



ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 6 – Mar 30, 2023

(Term 1 – Week 10)

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

Friday 31 March

- ☐ Yr 6 & Fdn Buddy Mass @ 11.45am
- ☐ Assembly @ 2.45pm

Sunday 2 April

- ☐ Daylight Savings Ends – Turn your clock back 1 hour

Thursday 6 April

- ☐ Last day of Term 1
- ☐ Students finish @ 2.30pm

Friday 7 April

- ☐ Good Friday

Sunday 9 April

- ☐ Easter Sunday

Monday 24 April

- ☐ First day of Term 2
- ☐ 2024 Enrolments open

Tuesday 25 April

- ☐ ANZAC DAY Holiday

Thursday 27 April

- ☐ St Francis Cross Country @ 9 - 11am

Friday 28 April

- ☐ Blessing & Opening of new building @ 12pm

Monday 1 May

- ☐ Learning Conversations

Tuesday 2 May

- ☐ Learning Conversations

Wednesday 3 May

- ☐ Learning Conversations
- ☐ Division Cross Country

Thursday 4 May

- ☐ Learning Conversations
- ☐ P&F Meeting @ 7.30pm

Friday 5 May

- ☐ PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday 8 May

- ☐ School Open Week
- ☐ Student led tours 9am – 3.20pm
- ☐ Principal Learning Tour – 5pm



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

St Francis of Assisi



Dear Families,

Often we do not know the stories of those we meet unless we take the time to listen. For those who are currently working their way through challenging times I share this beautiful reflection...

*God didn't promise
Days without pain,
Laughter without sorrow,
Sun without rain,
But he did promise
Strength for the day,
Comfort for the pain, and
Light for the way.
Amen*



Tuckshop 2023 – Term 1

Week 10

Friday 31 Mar

12.30 – 3pm Bec Stratton
Donna Wagner
Lisa Phillips

Week 11

Thurs 6 Apr

12.30 – 2.30pm Bec O'Sullivan

Weekend Maintenance

1-2 Apr Lawrence (1S), Turpie (3M), Mason (3GB)

8-9 Apr Term Holiday

15-16 Apr Term Holiday

22-23 Apr Trehwella (Fdn M), Whitty (4Z), Nicholson (2S)

29-30 Apr Wharton (4Z), Green (2P), Carroll (6H)

6-7 May Freeman (6J), English (2D), Raco (6R)

13-14 May Campbell (2S), Stagg (1AJ), Oldham (3GB)

20-21 May Skipper (5K), Millar (5K), C&B Boaker (5ZC)

27-28 May Coultas (Fdn BW), Webster (6R), Grinton (2D)

Trivia Night - Thank you!

Thank you to all those who came along to the School Trivia Night - it was such an enjoyable night. Special thanks to Nicole Emmerson for coordinating the evening with our Parents & Friends community.



Prime Drinks - Please do NOT send to school

A number of our Year 4, 5 & 6 children have brought Prime drinks to our school that have caused some disturbance to normal class practices. The disturbances have included children popping out to their school bag during class time to take drinks of Prime during learning time. There have also been cases of children spilling their prime drinks and bursting into tears. I am concerned that social media has caused such a hype about the prime drinks that there is now peer group pressure to bring the drink to school.



I understand that there are two varieties of Prime drinks - Prime Hydration and Prime Energy. Prime Hydration is marketed for all ages, though it contains artificial sweeteners and preservatives. Sucralose is another ingredient in Prime Hydration. It has been found that Sucralose can raise body inflammation. With time, inflammation can lead to other problems such as obesity and diabetes. Prime Energy contains 200mg of caffeine, compared with 86.4mg in a can of Monster Energy. It has been advised on the packaging that no child under 15 should drink Prime Energy.

Subsequently, we are hopeful that all parents can ensure their children do not bring Prime drinks (or similar) to our school. We advise our community that if Prime drinks are brought to school our teaching staff will collect the drinks and parents will be notified so they can collect them.

Term 1 Holidays

Please note that Term 1 ends on **Thursday 6 April at 2.30pm.**

I hope all families have a safe and enjoyable holiday. Term 2 resumes on Monday 24 April.

Please note that buses will also depart at these earlier times.



2024 Enrolment Process

To assist families in making an informed decision about enrolling their children at St. Francis of the Fields for 2024 the following sessions will be held. Please note that enrolments will be accepted from Monday 24 April and will close on Friday 26 May.

Enrolment application forms can be accessed on our school website. [School Website link](#)

School Information Night

- Thursday 11th May @ 7.30 pm in the Community Centre

School Open Week

- May 8th - May 12th (9.00 - 3.20pm) Student led tours.

Principal Learning Tours

- Monday 8th May, 2023 @ 5.00pm. Meet at the office.
- Tuesday 9th May, 2023 @ 9.30am. Meet at the office.
- Wednesday 10th May, 2023 @ 12.30pm. Meet at the office.

Orientation Day & Foundation Parent Information Session

- Tuesday 5th December, 2023 @ 12.00pm

Prep Orientation Program Dates

- To be confirmed (usually held in November)



Assembly

6R will lead our next school assembly on **Friday 31 March** from 2.45pm in the Shed. All parents, grandparents and guardians are most welcome to attend.

Christ has no hands but yours.

Tim Moloney
Principal





Empower confidence.



A PRESENTATION FEATURING DR MICHAEL CARR-GREGG

Building Happy and Resilient Young People

Parents and caregivers attending this presentation by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg can expect to gain a deeper understanding of the various factors that contribute to their child's happiness and resilience.

Dr Carr-Gregg is a well-respected child and adolescent psychologist, and his presentation will draw on his years of experience working with young people and their families. He will provide practical advice on how parents can support their children's mental health and help them develop the skills they need to navigate life's challenges with confidence and optimism.

Dr Carr Gregg will cover a range of items related to young people's mental health, including the importance of positive relationships, self-esteem and coping strategies. He will discuss the impact of social media and technology, and provide guidance on how parents can help their children navigate the digital world safely. Dr Carr Gregg's presentation will be informative, engaging, and highly relevant to parents who are looking for ways to support their child's emotional wellbeing.

Because parenting doesn't come with instructions, parents and caregivers can expect to leave this presentation with a better understanding of their child's needs and practical strategies they can use to build happy and resilient young people.

Join us at this special presentation and empower your confidence!

SUITABLE FOR: Parents, grandparents and caregivers

DURATION: 45 minute presentation followed by 15 minutes question time



DATE:
TUESDAY
30 May, 2023



TIME:
AEST
7.00pm - 8.00pm



VENUE:
St Francis of the Fields
Community Centre

\$15
PER ADULT

Tickets on sale now!

Click [here](#) to purchase your ticket online or simply scan the QR code



WHO IS PRESENTING?

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia's highest profile psychologists, author, broadcaster and specialist in parenting, children, adolescents and mental health. He wrote his PhD at the University of NSW on adolescents with cancer and in 1985, he founded the world's first national teenage cancer patients support group, Canteen. He has been part of SchoolTV since its launch in 2016 and also works in private practice in Melbourne. He is the Commonwealth Government representative on the Board of the Australian Children's Television Foundation and is the Consultant Psychologist to Australian Boarding Schools Association.

Register now for our 6 week program

Tuning in to Kids

For parents/carers with children under 12yrs

- Starting 1st May @ 12.45pm -
Live via Zoom

Delivered by
Loddon Mallee Regional Parenting

CatholicCare
VICTORIA

Register Interest Here



Register now for our 6 week program

Tuning in to Teens

For parents/carers with children 11yrs plus

- Starting 5th May @ 10am -
McCrae St in Bendigo

Delivered by
Loddon Mallee Regional Parenting

CatholicCare
VICTORIA

Register Interest Here



Regards,
Grace Scalora
Deputy Principal – Pastoral Wellbeing




FRESH FRUIT THURSDAY


Benefiting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

SCHOOL VISITS COMING SOON!

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Learning Conversations – Week 2 Term 2

The booking site for Learning Conversations will open **Monday 3 April @ 10am**. Please ensure that you book a Learning Conversation within the given times, in Week 2 of Term 2.

The new Enterprise Bargain Agreement (EBA) that is currently being brought to all Sandhurst schools has strict limitations on teacher availability outside school hours. Due to these limitations, we ask you to take the opportunity to book a learning conversation during the available times. Please note, teachers will not be able to follow up families who have not booked a time for a Learning Conversation, as this will be impacted by the EBA conditions.

If you are scheduled to have a PSG in Weeks 6-8 of term 2, this will take the place of the Learning Conversation.

Remember, you can choose to have your child join you for part of the PSG meeting to share their achievements and discuss future goals.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility. We look forward to working with you on your child's learning journey.



Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents,

Learning Conversations will be held in Week 2 of Term 2 –
Monday 1 May – Thursday 4 May, 2023

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


You can now book an interview time that suits **YOU BEST**.
Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS OPEN Monday 3 April at 10:00am.
BOOKINGS CLOSE Thursday 27 April at 4:00pm.

School event code
vkx9e **Go**

Enter THIS school event code.
Then follow the 3 simple steps.

1 
Enter your details

2 
Choose teachers

3 
Choose times



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately. **DO NOT DELETE** the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. If you have booked a Video-conference interview, you will need to refer to the email for the meeting link.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

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

For parents who don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones please contact your child's teacher to arrange a suitable time.

Parents can change their booking any time, prior to the closing time, by revisiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their time after the closing date should contact their child's teacher directly.

Learning Conversations

PLEASE JOIN US
AS WE CELEBRATE THE
Opening & Blessing
OF THE
ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS



SENIOR LEARNING CENTRE

FRIDAY, 28 APRIL 2023

12.00 NOON

46 BLUCHER STREET, STRATHFIELDSAYE

PLEASE RSVP - 14TH APRIL 2023

OFFICE@SFSTRATHFIELDSAYE.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU

03 5439 3191

FOLLOWED BY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS



RE News.....

Stations of the Cross – Thursday 6 April at 1pm - All Welcome

Holy Week & the Liturgical season of Easter

Holy Week begins this weekend with Palm Sunday, which commemorates Jesus riding a donkey into Jerusalem ushering in the final week of his human life. It was a typical welcome in those times to scatter palms, other plants and branches, and even clothes to herald the arrival of an honoured visitor into most communities. The palm and the donkey had interesting symbolic value, as the palm is still considered a symbol of peace and victory, and in choosing to ride on a donkey rather than a horse, Jesus displayed humility and peace rather than the pride and power of a military leader.

Holy Week continues with Jesus' inner circle of disciples enjoying a wonderful evening with him sharing bread and wine, however, any joy quickly dissipated into denial and abandonment by his deserting friends who realized any association with Jesus could mean their own death. One of them, Judas, betrayed Jesus into the hands of the Jewish hierarchy and eventually to the all-powerful Roman governor, Pontius Pilate. Christ, God with us, was to be condemned to a humiliating painful death on a cross.

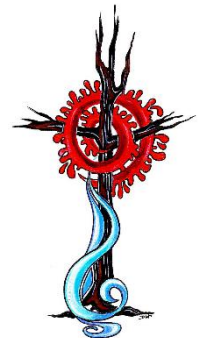
But we need not be discouraged! Three days later, the greatest miracle of all happened: his friend and disciple, Mary Magdalen, arrived at his tomb, to be greeted by the risen Christ.

The major focus of Holy Week is the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, the suffering and Death on Good Friday and Rising to New Life Easter Dawn. It is all really one movement through death to life but we celebrate it mindfully over three days in three stages. We call this celebration the Triduum.

This year we will once again commemorate Holy Week with the Stations of the Cross. **Mr Moloney, Mr Zera and 4Z have been working together to prepare this with our school community and share this on the last day of term - Thursday 6 April at 1pm in the shed. All families are welcome to join us.** We will come together to remember the story of Jesus' last few days. We know that while this is a very sad story, it has a wonderful ending - the Resurrection of Jesus. The Parish Holy Week and Easter Service times are listed below.

We pray this Holy Week we take the time to reflect on God's constant presence in our lives. When we are hurting and life is difficult, God is our hope, the one we can rely on, the one we can turn to no matter what is happening.

*Loving God,
who always invites us to make new beginnings,
immerse our needy world in the spirit of Resurrection,
inspiring us to spread peace,
love and compassion to each other.
In the name of Jesus who models these
qualities so perfectly for us.
AMEN.*



Slavery Free Chocolate - Be a good egg this Easter

Did you know that much of the chocolate sold in Australia is made using cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved or forced to work in exploitative conditions? The International Labour Rights Forum estimates that more than 1.5 million children are working in the cocoa sector in West Africa, where about 70% of the world's cocoa is produced.

We can all be 'good eggs' and commit to using our Easter chocolate dollars to buy slavery-free chocolate. It's also the right time to tell our families, friends and communities about the exploitation of children in chocolate production. **Look** for Fairtrade and Rainforest Alliance logos on your chocolate wrapper. See poster on Noticeboard.

Download the [The Chocolate Scorecard](#) find out what's really going into your chocolate and how your favourite brands rate.



**HOW TO BE A
'Good Egg'
THIS EASTER**

Feel good about the chocolate you purchase and consume this Easter:

Look

for these symbols on your chocolate branding.




Be Slavery Free's Chocolate scorecard!
www.chocolatescorecard.com. Look at the scorecard when shopping and buy Easter eggs and chocolate that are produced without child labour.

Your chocolate (only online). Be an influencer in your community.

1. Take a selfie/or photo of you with your Easter chocolate.
2. Upload it on your favourite social media platform with the following text: "I'm a good Egg! I've joined ACRATH's 'Good Egg' Easter Campaign and have committed to buying only Easter chocolate from brands that commit to making slavery-free chocolate!" (don't forget to tag us @acrath)

JOIN US!



www.acrath.org.au
People are NOT for sale

Holy Week and Easter Services



St Therese's Parish 2023

PASSION(PALM) SUNDAY Blessing of Palms & Mass
 • 8/9 April regular Saturday/Sunday Mass times

HOLY WEEK: St Therese's Kennington
 • Mon/Tue/Wed - 3/4/5 April: 9.15am daily Mass
 • Tuesday 4 April: 6pm Reconciliation
 • Holy Thursday 6 April: 6pm Mass of Lord's Supper & Procession, 8.30pm Concluding Adoration w/ Night Prayer
 • Good Friday 7 April: 3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
 • Holy Saturday 8 April: 9am Morning Prayer in Crypt, 10am Reconciliation, 6.30pm Easter Vigil

HOLY WEEK: St Joseph's Axe Creek
 • Wednesday 5 April: 7am Mass
 • Good Friday 7 April: 9.30am Stations of the Cross

HOLY WEEK: St Mary's Axedale
 • Good Friday 7 April: 11.30am Stations of the Cross

EASTER VIGIL Saturday 8 April 6.30pm St Therese's
EASTER SUNDAY 9 April regular Sunday Mass times

Project Compassion

Caritas, an Australian Catholic Aid Agency, work with people in Australia and throughout the world. Their work is inspired by the Gospel and guided by the principles of Catholic Social Teachings. They are committed to work alongside the most vulnerable, and to address the imbalance of power by including the people affected in the decisions impacting their lives. During Project Compassion, they share some of the stories of those they work with.

Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu.

Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia - without it, we could not do the vital work we do. Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations.

Please support Project Compassion and our Caritas Ks at our [St Francis of the Fields Fundraising Page](#) or use the QR Code below. Thank you!





St Francis of the Fields Primary School
Caritas Ks Fundraising Page

On Friday, 17 March we had the most glorious day for our Caritas Ks walk. This awareness raising and fundraising event is a time for our school community to walk in solidarity with those in the world who have to walk many kilometres for life's necessities like water, food, education and medical support. Our community gathered to begin our walk in prayer and to reflect on what we can do to support others in our community and beyond. The students took time as they walked to reflect on their own lives and the lives of people around the world that live in vulnerable communities. This act of solidarity is a sign of our care for others and putting our faith into action for future generations.

Thank you to all that have so generously donated this year and in previous years.

Our goal is to raise \$7000, and so far we have raised **\$5695**. There is still time to organise sponsors and to donate online using this [link](#) or the QR Code below.

Mother's Day Mass - Friday 12 May at 11:45am

This year our Fdn - Yr2 classes will attend the Mother's Day Mass on **Friday 12 May at 11:45am**. All families are invited to our Mass to celebrate our mothers and those people who are like mothers in our lives. Our Fdn - Yr2 children will be helping to lead our liturgy with Fr Andrew as our celebrant.



Year 1S & 1M Mass



Last Friday, the Year 1S and 1M classes had their first class Mass for 2023. Thank you to all the families that were able to join us and to Fr Andrew for celebrating our Mass.

Well done to the Year 1 students and teachers for all of their work preparing for this wonderful Mass and for the beautiful reading, their great questioning and very reverent participation.

Lenten Reconciliation

Students from Years 3-6 had Lenten Reconciliation celebrated in their classrooms last week. Thank you to Fr Andrew Fewings for ensuring our students can experience this Sacrament of Healing during Lent.

Lisa Hitchcock
Catholic Identity Leader



PE News.....

Cross Country



Please note: we have had to change our school Cross Country date, this is due to the opening of the new building. On **Thursday 27th of April** we will run our school Cross Country. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.



You can find start times and distances below. We start with the boys in each year level first. We would love to see as many parents, guardians and supporters there as possible. Coffee storm will be available, should you like to purchase a coffee.

While students have already had opportunities to practice for the cross country at school, supporting them outside of school would be very beneficial.



Start location: These will vary, depending on age group.

End location: The end of the oval closest to the school.



CROSS COUNTRY START TIMES		
Thursday 27 April		
Race Time	Year Level	Distance
9.15am	Yr 6	3km
9.25am	Yr 5	3km
9.40am	Yr 4	2km
9.50am	Yr 3	2km
10.05am	Yr 2	2km
10.15am	Yr 1	1km
10.25am	Fdn	600m

School Cross Country Training

Every Monday and Wednesday lunchtime at 1.40pm. Meet in the shed, right after eating time- ALL welcome. We would love to see some new faces. The school Cross Country is fast approaching (Term 2, Week 1 Thursday 27th of April), why not take advantage of this opportunity to prepare yourself well!

State Swimming

On the 18th & 19th of March, we had a few students compete in the 2023 All Juniors Country Swimming Championship. It was great fun and one student even made finals!! Below is a list of the students that competed and the events they qualified through in.

Congratulations to these students...

Willow Wardell:	Butterfly & Breaststroke
Matisse Wardell:	Backstroke & Breaststroke
Jade Hayward:	Butterfly, Backstroke & Butterfly
Andeon Haasbroek:	Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke & Freestyle
Milanke Haasbroek:	Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke & Freestyle
Josh Rodda:	Backstroke, Breaststroke (8th place made finals) & Freestyle
Darcy Rodda:	Backstroke, Breaststroke & Freestyle

We had a great time swimming in the MSAC pool! We even had Josh Rodda make finals! He finished 8th! It was lots of fun!!

By Darcy Rodda

Breeze Tennis

Our year 3-6's have almost finished 4 weeks worth of tennis lessons with Bree from Breeze Tennis. We are very grateful for her expertise and the time she has spent with our students. The students had a great time and continued to develop their tennis skills. If you would like more information about what Bree can offer, please see the flyer attached to this newsletter.



PE Awards

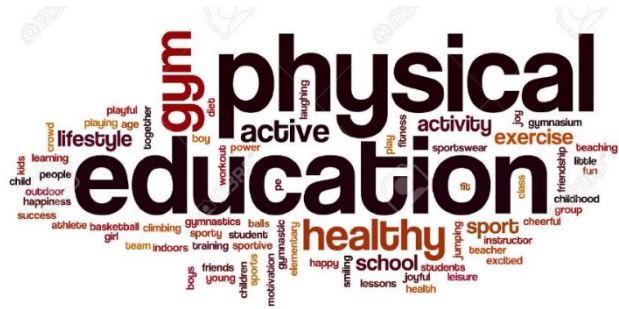


Each assembly week, two students will receive a tuckshop award. The criteria for receiving these awards is very straightforward. Students demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship, effort and attitude will be the prime candidates for these awards. Congratulations: **Macey Nielsen & Lucy Pollock**

Sporting News

Parents, if you have news that should be shared in the newsletter, please let me know by emailing dcoates@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au or sending it directly through to newsletter@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au

Danielle Coates & Shannon Dillon
PE Coordinators



Oasis News..... Chickens

In the last two assemblies we have been talking to the school community about how to treat and look after the chickens with respect and with examples such as not chasing the chickens around the yard. We also let the chickens out every morning and put them away each afternoon.

Also the chicken coop is a lovely place for the chickens to lay their eggs and have a snack. It is a wonderful experience for the students because they also get to pat and pick up the chickens if the chickens want them to. It's also very good for the chickens. They get to roam around and it becomes less scary for the chickens. The chickens are also fed once a day and we also collect the eggs daily as well. We love our chickens in our school so please take care of them.

By Lachlan



Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) On School Students with Disability

What is the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data?

Schools must now complete the *Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)* every year. It counts the number of students who receive additional adjustments or “help” at school because of a disability. The NCCD helps governments plan for the needs of students with disability.

Who is counted in the data collection?

To count a student in the NCCD, schools must think through some key questions:

1. Is the student getting help at school so that they can take part in education on the same basis as other students?
2. Is the help given because of a disability? The word ‘disability’ comes from the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#) (DDA) and it can include many students.
3. Has the school talked to you or your child about the help that they provide?
4. Has the school kept records about the help they provide, the student needs and the reasons that the student needs this help? The school will need to keep copies of tests, student work, assessments, records of meetings, medical reports or other paperwork and information about how the student’s learning is moving along over time.

Once the school decides that the student should be counted in the NCCD, they then choose a disability group and one of four levels of help that has been given to the student.

What does the word ‘disability’ mean in the NCCD?

In the NCCD the word ‘disability’ comes from the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#) (DDA). There are four types of disability that the school can choose from: sensory, cognitive, social-emotional and physical.

Many students that need help at school can be counted in the NCCD. For example, students with learning problems, e.g. specific learning disability or reading difficulty (sometimes called dyslexia), health problems (e.g. epilepsy or diabetes), physical disability (e.g. cerebral palsy), vision/hearing loss and social-emotional problems (e.g. selective mutism, Autism Spectrum Disorder, anxiety).

Letters from doctors or specialists can be very helpful for schools as they plan how to support students with their learning. Schools do not need to have these letters before they can count a

student in NCCD. Teachers can use all that they know about the student's learning and the records that they have collected over time to decide if a student can be counted in the NCCD.

What sort of help does the school give students?

Students need different types of help at school. Some students need a little help sometimes while other students need a lot of help nearly all the time. The type of help given depends on the needs of the student. The help can include changes to the school buildings or grounds (e.g. ramps or things like special desks or chairs), extra teacher help in classes, special learning programs, changes to the work they give the student or extra adult help.

How will the NCCD be different this year?

All schools have been counting students in the NCCD since 2015. The government will use the NCCD data as part of the funding to schools.

What will the school need to know about my child for the NCCD?

Schools work together with families to understand the needs of each child. It is helpful if families give their child's teacher a copy of any letters or reports they have. The letters or reports will help the school understand the child and the help that they might need. Letters from doctors, psychologists, speech pathologists, doctor, and occupational therapists etc. can be very helpful for schools. These reports along with information that the teacher has (i.e. school based tests, your child's work and learning plans) helps the school to understand and meet your child's needs.

What happens to the NCCD data? Who will have the NCCD information?

Each school principal must check the NCCD data in August of each year. The school will give the information to the Catholic Education Office. The school will work with the Catholic Education Office to make sure that the NCCD data is OK before they give the data to the government. The government will not be given the names of any students or any letters or records. Please ask your school for their privacy policy if you need to know more.

Does the school need me to agree with them about counting my child in the NCCD?

Amendments were made to the [Australian Education Act 2013](#) and [Australian Education Regulation 2013](#)). Schools do not need you to agree to let them count a child in the NCCD. You cannot ask the school not to count your child.

Where can I find out more?

Please contact your child's school if you have further questions about the NCCD and/or refer to the national [NCCD Portal](#).

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](#)

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.



Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is now cashless. All in-store payments are to be made using EFTPOS.

The new softshell school Jackets are in stock NOW!!! Orders can be placed online or in store.

Old style trackpants are now on sale for **\$25**.

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.





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10am–4pm Sunday 16 April

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ENTER THE DRAGON MILE

SUNDAY 9TH APRIL 2023



Bendigo Bank

ICONIC DRAGON MILE

MILE LONG FOOT RACE ON THE FAMOUS EASTER PROCESSION ROUTE

WHERE: PALL MALL AT GOLD MONUMENT - TIME: 10:30AM STRAT

\$10.00 MINI MILE & PRIMARY SCHOOLS - \$20.00 SECONDARY SCHOOLS / OPEN AND VETERANS

ALSO INCORPORATING GYM CUP, TEAMS OF 4 FROM YOUR FAVORITE GYM BATTLING IT OUT FOR BEST GYM!

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Who can attend: Boys & Girls aged 4–12 years old.

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 upfront 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 core 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.

EASTER 2023 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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	Mon 10th April	Tues 11th April	Wed 12th April	Thu 13th April	Fri 14th April
WEEK 1	EASTER MONDAY - NO SESSION	BASKETBALL BONANZA Kick start your day with our Basketball Bonanza! Jump, shoot and dribble your way through the day and show off your skills in our basketball challenge activities & tournament!	SOCCER SUPERSTARS Each of our little stars will get the chance to channel their inner Soccerstar and participate in our Super Soccer challenges, activities & matches. Our Coach vs Kids penalty shootout is sure to be a hit as well.	MINI OLYMPICS Our little superstars will show off their skills in the Kelly Sports Olympics today. The kids will be split into teams and work together to try & top the medal tally in many running, jumping, throwing & team-based events.	AMAZING RACE Our little superstars will show off their problem solving, teamwork & sporting skills in our Kelly Sports style Amazing Race! The kids will work together to solve clues & complete tasks to conquer this fun-filled activity for all ages.
WEEK 2	DYNAMIC DODGEBALL Dodge, duck, dip, dive and... DODGE! Our Dodgeball Tournament is back. Our friendly competition will help improve your throwing and catching skills!	NINJA WARRIOR Come along today and channel your inner ninja in our giant obstacle courses. Show off your flexibility, speed & agility in what is sure to be an action packed day. Who will become the ultimate ninja?	FOOTY COLOURS DAY Come along & show all your favourite team colours with pride! With prizes on offer, the kids will have the chance to test out their skills in our longest kick and goal kicking challenges, as well as our AFL X competition.	INFLATABLE GAMES A truck load of fun is awaiting each of our little legends today! With super-sized inflatable games such as Giant Inflatable Soccer, Inflatable Volleyball, inflatable challenge games and more, this is one you won't want to miss out on!	COACH VS KIDS Bragging rights are on offer today! The kids & coaches will go head-to-head in a variety of team battles. Who will come out on top in this clash for the ages? You can smell the anticipation in the air already!

FULL DAY: \$50
Mon - Fri, 8:30am - 5:00pm

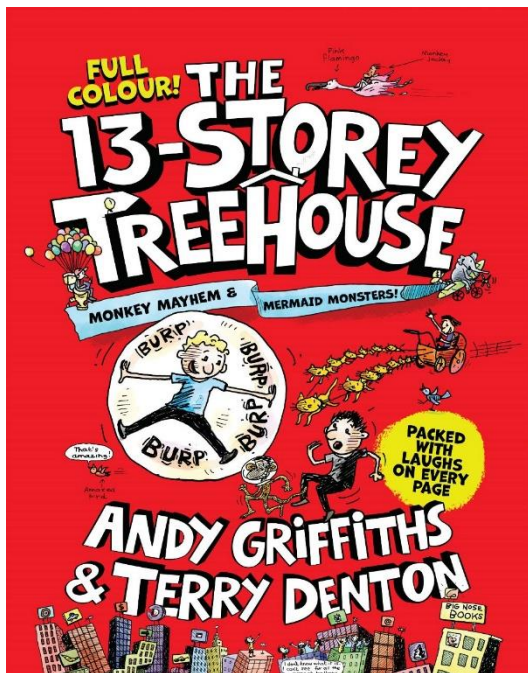
KS SESSION FULL DAY: \$60
8:00am - 5:30pm

HALF DAY: \$50
8:30am - 12:30pm

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PLEASE NOTE: THE THEME LISTED IS THE MAIN ACTIVITY FOR THE DAY. EACH DAY WILL ALSO INCLUDE OTHER SPORTS & GAMES THE KIDS WILL LOVE. OUR FULL DAILY SCHEDULE & ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE BOOKING WEBSITE

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Andy Griffiths Book Signing!



Andy Griffiths will be doing a book signing for kids, teachers and librarians at The Goods Shed, Kennedy Street, Castlemaine at 5.30pm on Friday 31 March as part of the Castlemaine State Festival.

Everyone is very welcome to come on down to say hello to Andy and get their favourite Andy Griffiths book signed.

Northern Books will have all of Andy's books there for sale including a brand spanking new colour edition of *The 13-Storey Treehouse*.

PS If you'd like to hear Andy in conversation with *The Five of My Life* podcast host, Nigel Marsh, you can do that by booking a ticket [HERE](#).



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Monday through to Saturday

**LESSONS
FOR KIDS**

5 YRS-TEENAGERS

Hotshots / Group lessons

- Red ball group lesson- 30 minutes
- Orange ball group lesson- 45 minutes
- Green ball group lesson- 1 hour
- Junior group lessons- 12 + yrs - 1 hour

**PRIVATE
LESSONS**

ALL AGES

1 on 1 service

- 30 minutes
- 45 minutes
- 1 hour

**ADULT
CLASSES**

ADULTS

Adult group lessons

- Cardio tennis- 1 hour
- Adult skills- 1 hour

**SCHOOL
PROGRAMS**

SCHOOLS

School programs

- If you are a school or know of a school looking for a tennis program, please do get in touch.
- Works with sporting schools and School Sport Victoria



Locations:
Strathfieldsaye Tennis Club
Bendigo District RSL

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