



ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 1 – January 30, 2020

(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 January 31

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

Monday February 3

- ☐ Swimming Yr 3 - 6
- ☐ Foundation attend 9am - 12.30pm
- ☐ Fete Meeting @ 7.30pm

Tuesday February 4

- ☐ Foundation attend full day 9am – 3.20pm

Wednesday February 5

- ☐ Swimming Yr 3 - 6
- ☐ **Foundation Rest Day**



Thursday February 6

- ☐ Swimming Yr 3 - 6
- ☐ Foundation attend full day 9am – 3.20pm

Friday February 7

- ☐ Foundation attend full day 9am – 3.20pm

Monday February 10

- ☐ Swimming Yr 3 - 6

Wednesday February 12

- ☐ **Foundation Rest Day**
- ☐ Meet & Greet in Classrooms 5.30-5.50pm
- ☐ Opening School Mass 6pm
- ☐ BBQ 7pm

Thursday February 13

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

Friday February 14

- ☐ Assembly @ 2.45pm

Saturday February 16

- ☐ **MARONG CUP**



Tuesday February 18

- ☐ Hockey Clinic Yr 1-4

Wednesday February 19

- ☐ **Foundation Rest Day**
- ☐ District Tennis Yr 6

Thursday February 20

- ☐ Catholic Swimming Sports @ Bendigo East Pool
- ☐ Hockey Clinic Yr 1-4

Friday February 21

- ☐ Yr 5 Unit Mass @ 11.40am

Tuckshop Roster 2020

Week 1 – Pie, Anzac Biscuit & Drink

Thursday February 6

Friday February 7

9-11am

12-3pm

Week 2 – Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll, Popcorn & Drink

Thursday February 13

Friday February 14

9-11am

12-3pm

Weekend Maintenance

1-2 Feb Cody (6W), Place (5T), Mathews (6D), Webster (6W)

8-9 Feb Stevens (6D), Gladman (6G), Hand (5B), Caldwell (5K)



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



Dear Families,

I welcome all new and existing families to St. Francis of the Field's School family for 2020.

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

I share with you the following reflection:

Ever wondered why migrating geese fly in a V formation? Each goose which flaps its wings creates an upward lift for the goose that follows. When all the geese do their part the whole flock has a 71% greater flying range than if each bird was to fly alone.

The geese really have something when it comes to a community functioning for the benefit of all its members. Each person in the community whether they be student, parent, teacher or priest is a unique person, individual in the specific gifts each had been given.

The differences in people give richness to expression of the community. However, the efficiency of the community depends very much on how these differences can be brought together for the benefit of the whole group.

Working together and then setting course in the one direction will be essential to this community's ongoing growth and development.

Welcome

We warmly welcome our new staff that include:

- Morgan Maud (Foundation)
- Naomi McGregor (Foundation)
- Ash Sloan (Year 1)
- Sam Muscatello (Year 2)
- Joshua Hann (Year 3)
- Lisa Hitchcock (Year 4)
- David Waters (Year 4)
- Rhys Zera (Year 4)
- Alice Kieley (Year 5)
- Alicia Guild (Year 6)
- Darby Walsh (Year 6)
- Hayley Mills (Teacher Aide)
- Kerry Bone (Teacher Aide)
- Lochie Ratcliffe (Teacher Aide)



Happy Birthday

A very happy birthday to Fr. Andrew Fewings, our Parish Priest, who celebrated his birthday on Tuesday this week.



2020 St. Francis of the Fields staff:

Parish Priest

Principal
Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing
Foundation B
Foundation A
Foundation M
Foundation WM
Yr. 1 R
Yr. 1 FM
Yr. 1 C
Yr. 1 SS
Yr. 2 D
Yr. 2 M
Yr. 2 P
Yr. 2 S
Yr. 3 GH
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Yr. 5 K
Yr. 5 T
Yr. 5 W
Yr. 6 W
Yr. 6 G
Yr. 6 D
Yr. 6 FD
Administration / Finance
Administration / Finance
Administration / Secretary
Administration / Secretary
Reading Recovery
Music
Art & Craft
Librarian/Technology
Indonesian
OASIS
Learning Diversity
Catholic Identity
Learning & Teaching: Numeracy (P-2)
Learning & Teaching: Numeracy (3-6)
Learning & Teaching: Literacy (P-2)
Learning & Teaching: Literacy (3-6)
Phys Ed Teacher/Coordinator
O.H & S
Classroom POL Release
Teacher Aides

School Chaplain & Counselor
Tuckshop
Maintenance
Maintenance Assistant
Farming

- Fr Andrew Fewings

- Tim Moloney
- Grace Scalora
- Ash Barbetti
- Andie Muscatello
- Morgan Maud
- Kate Williams & Naomi McGregor
- Craig Ryan
- Laura Flood & Bianca Metherell
- Amy Curnow
- Ange Simpson & Ash Sloan
- Felicity Davis
- Jacob Morrissey
- Brylie Parker
- Sam Muscatello
- Kate Gundry & Genevieve Hoskin
- Julie Langdon
- Joshua Hann
- Lisa Hitchcock & Emma Jensen
- Gabrielle Hudson
- David Waters
- Rhys Zera
- Hilary Bottcher
- Alice Kielty
- Cameron Taylor
- Ella Wales
- Darby Walsh
- Alicia Guild
- John Deane
- Donna Freeman & Amy Delaney
- Lorraine Cummins
- Deb McDermott
- Michelle Janssen
- Stephanie Wade
- Bernadette Sporn
- Jenni Heinrich & Susan Steele
- Carmel Fitzgerald
- Margaret Hand
- Jacqueline Pethybridge
- Raelene Gooch
- Linda Cartwright
- Lisa Hitchcock
- Kate Ellis
- Amy Delaney
- Natalie Shearer
- Jess Widdicombe
- Matt Butcher
- Peter Florence
- Jan Eaton
- Kathy Tucker
- Annette Exell
- Jenny Hann
- Maree O'Connor
- Kate Zealley
- Lochie Ratcliffe
- Katrina Evans
- Kerry Bone
- Hayley Mills
- Maree O'Connor
- Fiona Thompson & Donna Stebbins
- Shane Owins
- Gerrard Keogh
- Doug Chappel

Novel Coronavirus

The safety and care of your children is paramount to me and our school community.

I am writing to you following new advice from the Australian and Victorian governments regarding the novel coronavirus.

All children who have travelled to Hubei Province of China, are advised to stay at home and avoid public settings, including attendance at schools and early learning centres, until 14 days after last being in Hubei province, China. This applies to any and all students even if they do not show any symptoms of the virus.

Children who are well and have travelled to **other provinces in China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases, are NOT recommended to be excluded from schools unless the following applies:**

- **The person is a confirmed case of novel coronavirus**
- **The person has had close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in the past 14 days**

If you think your child is showing any relevant symptoms of the novel corona virus, please call the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to discuss further actions on 1300 651 160.

This advice is also being provided to teachers and other school staff to ensure we mitigate any risks associated with the spread of the virus.

Attached is a facts sheet provided by the Victorian Government providing advice and information about the novel coronavirus, including what actions to take if your child is feeling unwell following travel to the Hubei province, and practical steps to avoid the spread of the virus.

You can also access further information and updates from the following websites:

- For Victorian updates to the current incident, go to: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus>
- For national updates: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/latest-information-about-novel-coronavirus>
- For international updates: <https://www.who.int/westernpacific/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>
- WHO resources <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

In circumstances like these, there can understandably be a lot of concern and uncertainty about the safety of your child. Please know that I am available to discuss your concerns with you, and will provide any revised advice to you as soon as it becomes available.



Making Appointments with the Principal

I love meeting with our parents and students and look forward to the many opportunities I will have in 2020. To ensure that I am able to be totally present at these meetings please book an appointment with the Administrative staff well in advance. Thank you.

Communication via emails

Our staff are very committed in communicating with all families. I also wish to ensure that our teachers are taking care of themselves and their families when at home. Subsequently, I have asked all teachers to ensure that they return emails within 24 hours of receiving the email, in the course of the working week. I would rather our teachers not respond via email after 5.30pm as I am keen for teachers to demonstrate a sensible work-life balance. Thank you for your understanding.



Calendar

I have included the Term 1 calendar so that all students, parents and teachers can coordinate upcoming events. This can be found later in the newsletter.

Opening School Mass

All families are invited to celebrate the beginning of the school year on Wednesday 12th February at 6pm. We will come together as a community to:

1. 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.
2. Our community is most welcome to enjoy a free BBQ immediately after the mass.
 - a. We would love some parents to help cook the sausages whilst Mass is on.
 - 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

Our school community have responded well to completing the forms below on PAM. Thank you.

- Update Medical and Emergency contact details
- Excursion/Swimming Permission Form - 10 to go
- Updated Asthma Plan (for those students who need one) - 42 to go
- Anaphylaxis plan (for those students who need a plan)



If you have not yet completed any of the forms listed above on PAM (where applicable), please complete using these instructions.

Please enter this URL into your browser - <https://pam.sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au>

Click on the 'Forgot Password?' link and follow the prompts.

Excursion permission forms can be found under 'School Activities'.

Swimming Program

Thanks to the excellent organization of Danielle Coates and Matt Butcher, our PE coordinators (2019 & 2020), 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 13th 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 20), and Regional (March 19) Swimming Sports Championships!!



Marong Cup

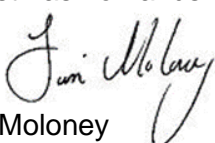
A reminder that the Marong Cup will be held on Saturday 15th February from 11.00am. It is a wonderful family day where the children are extremely well catered for with an amazing amount of rides. The adults are also very well catered for with a lovely assortment of food and drinks.

Please come along and enjoy a great afternoon. This is the first fundraiser of the school year – we normally receive approximately \$5,000 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 once again. She has already been to several meetings and has started coordinating the day.



Please know that this will be the last year that Tonya can coordinate this event and we will need another coordinator later in the year. If you can help, please let us know.

Christ has no hands but yours.


Tim Moloney
Principal



Pastoral Wellbeing

This year our Pastoral Wellbeing Team consists of 4 members.



Mrs Maree O'Connor - School Chaplain
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 Linda Cartwright - Learning Support
lcartwright@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



- 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.
- Coordinates the Engagement of Volunteers.
- Implementing Policies and developing Social Emotional Programs/Learning.



Mr Tim Moloney - Principal and member of the team.
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, I will share more information about our whole school Pastoral Wellbeing framework. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns.

Grace Scalora
Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing

Maths Assessment Interviews

Many thanks to our families who brought their children in to complete numeracy assessments this week. We appreciate the effort it takes and understand that you need to work around other commitments to make this happen. We are very excited by the growth we see in our students' maths skills! We will keep you updated on our whole school Maths focus throughout the year.

Kate Ellis & Amy Delaney
Mathematics Leaders

Swimming in 2020

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. If you haven't already, please complete the permission form on PAM, as soon as possible.

Swimming Lesson dates:

- Monday February 3
- Wednesday February 5
- Thursday February 6
- Monday February 10



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 2020.

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 2020 teacher know ASAP.



Some other important dates to be mindful of in 2020:

**Please note- at times for reasons out of our control, dates get changed and are updated in the newsletter with as much notice as possible.*

School swimming sports: 13 Feb

Catholic Swimming Sports: 20 Feb

Divisional Swimming Championships: 6 Mar

Regional Swimming Championships (Swan Hill): 19 Mar

State Swimming Championships (Melbourne): 22 Apr

School Cross Country: 24 Apr

Division Cross Country: 6 May

Regional Cross Country (St Arnaud): 2 Jun

State Cross Country (Melbourne): 16 Jul

School Athletics Sports (3-6's): 7 Aug

Catholic Athletics Championships: 20 Aug *Please note, year 3's are ONLY eligible for 4 events- Shot put, Long jump, 100m & hurdles.

Divisional Athletics Championships: 14 Sept

Regional Athletics Championships: 12 Oct

State Athletics Championships: 26 Oct

School Athletics Championships (F-2's): 13 Nov

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.

Matt Butcher, PE Coordinator

Weekend maintenance – Please return slips!

Tomorrow, your child will receive a blue form for our School Weekend Maintenance Program. Please return your blue slip by Friday 14 February, if you would like to be included on the roster **or** if you wish to pay the \$60 levy.

The roster will be prepared and sent to families when all slips have been received.



Marong Cup....

Tickets and wristbands for the Marong Cup, Saturday 15 Feb, are now available from the school office for purchase. (Cash purchases only - NO Eftpos purchasing available)



Ticket prices are discounted for families if purchased from the school.

Prices:

Adult admission - \$15 (\$25 when purchased at the gate)

Kids wristbands - \$10 (\$15 when purchased at the gate)

Please note: you do not have to purchase an adult admission ticket in order to buy kids wristbands. Volunteers receive free entry to the event.

We still need quite a few volunteers to help on the day of the races. Please contact Tonya Harris on 0428 425 891 for a list of jobs and times available.

Bendigo **Ford**  Go Further

Marong CUP DAY 2020

Saturday 15 February



Supporting Bendigo Catholic Primary Schools

Kids Rides and Activities

Packages available • Umbrella Packages \$150 • Mini Marquees \$350

General Admission \$15 • Kids 16 & Under Free



ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL CALENDAR - Term 1: 2020

Updated 14/02/2019	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 1	Jan-27 Australia Day Public Holiday	Jan-28 Teachers return for 2020 school year Fr. Andrew's Birthday	Jan-29 (PUPIL FREE DAY) Maths Assessment Interview Testing Staff Meeting	Jan-30 (PUPIL FREE DAY) MAI Testing	Jan-31 Students commence Term 1 Foundation attend 9am-12.30pm 9am Cuppa and Scones	Feb-1	Feb-2
Week 2	Feb-3 Foundation attend 9am-12.30pm Yr 3 – 6 Swimming Fete Meeting 7.30pm PLC Meeting	Feb-4 Foundation start full days with Wednesday as a rest day until after long weekend	Feb-5 Foundation rest day Yr 3 – 6 Swimming Staff Meeting	Feb-6 Yr 3 – 6 Swimming Newsletter Day P@F Meeting 7.30pm	Feb-7	Feb-8	Feb-9
Week 3	Feb-10 Yr 3 – 6 Swimming PLC Meeting	Feb-11	Feb-12 Foundation rest day Opening & Welcome Mass 6pm BBQ @ 7pm Staff Meeting	Feb-13 Yr3-6 St Francis Swimming Sports @ Bendigo East Pool Newsletter Day	Feb-14 Valentine's Day Assembly 2.45pm	Feb-15 MARONG CUP	Feb-16
Week 4	Feb-17 PLC Meeting	Feb-18 Hockey Clinic – Yr 1-4	Feb-19 Foundation rest day District Tennis – Yr 6 School Board @ 6pm Staff Meeting	Feb-20 Newsletter Day Catholic Swimming Sports @ Bgo East Pool Hockey Clinic – Yr 1-4	Feb-21 Unit 5 Mass @ 11.40am	Feb-22	Feb-23
Week 5	Feb-24 PLC Meeting	Feb-25 Shrove Tuesday Burning of the Palms @ 10:30am	Feb-26 Foundation rest day Ash Wednesday Liturgy @ 11:00am Division Tennis – Yr 6 Staff Meeting	Feb-27 Newsletter Day	Feb-28 Unit 6 Mass @ 11.40am Assembly 2.45pm	Feb-29	Mar-1 1st Sunday of Lent
Week 6	Mar-2 Learning Conversations PLC Meeting	Mar-3 Learning Conversations	Mar-4 Foundation rest day Learning Conversations Staff Meeting	Mar-5 Newsletter Day Learning Conversations	Mar-6 Division Swimming PUPIL FREE DAY – Staff Spirituality Day	Mar-7	Mar-8 2nd Sunday of Lent
Week 7	Mar-9 Labour Day Weekend (Public Holiday)	Mar-10 Foundation start attending school full time	Mar-11 Staff Meeting	Mar-12 Newsletter Day P&F Meeting 7.30pm	Mar-13 Caritas K's 9:15 am Assembly 2.45pm	Mar-14 St. Patrick's Day	Mar-15 3rd Sunday of Lent
Week 8	Mar-16 PLC Meeting	Mar-17	Mar-18 School Photos  School Board & P&F AGM @ 6pm Staff Meeting	Mar-19 Region Swimming – Swan Hill Newsletter Day	Mar-20 2P & 2 M Mass @ 11.40am	Mar-21	Mar-22 4th Sunday of Lent School Fete 11am-2.30pm
Week 9	Mar-23 Year 4 Camp PLC Meeting	Mar-24 Year 4 Camp	Mar-25 Year 6 Camp Staff Meeting	Mar-26 Year 6 Camp Newsletter Day	Mar-27 Year 6 Camp Assembly 2.00pm End Term 1 (2.30pm) Sandhurst Switches off!!	Mar-28 Earth Hour	Mar-29 5th Sunday of Lent
Week 10	Mar-30	Mar-31	Apr-1	Apr-2	Apr-3	Apr-4 Daylight Savings finishes	Apr-5 Put clock back one hour Palm Sunday
Holidays	Apr-6	Apr-7	Apr-8	Apr-9	Apr-10 Good Friday	Apr-11	Apr-12 Easter Sunday



KELLY SPORTS

BACK TO SCHOOL SPORT!

LEARN NEW SPORTS IN TERM 1

Have heaps of fun in the sun with your friends while playing a range of dynamic and active sports over the term.

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT **KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU**

FOR THE LOVE OF SPORTS 25 YEARS

INFORMATION

FOR PARENTS

MULTI-SPORT

PROGRAMME

Programmes run weekly on one day a week for one hour.

This term we will focus on the following sports:

- ✓ Tennis
- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ T-Ball

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

For Prep – Year 4 students.

PRICES: \$42 (3 WKS) – \$84 (6 WKS)

St Francis of the Fields School– Fri: 3:30pm-4:40pm

Be coached by a fully qualified teacher with over 10 years experience, trained in Physical Education. Want to take your game to the next level or just learn a heap of FUN new skills? Then our Multi Sports Program is for you!

BOOK EARLY & SAVE

Enrol your child before Sun 16th Feb 2020 to receive your first session FREE!

Website: kellysports.com.au
Contact: Brett Harris
Email: brett@kellysports.com.au
Phone: 0438 198 031
Facebook: #KellySportsBendigo



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STRATHFIELDSAYE FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB INC.
Junior Football Committee
P.O. BOX 69 STRATHFIELDSAYE VIC. 3551

2020 Junior Football Registration Day

Sunday 9th February 2020

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Strath Storm Club Rooms - Tannery Lane

2020 Registration Fees & D.O.B. Requirement:

Under 9	\$140	born between 1.1.11 & 30.4.2013
Under 10	\$140	born between 1.1.10 & 31.12.2011
Under 12 Girls Under 12 Boys	\$160 \$160	born between 1.1.08 & 31.12.2010
Under 14 Girls Under 14 Boys	\$160 \$180	born between 1.1.06 & 31.12.2008
Under 16 Girls Under 16 Boys	\$170 \$180	born between 1.1.04 & 31.12.2006
Under 18 Girls	\$180	born between 1.1.02 & 31.12.2004

****If a family has 3 or more children playing then each players fee is reduced by \$10****

For enquiries please contact SFNC Junior Football Registrar
Jo Bell via email sjfcregistrar@bigpond.com
or phone **0438 890 270**

"Junior Football, Footballs Future"