



ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 4 – February 20, 2020

(Term 1 – Week 4)

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 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

Thursday February 27

- ☐ Engagement of Volunteers Interview session – 8.15am

Friday February 28

- ☐ Yr 6 Unit Mass @ 11.40am
- ☐ Assembly 2.45pm

Monday March 2

- ☐ Learning Conversations

Tuesday March 3

- ☐ Learning Conversations

Wednesday March 4

- ☐ Learning Conversations
- ☐ Foundation Rest Day

Thursday March 5

- ☐ Learning Conversations

Friday March 6

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

Tuckshop Roster

Week 4 – Sausage Roll, Popcorn & Drink

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

Week 6 – Pie, Anzac Biscuit & Drink

Thursday March 5

- 12-3pm Naomi Mannes

Friday March 6

PUPIL FREE DAY

Weekend Maintenance

22-23 Feb Abbott (6W), Fox (6FD), Childs (Fnd WM), Van Emmerik (Fdn M)

29-30 Feb Tyrrell (4Z), Bowe (6W), Waters (Fdn A)

7-8 Mar Deacon (2D), Freeman (3L), Marsh (4HJ), Merrett (6FD)

14-15 Mar Thorne (4W), Baker (4W), Kelly (4W), Lamprell (3L)

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



Dear Families,

With the Season of Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday next week and the old problem of “What to give up for Lent?” circling around us, perhaps the following might offer some new alternatives:



Fast from anger and hatred:
be more patient and understanding.

Fast from judging others:
think kindly thoughts.

Fast from discouragement:
be full of hope.

Fast from complaining:
focus on gratitude.

Fast from resentment or bitterness:
turn to forgiveness.

The season of Lent is a time to review the past, admit to our shortcomings, reaffirm our commitment to the values that we want to live by, and prepare ourselves to try harder in the year ahead. It is a time to acknowledge our less than best choices and to feel sorry for the lost opportunities: it is a time to have a clean room to offer the new life of Easter.

“Jesus,
May we be encouraged this Lent
as we reflect on the difficulties
you had in your life.
Give us a like courage to face
the challenges that daily enter our lives.
Lead us to the joy of resurrection.
Amen.”

Marong Cup - Thank you!

On Saturday, the St. Francis of the Fields Community came together to enjoy a wonderful family day at the Marong Cup. We were blessed by the generosity of Tonya Harris who coordinated the activities for the day – thank you! Thank you to all parents who volunteered their time to support our fundraising. Thanks also to our relay team made up of Toby Fraser, Asher Bowe (students), Donna Bowe, Jason Carroll (parents), Darby Walsh and Josh Hann (teachers). They came away with a win!!



Parents & Friends Community

Catholic schools receive approximately 80% of the funding of a State school. This means we need to ask parents to pay school fees to make up the majority of the difference. The Parents and Friends Community then fundraise for many of the needs our community wishes to support our students with. Over the past 6 years the P&F has contributed in excess of **\$400,000** across various initiatives including playground equipment, soccer oval and water storage, literacy and numeracy resources, sport and music programmes and many others.

This year our Parents & Friends have committed to purchasing roof-mounted basketball rings for the main stadium. The quotes we have received indicate this investment will be approximately \$25,000.

As you can see our P & F get things done. I invite you to come along to our Parents and Friends meetings each month and help with ideas to support your children. You may even wish to take on a role within the P & F committee. Each year all of the roles become vacant and people are sought to fill the roles. Each role has a tenure of 1 year with a maximum of 2 years. Some of the 2020 positions below will be filled by a parent who wishes to complete the second year of their term. These names have been included. Please feel free to nominate for any other available positions. Position descriptions are included below.

P & F Position	Person in position in 2019	Person in position in 2020
President	Brendan Baker	?
Vice President	Michelle Janssen	Michelle Janssen
Treasurer	Andrew Wright	Andrew Wright
Assistant Treasurer	?	?
Secretary	Simon McKechnie	Simon McKechnie
Assistant Secretary	Tiffany France	Tiffany France
Fundraising Team	Megan Merrett & Georgina Stevens	? Can be made up of a team
Debutante Committee	Reecy Owins, Michelle Janssen, Donna Stebbins, Deb Breene, Jacqueline Pethybridge	Reecy Owins, Michelle Janssen, Donna Stebbins, Deb Breene, Jacqueline Pethybridge

Position Descriptions - Parents & Friends Positions

President

The President is the “key person” who provides leadership using an efficient, enthusiastic and confident manner. The President has the ability to delegate but is still ready to participate and demonstrate strong organisational and interpersonal skills. They need to be a leader of change, a dedicated St Francis person and approachable.

The main responsibilities include:

- Chairing Parents and Friends Community meeting
- Coordinating the work of the P&F by ensuring:
 - Effective control of P&F meetings
 - Decision making occurs in a democratic manner and is properly recorded
- Effective communication with parents and staff on important decisions
- Presenting at the Annual General Meeting
- Being well informed on all P&F activities

Vice President

To support the President in his or her role. In the absence of the President, to chair at meetings.

Secretary

The Secretary needs to facilitate and maintain effective communication processes at P&F meetings. This person should be highly organised and a good communicator.

The main responsibilities include:

- Attend P&F meetings and record all Minutes
- Distribute minutes to Principal, Deputy Principal and President and include Minutes in the school newsletter and on Flexibuzz
- Check P&F cabinet for incoming correspondence and distribute to appropriate members or deal with as necessary
- Outward correspondence – arrange and follow up and required
- Prepare Agendas with the Chairperson (President)

Assistant Secretary

To support the Secretary in his or her role. In the absence of the Secretary, to take minutes at the meetings.

Treasurer

The main role of the Treasurer is to maintain effective budgeting processes for the P&F.

The main responsibilities include:

- Preparation and presentation of financial statements and reports at P&F meetings
- Accounts and bills paid on time
- Money is banked and recorded as soon as possible after it is received
- Prepare budgets for the forthcoming year describing all sources of income and expenditure
- Maintain accurate records of income and expenditure
- Prepare annual financial accounts for auditing and provide the auditor with necessary information
- All books are kept accurately and up-to-date

Assistant Treasurer

To support the treasurer in his or her role. In the absence of the Treasurer, give the financial report at the meetings.

Fundraising Team

The main role of the Fundraising Team is to coordinate the fundraising calendar. They then delegate the responsibilities of each event to willing participants.

Thankfully 2020 has already been planned for with excellent kits explaining how to coordinate each event. Furthermore, Megan Merrett and Georgina Stevens will still be available to offer advice and support.

Learning Conversations

Learning Conversations (parent/teacher interviews) will be held in Week 6 (March 2-5).

This is a great opportunity for you and your child to set academic and social and emotional goals in collaboration with the teacher.

All parents are strongly urged to book an appointment with their child's class teacher using the information provided below.



Dear Parents,

Learning Conversations are on the week of Monday 2 March to Thursday 5 March, 2020.

Interviews are strictly 15 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting.

Bookings open **Monday, February 24 at 9.00am**. Please go to:-

- www.schoolinterviews.com.au or
- click on the quick link – INTERVIEWS - in the 'Flexibuzz' school app. and enter the code -

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Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you do not receive your email, please check your junk mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if email address is incorrect.

DO NOT DELETE the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

Bookings must be finalised by **Friday, February 28 at 9.00am**.

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.

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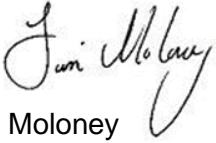
Fete Meetings

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 4 weeks before our School Fete - please come and provide assistance.

Assembly

No Assembly this week.

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:- office@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au



Pastoral Wellbeing



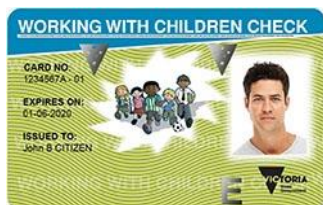
Repeat - Volunteers for our School Fete.

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 no cost for volunteers applying for a WWCC. See the link below to apply for a WWCC

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications/>

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.



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

RE News....

Sacramental Program - Confirmation & Eucharist

The Sacramental Journey for Confirmation and First Eucharist will begin with Family Information Evenings at St Joseph's Axe Creek (Strathfieldsaye), Tuesday 21 April or St Therese's Kennington, Wednesday 22 April, both evenings commence at 7:00pm. If you would like more information about the Sacramental Program please see Lisa Hitchcock or Joe Van Dillen Pastoral Associate at St Therese's Parish, Kennington.



Shrove Tuesday & Burning of the Palms

The students will be making pancake in their classes on Shrove Tuesday, 25 February. Classes may require help from families to cook pancakes on the BBQ. The Burning of the Palms will also be held on Tuesday 25 February at 10:30am. Students will be writing their Lenten Promises to be burned with the palms. All are welcome to attend.

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 26 February. The Ash Wednesday Liturgy of the Word will be held on 26 February at 11am. All are welcome to attend.



The entire period of Lent is a time of personal and spiritual preparation for the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. We observe Lent as a time of prayer, penance, alms giving, conversion and fasting.

Here are some great tips from Pope Francis on fasting during Lent.

Do you want to fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



Project Compassion Launch



Selected students from our choir will attend the Launch of Project Compassion in the Hargreaves Mall, Bendigo on Tuesday, 25 March at 11:30am. The students will be a part of the school entertainment, which begins at 11:40am. All are welcome to attend.

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal. Millions of Australians come together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. By supporting Project Compassion you will be helping empower our world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

St Francis of the Field's fundraiser will be Caritas Ks on Friday, 13 March. Books will be sent home shortly for each family.



Caritas
AUSTRALIA



When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives. You can donate through Caritas Ks, Parish or School collection boxes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

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 <http://www.sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au/downloads/forms> 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

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/transport/Pages/conveyance.aspx>

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 lcummins@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.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 **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 2020.*

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

2020 TEACHERS' CONTACT DETAILS

Helen Jordan

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Stephanie Wade

PIANO

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Deb Lowes

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Kate van Emmerik (nee Jordan)

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Min Miles

GUITAR

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Liesbeth van Emmerik

RECORDER

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Enviro News...

Please read the OASIS newsletter on Flexibuzz, Mrs Gooch is hoping to make some **Bug Hotels**, and needs our help :)



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.



Some things to remember:

- **DON'T FORGET** to send your child's tuckshop bag to tuckshop on the day they have ordered.
- Update your child/ren's class on CDF pay and on their tuckshop bag. Instructions for updating on CDF Pay can be found on Flexibuzz.



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



Gr. 5 Parent/Child CyberSafety Night

7pm-8pm Wed. 11th March

'The Shed'

As part of the whole school iPad Program and policy for the Gr. 5 1:1 program, we will once again be holding a Cyber Safety presentation.

It is a requirement for all Grade 5 students and one parent/guardian to attend.

We need to know that all children will be safe and that parents understand what's required. Parents will then be asked to sign the agreement for take home use.

This year's Cyber Safety session will be presented by Grant Fitzgerald, senior consultant in Learning Technologies/Teaching & Learning at the Sandhurst Catholic Education Office.

Grant is a previous staff member, deputy principal and parent at St. Francis of the Fields and has worked for many years with both students and teachers in using computers to assist with, and demonstrate learning.

Grant will give a presentation that will assist parents in helping children to stay safe online and what it means to be good digital citizens.



PE News.....

School Swimming Sports

Thankyou!



Dear parents,

A sincere thank you to all those who came along and supported their children at the sports. Thank you especially to those who gave up their time and assisted with timing lanes. You were brilliant and these school events can't go ahead without your support, so thank you greatly!

The day went brilliantly, the sportsmanship and kindness many of the children showed one another was so wonderful to see. The leadership shown by all students was wonderful all day. Students were cheering, high fiving and supporting others in the 25m races. Congratulations kids!!

The best part of the day was seeing every student get in the pool and give it their best to earn house points!
Congratulations to Francis (Green), the winning house for the 2020 Swimming Sports.

The best contributors will be announced at the next school assembly. It would be really nice to see lots of parents come along and support.

Important Dates to remember:

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 June

PE Coordinator

Matt Butcher

Needlepoint – Last chance to get your name in!

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 28th
Time: 6pm start
Where: 3 mystery locations!
Cost: \$55 for all 3 courses
Payments must be in by Friday Feb 21st



RL Stevens BSB: 923100 Acc No: 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!

Parish News....

PARISH RENEWAL CELEBRATION

Where: St Francis of the Fields School Strathfieldsaye, in "The Shed"

When: Sunday March 1st 4.30pm

What: Family based Mass, led by Fr Andrew, followed by a BBQ early dinner

We invite you to come along to celebrate Mass as one Parish community, to share a meal, share some conversation, hopefully meet some new faces and definitely share some laughs and stories with long serving parishioners too.

The strength of any community is measured by the relationships within it, so let's continue to build our parish and make connections for a strong future.

A poster for St Therese's Parish Community. The background is dark blue with a pattern of concentric, overlapping circles in red and orange. The text is white. It reads: "St Therese's Parish Community", "Sunday 1 March 4.30pm", "@ St Francis of the Fields PS", "in 'The Shed'", "a BBQ will follow Mass – Come share a meal and celebrate as one Parish Community", "parish renewal celebration", and "More info at St Thereses Parish Kennington" with a Facebook icon.

St Therese's Parish Community

Sunday 1 March 4.30pm

@ St Francis of the Fields PS

in 'The Shed'

a BBQ will follow Mass –
Come share a meal and
celebrate as one Parish
Community

**parish
renewal
celebration**

More info at St Thereses Parish Kennington 

Marong Cup 2020

A big thank you to all our parent volunteers (from the Fri & Sat), our Principal and Deputy Principal, Tim and Grace, who gave up their afternoon to lend a hand, our relay runners, the girls in the office for selling the wristbands, Tracey Hyder for helping all day and Donna Stebbins for her wisdom. Also, a huge thank you must go to the Bendigo Jockey Club, Marong Cup Committee and all the other local Catholic schools for their hard work in bringing a very successful day together.

Tonya Harris



St. Francis Community.....

Lost Property – Volunteer required

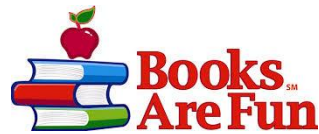


Unfortunately, our parent volunteer who has been sorting and returning lost property to students for the last 2 ½ years has had to finish due to increasing work commitments.

We need someone to volunteer to help maintain the ever-growing pile of lost property. This is not a hard job and is only really required to be done once a week. Please see the office ladies for more information.

Scholastic Books

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



Netball....

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



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 - stfrancisnetballclub@gmail.com

St Francis Netball Registrations 2020 Are Open

Follow the link <https://mynetball.resultsvault.com> to register and pay for 2020 BSNA & Netball Victoria Fees. Be sure to Click St Francis as your Club. Club Registration and Code of Conduct forms are available from the front office or at the club registration afternoon on Friday 21st Feb 3pm-4pm or Monday 24th Feb 3pm-4pm outside the Tuckshop, a Club fee of \$20 is payable on the day (sorry cash only & Medicare & Ambulance Numbers are required).

Any Queries please forward to
stfrancisnetballclub@gmail.com



Football....

Jane Davis

President, St Francis Falcons Football Club. 0411 163 983





**We welcome you to
our 2020
Junior Football Season**

Bendigo Junior Football League Registration

Go to our Falcons Club home page which is
www.stfrancis.sportingpulse.net

Then select the Registration form on the home page on the left (or from your mobile you just need to scroll down);

Registration Form



Click here to register or update your details

Login to your SportsTG account and update your details for existing members,
or if it is your *first year* then follow the prompts for New Member.

The Under 12's first game on the 18th of April 2020.

The All girls team first game is Friday night the 1st of May and Under 9's 10's begin on Saturday the 2nd of May.

Registration only take a few minutes to complete. If you have any troubles please do not hesitate to contact the club for assistance. We will keep you all updated with teams, coaches, training, fixtures and events.

Generally Football training is after school one night during the week which is set by the coach and your updates will come from your Team Manager.

Registration Fee's per child (Must be paid by the 1st March)

Under 9's	\$130
Under 10's	\$130
All Girls	\$130
Under 12's	\$150

Once you have completed your registration you will receive your welcome letter and be updated with any required information and payment details.

GO FALCONS!!!

Jane Davis
President / Mobile. 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 stfrancis@ymca.org.au.

Thankyou Hazel

St Francis of the Fields Primary School

Pupil free day

Friday

6th March

8am – 6pm

The YMCA will be operating full day care
on this day.



To secure your place log into My Family Lounge
and place a casual booking or
contact us on **0459 988 313**

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.

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/Beer – Donations of bottles of red and white wine and Beer can be left at the office for collection.



2nd Hand Book Stall



Does that book spark joy?
No? So do what you did with all the old toys!
Box them up and send them on
Listen to old mate Marie, it'll be fun!
Send in your pre-loved books for the book stall tables,
we'll gladly accept all kinds of tales and fables!
Donations can be left at the office at anytime,
Thank you in advance and sorry about the bad rhyme!

Mystery Jars

Thank you to those who have already brought in empty and filled jars. I need to put the call out for lots of donations to fill them all with.

Lollies, chocolates, marbles, stickers, tattoos, tiny teddies, hair bands, pencils/pens, erasers, playdough toys, balloons, bouncy balls, bath salts.

Anything and everything gratefully accepted in any quantity! Thanks so much. Ange Oldham



Lucky Dip

In previous years the lucky dip has proved very popular, so we will be having one again this year with the cake stall. We are now taking donations in the designated box located in the office area at school. We are

after small items such as lip gloss, nail polish, stationary, footy cards, small trinkets etc. The items need to be unwrapped and in new/unused condition. Please no Macca's toys or anything unsuitable for school aged children. Thanks in advance for your contributions. Tonya Harris 0428 425 891



Volunteers

Grace Scalora will be coordinating the volunteers for this year's fete. If you can spare an hour or two we would appreciate it. Bookings will open on Monday 2 March at 9.00am.

ST FRANCIS FETE IDOL!

Want to show off your skills at this year's school fete? We want you!

Can you sing, dance or play an instrument?
Would you like to perform at the school fete on Sunday 22 March?

Fete Idol is a showcase of talent by the children of St Francis – solo/duo/trio and group performances are welcomed (as timeframes may be limited, so that we may accommodate as many acts as possible).

There will be a Fete Idol information session for students, facilitated by Rebecca O'Sullivan, during school snackbreak at 11am on Thursday 27 February.
Please come along to sign up to be involved and have some fun!

EMAIL ENQUIRIES TO REBECCA O'SULLIVAN
singstudio@gmail.com



SCHOOL FETE - SILENT AUCTIONS ITEMS REQUIRED

We are in need of items for this year's Silent Auction at the school fete that will be held on Sunday the 22nd of March 2020.

If you own a business, work for business or can provide any of the following items it would be greatly appreciated for any donations to make this a success:

- Products
- Merchandise
- Gift Voucher
- Services

We can provide a letter from the school/fete committee that can be used as part of the donation records or to help with requesting of any of the above items.

Benefits of the silent auction are advertising for the business on the day, advertising on the auction sheet and all silent auction sponsors will be mentioned in the school newsletter.

Any donations can be left at the front office or please contact Jayson Carroll on


0418 509 036 or jayson.carroll@vivaenergy.com.au to discuss donations.



Are you looking for:

- A Team Game?
- Learning New Skills?
- Having Fun?

Come and Join us!!




AZTEC TIGERS BASKETBALL CLUB

Now Recruiting: Players for 2020 Winter Season.

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME - No experience necessary.

Register your interest at <https://aztectigersbasketball.majestri.com.au/> or click on the QR code below where your enquiry will be sent directly to our Age Group Co-ordinators.



SCAN ME

SPRING GULLY UNITED SOCCER CLUB

FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY MARCH 1ST
STANLEY AVENUE, SPRING GULLY
10AM UNTIL 1PM

GAMES TO BE PLAYED, PRIZES TO BE WON
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME
ALL JUNIOR AGES WILL BE CATERED FOR

CANTEEN OPEN - CASH AND EFTPOS
\$2 ENTRY FEE -BBQ AND DRINK PROVIDED

ANY QUERIES CONTACT- SGUSCSOCIALCOMMITTEE@GMAIL.COM



5-7pm



Try an instrument at our demo tent!

Summer IN THE Parks



Performances by:
Marist Brass Band &
Marist Academy of Brass

'Garden for the Future', White Hills

SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY

Bring a rug and a picnic, and enjoy an evening of great music!



Find us on: **facebook**

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Come and join us for a game of footy!!

We are looking for more players in U9 & U10 teams, and our U12Girls for our 2020 season.

U9's – born in 2011, 2012 or before 30/4/13.

U10's – born in 2010

U12Girls – born in 2008, or younger

The registration fee for these teams is \$140 per player

For enquiries please contact SFNC Junior Football Registrar

Jo Bell via email sfncregistrar@bigpond.com

or phone **0438 890 270**



WANT TO TRY BASEBALL?

Strathfieldsaye Dodgers Baseball Club

2020 Junior Baseball Season

- **Season Starts MARCH 1st**
- **Boys & Girls Ages 7-14 Needed**
- **Mid-Week Training**
- **Sunday Morning Games**
- **Uniform & Equipment Supplied**

COME TRY DAY

Date: Saturday 15th & 22nd Feb

Time: 11:00am

**Venue: S/Fieldsaye Sports Complex
(Club Crt, S/Fieldsaye)**



strathfieldsayedodgers



Anthony: 0477158444



**Giveaways • Raffles
BBQ • Market Stalls**

CELEBRATIONS

**Jumping Castle • Activities
Popcorn • Fairy Floss**

Saturday 29 February 2020 | 10am - 2pm | 11-15 Apsley St, Strathfieldsaye | 03 5439 5541



ANE & HOT SHOTS tennis

GIANT Tennis

Discover tennis the GIANT way!

tennis lessons available at: bendigo district rsl - castlemaine itc - maiden gully tc - south bendigo tc - strathfieldsaye tc

Register Now for Term 1: gianttennis.com.au

SAVE THE DATE

FAMILY DAY


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

FREE ENTRY **WATER SLIDE** **FREE BARBECUE**

ALL NEW AND EXISTING PLAYERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WELCOME

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Clean Up 

STEP TO CLEAN UP

**NO.1 BOAT RAMP
LAKE EPPALOCK, SUNSET DRIVE**

WHERE

1 MARCH 2020 10AM-12 NOON

DATE

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LONGLEA LANDAKE - 0400035333

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