



# ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 2 – Feb 16, 2023

(Term 1 – Week 4)

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

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

## Reminders

Thursday 16 February

- ☐ Learning Conversations
- ☐ Catholic Swimming Sports @ Bendigo East Pool



Friday 17 February

- ☐ Assembly @ 2.45pm over the PA

Saturday 18 February

- ☐ Marong Cup



Monday 20 February

- ☐ Engagement of Volunteer Interviews @ 8.15am

Tuesday 21 February

- ☐ Shrove Tuesday
- ☐ Engagement of Volunteer Interviews @ 8.15am
- ☐ Burning of the Palms @ 10.30am

Wednesday 22 February

- ☐ Foundation Rest Day
- ☐ Ash Wednesday Liturgy @ 11.00am

Friday 24 February

- ☐ Assembly @ 2.45pm

Wednesday 1 March

- ☐ Foundation Rest Day

Thursday 2 March

- ☐ SCHOOL PHOTOS



Friday 3 March

- ☐ SCHOOL PHOTOS

Wednesday 8 March

- ☐ Foundation Rest Day

Friday 10 March

- ☐ PUPIL FREE DAY – Staff Spirituality Day

Monday 13 March

- ☐ Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 14 March

- ☐ Foundation start attending full time
- ☐ Regional Swimming Championships

Friday 17 March

- ☐ St Patrick's Feast Day
- ☐ Caritas K's
- ☐ Assembly @ 2.45pm

## Tuckshop 2021 – Term 4

Week 4

Thurs 16 Feb

12.30 – 3pm Bec O'Sullivan

Friday 17 Feb

12.30 – 3pm Chantal Bennallack  
Nicole Emmerson  
Amy McLennan

Week 5

Thurs 23 Feb

12.30 – 3pm Casey Simpson

Friday 24 Feb

12.30 – 3pm Kate Fitzgibbon  
Chantelle Flynn  
Renee Jet

Week 6

Thurs 2 Mar

12.30 – 3pm Marnie O'Bree

Friday 3 Mar

12.30 – 3pm Kim Kelly  
Kate Fraser  
Joelene McSwain

## Weekend Maintenance

18-19 Feb Anderson (40), Whytcross (1S), Hudson (Fdn D)

25-26 Feb Bennallack (5W), Pollock (5D), Coombes (2D)

4-5 Mar Dalrymple (Fdn BW), Mitting (Fdn A), Mazzarino (1AJ)

11-12 Mar Lennon (4Z), Deacon (5W), Dickman (Fdn A)

*“True progress quietly and persistently moves along without notice.”*

*St Francis of Assisi*



Dear Families,

There may be times in our life when we become so busy that we do not take the time to cherish the blessings that are part of our every day. I can honestly say I feel blessed to be part of the St. Francis of the Fields community. The Aaronic Blessing below helps remind us that our Lord is with us every day, if we care to notice.

*The Lord bless you  
and keep you;  
the Lord make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn His face toward you  
and give you peace. Amen.*



## Marong Cup

The Marong Cup will be held on Saturday 18 February from 11.00am.

I hope our families are able to take advantage of the many children's rides as well as the delicious food and drinks provided on the day.

Please come along and enjoy a great afternoon. This is the first fundraiser of the school year – we normally receive approximately \$5,000 donation from the Marong Cup Committee in return for our parents working for a short period of time on a stall.

I thank Jayson Carroll who has offered to coordinate the school relay for all schools - much appreciated!

I also thank the members of our school relay team:

1. Danielle Coates (Teacher)
2. Shannon Dillon (Teacher)
3. Emmalene Pollock (Student)
4. Matt Jennings (Student)
5. Sally Jennings (Parent)
6. Leah Pollock - TBC (Parent)



I hope you bring home the bacon!

### Uniform damage recall

It is very clear to our families and uniform committee that at least one of the batches of new polo shirts has worn poorly in a very short period of time.

I have spoken with the uniform company and they are:

1. Replacing damaged uniform
2. Testing the two batches of uniform made to see if the problem was with one or both batches.
3. Rectifying the problem once determined.

I will also be meeting with the company next week to ensure we are provided with the very best quality uniform.

I am grateful to the families who have shared their concerns with me. Thank you.

Please return all damaged uniforms to the uniform shop and you will receive new uniforms.

I apologise for this inconvenience.

### 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 Day Care will be provided through YMCA if enough student interest is registered.



Our Pupil Free Days for the year are as follows:

- Friday 10 March                      Staff spirituality Day
- Friday 5 May                         Staff Writing PD - 7 Steps
- Friday 26 May                       Staff Maths Conference (at St. Francis of the Fields School)
- Friday 14 July                       Wellbeing PD day
- Friday 24 November               2024 Planning Day
- Wednesday 20 December       2024 Planning day

Please note that we do NOT have the two Pupil Free Days in November on Monday and Tuesday - I hope that this does not cause problems for parents booking a long weekend away.

### Swimming Sports

Thank you to our parent volunteers and teachers for helping at our Swimming Sports last week. Also a big thank you to our students who participated extremely well and had a great day. I want to make a special mention to Danielle Coates for her organisation and preparation leading up to and on the day. Thanks also to Kate Zealley for supporting Danielle in the preparation. Thank you ladies.



### Strath Transit Bus

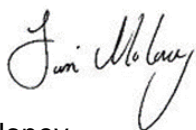
All parents of those children who have travelled on the Strath Transit Bus have been emailed a link to complete a form. This form gives permission for your child to walk to the bus stop which is in front of the

post office and travel from this stop. It is important that parents are aware that this bus also comes to school and the children who access it from school are supervised until the bus is onsite. We require any child **who is not** getting the bus from school to have written permission to catch the bus in front of the post office. For those that may have not received the link, please find it attached.

### Assembly - Change of time due to heat

6W will lead our first school assembly on **Friday 17 February from 2.45pm over the PA**. Unfortunately, due to the extreme heat predicted tomorrow, we cannot hold the assembly in the shed.

Christ has no hands but yours.



Tim Moloney  
Principal



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foundation



## Pastoral Wellbeing...

Dear Parents and Carers,

*We need you back as a part of our school community!*



Over the last two and half years, we have been unable to have parents onsite or engaged in our school community. We are looking forward to our parent community re-engaging with our school. Parent engagement helps students, schools, parents and the community to work together to maximise student learning and wellbeing. Parent engagement in schools is closely linked to **better student behavior, higher academic achievement, and enhanced social skills.**

We are really wanting our school community to reconnect with us and be involved in all aspects of our St. Francis of the Fields school life. Eg. volunteering for swimming sports, helping out in the canteen, being part of our P & F Committee, being a Parent Representative for your child's class, a member of the Advisory council, etc

If you can be involved in our school in any way, please connect with us. To be on our school site, there is a simple online process that must be completed to protect our students. This includes you having a current Working with Children Card (WWCC) and the school having a copy of your driver's licence. Please go to our school website and click on the '**volunteers**' tab.

Part of the volunteer process is having a one-off school induction interview with me. This is a simple and quick chat about how to go about volunteering at our school.

**For existing volunteers**, the requirement is just to refresh ourselves with the Code of Conduct at the beginning of each year by reading and signing the document which is available on our school website and then uploading via the **existing volunteer survey**. This is a simple process and existing volunteers are NOT required to have the school induction interview again.

**School Induction interview times are as follows:**

- Monday, 20 February @ 8.15am
- Tuesday, 21 February @ 8.15am
- Monday, 27 February @ 9am
- Tuesday, 28 February @ 8.15am
- Wednesday, 8 March @ 9am
- Thursday, 9 March @ 8.15am



We would love you to be part of your child's school community.

Regards,

Grace Scalora

Deputy Principal

## RE News.....

### Shrove Tuesday - Burning of the Palms & Pancakes

On Shrove Tuesday 21 February, we will have our classes making pancakes, as is the tradition for Shrove Tuesday to use up all the yummy ingredients before Lent begins, at different times throughout the day and the Burning of the Palms at 10:30 am in the shed. Students will make their Lenten Promises in class to burn with the palms for our Ash Wednesday ashes. These promises are what they will try to do throughout Lent to renew their lives and their connection to Jesus.

**We invite our families to join us for our liturgy at 10:30 am.**

As our school's tradition, each class has asked for parent volunteers to help cook their pancakes. All volunteers need to have completed the Engagement of Volunteers at St Francis of the Fields to be able to volunteer at school. Here are the BBQ cooking times for each year level. If you are able to help out please email your child's teacher.

#### Shrove Tuesday Pancake BBQ Roster

9.30 – 10.00am	Year 2
10.30 - 11.00am	Year 4
11.30am – 12.10pm	Year 6
12.10 – 12.50pm	Year 1
12.50 – 1.30pm	Year 5
2.20 – 3.00pm	Year 3

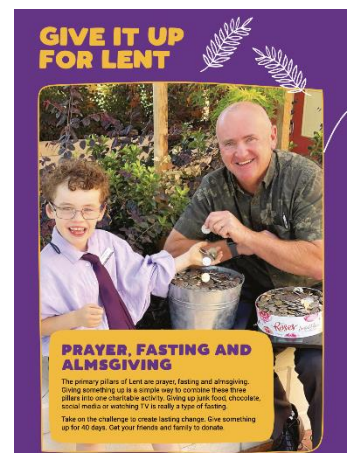


*Shrove Tuesday*

### Lent - Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday 22 February, the liturgical season of Lent begins. **We invite our families to join us for our Liturgy of the Word at 11:00 am in the shed.** On this day we begin our Lenten journey by marking ourselves with ash. We will use the ash from the palms and Lenten Promises we burn on Shrove Tuesday. The forty-day Season of Lent concludes on Holy Thursday evening with the Celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper. It's a period of renewal and preparation as we journey towards the Resurrection at Easter. As followers of Jesus, we look to live out our faith every day, but during Lent, we seek to renew or deepen our faith.

Why not give something up for Lent as a family and get your friends and family to sponsor you for Project Compassion? The money you might save from not buying takeaway coffee, chocolate or ice-cream could be donated to Project Compassion.



### Lenten Retreat at school

During Lent, we will have a weekly Lenten Retreat for staff and parents, including prayer and meditation.



Each Wednesday morning you are invited to join us in the chapel at 8:15 am for 15 minutes of quiet, reflective time to stop and be still, to pray and contemplate. We hope that this time will provide you with an opportunity for spiritual renewal during the season of Lent.

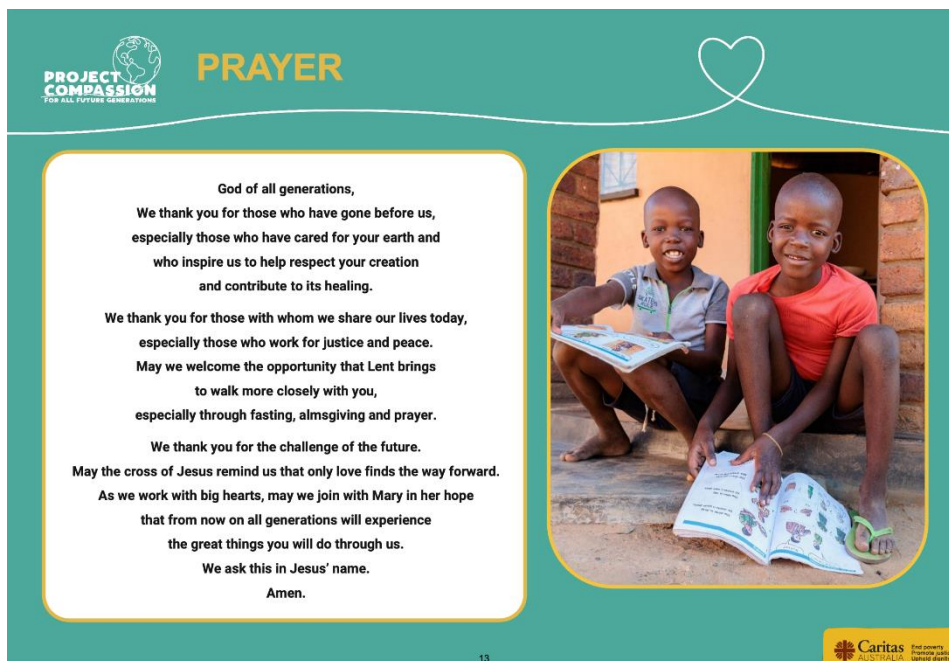
### Project Compassion

Next week, as we begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday, we also have the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal.

Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.



The theme of Project Compassion 2023 is **'For All Future Generations'** and reminds us that the good we do today extends to impact the lives of generations to come. It invites us to make the world a better place by working together now and finding long-term solutions to global issues. We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through prayer, fasting and almsgiving in support of Project Compassion. Each family will receive a QR code to St Francis of the Fields' Online Fundraising Webpage. All classes will have a collection box if students would like to bring along any money they save from their Lenten Promises.



## Caritas Ks

We will once again be holding our annual Caritas Ks. This will be held on Friday, 17 March. Our goal is to raise \$7000 in 2023! We invite our families to join us on this walk to raise awareness and funds for the many vulnerable communities that Caritas supports.

\*\*\*\* This year we will not be using the Caritas Ks books to fundraise. A QR Code is included and the link to our school's [Caritas Fundraising Website Page is here](#). Please use it to donate your child's sponsorship money and share it with families and friends to also sponsor your child/ren.

**Please help us to achieve our goal to raise \$7000 for Caritas and their work in Australia and around the world!**

**Please note** you do not need to sign up, join a team or download a fundraising booklet to make a donation. Take the option - or donate today - to select an amount or other to make your donation.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Hitchcock at school. Thank you







## Enhancing Catholic School Identity (ECSI) Surveys

Students from Year 5, staff and families will be asked to complete the ECSI surveys during Term 1. This is an important survey for our school, as it reveals the community's perspective of our current Catholic Identity and our ideal Catholic Identity.

The responses to the survey are anonymous. They will help us to understand how our Catholic identity is expressed. The research report containing our school's collected data will contribute to a reliable picture of our school's Catholic identity, which we will use to inform our school's improvement for the next four years.

***A letter explaining the survey will be sent home to all families of Year 5 students in the coming week. Please contact Mrs Hitchcock if you have any questions.***

## Welcome Mass

Thank you to all of your families for joining us for our Welcome Mass. We had a full shed for our Mass, which was so good. This was a wonderful welcome to our community and celebration of our new school year. Thank you to Fr Andrew, our altar servers, readers and those with roles, our Year 6s and staff who helped set up and pack up the shed and altar, to our students who sang and responded so well and to our community for your participation despite the heat. We look forward to celebrating many more liturgies with our community throughout the year.

Lisa Hitchcock  
Catholic Identity Leader



## School Photos – Arthur Reed Photos

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos on Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd March 2023.



**There is no need to return any forms or money to school.**

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop.

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2023 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

**Once registered, please wait for notification that 2023 images are online to view before making your purchase.**

### SCHOOL PHOTOS 2023 - Important Registration Information



*School Photographs will be taken at*

**St. Francis of the Fields Primary School**

Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd March 2023

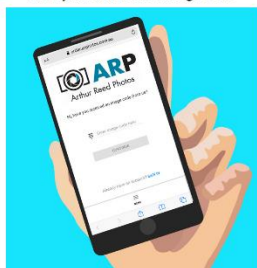
There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day

**Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day**

When you receive your child's 2023 image code

*Follow these 3 simple steps -*

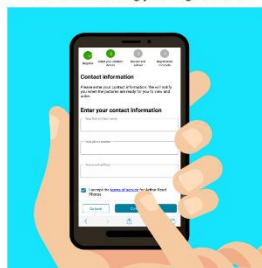
**1** Go to [order.arphotos.com.au](https://order.arphotos.com.au) and enter your child's **2023 image code**



**2** Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings



**3** Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration\*



\* This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

**That's it!**

It's important to register each year to link your child's **NEW** images to your contact details  
When 2023 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS

• **Create photo packages with any layout & YOUR choice of images + Multiple Image Downloads**

• **Order on any mobile device** • **Share the images with family & friends for FREE**

**\*\* Please wait to receive notifications that new images are online BEFORE ordering for 2023 \*\***



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## PE News.....

Dear parents,

A sincere thank you to all those who came along and supported their children at the swimming sports. A HUGE thank you to the wonderful parents who stood there in the sun for hours on end to assist us with timekeeping, we are very grateful, and the sports couldn't have run without your assistance!

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 caliber 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 relays! It was great to see the kids swim against the teachers.

Well done to all involved and all the very best to the 32 children we have heading to the Catholic school swimming sports on Thursday 16th of February.

Congratulations to Bacchus (blue house), the winning house of the 2023 Swimming Sports.

The final scores were..

<b>1st- Blue (Bacchus):</b>	551
<b>2nd- Red (MacKillop):</b>	507
<b>3rd- Yellow (Clare):</b>	490
<b>4th- Green (Francis):</b>	481



Congratulations to the following children for earning the best contributor in their age group.

### Best contributor medals - 2023:

**12/13 year boys:** Tate Kanzamar

**12/13 year girls:** Willow Dickson

**11 year boys:** Andeon Haasbroek

**11 year girls:** Darcy Rodda

**10 year boys:** Jude Place

**10 year girls:** Milanke Haasbroek

**8/9 year boys:** Josh Rodda

**8/9 year girls:** Bella Hope



Danielle Coates & Shannon Dillon  
PE Coordinators



## Oasis News....

### Oz Harvest FEAST Program

This year, the Year 5 students will be participating in the FEAST Program designed by Oz Harvest.

Oz Harvest are a non-profit organisation constantly looking for new ways to inspire and educate people about food waste, food security and sustainability. Through their education programs and their advocacy work, they hope to inspire others to change behaviour and help reach the national target of halving food waste by 2030.



FEAST is a curriculum-aligned program, inspiring students to eat healthy food, waste less and become change-makers in their local community.

### Wanted



We are hoping that families at home have excess food they have grown from their own garden. If you have excess food that you have grown, we would love to receive a regular supply that we can use in our kitchen program.

Any fruit or vegetables would be appreciated as we are currently unable to grow the amount we need for the program due to weather conditions and current space.

Please send anything you have to Matt Butcher in the OASIS room.

### Green Team Announced

It is with great pleasure that I announce Term 1 Green Team for 2023. We have a great group of Grade 5 and 6 students who are really passionate and excited for our project this term. We have decided to audit our current compost system and look at ways we can improve as a whole school to get better.

Congratulations to Bonnie, Taite, Sophie, Tifa, Sienna, Matthew, Ruby, Lachie, Ari, Hamish, Lily, Owen, Jack and Izzy. A really big thank you to all our Educators George, Bec, Ali and Teleah who have offered to come on board this year too.

It's going to be a wonderful year full of great learning opportunities.

Matt Butcher  
Environmental & Sustainability  
Coordinator





# Conveyance Allowance Program (CAP) 2023



Education  
and Training

Dear Parents,

The Conveyance Allowance is a form of financial assistance from the Victorian State Government to assist families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school.

The allowance is available to parents who are required to –

- drive their child more than 4.8 kilometres to school (if there is no school bus)
- or drive their child more than 4.8 kilometres to meet the nearest school bus to the school
- the child must attend their closest government or non-government school (Catholic)
- the allowance is based on kilometres travelled and not based on any financial eligibility

Distance is calculated by the shortest practical route from home to the school or from home to meet the nearest school bus to the school. Distance can be calculated by using Bing Maps.

Forms required to be completed by a parent are available to download from our website

<http://www.sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au/downloads/forms> or can be picked up at the office.

1. Conveyance Allowance Application 2023 (one per family which includes all children at St Francis of the Fields)
  2. Conveyance Allowance Authority to Pay Form 2023 (one per parent claiming)
- **Parents who received the Conveyance Allowance in 2022 do not need to complete a new form in 2023 unless their children enrolled at St Francis of the Fields in 2022 have changed (ie Yr 6 student left at the end of 2022 or a Prep child commenced in 2023).**
  - **If your family circumstances have changed a new form needs to be completed in 2023.**
  - **If you have recently changed address, please advise the office if you are no longer eligible.**

If you are unsure of the bus stops of the free country buses to St Francis of the Fields, this information is also available on our website <http://www.sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au/downloads/bus>

Further information can be found at

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/transport/Pages/conveyance.aspx>

If you are unsure if you may be eligible, or require help in completing your Application, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or email me at [swade@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au](mailto:swade@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au)

With thanks,

Stephanie Wade (Administration)

November 2022



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



## Year Level - Unit Newsletters

Click on these link to view the Term 1 Unit newsletters.

Foundation - [Foundation Unit Newsletter](#)

Year 1 - [Year 1 Unit Newsletter](#)

Year 2 - [Year 2 Unit Newsletter](#)

Year 3 - [Year 3 Unit Newsletter](#)

Year 4 - [Year 4 Unit Newsletter](#)

Year 5 - [Year 5 Unit Newsletter](#)

Year 6 - [Year 6 Unit Newsletter](#)

## Weekend Maintenance Forms - Repeat



If you have not yet submitted your preference for the Weekend Maintenance Program, can you please click on the link below to be either included on the roster OR opt out of the program and pay the \$70 fee.

A roster will be sent to families and also made available on the school website next week. Each week the roster of families for the coming weeks will be published in the school newsletter and bulletin. [Weekend Maintenance Program 2023](#)

## Frank's Little Friends Playgroup

Every Tuesday during school term.

9:30am - 11am.

Gathering in the Community Centre

Please see our FB group "Franks Little Friends" for updates.

All welcome!



FRANK'S LITTLE FRIENDS  
Playgroup at St Francis of the Fields

## Marong Cup

The Marong Cup will be held on **Saturday 18 February**. Admission tickets and Kids entertainment area wristbands are available to purchase from the school general office.

**Admission tickets** are \$15 if purchased from school (normally \$25). Tickets provide access to the racecourse and to the Members enclosure. Concession tickets are not available for purchase from the school but are available at the gate. Volunteers do not need to purchase an admission ticket

Wristbands for the Kids Entertainment Area are \$10 if purchased from school and \$15 if purchased at the gate. You do not have to purchase an adult ticket to purchase wristbands. All Foundation children are eligible to a FREE wristband providing they are supervised on the day.

### Kids Entertainment Area includes the following rides:

- Laser tag
- Meltdown
- Disney Cars giant slide
- Rock wall
- Cha cha
- Kahuna giant water slide
- Shark Escape water slide
- Pig train
- Swinging chairs



### 4 hours of rides from 12.00 – 4.00pm

Parents: bring bathers/towels for kids using the water slides



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## 2023 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 2023 we offer tuition in the following Instruments: Piano, guitar, bass guitar, drums, recorder, violin and vocal.

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.

### 2023 TEACHERS' CONTACT DETAILS

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**Min Miles**

GUITAR, VOCAL

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**Hayley Tounson**

VOCAL

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**Liesbeth van Emmerik**

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## 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](mailto:stfrancis@ymca.org.au)



## Uniform Shop

To assist the Uniform Shop staff, when ordering uniform online, **please add your child's name and class in the 'Any Notes' section** when you are selecting items. This cannot be done at the payment stage of the order.

Orders will be processed on Monday's, Wednesday's & Friday's.

**Opening hours –** Monday 8.30 - 9.30am  
Wednesday 2.30 – 3.30pm  
Friday 8.30 – 9.30am



## Tuckshop News....

Orders for tuckshop are to be made via CDF PAY. Please click on this link to access instruction for setting up a new account: [St Francis Tuckshop Information](#). Existing parents are asked to make sure they have update their child's class on their reusable lunch bags.



Reusable lunch bags are available for purchase in CDF Pay. When you place your child's order, their bag will be supplied with their prepared lunch inside.

Please message Fiona Thompson if you would like to be put on the roster - 0400 072 311.



# MARONG CUP DAY

## 2023

### SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY




**SUPPORTING BENDIGO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

### KIDS RIDES AND ACTIVITIES

Packages available • Umbrella Packages \$300 • Mini Marquees \$450  
General Admission \$15 • Kids 16 & Under Free



**BENDIGO JOCKEY CLUB**  
Phone 03 5448 4209 • [country.racing.com/bendigo](http://country.racing.com/bendigo)



**MARONG RACING CLUB**  
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## MARONG 20 CUP DAY 23

SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY

### CONTACTS

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#### Marong Racing Club Inc.

PO Box 2705

Bendigo DC 3554

Email [tom@maherrealestate.com.au](mailto:tom@maherrealestate.com.au)

## KIDS ENTERTAINMENT

Kids Ride passes only \$15 if purchased on the day

If prebooked at school \$10



## BOOK YOUR 2023 PACKAGES NOW!

### ADMISSION PRICES

Adults	\$15
Concession (aged Pension and TPI only)	\$10
Cross over to Members Reserve	\$10
Children (16 years and under)	FREE

### TRACKSIDE UMBRELLAS

Fenced off enclosures on the lawns are set aside for package patrons.

• Market umbrella	\$300 (10 people)
• Table	*Price does not include alcohol
• Chairs	

### Additions

Food (BBQ with salad)	\$20pp
Admission to course	\$15 adults

### 'SILKS' DINING PACKAGES

Silks dining room is located within the Members Reserve.

Set high above the track, this is a spectacular location to view the course in air-conditioned comfort. There is also an outside balcony with the same elevated perspective to watch the races.

• Admission to 'Members Reserve'	\$75 per person
• Reserved seat for the day	
• Two course hot luncheon	
• Afternoon tea	
• Air-conditioned comfort	
• Racebook	
• Private TAB facilities	
• Cash bar	

### MARQUEES

Mini Marquee (3m x 3m)	\$450 based on 10 people
Private Marquee Package (3m x 6m)	\$900 based on 20 people

- Tables
- Chairs

### Additions

Food (BBQ with salad)	\$20pp
Admission to Course	\$15 adults

### TERRACE AND DECK PACKAGES

The ultimate area to enjoy the races at the Bendigo Track!

• Marquee	\$700 (20 people)
• Large market umbrella	
• 2 garden tables	
• 20 chairs	
• 1 large wine barrel	
• 6 toilet bar stools	
• Racebook for each guest	

Beverage packages can be pre-ordered or drinks purchased at the cash bar.

For all Package Bookings contact the office at the Bendigo Jockey Club

**03 5448 4209**

visit our website [country.racing.com/bendigo](http://country.racing.com/bendigo)

or email us on [info@bendigo.countryracing.com.au](mailto:info@bendigo.countryracing.com.au)

# Chess on the Hill

**Saturdays 10am-12pm**

*Drop in and enjoy a social game of chess in a relaxed, friendly setting*

*@ The Old Church on the Hill*

**36 Russell St Quarry Hill**



**All ages and skill levels welcome.**

**Free, no bookings required.**

For more information call Andre on 0409 848 829





**KELLY SPORTS**

# SUPER SPORTS DAY!

FULL DAY CARE & SPORTS CLINIC - PUPIL FREE DAY MARCH 10

FOR THE LOVE OF SPORTS 25 YEARS

Come & join in the fun on Friday March 10 for the St Francis of the Fields PS Super Sports Day. Have heaps of fun with your friends, stay active & learn a range of different sports skills!

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

Full day sports schedule available online

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

## SUPER SPORTS DAY

PUPIL FREE DAY SPORTS CLINIC

The pupil free day will involve the following activities:

- ✓ Ninja Warrior
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Amazing Race
- ✓ Giant Inflatable Soccer
- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ AFL
- ✓ Parachute Games
- ✓ Coach vs Kids Games

Kelly Sports will be running a Super Sports Day on the 10th of March at St Francis of the Fields PS. Our team will be running many of the super exciting activities the kids love at our school holiday program, in one jam-packed, super-charged, day of FUN! We will also have access to the stadium, as well as the outdoor court & oval for our fun-filled day of sporting action.

The kids will have the chance to win a range of prizes in our lunchtime challenge games & activities.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

**Venue:** St Francis of the Fields Primary School  
**Date:** Friday 10th March  
**Operating hours:** 8am - 5:30pm

### COST

**Full Day:** \$50  
**Half Day:** \$35 (8am - 12:30pm or 12:30pm - 5:30pm)

### BOOK EARLY & SAVE

Sign up before February 28 to receive a 10% discount on your full day booking!

**Website:** [kellysports.com.au/bendigo](http://kellysports.com.au/bendigo)  
**Contact:** Beau Cross  
**Email:** [beau@kellysports.com.au](mailto:beau@kellysports.com.au)  
**Phone:** 0428 326 924  
**Facebook:** Kelly Sports Bendigo

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**Who can attend:** St Francis of the Fields PS students.

**General Information:** We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

**What do you need to bring:** Appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

**Food:** Please bring plenty of packed food and drink for morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea. Lunch will be from approximately 12:30pm to 1:30pm each day.

**Programme activities:** Programme activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending on numbers. Programme activities may vary without notice dependent on weather conditions and programme numbers.

**Payment details:** Payment is required up-front within 2 hours of your booking. A receipt will be issued when a completed booking is received. All details will be included on the receipt.

**Please note:** Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Sports accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst on the programme.

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## SUPER SPORTS DAY

## ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

ST FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS PS - PUPIL FREE DAY SPORTS CLINIC

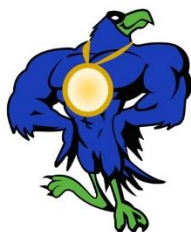
MORNING	8am - 9am	9am - 10am	10:30am - 11:15am	11:15am - 12pm	12pm - 1pm
<p><b>CRAZY GAMES &amp; INTRO ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p>Start the day the right way with a range of crazy challenge games including Dodgeball, Run the Gauntlet &amp; a 3-Point Basketball Shootout.</p>	<p><b>BASKETBALL BONANZA</b></p> <p>Jump, shoot &amp; dribble your way through our fun-filled basketball activities. The kids will get the chance to show off their shooting skills, as well as passing &amp; dribbling in many team based challenges.</p>	<p><b>NINJA WARRIOR</b></p> <p>Come and show off your athleticism in our Ninja Warrior obstacle course! This course will give each little superstar the chance to show off their vertical leap, strength, speed and power. Who will become an ultimate warrior?</p>	<p><b>AFL SUPERSTARS</b></p> <p>You will be sure to get a kick out of our AFL activities! Come prepared to show off your skills in our AFL clinic, fun games &amp; goal kicking competition.</p>	<p><b>LUNCHTIME &amp; KIDS CHOICE</b></p> <p>After a super-charged morning of sport, the kids will have time to eat lunch, nuzzle with friends &amp; play some slower paced games. The kids will still have the chance to play sport in the break, with many kids' choice activities still offered.</p>	
<p><b>AMAZING RACE</b></p> <p>Work together to complete challenges, find clues and score goals during our Amazing Race. Teamwork is key in this fast paced team challenge.</p>	<p><b>BIG BASH SMASH</b></p> <p>Stretch up &amp; get ready to show off your power hitting skills in our Crazy Cricket competition! The kids will have the chance to play a range of crazy cricket games that are inclusive for all ages!</p>	<p><b>GIANT INFLATABLE SOCCER</b></p> <p>It's time to channel your inner Soccer superstar for our Giant Inflatable Soccer session. This activity involves teamwork, goal scoring &amp; soccer balls that are bigger than the kids!</p>	<p><b>COACH VS KIDS GAMES</b></p> <p>Stakes are high for this one! Who will come out on top and claim bragging rights for the remainder of the afternoon? You can smell the anticipation in the air!</p>	<p><b>PARACHUTE GAMES</b></p> <p>What an awesome way to finish the day! Our parachute games are always a big hit with the kids. Come and watch the kids have a stock of fun in a range of crazy activities to end the day!</p>	
					<p><b>FULL DAY: \$50</b> 8:00am-5:30pm</p>

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## St Francis Falcons Junior Football Club

*The Bendigo Junior Football  
League season starts in April and  
we welcome registrations for  
returning and new players to join  
the Falcons.*



To play in the age groups listed below, players year of birth must fall within the following:

- Under 9 Mixed—Born in 2014, 2015 or prior to 30/4/2016
- Under 10 Mixed— Born in 2013 or 2014
- Under 12 Girls— Born in 2011, 2012 or 2013
- Under 12 Mixed— Born in 2011, 2012 or 2013

The fees for 2023 season will remain the same as last few seasons and includes all registration feed, insurance, jumper, awards etc.

- U9 Mixed, U10 Mixed & U12 Girls - \$135
- U12 Mixed (Grades 4, 5, 6) - \$150

To register, please follow the prompts at the online link:  
[www.playhq.com/afl/register/f62605](http://www.playhq.com/afl/register/f62605)

For more information please contact Adam Place on 0419 518 980 or [adamdplace@gmail.com](mailto:adamdplace@gmail.com) or Hayden McDonnell on 0428 392 976 or [hayden-jmcdonnell32@gmail.com](mailto:hayden-jmcdonnell32@gmail.com)



**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> &  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February  
2023**

**Entry \$8  
U12's FREE**

**Opening Times:**  
Saturday 10am – 5pm  
Sunday 10am – 4pm

**Venue:**  
Bendigo Exhibition Centre  
Bendigo Showgrounds  
Holmes Road  
North Bendigo, Victoria

### About the Event:

The Expo hosts over 20 top quality stallholders selling gemstones, rocks, minerals, gold & silver, jewellery, lapidary supplies and jewellery making tools.

Club members will showcase works and activities offered at the club throughout the year. The event is family friendly, refreshments available from the BBQ and canteen and includes interactive activities such as gem sifting.

### Activities:

- Showcase displays
- Over 20 quality stalls
- Gems, Fossils & Jewellery
- Gem sifting
- Demonstrations
- BBQ & Refreshments

### Raffle Prizes

Exquisite hand crafted jewellery pieces.

Enquiries: [Bendigogemclubinc@gmail.com](mailto:Bendigogemclubinc@gmail.com)  
[www.bendigogemclub.tidyhq.com](http://www.bendigogemclub.tidyhq.com)

BendigoGemClub



**ST. FRANCIS  
NETBALL CLUB**

**2023 Season**  
**REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN**

Head to the Facebook page  
St Francis Netball News  
for the registration link.  
Registrations close Friday 10th February

## NDIS FUNDED SUPPORT PROGRAMS 2023 INFORMATION

## 1:1 SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

2023 - SUPPORT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES  
REQUIRING 1:1 & FAMILY SUPPORT

## SPORTS DRILLS & SOCIAL SKILLS

GROUP SPORT & INTERACTIVE PLAY  
SESSIONS



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## KELLY SPORTS - NDIS PROGRAM INFORMATION

### Kelly Sports NDIS programs will be back in 2023!!

The team at Kelly Sports cannot wait for our 2023 NDIS Funded Programs! The new year will see a range of programs such as 1:1 support, weekend care, small group sport sessions & whole group sessions up and running for children with NDIS funding applicable to these programs.

Our NDIS programs are flexible, engaging and fun and created by our experienced staff to help develop children's gross and fine motor skills, as well as enhance their social skills.

We offer you access to fitness industry qualified individuals (support staff) to assist your child to develop their physical literacy and social inclusion skills. Our team specialises in children aged 4 to 12. Our services can be funded through NDIS funding that is managed by you or a plan manager. (not NDIA managed).

### Looking for engaging sports-based support workers?

- ✓ We meet your child's needs for inclusion, mental and physical wellbeing
- ✓ We meet parents needs for seeing development in their children
- ✓ We meet parents needs for support in helping children meet their NDIS goals

## 1:1 SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

2023 INFORMATION

Our 1:1 support programs help families to achieve necessary development in their children, whether that be at home or in a community setting. Our 1:1 supports rely closely on helping each child work towards meeting their NDIS goals, as well as enhancing their community involvement, physical literacy & social skills. Our Kelly Sports team will also work closely with the family to offer respite to parents and weekend trips & stays are also available for families to access.

### Our services offer you the following:

- ✓ Fitness industry qualified & accredited staff, trained in first-aid and WWCC cleared.
- ✓ Assistance with daily activities and helping to facilitate community involvement.
- ✓ We work closely with the Allied Health team to implement agreed goals/outcomes for each child throughout every session.
- ✓ Contact us via email/phone to get the ball rolling

Check out our NDIS program information on our website & get in touch to see how we can assist in 2023.

## SPORTS DRILLS & SOCIAL SKILLS

TERM 1 2023 INFORMATION

Our group programs will focus on the following:

- ✓ Using effective coping strategies
- ✓ Sharing & taking turns
- ✓ Displaying resilience
- ✓ Teamwork
- ✓ Accepting others opinions

### Program details & options:

Small group session: Monday's 4pm - 5pm @ St Liborius PS Stadium

Whole group session: Thursday 4:15pm - 5:15pm @ St Liborius PS

Weekend Sports: Sunday 9:30am - 10:30am @ St Liborius PS

\*Participation in holiday program activities & school multi sport sessions is also available.

Sessions run concurrently with the primary school term dates.

Please refer to our website for official program commencement dates & times.

Check out our website to see all of the sports the children will learn in 2023!!

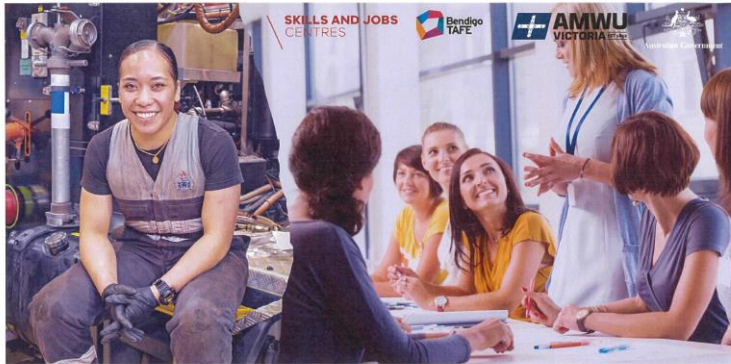
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## MUM'S WANTING TO RE-ENTER THE WORKFORCE

*Are you ready to return to the workforce but don't know where to start?*

Attend a **FREE WORKSHOP** to help you build the skills and confidence to return to work:

1. Understanding the Child Care Subsidy and options for when your child is sick
2. Career development and exploration session presented by Bendigo TAFE Skills & Jobs Centre

- Create your own Career action plan
- Learn why strengths and passions matter, transferrable skills, what are they and how many do you already have?
- Free TAFE course options for Bendigo TAFE 2023 mid-year intake if you need to upskill
- Victorian Government initiatives Jobs in demand/ Jobs guarantee/ Best start best life
- Bring your resume to be reviewed

### 3. Local job opportunities

- Hear about opportunities for women to start a new career in the trades, including part-time work!

### Wednesday

February 22nd, 2023

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Bendigo Neighbourhood  
Hub Strathdale

### Register:

<https://bendigoreturntoworkforce.eventbrite.com.au>




**Scouts**  
VICTORIA



## 1<sup>st</sup> Strathfieldsaye Scout Group

Joey Scouts are starting in Strathfieldsaye

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

5.30-6.30pm at the rear of the Old Shire Hall  
838 Strathfieldsaye Rd, Strathfieldsaye

Joey Scouts are girls and boys aged 5-7.  
They enjoy adventure, imagination, and being outdoors  
during their weekly one-hour meeting, and occasional  
sleepovers and camps.

### Enquiries:

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Group Leader 1<sup>st</sup> Strathfieldsaye  
[margkeech@outlook.com](mailto:margkeech@outlook.com)