enslaved among us. Amen.

Find out more about the campaign at <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/world-day-of-prayer/>



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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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PE News..... Swimming in 2021

Thank you!

Dear parents,

A sincere thank you to all those who came along and supported their children at the swimming sports. Thank you to the teachers and support staff for assisting on the day with all events.

The day went brilliantly, and the sportsmanship and kindness many of the children showed one another was so wonderful to see. I also want to make note of how lucky we are with the calibre of year 6's we have. The leadership shown by them while cheering and helping others in the 25m races was just exemplary. The best part of the day was seeing so many students get in the pool and give it their all to earn house points!

Another highlight was the house colour & Staff V Students relays!!

Well done to all involved.

Congratulations to Francis (green), the winning house for the 2021 Swimming Sports.

The final House points scores were..

Green (Francis): 669

Blue (Bacchus): 647

Yellow (Clare): 595

Red (MacKillop): 503



Congratulations to our best contributors, we had a number of age groups that were very hard to split. How lucky are we to have so many wonderful sports people that are not only athletically capable, but that are also beautiful children with great attitudes to match.

These children will receive their medals at the next assembly (Friday 26/2).

12/13 year boys: Rylie Diss

12/13 year girls: Olivia Fitzpatrick

11 year boys: Samuel Johnson

11 year girls: Mia Wardell

10 year boys: Tate Kanzamar

10 year girls: Ava Hope

8/9 year boys: William Shadbolt

8/9 year girls: Lily Diss

Danielle Coates

PE Coordinator



Vic Netball State selection

The Team Vic 12&U Netball 2021 Registration to Trial is open.

I am sharing the opportunity for any Yr 6 children that wish to trial for State selection. Please note, this MUST be endorsed by Tim Moloney (Principal) and myself. The calibre of the player must be high. This is not a come and try day, it's a very high standard trial.



You can see further information on the trial using the link below:

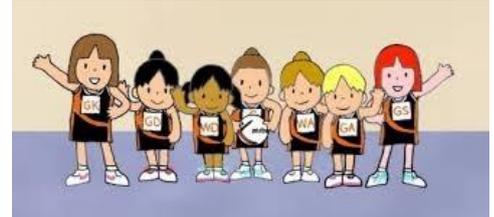
Follow this link <https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic/pages/netball.aspx> to find all of the information and the RED button to go ahead and register, should you gain the go ahead from Paul and myself.

Please see selection guidelines:

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic/Documents/TeamVicNetball12YearsandUSelectionGuidelinesConference2021.pdf>

The registration to trial will close on Monday 1 March. If you feel your child may be suited to trial, please get in contact with me ASAP.

Danielle Coates- PE Coordinator
dcoates@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au



OASIS News....

As you are aware, I have been appointed the new OASIS teacher for 2021. I am so excited for the opportunity to continue the great work that Realene Gooch started.

This term we have a focus on 'Change'. I am hopeful that there are members of our school community that may be able to assist in presenting to our students about how everyday materials can be physically changed or combined with other materials in a variety of ways for particular purposes.

My thinking is around some of the following:

1. Growing produce in the garden and converting this into new substances, eg. wheat and turning this into flour, Oats, or any grain
2. Spinning sheep's wool into yarn the old way.
3. Rug making
4. Bee Keeping
5. Dairy farmers and converting cows (or any other animals) milk into butter and cheese

Or any other ideas that you may be skilled in that you think may fit that we can learn about.



I am also really excited to learn from our school community. I am looking for people who have a keen interest in sustainability that we can learn from. Professionals or hobbyists it doesn't matter, I would be interested in learning more about:

1. Bio-diversity
2. Water storage and drainage solutions
3. All aspects of gardening
4. Permaculture
5. Garden landscape designers



Please reach out to me and I will collect your information and hopefully call on you for expert knowledge when the time is right. My contact details are m butcher@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au

I look forward to talking to all of the experts in the Environment and Sustainability.

Matt Butcher

Environment and Sustainability Teacher/OASIS Coordinator

Building Numeracy Skills

A workshop for Foundation parents and your child

Three sessions available:
Wednesday 24th February,
9am or 2pm
Wednesday 3rd March, 9am



Workshops will be held
in the **Community Centre**
and will run for approximately one hour.

These sessions will allow you to work alongside your child.
You are welcome to stay for a cuppa afterwards – a good chance to
meet and get to know other parents.

**Hands-on, practical workshops (where you won't have
to answer any maths questions out loud!)**

We will focus on:

- Developing an understanding of what children do as they develop 'number sense'
- Ways to develop effective counting strategies
- Having fun playing the games with your child
- Nurturing a wonder and enjoyment of maths in our world

Go to schoolinterviews.com to book.

Booking code: 9dj7k

Due to covid restrictions, the maximum number of bookings is 22 per session.

For any questions, please email Kate Ellis (Maths Leader)

kellis@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au

Tuckshop News.....

Tuckshop will again be available on Thursdays and Fridays in 2021. Ordering will continue via CDF Pay. Please go to <https://sfstrathfieldsaye.cdfpay.org.au> to set up your child/ren's account. (Please remember to update your child's 2021 class!) For new parents, there is a guide to ordering via CDF Pay on the school website - go to sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au>Downloads>Tuckshop>CDF Pay Parent's Guide

Here are a few more points to remember:

- **Update your child/ren's class on their tuckshop bag**
- Have your orders entered and paid for on CDF Pay before **9.00am** on the day of tuckshop
- If your child will be absent from school, but you have already placed an order, email the office and we will cancel the order for you.
- Reusable tuckshop bags are available to order on CDF Pay
- Remember to write and update the order items, on the tuckshop bag, each time you order
- Remember to send your child's tuckshop bag, with them to school, the day they have ordered
- Remember to place individual orders for each child. Do not combine the orders under one child's name.



We are happy to have a chat with any parents who may have concerns about their child's food related allergies and our current menu options.

At present we cannot have parent helpers in the tuckshop but we are hoping this might change for Term 2. Please give us a call and we'll put you on the roster.

Fiona (0400 072 311) & Donna (0408 051 979)
Tuckshop Coordinators.

Grade 6 Tryouts for upcoming 2021 Winter Season

Lunch time in the Shed
1:40pm



Wednesday 17th February
Tuesday 23rd February
Wednesday 24th February

*players must attend at least 2 tryouts



Gr. 5 Parent/Child CyberSafety Night

7pm-8pm Wed. 17th February

***New: On-line Meeting**

As part of the whole school iPad Program and policy for the Gr. 5 1:1 program, we will once again be holding a Cyber Safety presentation. **It is a requirement for all Grade 5 students and one parent/guardian to attend.**

We need to know that all children will be safe and that parents understand what's required. Parents will then be asked to sign the agreement for take home use.

This year's Cyber Safety session will be presented by Grant Fitzgerald, senior consultant in Learning Technologies/Teaching & Learning at the Sandhurst Catholic Education Office.

Grant is a previous staff member, deputy principal and parent at St. Francis of the Fields and has worked for many years with both students and teachers in using computers to assist with, and demonstrate learning.

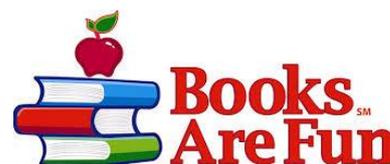
Grant will give a presentation that will assist parents in helping children to stay safe online and what it means to be good digital citizens.



Scholastic Books

Issue 1 Catalogues Out Now, orders due in by **Wednesday 17th Feb.**

Thank you everyone for your support last year with over \$1,500.00 in rewards received (new books in the library!), 20% of each order goes back to our school for us to spend in the Library.



A run down for those new families and those who have not ordered before:

1. Catalogues go to every child and include a wide range of books and products for purchase. We have spare copies of the catalogues in the office (on the info wall). All catalogues are also available online as well.
2. Our school (all classes) are "LOOPED" into the credit card payment system which basically means that if you want to pay by credit card, you order in your child's class and name and follow the payment prompts - if you join the loop system you no longer need to send anything back to school as it all comes through when the orders are finalised.
3. You are still able to pay cash or cheque and send in the order form to the office via the classroom tub.
4. If you would like your books to be left at the office for collection and are paying on loop, please send an email to office@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au and we will let you know when the items arrive and are available for collection. If you are using the order forms, just make a note of your preference to collect at office and a mobile number please. Please include your child's name if they differ to yours.
5. All orders will be sent back to the classrooms to your child unless we are notified otherwise.
6. Please don't forget that if you are using the forms to put your name and class on every form please and mark the envelope 'Scholastic Book Club' so we know where to put the orders.

Thank you for your continued support.

Michelle Janssen & Stephanie Wade, Scholastic Books Coordinators

Calling all Woodworkers & Needlepointers!!

For those new to the school, we have two social groups for our parents – 'Woodwork' is for the men and 'Needlepoint' is for the ladies.

We get together each term to catch up, meet new parents, unwind and enjoy each other's company. Last year we enjoyed a progressive dinner, winery tour, pub nights and bike ride along the O'Keefe Trail, just to name a few.

You can find out info of our upcoming events in the Newsletter or by joining our Facebook pages. Search up 'Frankie's Woodworkers' and 'Needlepoint Group'. Tag other Parents and join in the fun!

Otherwise, you can contact Leigh Stevens 0407865875 for Woodworking or Bek Stevens 0418103199 for Needlepoint.

Woodwork
Needlepoint

St Francis Falcon's Football Club

Auskick

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

2021 Registrations

St Francis JFC registrations are now open. Existing members should have already received an email from SportsTG with a link to register. A further email with the Club registrations will follow.

If you are new to St Francis, please don't hesitate to contact us via sfrancisjfc@hotmail.com if you would like to register, or have any questions.



YMCA – After School Care

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.



St Francis of the Fields Primary School

Pupil free days
Friday 12th and Friday 19th
February 2021

8am – 6pm

The YMCA will be operating full day care
on this day.



To secure your place log into My Family Lounge
and place a casual booking or
contact us on **0459 988 313**

Community News....

Hockey Clinic

We are excited to welcome the Hockey Victoria Roadshow to our school!

Students are being given the fantastic opportunity to try out the exciting game of hockey! They will learn the skills of the game through exciting game-based activities suited to every year level and ability.

Hockey Victoria will be sending their amazing Participation Officers to our school in the coming weeks to provide an engaging, fun, and safe hockey experience for everyone.

At Hockey Victoria they pride themselves in providing an enjoyable experience for every student, so keep an eye out and see if you can spot one of their coaches at school soon!

If you enjoy the sessions during school, you can continue with your hockey experience by joining a local Hookin2Hockey program www.hookin2hockey.com.au. With programs all over the state you can find a local program that will suit your schedule.



KELLY SPORTS

BACK TO SCHOOL SPORT!

LEARN NEW SPORTS IN TERM 1

FOR THE LOVE OF SPORTS
25 YEARS

Have heaps of fun in the sun with your friends while playing a range of dynamic and active sports over the term.

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT
KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS | MULTI-SPORT PROGRAMME

Programmes run weekly on one day a week for one hour.

This term we will focus on the following sports:

- ✓ Tennis
- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ T-Ball
- ✓ Athletics

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

For Prep – Year 4 students.

PRICES: \$112 FOR 8 WEEKS

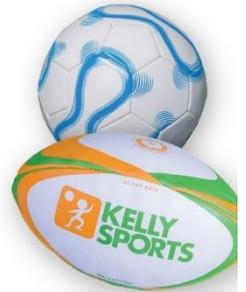
St Francis of the Fields PS –Friday: 3:20pm-4:30pm

Be coached by a fully qualified teacher with over 10 years experience, trained in Physical Education. Want to take your game to the next level or just learn a heap of FUN new skills? Then our Multi Sports Program is for you!

BOOK EARLY & SAVE

Enrol your child before Sun 7th Feb 2021 to receive your first session FREE!

- Website:** kellysports.com.au
- Contact:** Brett Harris
- Email:** brett@kellysports.com.au
- Phone:** 0438 198 031
- Facebook:** #KellySportsBendigo



BASEBALL'S BACK IN 2021!

SD Dodgers
STRATHFIELDSAYE JUNIOR BASEBALL

BOYS & GIRLS AGES 5-16 (U8, U12, U14, U16)

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME!

Training Starts: Wednesday 3rd March 2021, 4:00pm
Club Crt Recreational Reserve, Strathfieldsaye

SEASON STARTS MARCH 2021

For more information find us on Facebook or contact
Anthony 0477158444

FUTSAL SCHOOL TERM 1

Introduction to the game of futsal

Venue | FIB Stadium **Day & Time** | Mon 4:30 to 5:15pm **Price** | \$99 / 9 Weeks
Book Now | aidan@australianfutsal.com | 0427 519 250