

ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 5 – March 28, 2024

(Term 1 – Week 9)

The Jaara people are the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and learn. We pay our respects to the elders and commit to working for reconciliation and justice.

“To live learn and grow in God’s love.”

Reminders

Monday 15 April

- ☐ **First day of Term 2**

Thursday 18 April

- ☐ **St Francis of the Fields Cross Country**

Friday 19 April

- ☐ **6J & FM Mass 11:45am**
- ☐ **Assembly – 6R**

Thursday 25 April

- ☐ **ANZAC Day Public Holiday**

Friday 26 April

- ☐ **PUPIL FREE DAY – Staff Spirituality Day**

Monday 29 April

- ☐ **Learning Conversations**
- ☐ **School Open Week – Principal Learning Tour – 5pm**

Tuesday 30 April

- ☐ **Learning Conversations**
- ☐ **School Open Week – Principal Learning Tour – 9:30am**

Wednesday 1 May

- ☐ **Learning Conversations**
- ☐ **School Open Week – Principal Learning Tour – 7:30pm**

Thursday 2 May

- ☐ **School Information Evening 7:30pm**

Friday 3 May

- ☐ **School Open Week**
- ☐ **Year 1 Unit Mass 11:45am**

Monday 6 May

- ☐ **Full winter uniform to be worn**

Tuckshop 2024 – Term 2

Week 1

Thurs 18 April Dahlin

Friday 19 April Sally Arundell
Helen Harrington
Chelsea Baker

Week 2

Thurs 25 April ANZAC Day Holiday

Friday 26 April Pupil Free Day

Weekend Maintenance

Term Break

13 & 14 April Wharton (5K)
Straub (Fdn W)

20 & 21 April English (3C)
Bortolotto (6J)
Curtain (Fdn M)

4 & 5 May McMillan (2S)
Dickman (1AJ)

“The deeds you do may be the only sermon
some persons will hear today.”
St Francis of Assisi



Dear Families,

We have so much to learn from the Easter story.

Two thousand years ago Jesus was condemned for being a person of vision, compassion, and strong commitment and faith. It is hard to believe that anyone would be willing to condemn a person for such ideals. Not only was this gentle man persecuted by those he challenged, namely Pontius Pilate, and King Herod, but he was betrayed by those who pretended to be loyal to him.

The gossip and innuendo that was spread by the Jews and Israelites was such a destabilising influence that even those who loved Jesus dearly, succumbed to rejection of him. We remember Peter, the first pope of our church, was so threatened by the crowds constant negative outlooks that he “denied” Jesus three times.

As further testimony to the debilitating power of innuendo that Jesus found himself part of; the crowd was asked to decide who should be set free – the hardened criminal called Barrabus, or a man “who loved his neighbour as himself”? Common sense was far from the people’s minds when listening to the few instigators, as the crowd called for Barrabus’ freedom.

Thankfully we are given a small glimmer of man’s potential to forgive and be forgiven, when dying on the cross beside Jesus, the thief asked Jesus for forgiveness. His response was one that should bring hope and joy to our souls – you will be seated at my right hand. This response shows us it is not too late to change our bad habits into good, because God is all forgiving – a trait that is a common thread throughout the Easter story.

The Easter story is a timely reminder that we should celebrate in the strength of the Holy Spirit and come together as a community sharing the true meaning of being a Catholic. With the strength of the Holy Spirit the apostles were freed of their fears that the witch-hunt had weighed them down with, and they showed true courage in doing what was right – living and spreading the “good word”.

Subsequently, I believe that is the challenge that faces us, some 2000 years on. That we should live each day as Christ would like us to live – acknowledging the strengths of our parish and school communities and revelling in the goodness of each person.

I wish you a happy, holy and safe Easter holiday!



Congratulations Lisa Hitchcock

Our congratulations are extended to Lisa Hitchcock who has been appointed as Acting Principal of St. Michael's School, Tallangatta from May 2024 to June 2025.

Lisa is currently our Catholic Identity leader and will be greatly missed as she is an outstanding educator and person.

Term 2 - Week 2 Learning Conversations

Our Term 2 Learning Conversations will be held on **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 22, 23 & 24 April**. We invite all of our parents to book appointments with their child/ren's teacher on School Interview from **Monday 15 April at 9:30 and close on Friday 19 April at 4:00pm**.

Prepare to change over to winter uniform

The weather, over the next 6-8 weeks, can vary greatly in temperature. Subsequently, for the first four weeks of Term 2 students are still able to wear their summer uniform. However, all students are required to be in the Winter uniform by Monday 6 May.

2025 Enrolment Process

Applications are called from parents wishing to enrol children in Foundation (Prep) and other classes at St. Francis of the Fields Primary School for the 2025 school year.

Children may be enrolled to start school in February of the year in which they turn five, provided their birthday is on or before 30 April.

Parents and students are also invited to our
School Open Week: 29 April - 3 May from **9.00am to 3.30pm**.
Please come along and be given a student-led guided tour through our school.

Principal Learning Tours for prospective parents will be held on:

Monday 29 April at 5.00pm
Tuesday 30 April at 9.30am
Wednesday 1 May at 12.30pm

An **Information evening** will be held for all parents on **Thursday 2nd May at 7.30pm** in the St. Francis of the Fields School Basketball Stadium.

If unable to attend our School Open week, please feel free to make an appointment to view our excellent teaching and learning environment. St. Francis of the Fields Primary School will be open from 8.30am to 5.00pm most days for any interested members of the public.

Parents are advised that enrolments close on Friday 24 May 2024 at 4.00pm.

Enquiries: School Office (03) 5439 3191
See our website www.sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au for our enrolment information and application forms.

Please note the following dates:

Monday 15 April	2025 Enrolment's Open
Friday 24 May	Closing date for 2025 Enrolments
Friday 7 June	Enrolment offers made to all Bendigo Primary students
Friday 21 June	Bendigo parents must accept/decline enrolments by this day. <i>Enrolment positions will be re-allocated if not accepted by this date.</i>

Parents & Friends Meeting - Change of date

The next Parents and Friends meeting has been changed to Thursday 9 May at 7.30pm (from Thursday 2 May).



Term 1 Holidays

Please note that Term 1 ends on **Thursday 28 March at 2.30pm**. I hope all families have a safe and enjoyable holiday. Term 2 resumes on Monday 15 April.

Term 2 Public Holidays & Pupil Free Days

Just letting all families know that St. Francis of the Fields Primary School will be closed on the following dates in Term 2:

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| · ANZAC day | Thursday 25 April |
| · Staff Spirituality Day - Pupil Free Day | Friday 26 April |
| · King's Birthday Holiday | Monday 10 June |

Year 4 Camp preparation

Our Year 4 Camp will be held on May 9 & 10 - week 4 of next term.

If your child is a little anxious about attending camp (think covid kids) parents may wish to consider the following tips that may assist in preparing for camp:

- Have your child enjoy a play date with you present in a close friends home;
- Have your child enjoy a play date where you are not present;
- Have your child enjoy a sleepover at a trusted friend or family member's place.

I hope these ideas may help your child really enjoy camp.

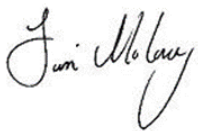
Shed Unavailability –

Please note, the 'Shed' will be unavailable for training use on the following dates in Term 2:

- ☐ **Thursday 9 May** – Mother's Day Mass Set-up

UNAVAILABLE

Christ has no hands but yours.



Tim Moloney
Principal





Pastoral Wellbeing



School TV

In this edition of SchoolTV - NEURODIVERSITY



How can I
support my
neurodiverse
child at home
and school?



Neurodiversity emphasises the natural variation in how an individual's brain functions and how they perceive and interact with the world, leading to diverse ways of learning and communicating. While most young people are neurotypical, some exhibit variations in brain development, such as ADHD, autism or dyslexia, making them neurodivergent.

Embracing neurodiversity involves accepting, celebrating, and supporting neurodivergent children and adolescents without attempting to change or treat their differences. Using respectful language, challenging unhelpful attitudes, avoiding assumptions, and actively promoting inclusivity can help embrace neurodiversity effectively.

Acknowledging the unique ways neurodiverse young people do things and then adapting tasks and activities to ensure their full participation will encourage them to develop strategies that feel natural to them. It will help improve their mental health, wellbeing and sense of self. By recognising and nurturing their strengths, parents and caregivers can contribute to building an inclusive and compassionate society where all young people can thrive.

Learning more about neurodiversity, equips caregivers with insights into effective communication techniques, educational strategies, and parenting approaches tailored to the specific needs of their neurodivergent child.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this edition of SchoolTV and we always welcome your feedback. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact the school counsellor for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to the Neurodiversity edition of SchoolTV

<https://sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/neurodiversity>

Regards,

Grace Scalora

Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing



Explaining Absences

Report your child's absence before school commences

Provide a reason for your child's absence

Notify the school of any upcoming absence

Year Level - Unit Newsletters

- ❑ [Foundation - Term 1, 2024](#)
- ❑ [Year 1 - Term 1, 2024](#)
- ❑ [Year 2 - Term 1, 2024](#)
- ❑ [Year 3 - Term 1, 2024](#)
- ❑ [Year 4 - Term 1, 2024](#)
- ❑ [Year 5 - Term 1, 2024](#)
- ❑ [Year 6 - Term 1, 2024](#)



Peaceful Parents

4 WEEK PARENT WORKSHOP

The Peaceful Parents 4 week workshop is a Mindfulness & Positive Psychology based parenting program to increase resilience in primary aged children.

'Peaceful Parents' is a strength based parenting workshop that is engaging, practical and supportive for parents. It helps parents build on their parenting strengths to build resilient and calm kids.

Parents learn

Resilience building exercises & strategies

Mindfulness strategies to keep stress levels low

Mindful listening & responding

Positive psychology strategies to boost wellbeing

Techniques to help their child lessen worrying

Effective coping strategies

How to help children manage their feelings

How to help their child problem solve difficulties

How to create healthy thinking habits

Workshop runs over 4 sessions on the dates and times listed below.

A commitment to attend all 4 sessions is required as these are not separate workshops.

**Maximum of 12 parents
All parents & carers welcome**

Please note that is a 4 week educational course for parents and not a counselling course or a course on behaviour management for children.

RE News...

HOLY WEEK - STATIONS OF THE CROSS & EASTER

Holy Week began last 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 were once again very fortunate to commemorate Holy Week with the Stations of the Cross. Mr Moloney, 4P and Miss Parker have worked together to prepare this with our school community and shared this yesterday. We thank the 4P students, Mr Moloney and Miss Parker for preparing this very moving account of

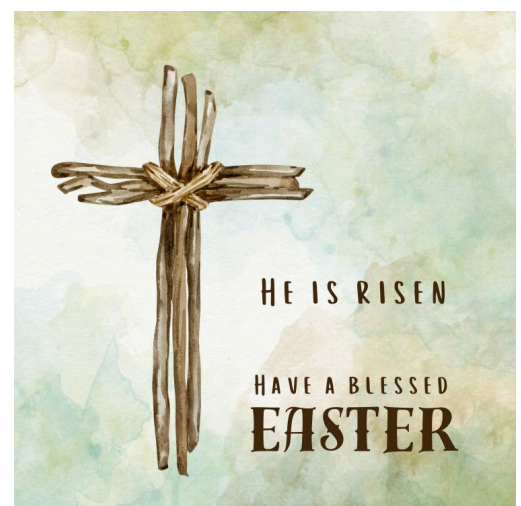
We thank all families that joined us and helped the 4P students with their great costumes. We remembered the story of Jesus' last few days, and we know that while this is a very sad story, it has a wonderful ending – the Resurrection of Jesus. The Parish Holy Week and Easter Service times are listed below.

We pray this Holy Week and Easter 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,

You always invite us to make new beginnings, make we accept your invitation to follow in Jesus' footsteps to come to new life in you. We pray for you to immerse our 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.



Holy Week and Easter Services



St Therese's Parish 2024

RECONCILIATION St Therese's Kennington

6pm Thursday 21 March

PASSION(PALM) SUNDAY Blessing of Palms & Mass

• 23/24 March regular Weekend Mass times

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

• Tuesday 26 March: 11am Chrism Mass.

HOLY WEEK: St Therese's Kennington

• Mon/Tue/Wed – 25/26/27 March: 9.15am daily Mass

• Wednesday 27 March: 9.15 Anointing Mass

• Holy Thursday 28 March: 6pm Mass of Lord's Supper & Procession, Concluding Adoration & Night Prayer

• Good Friday 29 March: 3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

• Holy Saturday 30 March: 9am Morning Prayer in Crypt, 10am Reconciliation, 7pm Easter Vigil

HOLY WEEK: St Joseph's Axe Creek

• Tuesday 26 March: 7am Mass

• Good Friday 29 March: 9.30am *Stations of the Cross*

HOLY WEEK: St Mary's Axedale

• Good Friday 29 March: 9.30am *Stations of the Cross*

EASTER VIGIL Saturday 30 March: 7pm St Therese's

EASTER Sunday 31 March regular Sunday Mass times

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.

Mondelēz
International



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

Download the Slavery Free's Chocolate scorecard: [www.slaveryfreechocolate.com.au](#). Look at the scorecard when shopping and buy Easter eggs and chocolate that are produced without child labour.

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

1. Take a selfie 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 AORATH's 'Good Egg' Easter Campaign and have committed to buying only Easter chocolate from brands that commit to making slavery-free chocolate!"

JOHN LEE

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Students from Years 3-6 had Lenten Reconciliation celebrated in their classrooms over the two weeks. Thank you to Fr Jake and Fr Henry for ensuring our students can experience this Sacrament of Healing during Lent.

Reconciliation

Living Lent More Intently

CARITAS Ks

Last Friday 22 March, we had a glorious morning for our Caritas Ks. Our Social Justice Leaders were outstanding as they led our prayer and shared all they had learned during their time as the St Francis of the Fields' Social Justice Leaders with our community.

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.

After the walk some of our Social Justice Leaders shared some great insights to what it meant for them to walk in solidarity with people from around the world. Below are some of what they shared:

As a Social Justice Leader, walking the track today was a great time to reflect on the vulnerable communities around the world that want to live a free and happy life. Thank you to every person who participated in Caritas Ks and made a difference for all future generations

When we walked the track what were you thinking about? I was thinking about how hard it must be for those people and communities that are in need of life's basic needs from around the world. Caritas Ks supports these people and that's why your donation is so important.

As a Social Justice Leader I learned a lot about Caritas and it was so good to see all of our school working in solidarity with the people Caritas help.

Thank you to our Social Justice leaders for all of their work and passion leading Project Compassion and to all that have so generously donated this year and in previous years.



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: Ronita, Memory and Leaia. 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, if able, continue to support Project Compassion and our Caritas Ks at our [St Francis of the Fields Fundraising Page](#) or use the QR Code at the side as we work towards reaching our fundraising goal of **\$6500**. Our fundraising website is available for many more weeks into Term 2. Thank you!



PROJECT COMPASSION



Dear Project Compassion Parents,

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for jumping on board with us for Project Compassion this year. We are so grateful for your support and hope you enjoyed getting actively involved in the campaign this year. We would LOVE to see you involved as a Project Compassion parent again next year!

St Francis of the Fields has so far raised an outstanding \$4 760 on our way to reaching our goal of \$6500, showcasing the incredible impact of our compassion and collective effort.

Your generosity as a Project Compassion Parent has created tangible change this year, and we are so grateful for your support!

A heartfelt shoutout to every parent who poured their passion into this meaningful cause. Be sure to keep an eye on our socials and newsletters for updates, stories and future initiatives. We would love to count on your support again next year.

Your involvement as parents is the key – together, we can be the change we want to see. Thank you again for being a champion for change in our world. We hope to see you on board again next year.

MOTHER'S DAY MASS - Friday 10 May at 9:15am

This year our Years 3-6 students will attend the Mother's Day Mass on Friday 10 May at 9:15am. We will also have a breakfast at 8am to celebrate our mothers and those people who are like mothers in our lives. Our Years 3-6 children will be helping to lead our liturgy with Fr Jake as our celebrant. [Please RSVP if you would like to join us for breakfast using this form by Friday 26 April.](#)

A pink rectangular graphic with a white cross on the left side. The cross is partially covered by a bouquet of pink and white tulips and a small green gift box tied with a pink ribbon. To the right of the cross, the text reads: "Mother's Day Mass & Breakfast", "Years 3-6", "Friday 10 May". Below this, there is a list: "• Breakfast - 8:00am", "• Mass - 9:15am". At the bottom, in a lighter pink section, it says "We invite you to our Mother's Day Mass" and "St Francis of the Fields' Primary School".

Mother's Day Mass & Breakfast
Years 3-6
Friday 10 May

- Breakfast - 8:00am
- Mass - 9:15am

We invite you to our Mother's Day Mass
St Francis of the Fields' Primary School

FIRE CARRIERS AND EARTHCARE

Over the last two Fridays our Earthcare team have worked with Kylie Smith and then with Troy Firebrace and the FIRE Carriers to build our understanding of Ecological Stewardship and Aboriginal Spirituality to support our work as Earthcare leaders. We thank Kylie, Troy and our committed and passionate student leaders, families, teachers and community members who make our Earthcare team a life-giving presence in our school.



Creation Poetry by our Earthcare Team

The beach
The waves
Salty water
The wind
The beach
The sand
The shells
I feel calm
The beach

The bird
Gifted singer
So swift
So quiet
The bird
Watches over all
Feathers shedding
A treasure to be kept
The bird

The butterfly
So graceful
Flies everywhere with
stardust
Mysterious creature
The butterfly
Quietly wanders
Adventures around
the world
The butterfly
The butterfly

The mountains
The tall peaks
of the hills
The mountains
What a beautiful
think in nature
The mountains



Lisa Hitchcock
Catholic Identity Leader

PE News...

Upcoming Sporting Dates:

- School Cross Country THURS 18th April- 9.15am start.

CROSS COUNTRY

Details regarding the event were sent out last week, please check your emails.

You can find start times and distances below, we start with the boys in each year level first, followed by the girls in that year level.

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.

CROSS COUNTRY START TIMES		
Race Time	Year Level	Distance
9.15am	6	3km
9.25am	5	3km
9.40am	4	2km
9.55am	3	2km
10.10am	2	2km
10.25am	1	1km
10.40am	F	600m

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

Coffee storm will be available, should you wish to purchase a coffee.



Running/ Cross Country Preparation:

Each Monday and Wednesday at recess, we have been offering the students an opportunity to improve their running capacity and technique. We alternate having a session in the sports shed, where the focus is on running drills and technique and the other session where students can improve their aerobic capacity. We aim for these to be short, but effective. We hope to see more students join over the coming weeks, especially with the school cross country right around the corner!

Students are encouraged to check the PE notice board outside the shed for any changes.

SSV AFL Boys Trial 1:

On Monday 25th March, we had 3 students attend the SSV AFL trial- Brady McDermott, Tommy Harrop & Hamish Baker. The boys all gave their best efforts and performed very well. From this trial, 9 students were selected to move to the next stage. Congratulations Tommy & Hamish for being selected to attend the 2nd trial next term. We wish you all the best at the next stage. Well done also to Brady, who attended the trial and just missed out on a spot to move on.

We are very proud of you all!



SSV Cricket Trial 1:

On Wednesday 27th March, we had 2 students attend the SSV Cricket trial- Brady McDermott & Hamish Baker. The boys put their best foot forward and performed very well throughout the trial. They are eagerly waiting to see if they have selected to move onto the next trial stage in term 2. Finger crossed boys!! Either way, we're very proud of you both.



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:

Paityn Timmins & Eddie Coombes

You will receive your award at the next assembly!

Sporting News: Parents, if you news that should be shared in the newsletter, please let me know by emailing dcoates@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu

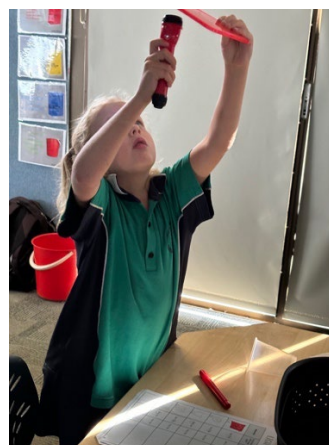
Danielle Coates & Shannon Baird

PE Coordinators

Science News...

Grade 1

Grade 1s have been busy making lots of noise in Science as they've explored how sound is produced. Excitement levels were high as students used familiar materials to make instruments that made sound by shaking, striking, plucking or blowing. All students did a wonderful job communicating how their unique instruments made sound. Heading into next term we'll be exploring light.



Grade 3

Melting and freezing materials has been the focus in Grade 3 as we've looked at change of state. 2 classes made ice cream in a bag because it goes from a liquid to a solid with a little bit of mixing (and ice)! The other grade 3s will do it next term. Yum! Here's the [link](#) if the children would like to have another go.



SCIENCE DONATIONS

Thanks a bunch for your awesome science donations. It's so good to be able to re-use items and the children have been very creative with them.

Please keep sending anything you think might be handy. Reminder - please don't purchase anything, we are just after items you no longer need. We are currently on the hunt for:

- film canisters
- gift boxes
- corrugated cardboard
- interesting packaging material - packing beans, polystyrene bits, cardboard etc
- Gloves - wool, ski, gardening, evening, rubber, latex, fire-fighting, butcher (or anything else occupation specific), riding gloves and oven mitts.
- marbles
- golf balls
- sinkers
- towels and tea towels, rags
- rubber duck
- anything we can make wind chimes out of
- unloved toys that pull, toy boats, car, and wagon
- any bits and bobs and craft pieces
- And please keep sending those plastic soft drink bottles and items from the recycling bin.

Lastly, if you love Science and a challenge, Sleeks Geeks Primary Competition is for you!
More information can be found here: <https://australian.museum/get-involved/eureka-prizes/sleek-geeks-science/>



Have a lovely Easter break.
Emma Jensen & Jess Widdicombe
Science Teachers

Year Two Dr Seuss Fun Day





ST FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

MUSIC TRIVIA

SATURDAY MAY 4TH

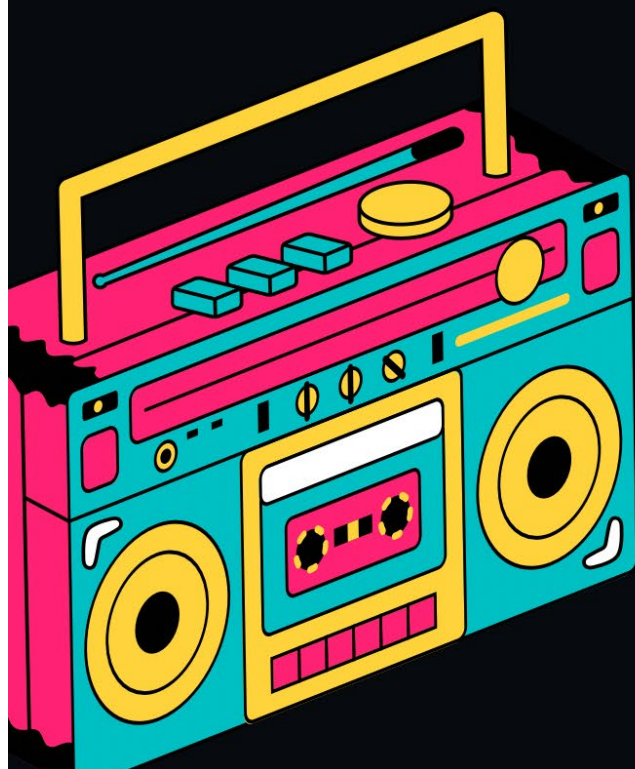
7pm for a 7.30pm start

Tickets are \$25 and
available for purchase
via CDF pay

Submit registration form (1 per table)
to bnemmerson@hotmail.com by April 28.

Prizes, memorabilia, best
dressed table and more!!

6-8 per table, single tickets
welcome and we will put you
with a group.





St Francis Auskick Centre is looking for a Coordinator

Role: To ensure all participants have fun and make new friends whilst developing many new skills as part of Australian Rules Football.

We are pleased to offer the following exclusive coordinator incentives in 2024:



Discounts on your child's 2024 Auskick registration fee



Auskick Coordinator Ticketing Program



Guaranteed half time experience

St Francis Auskick occurs Tuesdays in Term 2 at 3:45pm on the St Francis School Oval. **Interested in becoming the Coordinator?** Please contact Maddy Pieper at madeline.pieper@afl.com.au



School Holiday Program

Tue 2 April - Fri 12 April

Book now

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School Holiday Program

Tue 2 April - Fri 12 April

Book now

Frequently Asked Questions

School holidays are a fun way for your child to create new experiences, make friends and learn from experienced Educators. Below are some commonly asked questions, for more information visit our website.

How do I book a place?
You can book a place through *My Family Lounge* app (our online booking and enrolment system). We have a step-by-step guide on our website on how to enrol using the app. Please note that bookings cannot be made by phone or email and all bookings made less than seven days prior to the activity incur an additional charge.

What to wear (clothing)
To ensure your child feels comfortable and can engage in all activities, we ask they wear:

- Comfortable clothing
- Closed shoes and socks
- Hat for sun protection (all year round)
- Warm clothing for cooler months
- Clothing that is suitable for art activities – leave the good clothes at home!

What to bring (food, safety gear)
We ask that your child brings the following items each day:


- Pack a healthy, nut-free, morning tea and lunch.
- Drink bottle for water.
- Some spare clothing (just in case)

 Your child may need to bring additional items for specific activities. Please refer to our website via the QR code.

Activity types and arrival times
Our School Holiday Programs offer the following types of activities:

- In house: Children remain on-site for a fun day of activities.
- Incursion: We are visited by an incursion provider to undertake an activity with the children.
- Excursion: A day outside of the service where we visit an exciting destination.

 Arrive by: 9:00am for in house and incursion days, 8:30am for excursion days unless your booking advises otherwise.

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School Holiday Program

Don't miss our jam-packed School Holiday Program with themed in-house days, fun excursions and incursions. Activities could include cooking masterclasses, mad science experiments, model making, learning to skateboard and a trip to see Kung Fu Panda 4.

Tue 2 April - Fri 12 April

 *Book online*

KELLY SPORTS BASKETBALL SKILLS CAMP

TWO DAY BASKETBALL SKILLS & MATCH PLAY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Get set to fuel your love for basketball at our exhilarating Holiday Skills Camp! From 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, our camp will be a hive of activity with passionate players itching to unleash their skills on the court. Dive in and experience the thrill as you shoot, dribble, and pass your way through a day packed with skill-based drills and exciting gameplay activities. Don't miss out on this chance to elevate your game and have a blast doing it!

HOLIDAY CAMP DETAILS

COST: \$52 per day

DAY: Wednesday & Thursday

TIME: 9am - 4pm

PROGRAM DATES: April 3 - April 4

VENUE: Mercy Junortoun Sporting Precinct

AGE GROUPS: 5 - 12 years

• **IMPROVE SKILLS**

• **GAME PLAY**

• **EXPERIENCED & AGE APPROPRIATE COACHING**

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KELLY SPORTS FUTSAL FRENZY HOLIDAY CLINIC

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Learn new skills in the Futsal Frenzy Academy, play with friends & score goals in our skill & game based activities. Our Futsal Academy is designed to increase each child's confidence, focus on teamwork, understanding the rules of Futsal, as well as giving each child the skills & knowledge to continue playing Futsal well into the future.

FUTSAL HOLIDAY CLINIC DETAILS

COST: \$35

DAY: Monday

TIME: 10am - 1pm

PROGRAM DATE: April 8

VENUE: Catherine McAuley Stadium, Junortoun

AGE GROUPS: 5 - 12 years

• **WEEKLY TRAININGS**

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Programme activities:

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EASTER '24 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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Mon 1st April	Tue 2nd April	Wed 3rd April	Thu 4th April	Fri 5th April
PROGRAMME NOT ON TODAY	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	MINI OLYMPICS Our little superstars will show off their skills in the Kelly Sports Olympics today. The kids will work together to try & top the medal tally in many running, jumping, throwing & team-based events.	MINI GOLF MADNESS Can you conquer the almighty Kelly Sports Mini Golf Challenge? Get yourself ready for 18 holes of crazy, Mini Golf fun, with prizes & challenge games also included in today's activities.	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!
EASTER MONDAY				
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HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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MILE LONG FOOT RACE ON THE FAMOUS EASTER PROCESSION ROUTE
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WHERE: PALL MALL AT GOLD MONUMENT

TIME: 10:30AM START



GYM CUP TEAM EVENT

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