



ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS STRATHFIELDSAYE

School Bulletin – Thursday 13 August 2020

St. Francis of the Fields is a community united in faith and committed in action, to live, learn and grow in God's love.

Dear Families,

Celebrated each year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven.

*Mary,
you are the chosen one who bore Jesus,
nurtured him, taught him,
remained with him through his death
and
ultimately rejoiced in his resurrection.
We celebrate your life of
constant faithfulness to God.
Amen.*



Fr. Andrew - 40 years a priest!

Fr. Andrew will celebrate 40 years since he was first ordained a priest on Saturday 15 August! This milestone is an incredible achievement of selfless giving. I ask that our community send photographs of their family with a short congratulatory message to office@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au. These photographs will be made into a video for Fr. Andrew.

Home Learning

We know that many of you are trying to balance working from home, whilst supporting your children with home learning. This will prove incredibly challenging. Be gentle on yourself, your kids and your teachers. If there is anything we can do to help, please do not hesitate to ask your teacher or Grace Scalora and myself.

Temperature Checks

Next Monday we will begin checking the temperature of all students attending school in accordance with CECV directions. Trained staff will commence the first check at 8.45am each morning. If, as advised, the student has a temperature of 37.5 or above they will be discreetly taken to an inside space where they will be tested after another 15 minutes of quiet time. If the student's temperature is still 37.5 or above the parent or carer will be required to take the child home.

Temperature thresholds and required actions

Temperature reading	Required action
Less than 37.5° C	The student should be advised to proceed to class.
Equal to or greater than 37.5° C on first reading	The student should be asked to wait in a separate room and have their temperature re-checked in 15 minutes. If the student is wearing outerwear, the staff member should suggest the child remove this once they are indoors.
Equal to or greater than 37.5° C on second reading	The student should return home with their parent/carer. If a parent/carer is not present, the student will need to be isolated and the parent/carer contacted to collect them from school as soon as possible. Families should be encouraged to seek the advice of their healthcare professional who can advise on next steps and COVID-19 testing.

Notifying school of students attending school through PAM

I ask that all parents complete questions via PAM confirming student attendance for Week 7 & 8 (24 August to 4 September). PAM will open on Monday 17 August from 9.00am and close on Tuesday 18 August at 9.00pm. This will allow the school to finalise staffing for Week 7 & 8.

Please remember onsite supervision will only be available to:

- Children whose parents cannot work from home
- Vulnerable children. Vulnerable students are defined as:
 - children in out-of-home care,
 - children deemed by Child Protection and/or Family Services to be at risk of harm,
 - children identified by the school as vulnerable (including via referral from a family violence agency, homelessness or youth justice service, or mental health or other health service).
- Any child with a disability.

If children are unwell, please keep them home.

Christ has no hands but yours.

Tim Moloney – Principal

Pastoral Wellbeing

School TV

SPECIAL REPORT: Riding the Corona Coaster



Across Victoria, students and their families are experiencing challenging times with the state being in various stages of lockdown yet again. However, this second wave of the pandemic is now also beginning to impact other areas of Australia and New Zealand. Riding this corona coaster and navigating the ups and downs of the current reality is proving to be confronting for many people. The coronavirus has turned our lives upside down with some students returning to remote learning and parents continuing to juggle the home environment.

The uncertainty of not knowing what will happen next may have an impact on many students and their families. There is a concern that mental health issues such as anxiety, depression and substance abuse, will increase, especially amongst young people. In the coming weeks, it will be vital for adult carers to reduce the stress levels at home and make life seem more manageable.

As an adult carer, it will also be essential to look after your own wellbeing during this time. Ensure you make time to de-escalate your own nervous system and maintain your sleep routine, healthy eating habits, get some regular exercise and reach out virtually to friends and family.

In this Special Report, families are encouraged to embrace the guidance offered to help minimise the impact of this corona coaster. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report

https://sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-riding-corona-coaster

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Regards,
Grace Scalora
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Sandpiper Publication

Sandpiper e-News from the Diocese of Sandhurst. Here is the new format for our Sandpiper paper and is now available to view on our website. Click [here](#).



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Repeat - Uniform Shop – Term 3

Buxwear have advised us that due to the stage 3 lockdown, the school uniform shop will close and remain closed for at least 6 weeks or until the government changes the restrictions. If your child is attending school onsite during this time and requires uniform items please complete an order form, email it to the school office and one of our staff will fill your order. Take care, Sarah, Stacy and Jade.

YMCA ASC

Dear parents.

If you have not notified the After School Care team that your child will not be attending during the school closure, could you please let them know or mark your child as absent on the 'My Family Lounge' app on your phone. By marking them as absent will not affect your payments or bookings. Thank you, Hazel

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.



COVID-19 Assistance from the City of Greater Bendigo

The City of Greater Bendigo has a number of services and supports available through a helpline to assist families impacted by COVID-19, including general information and advice, food relief, financial relief information, etc.

The City of Greater Bendigo Helpline information is available 7 days a week on phone 5434 6237 or via email covid19relief@bendigo.voc.gov.au

Information is also available on <https://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/>

Fight for the Planet A

ABC TV are screening a new 3-part series beginning **Tuesday 11th of August @ 8:30pm** named **Fight for Planet A** (*re runs can be accessed on ABC I-view if you missed it*)

Hosted by Craig Reucassel, it focuses on how we (kids included) can all be a part of tackling climate change and promises to have a similar style to (and hopefully as impactful as) the *War on Waste*.

It would be amazing if you could find the time to watch it as a family as it lines up with the positive changes we are making at our school, and correlates with the work we do with the Grade 5's and 6's in their OASIS units.

I would love to hear the kids thoughts about what they learnt, and ideas of how we could implement changes at our school and in their own home, to help care for the health of our planet. So please put a reminder in your calendar and ask your kids to please watch the trailer below.... I am hoping they will be as excited and inspired as I am. Mrs Gooch xxx

[Fight for Planet A - trailer](#)



Catholic Education Sandhurst Board

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd has been established under the auspices of Bishop Shane Mackinlay to oversee the strategic direction of the Diocesan system of Catholic schools in compliance with Australian law and Victorian regulatory authorities as well as in accordance with CECV policy and the Diocesan Charter for Catholic Education.

Expressions of interest are invited from suitably qualified and experienced women and men throughout the Diocese of Sandhurst to join the newly formed Catholic Education Sandhurst Board. Expertise in the areas of education, law, finance, risk management, communications, media and wider pastoral and ecclesial ministry as well as those with an appreciation of the cultural and socio-economic features of a rural diocesan environment are desirable.

This is an exciting opportunity to make a "once in a generation" contribution to Catholic Education within the Diocese of Sandhurst.

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accompanied by a brief covering letter, Curriculum Vitae and the names of two referees are invited to be addressed to

Bishop Shane Mackinlay

via email c/- jtaylor@ceosand.catholic.edu.au

By COB Tuesday 8 September, 2020

Further information may be addressed to Jo Taylor at the same email address.