

ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 3 - February 13, 2020

(Term 1 - Week 3)

"To Live, Learn and Grow in God's Love"

Reminders

Friday February 14 Weekend maintenance forms due back Assembly @ 2.45pm Saturday February 15 MARONG CUP



working for Reconciliation and justice for all Aboriginal people and to learning more about the Jaara people

Monday February 17 Engagement of Volunteers Interview session - 8 15am Fete Meeting @ 7.30pm Tuesday February 18 Hockey Clinic Yr 1-4 Wednesday February 19 Foundation Rest Day District Tennis Yr 6 Thursday February 20 Catholic Swimmi Catholic Swimming Sports @ Bendigo East Pool Hockey Clinic Yr 1-4 Friday February 21 Engagement of Volunteers Interview session – 8.15am Yr 5 Unit Mass @ 11.40am Monday February 24 Engagement of Volunteers Interview session - 8.15am Fete Meeting @ 7.30pm Tuesday February 25 Shrove Tuesday Burning of the Palms @ 10.30am Wednesday February 26 Foundation Rest Day Ash Wednesday Liturgy @ 11am Division Tennis - Yr6

Tuckshop Roster

Week 3 - Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll, Popcorn & Drink Thursday February 13 Friday February 14 9-11am Fiona Horan | Vanessa McClure | Ebony Dovle 12-3pm Bronwyn Rodda, Kate Grange, Emma Fuzzard, Mistee-lee Allan, Bek Stevens, Lucy Rodda Week 4 - Sausage Roll, Popcorn & Drink Thursday February 20 12-3pm Pauline Campbell Friday February 21 9-11am Sarah Giffard | Mel Johnson 12-3pm Sarah Dean, Sarah Hobbs, Tiff France, Jacinta Mathews, Briana Cowan, Chantal Bennallack Week 5 - Chicken Balls, Gingerbread biscuit & Drink Thursday February 27 12-3pm Brigid Collard Friday February 28 9-11am Tessa Ballard | Megan Merrett 12-3pm Hollie Warren, Renee Jet, Brianna Maddern, Caroline Strachan, Kim Kelly, Donna Wagner

Weekend Maintenance

15-16 Feb Turpie (Fdn WM), Bennallack (2P), Jubber (4Z), Cail (3GH) 22-23 Feb Mitchell (3H), Fox (6FD), Childs (Fnd WM), Van Emmerik (Fdn M) 29-30 Feb Tyrrell (4Z), Bowe (6W), Waters (Fdn A)

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



Dear Families.

We celebrate Valentine's day tomorrow. I share with you a reflection that may promote thoughts of how we love each other...





Marong Cup - We need parent volunteers!

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered their time to support our Marong Cup fundraiser. If you are able to help on the day please contact Michelle at the office on 5439 3191 or Tonya Harris on 0428 425 891 to confirm a suitable time.

What: day. When: Where: Marong Cup - children's rides, food, horse racing, great

Saturday 15th February from 11.00am Bendigo Racecourse, Ascot.

Special thanks to Tonya Harris who has coordinated this event on behalf of all Bendigo Catholic schools, as well as our school. Tonya will retire from this position at the end of the year - I am very grateful for her wonderful work. I am hopeful that one or two parents would offer to take on the coordination role for our school in 2021. Please let Tim Moloney know if you are interested.

School Aged Children at Assisi:

Please remember that school aged children cannot be supervised by kindergarten staff in the Assisi foyer or on kindergarten grounds (this includes the area under the trees adjacent to our kindergarten entry path) before or after they have finished school. Instead, families must pre-arrange a safe meeting place with their child on the school grounds after school. Once the school aged child/ren are in your care, we welcome them to come to the kindergarten with you to pick up their sibling.

Fete Meetings

All parents are invited to attend the fete meetings that are held each Monday evening in the staff room from 7.30pm. We only have 5 weeks before our School Fete - please come and provide assistance.

Pupil Free Days

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All Catholic Schools are allocated Pupil Free Days each year. These days are generally used to focus on the professional development that staff members require to achieve the Strategic and Operational Goals set each year. In order for this to happen the school is closed for the day.

Our Pupil Free Days for Term 1 & 2 are as follows:

- Friday 6th March
- Staff spirituality Day Staff First Aid Training - Level 2
- Friday 17th April Tuesday 9th June
 - Staff Maths Professional Development



Please do not send your children to school on these days unless they wish to attend After School Care.

Swimming Program

Our Swimming Program has culminated in our School Swimming Sports today in perfect weather - thankfully! The children were really well behaved whilst demonstrating excellent sportsmanship!



Special thanks to:

- Matt Butcher and Annette Exell for their organisation of the event.
- To all parents who supported the event through timekeeping, judging, etc.
- Our parents who have travelled on buses to and from the swimming pools.

Opening School Mass

I thank those families who attended our Opening School Mass last night.

Special thanks to:

- Lisa Hitchcock and Kate Ellis for coordinating our welcoming mass.
- To all students, parents and grandparents who supported the mass through their attendance.
 - To our parents who cooked the BBQ for tea afterwards thank you.
 - Fiona Thompson for purchasing the sausages and bread.
 - Thanks to our Parents & Friends Community for paying for these items.

Board meeting

All Board members are invited to attend our first meeting for the year on Wednesday 19th February at 6pm in the staff room.



Calendar - Repeat

I have included the link for the Term 1 calendar so that all students, parents and teachers can coordinate upcoming events. <u>https://www.sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au/downloads/term-calendars</u>

Assembly

We will hold our first school assembly, tomorrow, Friday 14th February from 2.45pm in the Shed. All welcome. 6D will be leading our assembly. Please come and enjoy.

Christ has no hands but yours.

Tim Moloney Principal

School Fees



Statements have now been emailed to all families with 2020 School Fees included.

Please note our payment options below. It is expected that parents who do not make payment under Options 1, 2 or 3 will pay their school fees in advance.

OPTION 1 - DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENT OF SCHOOL

Payment of fees by direct debit is the school's preferred option.

This method of payment has proven to be an easy and convenient way to meet school fees with many families already choosing this option.

Direct Debits are available fortnightly (Thursday) or monthly on the 1st of each month. Parents may elect to make monthly or fortnightly payments.

Fee statements are sent home each term, so parents are aware of their balance.

Parents should check at the beginning of the school year that their set payments will meet their fees by end of the school year - please contact the office to make changes. The school cannot automatically adjust direct debit authorities.

OPTION 2 - THREE EQUAL PAYMENTS OVER TERMS 1, 2 & 3

Parents may also pay their account by three instalments - in Terms 1, 2 & 3 (one-third of the annual total).

OPTION 3 - PAYMENT BY REGULAR INSTALMENTS VIA EFT

Payments may also be made by direct deposit to St Francis of the Fields School General Account NAB 083-543 Account 45-717-2080.

Please note your school account number and surname on your Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to ensure your payment is receipted to the correct account. *Example - Cummins 1234*

Your school fee account number is located at the top of your statement above the date.

Should you have any queries or require assistance commencing your payment option please contact the office or email:- <u>office@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au</u>



Pastoral Wellbeing



VOLUNTEER

Volunteers for our School Fete.

We are looking for volunteers to help support our School Fete which is one of our biggest fundraisers for the year. It is really important that we get as many helpers as possible for this major school event. Without the volunteers, we would not be able to run this fun day for our students.

The Victorian Government introduced the Child Safe Standards along with Ministerial Order No. 870 which set out the minimum requirements for schools in relation to child safety. Child Safe Standard 4 and clause 10 of Ministerial Order No. 870 relates to staff screening, selection, supervision, training and other human

resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel, including employees volunteers and contractors.

In order to meet the Child Safe Standards the school has prepared 'Engagement of Volunteer' packs, which include all the requirements to meet the Child Safe Standards. We are asking all parents and volunteers who will be helping in and around the school to get a pack from our front office and fill out the required



documents. The Working with Children Act 2005 (Vic) requires that any person doing child-related work, must have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC). The school already requires that all school volunteers are required to apply for and pass a WWCC. There is no change to this requirement. There is <u>no cost for volunteers</u> applying for a WWCC. See the link below to apply for a WWCC <u>http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications/</u>

Once the documentation is completed, you can choose a time (see below) to bring the documentation back to school and provide the school with proof of personal identity (eg. your driver's license)

After this short process, you will be able to help in and around the school. This process sounds like a difficult or lengthy one however, it isn't and it is ensuring that the safety of our students is at the forefront of everything that we do. We are not able to run events or school activities without the help of our community. We are asking all our parents to please complete the necessary application form.

Please see below for dates and times where we can review your documentation and finish off the paperwork.

Volunteer Meetings - Times available to check paperwork.

Please bring your Working with Children card (WWCC) and your driver's licence. We will meet in the staffroom at St. Francis of the Fields on these dates.



Monday, 17 February, 2020 @ 8.15am Friday, 21 February, 2020 @ 8.15am Monday, 24 February, 2020 @ 8.15am Thursday, 27 February, 2020 @ 8.15am

If you have further questions or any concerns, please contact me at school. Grace Scalora Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing

Conveyance Allowance Program (CAP) 2020



Education and Training

Dear Parents,

The Conveyance Allowance is a form of financial assistance from the Victorian State Government to assist families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school.

The allowance is available to parents who are required to -

- drive their child more than 4.8 kilometres to school (if there is no school bus)
- or drive their child more than 4.8 kilometres to meet the nearest school bus to the school
- the child must attend their closest government or non-government school (Catholic)
- the allowance is based on kilometres travelled and not based on any financial eligibility

Distance is calculated by the shortest practical route from home to the school or from home to meet the nearest school bus to the school. Distance can be calculated by using Bing Maps.

Forms required to be completed by a parent are available to download from our website <u>http://www.sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au/downloads/forms</u> or can be picked up at the office.

- 1. Conveyance Allowance Application 2020 (one per family which includes all children at St Francis of the Fields)
- 2. Conveyance Allowance Authority to Pay Form 2020 (one per parent claiming)
- Parents who received the Conveyance Allowance in 2019 do not need to complete a new form in 2020 unless their children enrolled at St Francis of the Fields in 2019 have changed (ie Yr 6 student left at the end of 2019 or a Prep child commenced in 2020).
- If your family circumstances have changed a new form needs to be completed in 2020.
- If you have recently changed address, please advise the office if you are no longer eligible.

Application and Authority to Pay forms need to be completed and returned to the office by Monday 24 February 2020 please.

If you are unsure of the bus stops of the free country buses to St Francis of the Fields, this information is also available on our website http://www.sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au/downloads/bus

Further information can be found at <u>https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/transport/Pages/conveyance.aspx</u>

If you are unsure if you may be eligible, or require help in completing your Application, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or email me at lc.atholic.edu.au

With thanks,

Lorraine Cummins (Administration)

February 2020



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2020 INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM ENROLMENTS

The Instrumental 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.

In 2020 we offer tuition in the following Instruments: Piano, guitar, bass guitar, drums, recorder and violin.

As part of the program, we hold an annual Instrumental Concert where the children are able to perform an item that they have learnt during the year. It is a wonderful day/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 <u>parents</u> 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 <u>**no longer**</u> continuing. Otherwise it is assumed that students are continuing with lessons in 2020.

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

2020 TEACHERS' CONTACT DETAILS

<u>Helen Jordan</u> PIANO <u>helenjordan@optusnet.com.au</u>

<u>Stephanie Wade</u> PIANO <u>stephwade@bigpond.com</u>

Deb Lowes PIANO lowesdeb44@gmail.com

Kate van Emmerik (nee Jordan) VIOLIN kateviolin2@gmail.com

<u>Sam Miles Forbes</u> GUITAR, BASS, DRUMS <u>sammilesforbes@gmail.com</u> Jo Woodward GUITAR jo.woodward@jinet.net.au

Min Miles GUITAR minmiles@bigpond.com

Liesbeth van Emmerik RECORDER liesbethhelene@bigpond.com



Weekend maintenance – Due back tomorrow!

Please return your School Weekend Maintenance Program 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.



Enviro News...

There is going to be so much happening in the Enviro program in 2020. Please click on the 'Enviro' Quicklink in Flexibuzz to read the fortnightly newsletter and see what the children have been learning about with Mrs Gooch.

Tuckshop News....

Tuckshop will be available on Thursday and Fridays in 2020. Ordering will continue via CDF Pay. Please go to https://sfstrathfieldsaye.cdfpay.org.au to set up your child/ren's account.

We are excited to announce that we will be supporting a local business by sourcing our Pies & Sausage Rolls from the **Strathfieldsaye Bakery.** The pies are super delicious and have 10% hidden vegies included to add amazing nutritional value.

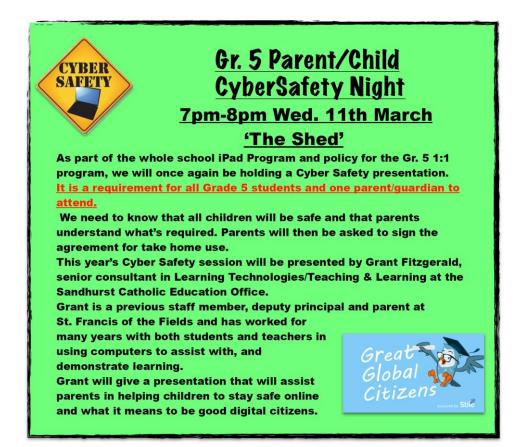
Some things to remember:

• **DON'T FORGET** to send your child's tuckshop bag to tuckshop on the day they have ordered.

We are always happy to have new volunteers come and help us on tuckshop days. Please give us a call and we'll put you on the roster. Donna – 0408 051 979, Fiona 0400 072 311



Donna & Fiona Tuckshop coordinators



Needlepoint

Attention new families!

Needlepoint is a group open to any and all mums at our school to help meet new friends, catch up with mums in your child's class or simply have a night off our usual mum duties!

Our first function for the year is our fabulous progressive dinner. Entree, main & dessert at 3 different locations around Bendigo.

Date:Friday February 28thTime:6pm startWhere:3 mystery locations!Cost:\$55 for all 3 coursesPayments must be in by Friday Feb 21st

RL Stevens 923100 44195588



A great night out to meet new mums or catch up with the oldies! Get your payments in to secure your spot. Please let Rebekah Stevens know of any dietary requirements. Sorry no refunds.

Details available on Facebook. Search up 'Needlepoint Group' to be up to date with all things needlepoint!

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.

If you are able to help out, please contact Tonya Harris on 0428 425 891. We are still needing volunteers to help out at the Marong Cup this Saturday, 15 March.

Please see below the times and areas in which volunteers are still required:

1pm - 2.30pm	Ascot Lounge x 1 needed
2pm - 4pm	Ascot Lounge x 2 needed
4pm - 5.30pm	Ascot Lounge x 2 needed
2.30pm - 3.30pm	Fairy Floss & Ice Cream sales x 3 needed
3.30pm - 4.45pm	Fairy Floss & Ice Cream sales x 1 needed

Help needed

If anyone is able to assist, please contact Tonya Harris on 0428 425 891 or email: tonyalh78@gmail.com





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 Community.....

Scholastic Books

Issue 1 Catalogues Out Now, orders due in by **Thursday 13th Feb.** Jen Smith, Scholastic Books Coordinator (0438 500 285)

St. Francis Playgroup

The St Francis Playgroup meets Monday mornings (during the school term) at 9am to 10.30am. in the Community Centre.

The Coordinators are Tegan Djuric, 0458 148 682 & Adrienne Strachan, 0402 007 808

Playgroup is also on Facebook.... St Francis of the Fields Playgroup

Bendigo Bank School Banking

Did you know....every Tuesday, the Strath Village Bendigo Bank branch will pick up Bendigo Bank bankbooks and process deposits for our students. Just pop your child's book and money into the class tub on a Tuesday morning and books will be returned by Friday.

Sporting Teams

Basketball.... Warren Koglin, President. St. Francis Basketball Club, warrenkoglin@outlook.com



Inga McMillan, President, St Francis Netball Club, 0448 888 218



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St Francis Netball News

St Francis Netball Club is looking for knowledgeable and motivated coaches for our 2020 Winter Season. We require coaches for teams from Grades 3-6.

We play under the BSNA at the Flora Hill Stadium. The minimum coach requirement is the completion of the Netball Australia Foundation Coach Accreditation.

This is completed online and costs will be reimbursed. A current WWC is also required. We look forward to you becoming part of our Club at a coaching level.

GRADE 3-6

- Player Expression of Interest will be sent home via class tubs this week, if your child is eager to play please return this sheet to the school office.
- Registrations will be advertised in the coming weeks.
- Grade 6 Try Outs will also be held the last week in February, dates and times to come.

• Please join our St Francis Netball News FaceBook Page to keep up to date on upcoming events.

We look forward to a super season of netball. Inga McMillan - <u>stfrancisnetballclub@gmail.com</u>





Bendigo Bank



Football....

Jane Davis President, St Francis Falcons Football Club, 0411 163 983







St Francis Auskick

Registrations are now open

When: Term 2-Wednesdays after school

Time: 3.45pm-4.45pm

Cost: \$85

Where: 46 Blucher St, Strathfieldsaye

St Francis of the Fields Primary School

We are also looking for parents to help out with activities so don't forget to register yourself as a volunteer.

www.aflauskick.com.au

Register under St Francis Auskick Centre

Jane Davis / Coordinator / StFrancisAuskick@outlook.com

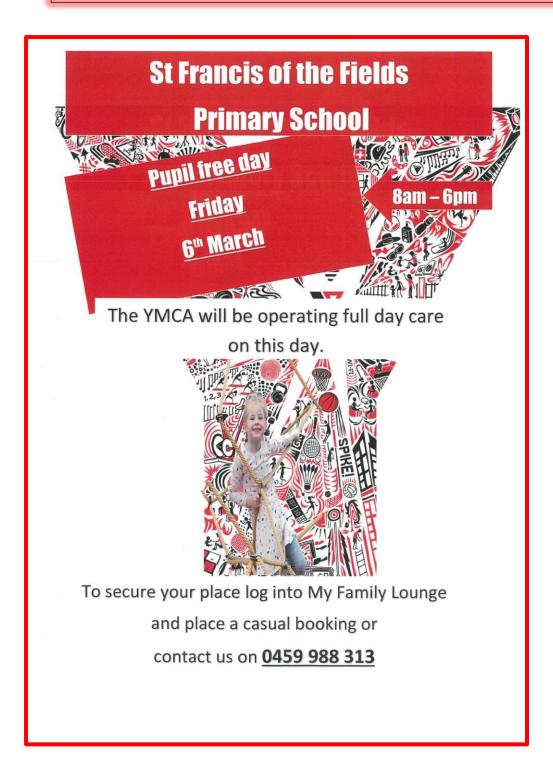
After School Care



The YMCA operates an After School Care Program at St Francis of the Fields Primary School. The program operates every school day for children aged 5-12 years. The YMCA also provides care on days of school closure.

Families can contact the service on 0459 988 313 or visit '**My Family Lounge**' where you can register your child in advance for any bookings. any questions please contact Hazel <u>stfrancis@ymca.org.au</u>.

Thankyou Hazel



2020 School Fete notices.....

Save the Date – this year's fete will be held on Sunday 22 March. We would love to see all of our school community come and be a part of this fantastic event on our school calendar.

Keep an eye out for Flexibuzz, newsletter and Facebook posts for details of how to help out on the day and any donations that are needed to make our Fete a roaring success.

Donations needed

Donations are being sought for the following stalls for this year's fete -

Lob-a-Choc

Lob-a-choc is back at the Fete again for 2020 and we need your HELP!

Boxes will be available in your child's classroom to fill with chocolate donations. The class that collects the most chocolates will receive a CLASS PARTY!



Can you please make sure all chocolates are FLAT, WRAPPED and NUT FREE.



Plant stall – donations are being sought for this year's plant stall at the fete. Please ring

Belinda Hughes, Plant stall Coordinator, on 0409 703 856 if you have some plants to donate.

More details to come regarding where to drop plants off to closer to the

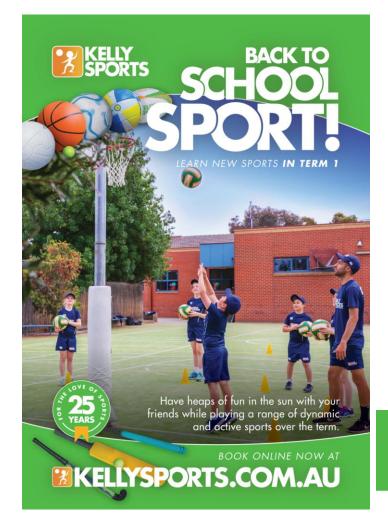
date.

Lob-a-Wine – Bottles of red and white wine can be left at the office for collection





Community News.....



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 you 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







Time: 11:00am

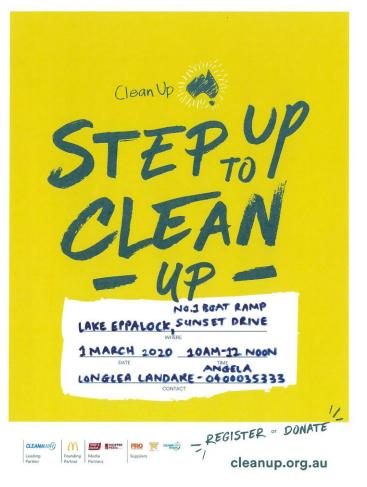
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Venue: S/Fieldsaye Sports Complex

(Club Crt, S/Fieldsaye)

Anthony: 0477158444





JUNIOR BASEBALL **REGISTRATION EVENING**

Thursday Feburary 20th

4:30PM - 6:00 PM

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Free Sausage Sizzle!

Junior League Information session

II Games fo

e Kids

Albert Roy Reserve Eaglehawk

Come along and get registered for the 2020 Junior Season!

SAVE THE DATE

WHEN: SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY **TIME: 12PM TO 3PM** VENUE: FAITH LEECH AQUATIC CENTRE,



SOUTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUB THE WHOLE OF FAMILY CLUP WWW.SOUTHBENDIGOFNC.COM.AU

