



# ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 1 – January 31, 2019

(Term 1 – Week 1)

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 February 1

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

### Monday February 4

- Swimming Yr 3 - 6
- Foundation attend 9am - 12.30pm

### Tuesday February 5

- Foundation attend 9am - 12.30pm

### Wednesday February 6

- Swimming Yr 3 - 6

### Foundation Rest Day

### Thursday February 7

- Swimming Yr 3 - 6
- Foundation attend full day 9am – 3.20pm
- Meet & Greet in Classrooms 5.30-5.50pm
- Opening School Mass 6pm
- BBQ 7pm

### Friday February 8

- Assembly @ 2.45pm
- Foundation attend full day 9am – 3.20pm

### Monday February 11

- Swimming Yr 3 - 6

### Wednesday February 13

### Foundation Rest Day

### Thursday February 14

- St Francis Yr 3-6 Swimming Sports @ Bendigo East Pool

### Friday February 15

- Assembly @ 2.45pm

### Saturday February 16

- MARONG CUP



## Tuckshop Roster 2019

**Week 1 – Chicken Balls, Gingerbread Biscuit & Drink**

### Friday February 1

9-11am Kerry Bone | Kane Lunney | Erica Penno  
12-3pm David Perrin, Hollie Warren, Marnie O'Bree, Nicole Hayes

**Week 2 – Pie, Anzac Biscuit & Drink**

### Monday February 4

12-3pm Deb Breene

### Friday February 8

9-11am Donna Gay | Teagan King  
12-3pm Bree Bortolotto, Katrina Van Dillen, Chelsea Baker, Erin Monk, Tandy Jackson

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



## Dear Families,

Fr. Andrew (Happy Birthday) and our staff welcome all new and existing families to St. Francis of the Field's School family.

We pray that you will find St. Francis a place where “You Live, Learn and Grow in God’s love”.

## Prayer:

Lord God,

as we approach the beginning of a new school year, may we do so with a sense of wonder, anticipation, exhilaration and an overt love of the work each of us is called to do. May our days be both challenging and rewarding. May we be the role models that our young both need and deserve. In all we do, may we be people of faith, commitment, spirit, energy and hope.

Amen

## Welcome

We warmly welcome our new staff that include:

- Brylie Parker - 2P
- Gabrielle Hudson 4H
- Ella Wales - 5W
- Matt Butcher - 6 B
- Katrina Evans - Prep LSO
- Graeme Coleman - 6 FC
- Steph Wade - Administrative/Secretary



We also welcome back Jess Widdicombe from maternity leave.

I am returning to St. Francis of the Fields with much enthusiasm and am looking forward to renewing relationships with our community. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of Grace Scalora and Bernard Kerrins who led the school wonderfully as co-principals. Thank you.

I thank our Leadership Team, all staff and community members for supporting Grace and Bernard.

## Principal Appointments

One of my goals this year is “To be a visible, positive presence in the school so that I understand the needs of our students, teachers and parents.”

Subsequently, I will be joining classes each morning from 9.00-9.20am to enjoy learning more about each child. I also have many staff team meetings that I will attend that will be focussed on data tracking of academic and behaviour performance.

Consequently, I ask that if parents would like to meet with me please book an appointment with the Administrative staff well in advance.

## 2019 St. Francis of the Fields staff:

### Parish Priest - Fr Andrew Fewings

Principal	-	Mr. Tim Moloney
Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing	-	Ms. Grace Scalora
Foundation B	-	Miss Ash Barbetti
Foundation M	-	Mrs. Andie Muscatello
Foundation S	-	Miss Anna Sier
Foundation W	-	Mrs. Kate Williams
Yr. 1 A	-	Mrs. Jenna Anderson
Yr. 1 B	-	Mrs. Bernadette Sporn
Yr. 1 C	-	Mrs. Amy Curnow
Yr. 1 SS	-	Ms. Natalie Shearer & Mrs. Ange Simpson
Yr. 2 D	-	Mrs. Felicity Davis
Yr. 2 M	-	Mr. Jacob Morrissey
Yr. 2 P	-	Miss. Brylie Parker
Yr. 3 B	-	Miss Hilary Bottcher
Yr. 3 GH	-	Mrs. Kate Gundry & Mrs. Genevieve Hoskin
Yr. 3 L	-	Ms. Julie Langdon
Yr. 3 R	-	Mr. Craig Ryan
Yr. 4 C	-	Mrs. Danielle Coates
Yr. 4 H	-	Mrs. Gabrielle Hudson
Yr. 4 MJ	-	Mrs Nicole McDermott & Mrs Emma Jensen
Yr. 5 M	-	Miss Georgia Martin
Yr. 5 RD	-	Mrs. Loretta Riddiford & Mrs Amy Delaney
Yr. 5 T	-	Mr. Cameron Taylor
Yr. 5 W	-	Miss Ella Wales
Yr. 6 B	-	Mr. Matt Butcher
Yr. 6 D	-	Mr. John Deane
Yr. 6 FC	-	Mrs. Donna Freeman & Mr. Graeme Coleman
Administration / Finance	-	Mrs. Lorraine Cummins
Administration / Finance	-	Mrs. Deb McDermott
Administration / Secretary	-	Mrs. Michelle Janssen
Administration / Secretary	-	Mrs. Stephanie Wade
Reading Recovery	-	Mrs. Linda Cartwright
Music	-	Mrs. Helen McCarthy, Mrs. Jenni Heinrich & Ms. Susan Steele
Art & Craft	-	Mrs. Carmel Fitzgerald
Librarian/Technology	-	Miss Margaret Hand
Indonesian	-	Ms. Jacqueline Pethybridge
OASIS	-	Mrs. Raelene Gooch
Learning Support	-	Mrs. Alicia Mansfield
Catholic Identity/Numeracy	-	Miss Kate Ellis
Numeracy/Literacy Intervention	-	Mrs. Jess Widdicombe
O.H & S	-	Mr. Peter Florence
Classroom POL Release	-	Mrs Jan Eaton
Teacher Aides	-	Mrs. Kathy Tucker
	-	Mrs. Annette Exell
	-	Mrs. Jenny Hann
	-	Mrs. Maree O'Connor
	-	Mrs. Jennifer Strachan
	-	Mrs. Kate Zealley
	-	Mr. Callum Janssen
	-	Mrs. Katrina Evans
School Chaplain	-	Mrs. Maree O'Connor
Tuckshop	-	Mrs. Fiona Thompson & Mrs. Donna Stebbins
Cleaning	-	Mrs. Helen Pace, Mr. Arthur Pace & Mrs. Judy Thomas
Maintenance	-	Mr. Shane Owins
Maintenance Assistant	-	Mr. Gerrard Keogh
Farming	-	Mr. Doug Chappel

## Opening School Mass

All families are invited to celebrate the beginning of the school year on Thursday 7th February at 5.30pm. We will come together as a community to:

1. All students, parents and family members are invited to view their child's class and meet with their child's class teacher from 5.30 – 5.55pm.
2. Enjoy a whole school mass in the shed. During the liturgy the Year 6 children will bless our new prep children in what is a very moving ceremony.
3. Our community is most welcome to enjoy a BBQ immediately after the mass.
  - a. We would love some parents to help cook the sausages whilst Mass is on. Please note that our Parents & Friends Community provides the sausages in bread FREE.
  - b. Parents who can help with the cooking please contact the office and leave your name.
  - c. Soft drinks will also be provided for \$1.00 a can.

Please make an effort to attend our community evening.

## Forms to return to school

- Updated Asthma Plan (for those students who need one)
- Anaphylaxis plan (for those students who need a plan)

## Swimming Program

Thanks to the excellent organization of Danielle Coates, our PE coordinator, we will begin the swimming program for our Year 3-6 children. Our children will complete their swimming program with the St. Francis School Swimming Sports at Bendigo East Pool on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February from 9.30am. All are most welcome to attend. By commencing our program in such an organized manner we are able to give our children the benefit of competing at our school swimming championships prior to the Catholic (Feb 21), Division (March 12), and Regional (March 21) Swimming Sports Championships. Well done Danielle!!



## Marong Cup



A reminder that the Marong Cup will be held on Saturday 16 February from 11.00am. It is a wonderful family day where the children are extremely well catered for with an amazing amount of rides. The adults are also very well catered for with a lovely assortment of food and drinks.

Please come along and enjoy a great afternoon. This is the first fundraiser of the school year – we normally receive approximately \$6,000 donation from the Marong Cup Committee in return for our parents working for a short period of time on a stall. Please offer to help out. We thank Tonya Harris for being our parent

representative. She has already been to several meetings and has started coordinating the day.

## Uniform update

As you may know the volunteer operated school uniform shop has been outsourced and is now being operated by BuxWear uniforms. BuxWear previously supplied 75% of our uniforms in the past and have been contracted to continue to supply our uniform with the same quality and standards.

We have been very spoilt for the past 20 plus years as our volunteers ensured uniforms were sold at little more than cost price.



This change was made to alleviate the Parents & Friends having to outlay significant funds to hold stock for families. As the school and demand for uniforms has grown, so too has the demand on our wonderful volunteers. Things needed to change. Pleasingly all families are still able to access uniforms from our school, and online ordering will be offered shortly. However, these changes have seen an increase in

uniform costs. All prices have been fixed for 12 months, according to the contract, unless there are legislative changes to Australian or State taxation structures.

The decision to outsource the school uniform was made by the School Board and Parent's & Friends Community.

## CDF Pay

CDF Pay is an online cashless payment system enabling parents to purchase items without the use of cash. At the end of 2018, the school decided to use CDF Pay for events in our school. We are beginning to use CDF Pay in our school canteen. There are two payment options for families to use:

1. Bank transfers
2. Credit card payment (available from Tuesday 5th February)

We apologise that not all new students were uploaded until this Tuesday. Please see the link below to enable your use of this product.



CDF Pay will also be used by our school P & F Committee for fundraising events.

Christ has no hands but yours.

Tim Moloney  
Principal



## Thank you from St Vincent de Paul Society



We would like to sincerely thank the St Francis of the Fields children, staff and families for their wonderful contributions to our Christmas Appeal. Through your generosity we were able to support many more families in the Bendigo area last year.

Wishing you all the best for a rewarding and enjoyable school year in 2019.

Many Thanks

St Therese's Conference St Vincent de Paul Society



# St Francis Sport ...

## Swimming in 2019

Hoping you've all had a great holiday, and enjoyed the warm weather with your families.

The Year 3-6 children will have their swimming lessons on the first Monday back at school – that is why the blue medical form and swimming permission notes were sent home to families last year. If you haven't already, please bring these back as soon as possible to your child's current classroom teacher.

### Swimming Lesson dates:

- Monday February 4
- Wednesday February 6
- Thursday February 7
- Monday February 11



The children will be invited to swim freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and invitational butterfly. They can choose between the distances of 25m kickboard, 25m and 50m. Events will be discussed and finalised during the swimming lessons in 2019.

### SCHOOL SPORTS:

With the school swimming sports around the corner, we are in need of help with timing lanes. We need 16 helpers at a time and rely on the assistance of our parents to ensure the day runs smoothly and to time. If you can help, please let your child's 2019 teacher know ASAP.

Thank you.



### Some other important dates to be mindful of in 2019:

**School swimming sports:** 14 Feb

**Catholic Swimming Sports:** 21 Feb

**Divisional Swimming Championships:** 12 Mar (*Note change in date*)

**Regional Swimming Championships (Swan Hill):** 21 Mar

**State Swimming Championships (Melbourne):** 24 Apr

**School Cross Country:** 26 Apr

**Division Cross Country:** 8 May

**Regional Cross Country (St Arnaud):** 4 June

**State Cross Country (Melbourne):** 18 Aug

**School Athletics Sports (3-6's):** 8 Aug

**Catholic Athletics Championships:** 23 Aug \*Please note, year 3's are **ONLY** eligible for 4 events- Shot put, Long jump, 100m & hurdles.

**Divisional Athletics Championships:** 16 Sept

**School sporting teams:** Please be mindful when your child is selected in a sporting team, it is then expected that they attend all training sessions and follow on events. Much organisation goes into these events and the focus is always to give the children the best opportunity to succeed.

*Danielle Coates, PE Coordinator*

# Pastoral Wellbeing

This year our Pastoral Wellbeing Team consists of 4 members.

## **Mrs Maree O'Connor - School Chaplain**

[moconnor@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au](mailto:moconnor@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au)



- Home & School Liaison Programs – Grief, Family Support, Separation, School Issues.
- Seasons for Growth facilitator.
- Vital connection between home and school.
- Assisting with transition for new families to St. Francis of the Fields

## **Mrs Alicia Mansfield - Learning Support**

[amansfield@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au](mailto:amansfield@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au)



- Coordinates Special Education for our school.
- Program Support Group Meetings (PSG's – once a term),
- Supports students and teachers with Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs) for individual children.
- Provide support to teachers & families for students at need/risk in mainstream classroom.

## **Ms Grace Scalora - Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing**

[gscalora@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au](mailto:gscalora@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au)



- Coordinates whole school program – Positive Behaviours Intervention Support (**PBIS**) Program which includes our 4 school expectations, (Be your Best, Be Safe, Respect for All, Respect for Environment).
- Oversees wellbeing programs across school – supports parents, students and teachers.
- Implementing Policies and developing Social Emotional Programs/Learning.

## **Mr Tim Moloney - Principal and member of the team.**

[tmoloney@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tmoloney@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au)



- Supports all students, staff and families to be successful in the school setting.

## **What are our school beliefs about student wellbeing?**

As a school we are responsible for catering for student's academic, social and emotional needs. We teach our students about safe and responsible behaviour to ensure they have the skills to self-manage in the wider world. Our aim is for our students to leave at the end of Grade 6 being both independent and likeable.

Our team meets fortnightly. The purpose of our meetings is to provide ongoing support for our students, parents and teachers. Our aim is to make sure that all our students are successful in every part of their school life.

Over the coming weeks, information about our goals for Pastoral Wellbeing will be communicated with our school community. We hope that this gives all our families a clear understanding of what our goals and hopes are for the 2019 school year.

Please feel free to contact any member of our team if you any concerns.

Grace Scalora  
Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing



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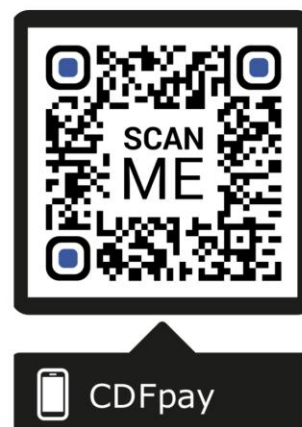


## How to get started



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**School Sport Victoria Trials- 2019:**



# School Sport Victoria

School Sport Victoria will once again be offering the opportunity for gifted and talented students from your school community (in year 6) to register to trial for school sport Team Vic teams in 2019. Please note, this is not a come and try day.

Registrations open on Saturday 1 December, 2018 and remain open until Friday 1 March, 2019 for Australian Football, Netball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, and Boys Football (Soccer).

These trials are for emerging athletes who have reached a certain standard. They are a process for selecting a Team Vic State Team going to School Sport Australia National Championships.

A minor change to the process for 2019 is: Girls Football (Soccer) will not be required to go through stages of selection. All nominees will go direct to State Trials.

**It is important to note that school PE Coordinator and principal/s have to endorse the childrens' registration forms and that ONLY three registrations per sport are allowed from each school.**

1. On the SSV website, it has been made clear that students need to consult with their Sport Teacher at school to ensure they have the skill level to trial and represent their school.
2. It is imperative that as parents you are aware that teachers will provide information on your child's athleticism and their ability in the sport to ensure he/she is capable of representing their school at a state level trial.
3. This discussion with the school Sport Teacher is necessary as all students **MUST** get the Sport Teacher / Coordinator and Principal signature on their registration form prior to attending a trial, if selected to trial.
4. **Registration is a NON-REFUNDABLE \$25 fee.** This fee will be for the cost of hosting the trial and subsequent expenses as well as an administration fee.
5. **This Registration is a registration for a Division trial. Confirmation to attend a trial will occur after registration.**
6. Once registered, they will receive a bar-coded ticket through Eventbrite (the supplier of the registration process software) which will require a Sport Teacher's signature and the Principal's signature. This ticket must be handed in to the Division Trial Coordinator on the day.
7. Families will also receive an email confirming payment and registration at the time of nominating their child.
8. Once registration for Division trials close, Division Coordinators email the registered participants and inform them of the time and place of their trial.

## Selection criteria

Please note that this is not a participation/come and try event. This is an application to represent Victoria for their chosen event.

Please take the following information into account when deciding if you would like to nominate them. If the answer is yes I would encourage them to apply.

1. They are the best or in the best players in their local team and are a stand out in their chosen sport at a local level.
2. They have been selected to represent the region in their chosen sport and they are again a stand out when playing against opposition from other regions.

Regards,  
Danielle Coates  
St Francis Sports Coordinator



Football link:

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic/Pages/Australian-Football.aspx>

Netball link:

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic/pages/netball.aspx>

Basketball link:

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic/pages/basketball.aspx>

Soccer link:

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic/pages/football-soccer.aspx>



The poster features a large stylized 'G' logo in black and green. The word 'GIANT' is in bold black uppercase letters, and 'Tennis' is in a green script font. Below this, 'TENNIS COACHING' is in bold black uppercase letters, followed by the tagline 'for all ages and standards' in a light green script font. On the left, a blue vertical band contains the text 'TERM 1 STARTS 29 JAN' in white. In the center, contact information for Aidan Fitzgerald and Brandt Fleming is listed. On the right, a vertical list of schools is shown in blue text. The bottom of the poster has a black band with the website 'www.gianttennis.com.au' in green.

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*Tennis*

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# St Francis Fete 2019

We need you, we want your ideas, we need your time, we need your help! Anything you can do to assist the school with one of our biggest fundraisers for the year. Do it for the kids!

No matter how big or small we need your help.

We work as a team, it's not hard, it is a lot of fun and you meet new people.

The money raised goes to the P & F which then goes to making our school the best it can be. Currently it is goes towards the playgrounds, the soccer pitch, future volleyball courts and other recreation for the kids.



The 2019 School Fete Committee already has some exciting new ideas, new stalls and fun games to play. If you have a suggestion please let us know, the more the merrier.

We really need more Co-ordinators, we need volunteers for the day of the Fete for the stalls, for the set up and pack up. If you can give us some of your time to help, many hands make light work. No matter if it is an hour you can spare or 5 hours, the kids appreciate it all.

We are also going to be needing donations similar to last year. As we come into the new year we will be updating everyone with what is needed. Please turn over for some ideas of what can be donated or provided.

The upcoming Fete will also have a major raffle with \$2 tickets—a book will be sent home in the 1st week of Term 1 and drawn on the day of the Fete.

If you want more info on how you can help, please contact

The Fete Co-Ordinator Kelly McDermott at [fetestfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:fetestfrancis@gmail.com) or come to a committee meeting and see what it is all about.

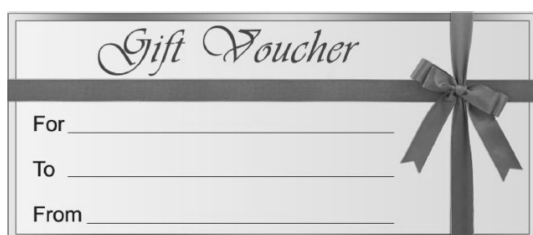
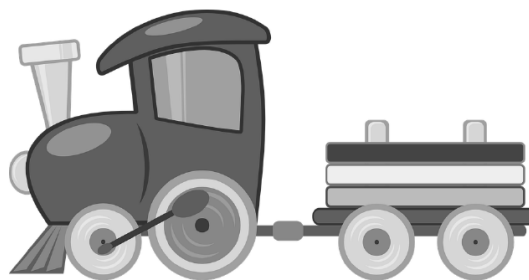


### **Who do we need? We need you...**

Currently we still require Co-Ordinators for the following stalls;

- Car Parking
- wristband sales (prior to fete and on the day)
- Train Rides
- Nachos
- Lob-a-choc
- Lob-a-wine
- Balloon Popping Wall
- Mystery Jars
- Kids Craft (plaster moulds)
- Temporary Tattoos

We also need people with Marketing experience.



### **What do we need...**

***These are some of the items we need as donations for the awesome stalls and games we will have for the kids & the adults.***

- Save your empty jars with lids (all sizes)
- Fill your empty jar with small gifts such as cars or crayons, pencils, or even ingredients to make a batch of biscuits!
- small gifts for balloons wall (all age groups needed as they will be grouped age appropriate)
- small gifts for the lucky dips
- flat chocolates for Lob-a-Choc
- slab of soft drink or slab of small bottles of water
- If you have a business, do you have a product or a service that you can donate to our Silent Auction?
- Temporary Tattoos
- Plant Donations
- Do you have a friendly Pony for assisted pony rides?