



ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 39 – December 6, 2018

(Term 4 – Week 9)

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

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

Reminders

Friday December 7

- ☐ Gymnastics Yr3-4
- ☐ Reconciliation Mass 10.15am – Yr 3
- ☐ Reconciliation Mass 11.30am – Yr 4
- ☐ Assembly @ 9.15am – Fdn W
- ☐ Bookings for 2019 MAI Testing OPEN @ 4.00pm

Friday December 14

- ☐ Bookings for 2019 MAI Testing CLOSE @ 9.00am
- ☐ Assembly @ 2.45pm – Yr 6 Unit
- ☐ Needlepoint & Woodworking Barefoot Bowls @ 6.00pm

Monday December 17

Shed unavailable all day

Tuesday December 18

Shed unavailable all day

Wednesday December 19

Shed unavailable today and tonight

- ☐ Yr 6 Graduation Dinner @ 6pm
- ☐ End of Year Mass @ 7pm

Thursday December 20

- ☐ Last day Term 4 for students – 3.20pm finish
- ☐ Reports sent home

Friday December 22

- ☐ Planning Day – last day for Teachers

Sunday December 24

- ☐ Christmas Eve Mass @ St Francis 6.00pm



Tuesday January 1 2019
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Tuesday January 29 2019

- ☐ Teachers return for 2019 school year
- ☐ Uniform Shop open today 9am-1pm

Wednesday January 30

- ☐ Pupil Free Day – MAI Testing

Thursday January 31

- ☐ Pupil Free Day – MAI Testing

Friday February 1

- ☐ Students start their 2019 school year
- ☐ Preps attend 9am-12.30pm

Tuckshop Roster 2018

Week 9 – Chicken Balls, Gingerbread Biscuit & Drink

Friday December 7

- 9-11am Gillian Nelson | Georgina Stevens
- 12-3pm David Perrin, Dan O'Bree, Kelly McDermott, Naomi Mannes, Lailly Robinson

Week 10 – Pie, Anzac Biscuit & Drink

Monday December 10

- 12-3pm Inga McMillan

Friday December 14

- 9-11am Kerry Bone | Bree Bortolotto
- 12-3pm Andrea Barker, Amanda Pattinson, Josie Sefton, Krista Phillips

Week 11 – Chicken Balls, Gingerbread Biscuit & Drink

Monday December 17

Weekend Maintenance

- 8-9 Dec Petri (6D), Lunney (2S), Bell (4GM), Harrop (4GM)



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



To all in our Learning Community,

May the Lord make you abound with love for one and all.

Background to the Reading

St Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians is one of the earliest writings, written about 50–54 AD. Thessaloniki was a major sea port and bordered the Aegean Sea. There were prominent Jewish communities there, so Paul preached there on his Second Journey and set up a small Christian community. Paul wrote this letter to the Thessalonians, who thought that because of what Christ had done for them, they didn't need to work too hard. Paul tells them that they must continue to care for one another, to show love for one another and to remain holy as they had been instructed. Pilate said to Jesus,

Let us listen attentively to the words of sacred Scripture.

Brothers and sisters:

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love

for one another and for all,

just as we have for you,

so as to strengthen your hearts,

to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father

at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.

Amen.

Take some time to reflect on the Prayer of St Francis, which offers us a way to live our lives.

Lord,

make me an instrument of your peace;

where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;

to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love;

for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Maths Assessment Interviews 2019 (MAI's)

St. Francis of the Fields will be starting the 2019 school year later than many schools in the Bendigo region because we will be holding 2 Pupil Free Days (see dates below).

The purpose of these days is to ensure that teachers will be available to complete mathematics interviews (MAI) for every child in our school. This will require each family to use the link below to book a 30-minute time with their class teacher on either **Wednesday 30** or **Thursday 31 January 2019**. Please book in your preferred time before Friday 14 December 2018.

We will open the bookings at 4.00 this Friday 7 December.

To make your bookings:

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

1. Use the code fnf73
2. Follow the links to make the bookings with the teacher/s of your children. You may be able to book more than one child in at the same time with different teachers if there are spaces available.
3. If booking for 1C and 1A, please be aware that these teachers will be going by their new married names in 2019. Amy Hooper will be Amy Curnow (1C) and Jenna Herring will be Jenna Anderson (1A)



School Fees



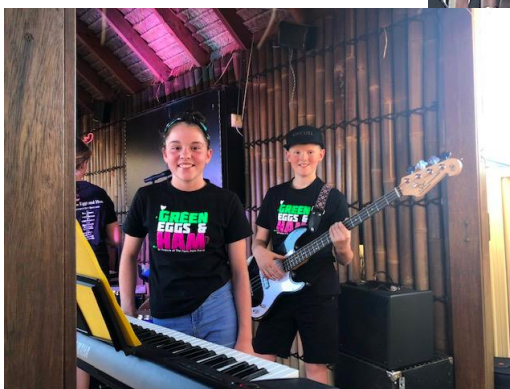
As we come to the end of the school year, we would like to thank those families who have been diligent with making their school fee payments. Fees in Catholic schools are an essential component of the total funding of Catholic Education. Collection of fees are crucial to be able to run the variety of programs on offer at St Francis of the Fields and build new facilities such as the 4 new classrooms you see being enjoyed by our Yr 3 Unit. There is an expectation that parents will pay fees and contribute to the cost of operating our school.

School Fee statements have been sent to families with an outstanding balance today.

All fees are to be paid in full each year and not carried forward to future years, unless arrangement has been made with the Co-Principals, Bernard Kerrins & Grace Scalora. If you are experiencing difficulty in meeting school fee payments, please contact the Co-Principals to discuss other payment options. The school is only able to assist families if contact and discussions have been held.

School Rock Bands

Last night our 3 Rock Bands (Grilled Cheese, Smurf Sandwich and Green Eggs and Ham) performed at Braidies Tavern. We continue to be amazed at the talent displayed by these students and congratulate them for their fine effort last night in front of such an appreciative crowd. Also, a huge thank you to Sean Forbes and Min Miles for their dedication, enthusiasm and time given in providing these bands opportunities to display their talents.



Assembly tomorrow



Due to the extreme heat expected on Friday, we have decided to hold Assembly at 9.15am. This means that it won't be too hot in the Shed, and families can stay after drop off if they wish. Grade FW are excited about presenting assembly and we did not want them to miss out on this opportunity.

We apologise if this inconveniences some, but it is something out of our control.

Thanks Foundation W for preparing for this.

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

A reminder that we will be celebrating our End-of-Year Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday 19 December at 7.00pm in the "Shed". This Mass is a celebration of the achievements of all of our students at St. Francis of the Fields and, as such, everyone is expected to join and celebrate together. A special part of this Mass is the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony acknowledging the Year 6 leaders of our school.

Prior to Mass, the Year 6 children are invited to attend their Graduation Dinner in the Community Centre. The Year 6 Graduates need to be seated in the Community Centre at 5.45pm for a meal at 6.00pm.



Our Thanksgiving Mass will be a community celebration of our 2018 Year, with the graduating Year 6 children a major focus. The Mass will include:

- Reflection of the whole school year,
- Foundation Communion reflection,
- Farewell to families leaving St. Francis of the Fields Primary School,
- Year 6 Powerpoint Reflection,
- Presentation of Year 6 Awards Winners, and
- Presentation of Certificates to all Year 6 students.

Please come along and enjoy what will be a beautiful community celebration.

Orientation Day

On Tuesday we had our school orientation day where all students moved to their 2019 classrooms. It's important that we model a positive mindset and a resilient attitude when we encounter situations that push us out of our comfort zone.



Assemblies

Foundation W will be presenting Assembly tomorrow.

Please note the new time due to the hot weather - **9.15am**

Regards,

Grace Scalora and Bernard Kerrins - Co-Principals





Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents,

Numeracy Assessments will be held for all students on **Wednesday 30 January and Thursday 31 January, 2019.**

Numeracy Assessments consist of hands-on assessment tasks where students demonstrate mathematical understanding and strategies for solving tasks.

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 Friday 7 December at 4:00pm.

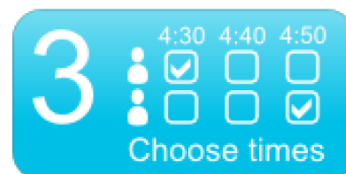
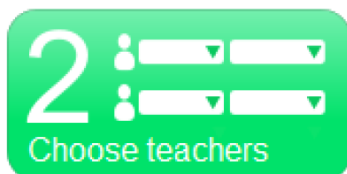
BOOKINGS CLOSE Friday 14 December at 9.00am.

School event code

fnf73

Go

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



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

Please deliver your child to their classroom for their Numeracy Assessment. You are welcome to wait outside the classroom or make your way to the staffroom for a tea or coffee while this assessment takes place.

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. Numeracy Assessments are approximately 30 minutes.

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.

RE News...

Help Needed!!!



Christmas Eve Pageant — held at the St Francis of the Fields shed Monday 24 Dec. We are firstly seeking some parents to help coordinate this year's pageant, with the guidance and support of the coordinator of the past few years. Her children are now grown and it is time to pass this fun role on to another parent with younger children who will be involved.

We are seeking **a newborn baby to play the role of baby Jesus and also primary school aged children** to participate in the play itself. If you would like to register your own interest in helping coordinate the Pageant (if we had a few parents to share the responsibility this would be great!), or to register your child to participate please send an email to Megan Merrett st.thereses.parish@outlook.com

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is nearly upon us. The parish has a special children's pageant mass on Christmas Eve - Monday 24 December @ 6:00pm in the sports stadium at St Francis of the Fields, Strathfieldsaye.

The Children's Liturgy Team, ably led by Megan Merrett, is organising the pageant. If your primary school children wish to be part of the pageant, and there are many parts, please contact Megan via email st.thereses.parish@outlook.com



Fr Andrew is looking forward to catching up with you all at the various Parish Christmas masses



Christmas Eve

6:00pm Children's Mass – Sports Stadium St Francis of the Fields School Strathfieldsaye.

6:00pm Family Mass – St Therese Kennington.

8:00pm Mass– St Therese Kennington.

Midnight Mass

Poor Clare's - Monastery of the Holy Ghost – Edwards Rd. Kennington

Christmas Day

7:30am Poor Clare's - Monastery of the Holy Ghost – Edwards Rd. Kennington.

9:00am - St Joseph's Church Axe Creek 9:00am - St Mary's Axdale

10:30am - St Therese's Kennington

Joe Van Dillen

Pastoral Associate
St Therese Parish
Kennington

School Happenings.....

St Francis School Choir

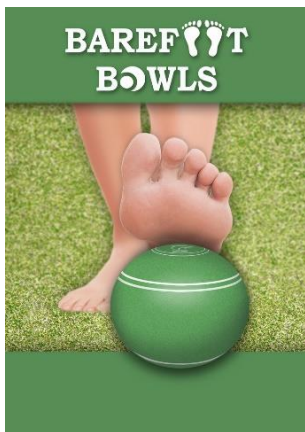
Some of the members of the St Francis and St Peters Combined Choir will be singing at Carols Night in the Cathedral this Sunday 9 December. The singing will be with the Marist Band after 6pm mass. Students should be singing by 7.15pm.

Also, on Wednesday 12 December, some members of the choir will sing at the Strathfieldsaye Carols by Candlelight behind Strath PS beneath the under-cover area. This event starts at 7pm.

Both events will finish between 8.15 and 8.30pm.



Repeat - Needlepoint & Woodworking Parent Barefoot Bowls



End of year break up for the Needlepoint & Woodworking groups!

Barefoot Bowls at Strathfieldsaye Bowling Club.

Friday December 14th from 6pm

\$10 includes bowling & bbq dinner

Drinks at bowling club bargain prices!

As this event is open to both groups, please lock in your babysitters ASAP!

Otherwise it's rock paper scissors to figure out who gets to go!!!

Payment to RL Stevens

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\$10ea, name as reference.



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2019 INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM ENROLMENTS

Once again we have had a remarkable year in our Instrumental Program! There have been approximately 200 children enrolled. A huge thank you to our Instrumental Teachers - Liesbeth Van Emmerick, Steph Wade, Helen Jordan, Min Miles, Jo Woodward, Kate Jordan and Sean Forbes. We are truly grateful for the enthusiasm and dedication they bring to our children's lessons.

In preparation for next year, we would like to offer the following Instrumental Programs: guitar, recorder, violin, piano and bass guitar.

The program is open to all children from Grades Foundation (Prep) to 6. The children are collected from their classrooms for their lessons during school hours on a rotational basis. Lessons are held in the 4 Instrumental Rooms in the Music Centre.

As part of the program, we hold an annual Instrumental Concert where the children will be able to perform an item that they have learnt during the year. It is a wonderful night that showcases their talent and hard work.

Each teacher requires term payments paid on time, please. Individual teachers will let parents know of their preferred method of payment.

Enrolment involves **parents contacting the Instrumental Teacher of their choice directly**. These details are listed below.

*** *Current parents only need to contact their instrumental teachers if their child is **no longer** continuing. Otherwise it is assumed that students are continuing with lessons in 2019.*

New parents can contact the instrumental teacher via email requesting a position for their child for next year.

2019 TEACHERS' CONTACT DETAILS

Helen Jordan

PIANO

helenjordan@optusnet.com.au

Min Miles

GUITAR

minmiles@bigpond.com

Liesbeth Van Emmerick

RECORDER

liesbethhelene@bigpond.com

Sean Forbes

BASS GUITAR

4bsv05@gmail.com

Steph Wade

PIANO

stephwade@bigpond.com

Jo Woodward

GUITAR

jo.woodward@iinet.net.au

Kate Jordan

VIOLIN

katejordan1@optusnet.com.au



St. Francis ASC News ...

Please remember to cancel your booking - Could all parents please remember to advise the YMCA if their child will not be attending After School Care? We have to arrange staff for the night according to numbers and this may mean we would have a space for another child to attend. Regards Hazel

Collection of Children - Children can only be collected by an **authorised person** – this means someone who is named on the child's official enrolment form. Therefore, if your child is to be collected by someone different you will need to add them officially to the YMCA Bendigo Regional records prior to them collecting your child. No unauthorised person will be allowed to collect your child.

Pickup - Could all parents please make sure your child is collected from After School Care by 6.00pm at the latest, as charges will apply if your child is collected or late collection.

Hazel Cartledge, Supervisor, St. Francis After School Care

St. Francis After School Care – YMCA Bendigo

Please note - all bookings and cancellations **must be made** through the Bendigo Regional YMCA before 12noon on 5444 6666. Numbers are limited. Bookings essential.

After School Care at St. Francis of the Fields P.S. phone - 0459 988 313 (3.20pm – 6.00pm)

YMCA contact:

To book:

Children Services Department, Bendigo Regional YMCA

www.bendigo.ymca.org.au

Telephone: 5444 6666

To register & enrol:

bendigo.regional@ymca.org.au for application/enrolment forms



After School Care

St Francis Primary School

Full Day Care
20th and 21st December 2018
8:00am – 6:00pm

Bendigo YMCA is offering full day care on Thursday 20 and Friday 21 December 2018. Care will be provided at our After School Care Service at St Kilians Primary School, Havelock St Bendigo. Places are limited so book now to avoid disappointment!

Contact YMCA on 54446666 or visit www.bendigo.ymca.org.au



Hello School Holidays

Summer 2019

Bendigo Castlemaine Echuca Moama Kangaroo Flat

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Open 8am - 6pm

ENROL ONLINE NOW

03 5444 6666 www.bendigo.ymca.org.au

See Flexibuzz for Program details and enrolment form

Uniform Shop News

E | uniformshop@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au



Unpaid accounts and Credits in the Uniform Shop

Due to changes occurring in the Uniform Shop in 2019, we need families to clear up any unpaid accounts and to use any credits that may be sitting against their accounts. Notes regarding credits will be sent home to those families affected. Statements are also being sent home this week. We would appreciate these being dealt with before the end of term 4.

The Uniform Girls – Michelle Janssen, Jenni Smith & Tonya Buchanan

Uniform Shop Hours

Monday & Tuesday afternoon
(3pm-3.30pm)
Thursday morning
(8.45am – 9.15am)

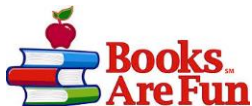
Commonwealth School Banking.... every Tuesday

Ange Oldham, Commonwealth School Banking Coordinator (0438 545 321)



Follow us on Twitter

St Francis Twitter - follow us @StFFields



Scholastic Books

Jen Smith, Scholastic Books Coordinator (0438 500 285)

Lost Property ... Please check the Lost Property Box...

All items remaining in the lost property area at the end of term **will be** recycled or thrown out. Please come and check the lost property for any items you might be missing.

Katrina Harrop, Lost Property Coordinator

St. Francis Playgroup



The St Francis Playgroup meets Monday mornings (during the school term) at 9am to 10.30am. Now that our new classrooms are completed, Playgroup is meeting again back in the Community Centre.

The Coordinators are Kate Fraser 0438 288 473 and Alice Nielsen 0407 318 277.

Playgroup is also on Facebook St Francis of the Fields Playgroup

St Francis Sporting Teams ...

Volunteers/Coaches - If you are a volunteer or coach in our school, you will need to provide a copy of your **Working With Children Check** and **Driver's Licence**. You will also need to complete some documentation before volunteering at St Francis of the Fields Primary School



St Francis Basketball - Karlie Cooper (St. Francis Basketball Coordinator) 0409 128 354

St Francis Falcons Junior Football Club

Dave Griffin – President dave.griffin@reece.com.au | 0439 369 927 | stfrancisjfc@hotmail.com



St Francis Netball 2018 Tracey Turner –President 0400 137 501 Kate Zealley - Secretary 0400 586 799



St Francis 2019 Fete

Sunday March 31 2019

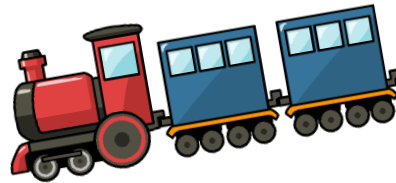
2019 Fete Organisation Meeting

Monday 10th December 7.30pm Queens Arms Hotel. All welcome!!

Also sourcing co-ordinators for the following stalls:

Please consider

- Nachos
- Slushies, popcorn and lollies
- Train
- Dunking machine
- Info and wristbands
- Lob A Choc
- Lob A Wine/Beer (no consumption)
- Temporary Tattoos
- Raffle
- Balloon popping wall
- Mystery jars



In addition, anyone with marketing experience and willing to help please contact me – details below

If you would like to know anything further in relation to the above (like a description etc) please contact me

Kmcdermott@mgr.com.au 0409590274



St Francis 2018 Fete

PLATINUM SPONSOR



Bart Leahy

0419 102 817

PO Box 2235

Bendigo Delivery Centre

VIC 3554



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Community News....



Annual Maureen Considine Fundraiser

Christmas Market



Sunday 9th December 2018
St Therese's Hall, Kennington
10am – 2pm



Christmas Cakes
Puddings
Slices/cakes
Plants
Preserves



Afternoon tea
BBQ



L'Arche artwork and
Craft
Silent Auction



Raffle
and much more ...





SCHOOL HOLIDAY PIANO LESSONS PROGRAM

WUNDERKEYS
Piano For Preschoolers

AGES 3-5

Wunderkeys is a preschool piano curriculum that was developed to provide one-on-one piano lessons to children aged 3-5, it encourages exploration of the piano in ways that are accessible and appropriate for this age group.

The Wunderkeys method is based around a 30 minute lesson in which your child will participate in musical activities both on and off the piano created to build confidence, increase enjoyment and solidify musical concepts.

BEGINNERS OR EXISTING STUDENTS AGES 5 AND ABOVE

Lessons are available for Existing students or beginners wanting an Introduction to Piano.

- Technique Exercises
- Playing songs
- Exploring and Learning about a new Musical Concept
- Game based theory
- Sight Reading
- Creative Improvisation / Song writing
- Rhythm activities

STEPHANIE WADE PIANO TUITION

PH: 0418563530
E-MAIL: stephwade@bigpond.com
ABN: 20609125952

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

LESSON DATES

Mon 7th Jan – Wed 9th Jan
Mon 14th Jan- Wed 16th Jan
Mon 21st Jan- Wed 23rd Jan
Mon 28th Jan- Wed 30th Jan

LESSONS ARE 30 MINUTE
PRIVATE LESSONS.

LESSON COST: \$30 PER
LESSON

HOLIDAY SPECIAL

BLOCK OF 4
LESSONS

\$100

BOYS AND GIRLS 5-A-SIDE AGES 6-11

COST:
\$30 per player or
\$40 with shinguards

WHEN:
Saturday mornings from 9am

VENUE:
Spring Gully United Soccer Club,
Stanley Ave - Pitch 1

DATES:
**FEBRUARY 2ND, 9TH,
19TH, 23RD**
MARCH 2ND

REGISTRATION DETAILS:
Go to trybooking to register
Boys - <https://www.trybooking.com/430572>
Girls - <https://www.trybooking.com/430561>
No shinguards, no play!

For more information contact
info@basl.com.au






Book online at
www.lyoncricket.com

BENDIGO JANUARY 2019 SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

Wednesday 9th January 2019

Drop off: 8:30am
Clinic: 9am – 3pm

LOCATION

Girton Grammar School Gymnasium Vine St,
Bendigo

COACH

BRENDAN LYON
Cricket Australia Level 3
Accredited Coach
PDHPE Teacher CNSW
High
Performance Coach

COST

\$88 (inclusive of GST)

DRESS, EQUIPMENT AND REQUIREMENTS

Players will need to bring their own cricket equipment, there will be limited spares available if required.
Helmets must be worn whilst batting.
Players should bring a drink bottle, hat, sunscreen and lunch. Water will be provided.

VIDEO ANALYSIS

Video analysis of player techniques may take place during the clinic. Please advise if you do not wish for footage of your child to be taken.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Brendan Lyon: 0402371932 or info@lyoncricket.com.au



Book online at
www.lyoncricket.com

