



ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS STRATHFIELDSAYE

School Bulletin – Thursday 3 September 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,

I wish all our fathers a very happy Father's Day on Sunday. I share with you a reflection from Ann Rennie...

As the patron saint of fathers,
St. Joseph heralds an ideal of fatherhood.
He loved, supported, provided and
watched over Mary and Jesus.

As we celebrate our own fathers, let us
remember stepfathers and foster fathers and
father figures and fathers of faith who work in
our dioceses and parishes.



Term 3, Week 10 and Term 4 - Repeat

As soon as I am informed about the return to school procedures from our State Government I will inform our school community with an email.

Year 5 Camp

It is with much sadness that we are forced to cancel the Year 5 camp to Anglesea in Term 4. Unfortunately, we are unable to mitigate the risks associated with Covid-19.

Please note that the costs of all camps will be remitted from all school fees.

Learning Conversations

Thank you to all students, teachers and parents for taking part in the recent Learning Conversations and PSG meetings. It is critically important that we continue to work together to support the learning and wellbeing of each child who attends St. Francis of the Fields.



Fathers Day Mass - Link

Father Andrew Fewings will be presenting Father's Day Mass, online, at 12.10pm on Saturday 5 September. Please use the link below to view the Mass.

<https://www.facebook.com/stkiliansparish/>

School Board - Repeat

Our School Board will meet via Google Meet on Wednesday 9 September from 7pm. I look forward to working with all Board members once again.

Planning Day

All staff members will be holding a Planning Day on **Friday 11 September**. This will mean that school work will be provided for all students, though google meets and corrections will not take place during the day, as staff members will be planning with their units. This may be seen as a good opportunity for your children to take a breather, if you wish. Onsite supervision will still be provided for those children whose parents are not working from home.

Christ has no hands but yours.

Tim Moloney – Principal



Pastoral Wellbeing

SPECIAL REPORT: Celebrating Father's Day



For many years now, the role of fathers has changed and evolved. During the industrial revolution, fathers were often considered detached and distant due to working long hours in factories. However, today things have changed dramatically with many dads being celebrated for being sensitive, caring and more hands-on.

Recent studies have shown that children benefit greatly from having fathers who are present and interacting in everyday activities. This has transformed the understanding of how fathers shape children's lives from the start, challenging conventional ideas of parenthood and gender.

Research also suggests that fathers influence their sons and daughters in different ways, which is especially true during their transition to adolescence. Engaging in regular physical activities can play a key role in influencing children to learn self-control, face challenges, regulate emotions and take manageable risks.

In this Special Report, fathers will learn about the positive impact they can have on their child's mental health and wellbeing, whilst also ensuring they indulge in a little self-care. 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/celebrating-fathers-day

Regards,
Grace Scalora
Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing
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Confirmation and First Eucharist (Communion)

St Therese Parish is inviting children, with their parents' permission, of grade 2 students and students in the upper classes who have not made their Confirmation and First Eucharist to consider joining them on a Spiritual Sacramental Journey.

The Spiritual Journey will commence with the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during the fourth term 2020 and the celebration of **Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist** during the second term 2021.

If the child/ren have not been baptised or have not been received into the Catholic Church, and they would like to receive the Sacraments, with your permission, they may undertake the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC)**, a four-week program, to be held during first term 2021 so they may be baptised.

If you would like more information regarding this Sacramental Journey and or the RCIC Program, please do not hesitate to contact either

Joe Van Dillen, Parish Sacramental Coordinator, on 0400 314 040 or by email pa.kennington@gmail.com,

Lisa Hitchcock, Catholic Identity Co Ordinator, at St. Francis of the Fields PS,

Donna McNamara, Catholic Identity Co Ordinator at St. Therese's PS,

or **Fr Andrew Fewings**, Parish Priest, St Therese Parish.



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

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/>



Lightning Reef Program

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM SPRING 2020

WEEK ONE 21 SEPT - 25 SEPT

CREATE WITH PAPER Mon 21 Sept



Get creative making and decorating your own papier mache sculpture and have fun with paper themed games and activities.

LEGO MASTERS Tue 22 Sept



You've seen the show, now test yourself in our Lego Masters day. Use your Lego skills with your team to complete the Lego Challenges. Lots of brick building fun!

SPACE DAY Wed 23 Sept



Join us as we travel to outer space for some fun, out-of-this-world activities! From rockets to moon sand we explore all things space!

BOOK MANIA Thur 24 Sept



Come dressed as your favourite book character and enjoy games, activities and art all about books.

AROUND THE WORLD Fri 25 Sept



Pack your bags and travel with us as we explore art, craft and food from different countries around the world.

WEEK TWO 28 SEPT - 2 OCT

CAMPING FUN Mon 28 Sept



We bring the camping fun to us. Enjoy toasted marshmallows by the fire plus fun games and activities throughout the day.

CRAZY CARTOONS Tue 29 Sept



Learn the art of cartoon drawing with our virtual class then make your own picture frame to display your art. Relax in the afternoon with one of your favourite cartoon movies.

LIFE IS LIKE A DREAM Wed 30 Sept



Have a dreamy day making dream catchers, friendship bracelets and other dreamy activities. Oh so relaxing!

ART ATTACK Thur 1 Oct



We explore many ways to make art using clay, paint and even recycled materials. What masterpiece will you create?

PARTY DAY* Fri 2 Oct



It's party time! Come along and celebrate the last day of the holidays with heaps of fun games, activities and yummy food!

*Please speak to service about any dietary requirements

Kangaroo Flat Program

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM SPRING 2020

WEEK ONE 21 SEPT - 25 SEPT

WOOL WORKSHOP Mon 21 Sept



How many woolly creations can you make as we spend the day in the wonderful world of wool.

EXPLORING THE SENSES Tue 22 Sept



Dive in and try activities that stimulate all your senses. We'll be exploring sight, sound, smell, taste and touch with a variety of interactive experiences.

READY, STEADY, COOK!* Wed 23 Sept



Today the food journey is in your hands. You get to make a variety of delicious foods to enjoy throughout the day. Yummy!

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PJ'S AND PANCAKES* Mon 28 Sept



Roll out of bed and head over to the holiday program in your PJ's. Cook and decorate some yummy pancakes on our PJ Day!

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AUSSIE OUTBACK Tue 29 Sept



Discover the beauty and wonder of Australia as we delve into our own backyard to learn a thing or two about our own native plants and animals.

CARTOONS AND TECH Wed 30 Sept



Learn the art of cartoon drawing with our virtual class and chill with your own tech devices.

BYO Tech. No internet. Games to be G or PG only. Don't forget to pre-charge your device as you will not be able to charge at the program.

INVENTIONS AND CREATIONS Thur 1 Oct



Create your own invention from recycled materials and showcase it to your friends. We will have heaps of other creative activities on hand too.

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\$84 per day - bookings can be made through your My Family Lounge account
What to bring: Don't forget your broad brimmed, bucket or legionaries hat, sunscreen, snacks, lunch and drink bottle.

BENDIGO SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Lightning Reef Primary School | 74 Holmes Rd, North Bendigo VIC 3552
p: 0428 516 192 | e: bendigo@ymca.org.au | w: childrensprogram.ymca.org.au



KANGAROO FLAT SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

St Monicas Primary School | 97 High St Kangaroo Flat VIC 3555
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