



ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 19 – Nov 2, 2023

(Term 4 – Week 5)

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 3 November

- ☐ Fdn-Yr2 Athletic sports @ 9.15am
- ☐ Memorial Mass @ 2.00pm

Tuesday 7 November

- ☐ 2024 Foundation Transition sessions
- ☐ **Melbourne Cup Day**

Friday 10 November

- ☐ 4W & 4Z Mass @ 11.45
- ☐ Assembly @ 2.45pm. 3M presenting.

Tuesday 14 November

- ☐ Choir performance at Assisi Kinder @ 2.30pm

Wednesday 15 November

- ☐ Yr 5 Camp - Anglesea

Thursday 16 November

- ☐ Yr 5 Camp – Anglesea
- ☐ P&F Meeting @ 7.30pm

Friday 17 November

- ☐ Yr 5 Camp - Anglesea
- ☐ 4FT & 4O Mass @ 11.45am

Thursday 23 November

- ☐ Just Leadership Day Yr5
- ☐ St Kilian's Concert (in our Shed)

Friday 24 November

- ☐ **PUPIL FREE DAY**

Wednesday 29 November

- ☐ School Advisory Board Meeting

Friday 1 December

- ☐ Year 5 Unit Mass @ 11.45am
- ☐ Assembly @ 2.45pm. 3SB presenting

Tuesday 5 December

- ☐ **Orientation Day**

Friday 8 December

- ☐ **COLOUR RUN**

Wednesday 13 December

- ☐ Yr6 Graduation Mass @ 7pm

Reminder!



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

St Francis of Assisi



Dear Families,

Grace Scalora and I have been preparing to help our kinder students and parents transition to school in 2024. We have spoken of the importance of being able to develop friendships. Albert Camus, a French writer, wrote about how best to be a friend to someone. He stated: “Don’t walk in front of me - I may not follow. Don’t walk behind me - I may not lead. Just walk beside me - and be my friend.”

I share with you a passage from the Bible where the word “love” has been changed to “friends”:

Friends are patient and kind;
they are not jealous or boastful;
they are not arrogant or rude.

Friends do not insist on having their own way.
They are not touchy or resentful.

They don’t take pleasure when things go wrong for others,
but they are pleased with what is good and right.

Friends are always ready to excuse,
to believe the other person, to have hope,
and to stand beside their friend in bad times as well as good.
True friendship never ends.

(1 Cor 13, written by St Paul)

We pray today for the gift of knowing how best to “be with” someone, remaining faithful through good times and bad.



Tuckshop 2023 – Term 4

Week 5

Friday 3 November

12.30 – 2.30pm
Kate Fraser
Viv Bortolotto
Nicole Emmerson

Week 6

Thursday 9 November

12.30 – 2.30pm Sarah Dean

Friday 10 November

12.30 – 2.30pm
Davis Perrin
Kristy Prowse
Briana Cowan
Lisa Wills

Week 7

Thursday 16 November

12.30 – 2.30pm Casey Simpson

Friday 17 November

12.30 – 2.30pm
Caroline Strachan
Lisa Phillips
Kanji Jackson-Leahy

Week 8

Thursday 23 November

12.30 – 2.30pm
Bec O’Sullivan
Nicole Villani

Friday 24 November

12.30 – 2.30pm **PUPIL FREE DAY**

Weekend Maintenance

4-5 Nov Lynch (3M), Arundell (4FT)

11-12 Nov St Clair (1M), Lamprell (6J)

18-19 Nov Willis (FdnM), Connolly (5K)

25-26 Nov Dewhurst (6R), Stewart-Eeles (4W)

2-3 Dec Banks (FdnM), C&B Baker (5ZC)

9-10 Dec Oldham (3GB)

Instrumental Concert

Congratulations to all students for performing so well last Thursday. It takes an enormous amount of courage to stand before an audience and perform - every child should be so proud of their grit and determination to do so.



Special thanks to our Instrumental Teachers who have nurtured our musicians with such care and skill. Well done!

Foundation Transition Sessions

Our kinder students will be able to enjoy a 45min long transition sessions on:

- Tuesday 7 November

All families know their times as they have been sent their time slots.

We look forward to learning more with our new and existing families.



Memorial Service

Please note: our Memorial Service will now be held at **2.00pm (instead of 11.45am)** on Friday 3 November. This was due to a clash with a funeral service to be held at the same time.

Our Memorial Service will honour all St. Francis of the Fields Primary School students, staff and parents who have died. All families are invited back to be part of the liturgy so that we can pray for those who will always belong to the St. Francis family.

Sacrament of Reconciliation



The children from our parish have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the help of their parents and staff from St. Francis of the Fields and St. Therese's over the past five weeks.

This preparation culminates with the Sacrament of Reconciliation being received on Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 November. Congratulations to each of our children receiving their second sacrament!

Term 4 Pupil Free Days

Our Term 4 Pupil Free Days are as follows:

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| • Friday 24 November | 2024 Planning Day |
| • Tuesday 19 December | 2024 Planning Day |
| • Wednesday 20 December | Teachers last day |

Assembly

Our next assembly will be celebrated by 3M on Friday 10 November at 2.45pm in the "shed". All are most welcome to attend.



Christ has no hands but yours.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Moloney".

Tim Moloney
Principal



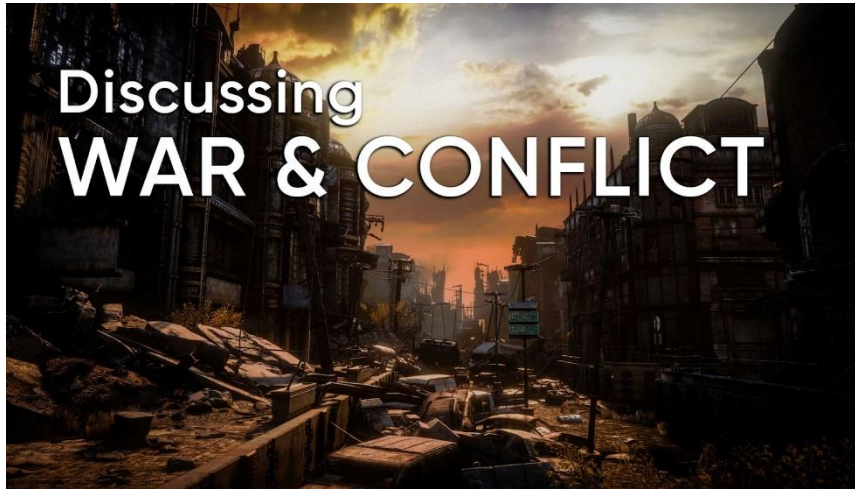
Student of the Week

Every week we publish the list of our Student of the Week Award winners on our school website.

Please click on this link to view last week's winners: [Student of the Week](#)



School TV
SPECIAL REPORT: Discussing War & Conflict



Children are frequently exposed to distressing news through the 24-hour news cycle and social media. These experiences can provoke anxiety, especially in young minds still forming their worldviews. Parents and caregivers should be mindful of overexposure to such content as it can lead to symptoms similar to post-traumatic stress disorder. Children's responses to trauma can vary, from being strong emotional reactions to being indifferent. It can leave an emotional imprint that can affect a child's behaviour and perception of danger.

Children need reassurance about their safety as they navigate uncertain times. Tailor conversations to your child's age and emotional maturity. Younger children benefit from simplified explanations focusing on peace, empathy, and cooperation, while older children can delve into historical events, root causes of conflict, and the complexities of international relations.

Before discussing these topics with your child, it is also important to assess your own emotions and comfort level. By staying calm and providing physical comfort will help your child regulate their own emotions. In challenging times, compassionate adults play a crucial role in helping children cope with anxiety and providing hope and understanding in our complex world.

This Special Report provides guidance on how to tackle this difficult topic and helping children understand there is still hope in our complex world. Please take a moment to reflect on the information offered, and as always, we welcome your feedback. If this raises any concerns for you, a loved one or the wellbeing of your child, please consider seeking medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report

https://sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-discussing-war-conflict

Regards,
Grace Scalora
Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing



Year Level - Unit Newsletters



Click on these links to view the Term 4 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](#)

Numeracy News.....

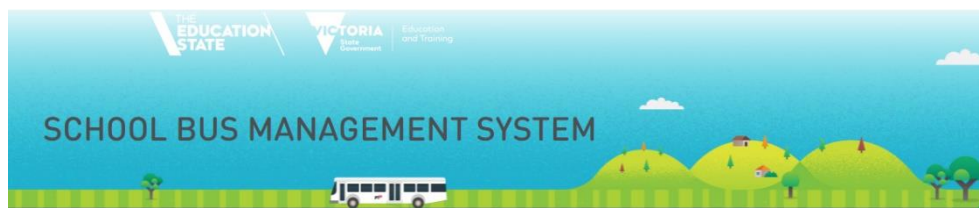
Maths Games & Maths Explorer

The students who entered in the Maths Games and Maths Explorer competitions will receive certificates and awards at the Week 6 school assembly, Friday 10th November, 2.45pm. Parents are welcome to join us to celebrate the participation and success of these students.

Kate Ellis
Numeracy Leader



Bus Travel



Mandurang Bus Travellers ONLY

Families who use our Mandurang Bus service are advised to complete the necessary online applications to ensure they have secured travel for their children in 2024.

- Existing families who have a current 2023 approval for their child in the Student Travel Assistance Portal (STAP) (all traveller types – eligible, ineligible and conditional) and their 2024 year level is offered at the school/ campus currently enrolled at, will have their application automatically rolled over and submitted for 2024
 - where there will be a change to residential address or school (including moving to a new campus) for 2024, families will need to make a new 2024 application
- Families who are new to the School Bus Program will need to create a new STAP account and make a new application for their child
- Existing families with a new child accessing the School Bus Program in 2024 will need to log into their STAP account, add the new child, and make a new application for travel

All 2024 applications (for existing travellers and new) submitted by Wednesday 15 November 2023 will be processed on this date



RE News.....

Memorial Ceremony: Friday 3 November @ 2pm

November is the month of Remembrance. At this time each year, we gather in the Memorial Garden to celebrate and remember those who have died and have left a special place in our hearts - especially those who are honoured with a plaque on our Memorial Wall.

Our Memorial Ceremony is tomorrow Friday 3 November - at 2 pm - please note the change of time. Students from Years 3-6 will be attending.

This year we will be adding a plaque to the Memorial Wall for Doug Chappel our school farmer who died in 2022. We have many of the families of those on our Memorial Wall attending tomorrow. We look forward to welcoming them and remembering and celebrating their loved ones with them.

We invite you all to gather with us to remember and pray for our loved ones who have died and will always hold a special place in our hearts.



St Francis of the Fields
Primary Schools
Memorial Ceremony

Friday 3 November
Please note the changed time 2 pm
at the Memorial Garden

*We will remember and pray for our
loved ones who have died and hold a
special place in our hearts.*



Sacrament of Reconciliation

This is the final week of Our Times Together Session 4 - Celebrating - will help students become familiar with the second form of the Rite of Reconciliation and deepen their awareness of the need to celebrate God's reconciling love.



Next week, the sacramental candidates will make their First Reconciliation. First Reconciliation Ceremonies will be held at St Therese's Church Kennington on Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 November at 7 pm.

We ask you to please pray for these children and their families as they continue their sacramental journey and make their First Reconciliation.

Loving God,

*We ask that as these children make their First Reconciliation,
they come to know you, the one true loving and merciful God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent to show us how to live and love.
May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope, and love,
so they may know Your peace, truth, and goodness.*

Amen

Catholic Missions - Socktober

Thank you to everyone for their generous donations to the Catholic Missions Socktober appeal. This money will go to support Catholic Missions' work in Timor-Leste.

We raised \$850. Thank you!



Grandparents' Mass

The Year 1 Unit Grandparents' Mass was a wonderful celebration of the special people our students have in their lives. This was held on Friday 27 October.

The Year 1 students had been talking about the special people who were going to come to their Mass and there was always so much excitement in their voices. Thank you to the Year 1 students and teachers who prepared such a beautiful Mass. They all carried out their roles, read, sang and participated so well. Thank you to Mrs Cameron for preparing the children to sing a special "Thank You Song" to their grandparents. There were many, many happy tears when the students sang this song so beautifully.

To all the grandparents and great-grandparents for making the smiles on these little faces shine, just by being here with them. It is amazing how magical grandparents are and just showing up is all you have to do to make our days so wonderful. Thanks for all of your love, dreams and hopes who have for these children and being a part of the community that helps these children to flourish.

Thank you to Fr Andrew for celebrating our Mass, the Year 6 teachers and students for setting up the shed, the altar servers and tech ninjas. You all made our Mass so special. A big thank you to all of the families who were able to join us as always we love having you at school with us all.



All Saints Day

Yesterday, 1 November we celebrated the Feast of All Saints Day. We need to remember that those we call 'saints' were ordinary people just like us! But although they were like us, many of these people achieved extraordinary things.

Inspired by the grace of God, let us pray in gratitude for the examples of faith and service given to us by the many saints of the past. Let us learn from these hallowed ones how we, too, can re-structure our lives around this "prophecy of a new humanity, of a new way of living" shown to us in the example of Christ!

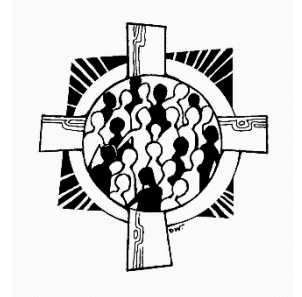
Let us pray.

Loving God,

*we remember all those great women and men whose lives were so filled with love for you
that they chose to serve others and make a positive difference in their lives.*

*Let us open our own hearts with the courage to say "yes" to you
when we are called to help and support those in need.*

Amen.



All Souls Day

Today 2 November, we celebrate All Souls Day. We remember all those who we have loved who have died and are with God. As Christians, we believe in God's constant presence in our lives. We know we are never alone. When we are sad and filled with grief because we have lost someone dear to us, we know that God is our comfort and our strength.

Tomorrow, at our Memorial Ceremony we will remember and celebrate those who are on our Memorial Wall and all of the people we have loved that have died.

Please note the changed time of the Memorial Ceremony - it will now be held at 2 pm.

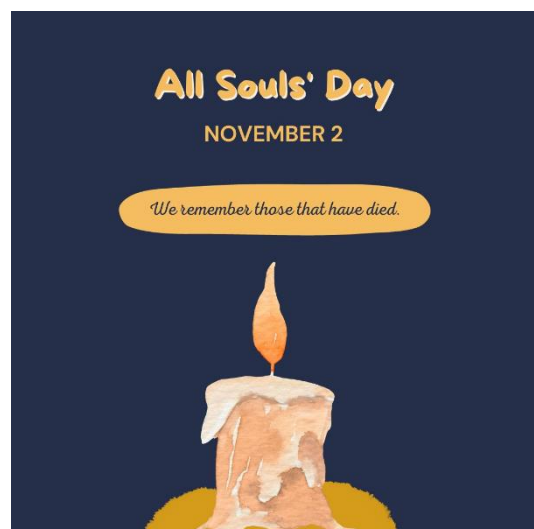
Let us pray,

Loving God,

*you have raised up Jesus, your Son, who by his death and Resurrection
has given us eternal life.*

*May he give us strength, courage and comfort and remind us
that all those who have gone before us are in your loving arms.*

Amen



Lisa Hitchcock
Catholic Identity Leader

Performing Arts News....

Instrumental Concert

On Thursday the 26th of October, our school had 3 instrumental concerts. This was to display the amazing talents of students that take part in music lessons. Throughout the day the Foundation to grade 2 students had their concert, followed by the grade 3 and 4 students. Then after school was the grade 5 and 6 concert. Here are some of the Grade 6 students that took part in the Instrumental Concert's experiences.



Annie Rowe - 6W

At the instrumental concert I had my own drum Solo. In addition I played in the Grade 6 Band, 'The Pickle Heads'. Before I performed my drum solo I wasn't very nervous, until Mrs. C showed me I was up next! I played Wake up Call by Nothing but Thieves, one of my dad's favorite songs. Once I started playing, I didn't feel as nervous anymore. All of the other musicians played outstandingly and I enjoyed watching everyone, and seeing how they've improved over the years. I'm thankful for Min, Sam and everyone else who helped organize the concert this year. They made it such an amazing day for everyone!

Ari Gibson - 6W

At the instrumental concert I played the piano. I was third last and extremely nervous!! My hands were shaky but my teacher, Helen, was up there with me. After listening to the other pianists before me, it was my turn. I finished playing my song, then sat down and enjoyed the rest of the concert. All of the other people playing instruments, singing and even the MC's were amusing to watch. I'm thankful for my piano teacher and family, for always supporting me and my piano playing. I'm glad the last instrumental concert I got to go to was one of the best!!

Emma Gleeson - 6W

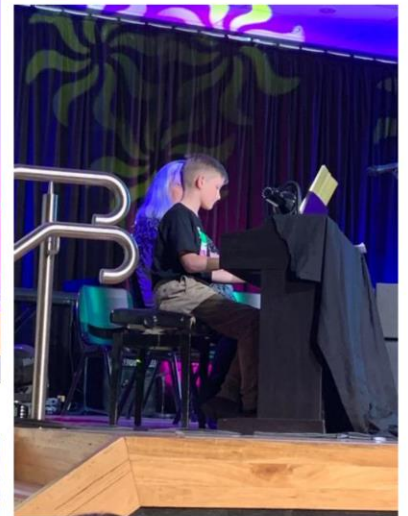
At the instrumental concert I played my guitar and sang. I also played in the Grade 6 band The Pickle Heads. At the concert I was nervous before performing my songs but I was excited to play for everyone. But when I started my song I didn't feel so nervous. When I finished everyone gave me a clap and I felt good about my performance. After my performance I loved watching all the other people perform their songs. The MCs made the night fun and entertaining and everyone played their songs amazingly. I am so grateful to everyone that helped to make this year's instrumental concert such a great success.

Flynn Stevens - 6W

At the instrumental concert I played the guitar in the Grade 6 band. I was really nervous but I had everybody helping me. At the instrumental concert you could do heaps of different things including the drums, the piano, guitar, the bass guitar and the violin! Each instrument had a different music teacher and they all helped us play out songs along the way. The concert was the best one yet. They did not have drums and they never had MC's. The MC's were grade 6's that ran the show. I played three songs and helped other people along the way. Once I was done I watched everybody and the MC's. The whole concert was a success. This year's instrumental concert was definitely the best. This concert would not have happened if it wasn't for Mrs C, Min, Helen, Kate and Sam.

Thank you so much to all the students for the hard work you put in to creating such memorable performances for our school community! Most of all, thank you to our incredibly talented, hard working and dedicated instrumental teachers – Min, Helen, Kate, Sam, Liesbeth and Hayley. Our school and our students lives are enriched by each of you. Thank you for all your efforts in preparing the students for performance, and in coordinating a mammoth production.







Grade 1 Grandparents Mass

Last Friday, all of Grade 1 performed a song to their grandparents and special people to express how much they love them. Congratulations to the students for a truly heart-warming performance.

At first we were very nervous, but we overcame our fears. The song we sang was called Thanks You. We got up on stage. We did actions and sang the song. Mrs C was at the bottom of the stage helping us with the actions. We had so much fun we wanted to do it again.

Ivy McSwain and Felix Parker 1R



Important Dates:

Memorial Mass	Friday 3 November	Choir item
Performance at Assisi Kinder	Tuesday 14 November	Choir excursion
Performance at St John of God Hospital	Wednesday 6 December	Choir excursion
Thanksgiving Mass	Thursday 14 December	Choir item

Performing Arts news: If you know of any events or student achievements we can share in the newsletter, please share with Mrs C by emailing kcameron@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au

Kiara Cameron
Music Teacher

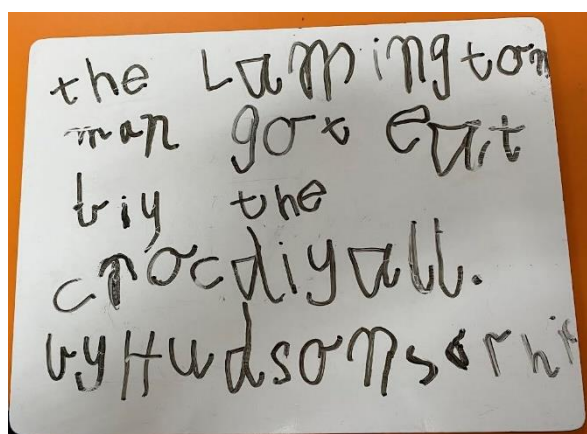
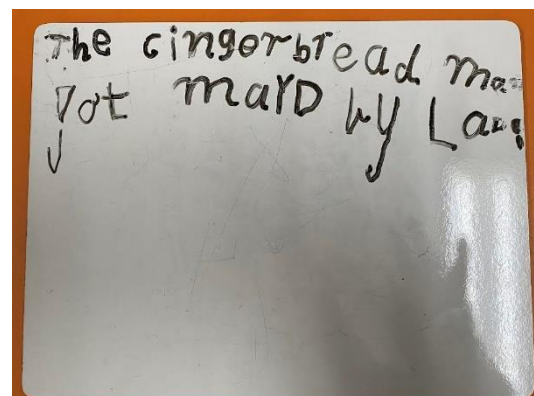
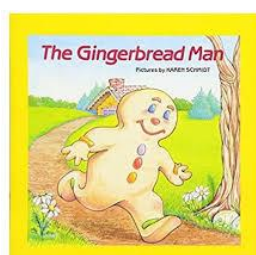
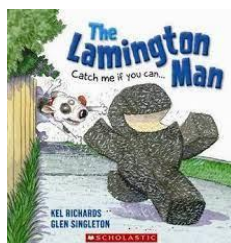
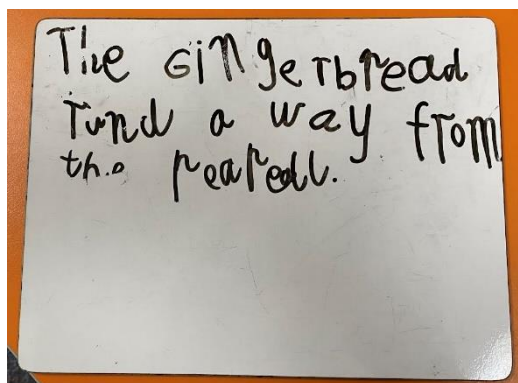
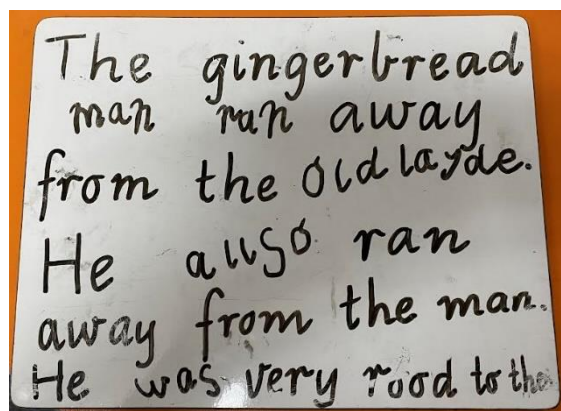
Literacy News.....

Shared Pen



'Shared Pen' is a wonderful writing tool that supports collaborative writing. The students in FD have been experimenting with 'Shared Pen', sharing the writing task with a partner. This collaborative approach to writing enables students to share ideas and learn from each other. Everyone has a turn at writing and contributing ideas. Great work, Foundation D!!!!!!

(This was Mrs. McNamara's example →)



PE News.....

Fdn - Yr-2 Mini Athletics Morning

Tomorrow, **Friday 3 November**, the children in Fdn - Yr2 will be having a 'Mini Athletics Morning' held on the school oval. We will focus on participation and encouraging students to do their very best while enjoying the morning.



The children will participate in a variety of events starting from **9.15am** and finishing just before **11.00am**. The children will compete in running events, hurdles, long jump, shot put and discus.

Please note, there is no 'winner' awarded as such, as mentioned above, the focus is purely around participation and enjoying the activities.

We encourage your child to wear their house colours on the day:

Clare- yellow

Francis- green

Backhaus- blue

Mackillop- red

this can include: ribbons, face paint, coloured t-shirts etc. The children will participate in their year level.



It would be great to see as many parents there as possible cheering and encouraging the efforts of all children. We hope it will be a nice day for the event.

We will also have a coffee van for you to enjoy.



Preparing for the Junior Athletics morning

Our students have been out in the sunshine preparing for this Friday's junior athletics fun morning! We hope to see lots of parents tomorrow.



Cricket Blast

On the 24th of October, Year 6 students signed up to play for the school cricket team. The girls and the boys got split into A and B teams. Most schools didn't have as many students signed up as we did so we got to be split into 4 teams (2 boys and 2 girls teams).

At nine o'clock we jumped on the bus and headed for Epsom to play some cricket. We competed and represented our school St Francis with our skills and excitement.

When it was time to play we went to our team and walked to our cricket pitch.



The game was a bit different and slightly modified to your traditional cricket game. You still take turns bowling and batting but you switch after 12 bowls. If you get caught, bowled or get run out the opposing team gets 5 extra points.

The boys and girls 'A' team both made it to the grand final against Kennington. Unfortunately they both lost... but they still get to go to Swan Hill for regionals!

Thank you to Mrs Coates, Mr Taylor, Mrs Hann and Mrs Zealley and everyone else who helped, umpire and participated. Everyone did their best and had a fun time.

By Will De Jong

Regional Basketball

On the 27 of October the year six girls and boys basketball teams went to the regional basketball tournament in Swan Hill. We got to school at 7 o'clock in the morning to catch the bus to Swan Hill. We met Strathfieldsaye primary at school and picked up St Thereses on the way. It was a 2 hour drive but we still had a really fun bus trip filled with lots of laughter and singing.

When we got there we set up and prepared for our first game against Woodend. It was a fun game and we managed to take out the win 41-

6, we then played Mildura south and won 27-8. We then had a bit of a break to rest and energize ourselves for our upcoming games. After the break we played St Mary's Echuca, it was a very tough game but we managed to beat them 17-16 and because we won all of our games we moved onto the semi final against St Therese's. It was a fun game winning by 11 (31-20) and going through to the grand final against St Mary's Swan Hill. We have never played them so we didn't know what to expect. It was a very challenging game and sadly we lost by 13 which means we don't go through to states, but we all gave it a good go.



And a big thank you to Andrew Arundell and Ebony Doyle for coaching and Mrs Zealley and Mrs Coates for helping to organise the day. Thank you so much we couldn't have made it this far without you. We really appreciate it.

The boys unfortunately didn't make it to the grand final because they sadly lost their first three games. They played Irymple South in their first game, then played St Mary's Echuca and their final game was against Echuca. They played their hardest but didn't come through with the results they wanted. The boys were great supporters for the girls and helped them make it all the way to the grand final.

By Sienna Raco & Forest Jackson- Leahy

Thank you to our wonderful coaches Andrew Arundell and Ebony Doyle, who gave up their time to come and train and coach our students. Their assistance is greatly appreciated, and I know the students were very grateful for their time and expertise. A sincere thank you!!



State Athletics

On Wednesday, while most were enjoying the public holiday, we had 12 students head to Melbourne for the State Athletics Championship. It was all seasons in one day!! We had a big wind, some rain, and some sun. Our students continue to impress with their athletic ability, but more so with their tremendous attitude and sportsmanship. We know it's great to be good at sport, but it's so much more important to be a good sport! Our students didn't skip a beat, representing the school so wonderfully and taking in every aspect of the opportunity they had. I couldn't be prouder of our students who all outdid themselves and certainly rose to the occasion. I want to congratulate them on the commitment they have shown during the weeks and months of preparation.

I also need to thank those who assisted our students along the journey- Mrs Zealley, Miss Dillon & Mr Dillon. Thank you for the time and effort you put into giving our students the best opportunity for success.

Results

Tommy Harrop

200m – 13th

Tommy was up against some fierce competition, he held his composure and ran hard all the way to the line!



Lilah Maddern

80m Hurdles – 9th and a personal best time.

Lilah narrowly missed taking a final place, being just outside the top 8. She should be so proud of her run, getting a super start and hurdling so efficiently!

Milanke Haasbroek

800m – 4th

Milanke was coming home so strongly and was closing on the 3rd placed runner, she just needed a couple more meters!

1500m – 2nd

Such a wonderful result to medal at the State Championship! And to come back so strongly after the disappointment of missing a medal by such a small margin in the 800m. There was certainly a lot of fire in the belly and Milanke channelled it beautifully.



1500m - Our 1500m runners were sensational! So gutsy and determined. All handling the hustle & bustle of distance running superbly!

- **Jed Willis** – 12th and a big personal best time.
- **Tommy Harrop** – 13th
- **Elliot Kelly** – 16th

Relay- 4 X 100m

Both of our relay teams were so amazing, wonderful starts, exceptional changes, each runner giving their absolute all! We really couldn't have asked anymore of them!!

- **9-10yr Boys** – 6th in heat and a personal best time
Jude Place | Elliot Kelly | Lenny Anderson | Jenson Chambers
- **12+yr Girls** – 5th in the FINAL & a huge personal best time
Ava Hope | Sienna Raco | Emmie Fookes | Marlie Skinner



PE Awards

Each assembly week, we present 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: Lilah Maddern & Adelaide Ciancio

**You will receive your awards at the next assembly.*

Danielle Coates & Shannon Dillon
PE Coordinators



Bendigo District Cricket Association

Junior programs

Email: bendigodca@gmail.com Web Page: <http://bendigocricket.vic.cricket.com.au/>

Phone: 0429 950 954 Postal Address: P.O. Box 535 Bendigo 3552



READY TO BAT, BOWL AND HAVE A BALL?

- Everyone welcome - Kids aged up to 10 years old
- Over in a flash - 60-90 minutes of fun each session in a safe and inclusive environment
- Make pals, catch skills, throw like a boss, and teamwork like a pro!
- Kids will be able to rock the colours of their favourite Big Bash heroes with their own Cricket Blast pack
- All the gear, no fear!

JUNIOR CLUB CRICKET IS FOR ANYONE AGED FROM 9-18 YEARS.

- Play real games of cricket
- Different game styles & formats to allow kids to progress based on ability
- Fun, active & plenty of opportunities to learn through play
- Make new friends & be a part of a local community
- Join your local cricket club today

Our junior cricketers aren't fully grown adults with the same skill level as our senior players, so we have improved the way cricket is played to suit their needs.

- There are smaller team sizes to encourage greater match action for all players
- We have reduced the pitch length & boundary widths for the younger age groups to make sure they're relevant to your child's size and age
- Gone are the days where junior cricket takes up the whole weekend! We are now offering shortened match lengths with high levels of action & involvement

All girls cricket leagues provide fun and competitive cricket competition for girls.

- Recommended for girls aged 11-18
- 2 hour games
- Different formats allow girls to progress based on their ability
- Fun and active, make new friends

Some equipment may be provided

Clubs (to contact in Bendigo District Cricket Association) if you are interested in playing cricket include:-



Bendigo Cricket Club (Junior Coordinator-Mark Ryan-Phone 0438672413)

bendigocricketclub1894@gmail.com



Bendigo United Cricket Club (Junior Coordinator-Nick Crawford-Phone 0401472325)

bucccricket@gmail.com



Eaglehawk Cricket Club (Club Contact secretary@eaglehawkcc.org.au)



Golden Square Cricket Club (Junior Coordinator-Mick Donnelly-Phone-0426196335)

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Kangaroo Flat Cricket Club (Junior Coordinator-Michael Smith-Phone- 0427219940)

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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.



School Uniform Shop

Please note, there is a change to the opening hours for the uniform shop until further notice.

- Mondays – Shop NOT open - Online orders processed
- Wednesdays - 2.30pm-3.30pm
- Fridays - 8.30am-9.30am



Second-hand Uniforms

Due to some of our uniform items discontinuing following our uniform review, we have had many families enquire as to what can be done with their old/unwanted uniforms. The Strathfieldsaye Transfer Depot, located at 998 Wellington Street, will take old clothing donations. Clothing deemed to be unwearable will be recycled into rags and clothing in better condition will be sent to communities in need overseas. They will not accept underwear or bathers/swimmers. The Depot is open on the following days:

- Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday – 8am – 4.30pm

P&F News.....

Colour Run

Let's kick off our fundraising efforts and make our goals a reality. TAKE NOTE: Students have received their sponsorship booklet and can now create their online profile at www.australianfundraising.com.au. Big prizes are up for grabs! Unlock your first incentive prize simply by raising \$10 online. The more your child raises, the more prizes they will receive. You can also share in \$200k of extra prize credit, win a PlayStation 5 Gaming Bundle and become a Fundraising MonSTAR! The St Francis Colour Run will be held on Friday 8 December.



Needlepoint Winery Day!

All St Francis Mum's are invited to the Needlepoint Winery Day

When: Saturday 11 November.

Where: Vin Du Van Winery, Mandurang

Time: 12noon-5pm

Cost: \$40 includes 2 course lunch & glass of wine.

Book in by: Friday Nov 3 please

Payments to Trina Colville | BSB: 182 182 | Acct: 010379345



L'Arche Christmas Market



At The Good Loaf
404 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo

Sunday November 26, 2023
10am—1pm



- Christmas baking
- BBQ
- Raffle
- Christmas gifts
- Preserves
- AND MORE

Your Baby. Your Choice.

Sunday 5 November 2023

2.00pm – 4.00pm

The Atrium, St John of God Bendigo Hospital

Join us for an afternoon information session on our private maternity services. We provide professional personalised care for all families.

Hear from members of our Maternity Team:

- Obstetricians
- Maternity Unit Manager
- Lactation Consultant
- Women's Health Physiotherapist

And women who will share their personal stories and experience having their babies at St John of God Bendigo Hospital.

Learn more about our Maternity Services including:

- Antenatal classes
- Breast feeding classes
- Care during pregnancy
- Care during birth
- Postnatal period including domiciliary support, lactation consultants, physiotherapy, and mothers groups

To register, please use this booking link:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CMQ8Q>

Or use this QR code



For more information:

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Private maternity care



ST JOHN OF GOD
Bendigo Hospital

What is a Doula?



Come and join Mel & Teghan to share birth, postpartum and early parenting experiences in an effort to highlight and normalise the significant changes of becoming a mother.

Location:

St Francis of the Fields Community Center

Date: Wednesday
November 8th

Time: 7pm-8pm
No bookings or cost required

Mel and Teghan are in the beginning stages of their Doula work and would love to hear your experiences, as they explore the wants and needs of our local community in this space. Fathers and birth partners are welcome to join as they play an important part in the birthing woman's adjustment.

ROCK BAND GIGS

St Francis of the Field

TUESDAY
OCTOBER 31

THE GOLDEN VINE HOTEL
6pm

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 6

BRADIES TAVERN
6pm