



ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS STRATHFIELDSAYE

School Bulletin – Thursday 19 November 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,

Advent

Sunday 29 November sees the commencement of the season of Advent – a time of waiting, preparation and joyful expectation before the season of Christmas.

The significant liturgical colour for Advent is violet – differentiating it from the Season of Lent. Other symbols include the Advent Wreath and the Lighting Of Candles (3 purple, 1 pink).

FAMILY PRAYERS FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

WEEK ONE

A family member lights the first candle.

Leader: **May this light help us to remember Jesus, who gives each of us light, love and peace. Let us ask him to help us prepare for his birth.**

All: Jesus, you are the light of our world!



WEEK TWO

A family member lights two candles.

Leader: **May this light help us to remember Jesus who is the light of our world. May his light shine on us as we prepare to celebrate his birth in our world.**



All: Jesus, you are the light of our world!

Parents & Friends Meeting - 7.30pm tonight

All parents are invited to attend an online Parents & Friends meeting at 7.30pm tonight. The link has been sent out to all parents. The link is - [St Francis P&F Meeting 19 Nov 2020](#)

Some agenda items include:

1. How do we reconnect as a community next year?
2. Fundraising - what should this look like in the future?
3. Positions for the P & F in 2021
4. Ice cream vouchers - Georgina Stevens
5. Changes in Governance
 1. Why change?
 2. Impact on our school board and P & F
6. P & F Finances - changes
7. Building progress report
8. 2020 Staff leaving
9. 2021 Staffing - changes to our school



School Board Meeting - Wed 2 Dec at 7.30pm

All Board members are invited to attend the online board meeting for 2021 that will be held on Wednesday 2 December at 7.30pm. We will use google meet for this meeting (the meeting code will be at the top of the agenda).

Some of the agenda items will include:

- School Governance - reviewing the Terms of Reference
- Reporting to the School Board the findings of our VRQA review
- ECSI data review
- Achievement of mathematics targets
- Changes to Semester 2 reports
- Wellbeing - reconnecting as a community
- Infrastructure - building development plan

Pupil Free Days - After School Care (Whole Day)

Our school will be closed on Monday 23 November (Report Writing Day) and Tuesday 24 November (2021 Planning Day). If you would like your children to attend After School Care from 8.00am to 6pm please make your bookings now using this link to YMCA:

<https://www.qkenhanced.com.au/external/Authentication/SignIn>

I have found that in the past YMCA have had few early bookings and have not offered the service. Please book ASAP. Thank you.

Covid - 19 update

We do need to continue being vigilant despite the low covid-19 numbers in Victoria.

- If students are feeling unwell, please keep all children home.
- If symptoms of COVID-19 exist, please have your child/ren tested.
- Students are able to return to school once they have tested negative to COVID-19. Please notify the office on 54393191 or office@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au.

Christ has no hands but yours.

Tim Moloney – Principal



Pastoral Wellbeing

Give kids a thumbs up for the right things

Michael Grose

Themes:

Positive Parenting & Respectful Relationships



Children of all ages enjoy parental recognition. They like when their parents make a fuss over their behaviour or highlight something they've done well.

Sometimes parents will reward their children's behaviour with a treat, money or a gift. This is okay in small doses, but parental recognition alone is a high enough driver of children's behaviour most of the time.

First borns, in particular, love approval. Youngest children just love that you have noticed them! Second borns can sometimes do things in spite of their parents, but deep down they love the recognition too, even if they don't let on that they do.

The behaviour you focus on expands

If you want your kids to be neater then focus on their neat behaviours. "You've tidied your toys up before dinner. Top job!" You don't have to throw a party, just let them know that you noticed and you approve of their tidiness. You may also let them know how it affects you. "You've tidied your toys up before dinner. It makes my job easier." The behaviours that you notice and comment on will expand.

Noticing kids' tidiness once won't suddenly turn messy kids into exceptionally neat ones, but do it often enough and you'll start to get some turn around.

You can give kids a thumbs up for all sorts of behaviours. Here's some examples.

Being co-operative

Stubborn kids need a pat on the head when they respond on your terms not theirs.

Being brave

Nervous and anxious kids need to have their bravery pointed out to them. It's reassuring and empowering.

Being helpful

Want helpful kids? Then you need to notice helpful behaviours.

Being tolerant

Sometimes older siblings need to be very tolerant of younger siblings. Tolerance is a very giving behaviour and should be promoted.

Being patient

Something to encourage in boys, in particular. It's often not their strong point.

Being persistent

Let kids know when 'hanging in there' pays off. The link between persistence and success is massive but persistence needs to be promoted. It's also the one factor of temperament that can be affected by parenting.

Being friendly

If your child struggles in social situations then recognise pro-social behaviours such as sharing, initiating contact with another child or taking an interest in another person.

Don't wait until you get perfect behaviour to give recognition, particularly for very young children. Kids have L-plates when it comes to behaving (co-operatively, bravely, patiently) so their attempts and close approximations need to be verified by the significant adults in their lives - their parents.

Recognising kids' positive behaviours is easy to do, but it's also easy not to do. We often get tied up with other things and forget to show appreciation and nurture the behaviours our kids need to develop. It's important to be aware of this. It's the little things such as giving positive recognition that have the biggest impact on kids' development.

RE News....

Socktember

Catholic Missions is the Pope Francis's international mission agency, they respond to the call to love God and to love our neighbour by forming individuals and communities as missionary disciples of Jesus who share their faith in action and through prayer.



Socktober is held in the lead up to World Mission Month in October and encourages students to raise awareness and funds for other young people affected by various social issues, including poverty, lack of education, child labour, child trafficking and homelessness.

Students can wear their favourite socks on Friday, December 4, and if able please bring along a gold coin donation.

With all that has happened this year we have held off Socktober until December and now we will have Socktember! Funds raised from Socktember will go to Catholic Missions and also support our local St Vincent de Paul Conference.

St Vinnies' Christmas Hampers



The Kennington St Vincent de Paul Conference has once again invited us to participate in their Christmas Appeal. They will be distributing hampers in our local community this Christmas and we can help by donating items for hampers.



Each class will have a list of items for their class Christmas Hamper. Students will be allocated a hamper item to donate by their classroom teacher. **If able to donate, students can bring along the item to school by Monday, 7 December.** Thank you!

Remembrance Day

Thank you to our wonderful Grade 6 students - **George Pattinson, Olivia Smith, Miller Holliday and Lucia Fitzpatrick** - for leading us in a very moving Remembrance Day Prayer Service. Our school community is very fortunate to have such committed student leaders who are always ready to volunteer to lead our school events.



FIRE Carrier Commissioning Ceremony



Last Thursday, 12 November our Grade 5 and new staff FIRE Carriers were commissioned. We were very fortunate to have, from Catholic Education Sandhurst, Louise Levy, Michael Chisolm and Troy Firebrace present to commission our FIRE Carriers. Troy performed a smoking ceremony for all those attending and we were very lucky to enjoy him playing the Didgeridoo during both of the ceremonies. Thank you to Louise, Michael and Troy for sharing your time with us so generously.

To be a FIRE Carrier is to exercise an important leadership role in our school community. FIRE carriers are students and teachers that share a passion for learning about Aboriginal culture and history and are committed to sharing this knowledge and promoting reconciliation within and beyond the school community.

Our school community is very grateful to have these newly commissioned FIRE Carriers lead us in this important work. The students have already begun their work observing what might be needed at our school and sharing traditional Aboriginal games in their sports lessons! We are all looking forward to these leaders working with Troy, Michael and Louise to lead St Francis of the Fields in 2021 in the FIRE Carrier Project.

Congratulations to:

Lola Edwards
Kiara France
Callan Orr
Gabrielle Hudson

Bethany Cole
Rhyllie Jones
Maserati Eddy
Rhys Zera

Eliza Evans
Ava McLauchlan
Alice Kielty
Grace Scalora



Uniform Shop – new email address

The Uniform Shop now has its own email address – stf@buxwear.com.au

All orders and queries need to be directed to this address for the Uniform Shop staff to help you.

The uniform order form has also had a make-over and can now be filled in online and then emailed directly. The new form can be found on the school website or via PAM.

Take care, Sarah, Stacy and Jade.



Regional Roads Victoria (RRV)

Regional Roads Victoria (RRV) is investigating key sections of [Strathfieldsaye Road](#) and [McIvor Highway](#) to explore ways to improve traffic flow, safety and active transport.

An important part of this project is to understand how students travel to and from school and how to encourage more walking and cycling for students.

RRV want to hear from local parents and guardians through this [online survey](#) to help develop concepts for possible future improvements to McIvor Highway and Strathfieldsaye Road.

The survey takes about 10 minutes and will close at midnight on Sunday 6 December.

Your feedback will help RRV plan potential future upgrades to ensure that all road users experience a safe and efficient drive, ride or walk in Longlea, Strathdale, Junortoun and Strathfieldsaye.



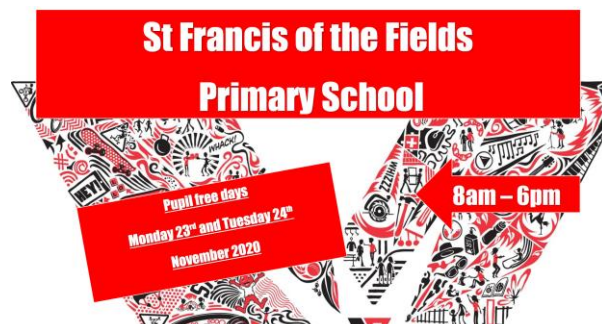
Thank you for your participation.

Weekend Maintenance

7	21-11-20	22-11-20	Cunningham (4Z), Stewart-Eeles (1SS), Jobling (2M), Norman (5T), Hope (6G),
8	28-11-20	29-11-20	Mitchell (3H), Marshall (3H), Kauter (3L), Childs (Fdn WM), Ward (6G),
9	5-12-20	6-12-20	Arundell (4H), Merrett (6FD), Goddard (4HJ), Wingrave (6D), Giffard (6G)
10	12-12-20	13-12-20	Carroll (3H), Coman (4H), Frawley (4H), Raco (3L), Khodja (5K)
11	19-12-20	20-12-20	(Last Day Term 4 for students 17/12/2019)

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.



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**

Important ASC announcement

Due to Hazel's retirement, collection of children from Assisi Kindergarten cannot continue. This will mean, from Friday 27 November, parents will have to make other arrangements for the collection of their Kindergarten child. We apologise for this inconvenience.



School Bus bookings – Mandurang service only

If you have a NEW or EXISTING student/s who requires travel on a rural country bus in 2021, you MUST ensure that their travel is approved.

2021 NEW APPLICATIONS and RENEWAL APPLICATIONS open in Term 4, 2020 online via School Bus Management System (SBMS) - <http://schoolbus.educationapps.vic.gov.au/>

This is what you need to do:

EXISTING TRAVELLERS

If your child/ren are existing travellers in 2020, you will need to **RENEW** their travel for 2021. Existing families will already have a family account in SBMS. If you do not know your login details, please contact **PTV's Customer Help Line on 1800 800 007**.

1. Log into your family SBMS account and check that all the contact information is correct and current – this is important during an emergency

2. **RENEW APPLICATION:** Click on the RENEW APPLICATION tab beside the student's name

3. Follow the prompts – be sure to select Term 1, 2021, making sure that the school and year level is correct.

NB. If your student is changing schools/school campus or residential address, please click on NEW APPLICATION, update address (if necessary) and follow the prompts.

NEW TRAVELLERS

Do you already have an SBMS account? If yes, proceed to Step 2. If you do not know your login details, please contact **PTV's Customer Help Line on 1800 800 007**.

If you are new to country bus travel, proceed to Step 1:

1. **CREATE A NEW FAMILY ACCOUNT:** New families will need to CREATE a new family account in SBMS

2. **ADD TRAVELLER/CHILD:** Click on ADD TRAVELLER/CHILD and follow the prompts. Repeat this step if you have more than one new child requiring travel in 2021

3. **APPLY FOR TRAVEL:** Click the NEW APPLICATION tab and follow the prompts making sure that you select Term 1, 2021. Repeat this step if you have more than one new child requiring travel in 2021.

4. Once you have submitted the renewal/new application request, you will need to wait for SBMS to conduct its main churn in December where your request will be processed. New applications will be assessed against the Department of Education and Training's School Bus Program policy's eligibility criteria and if approved, allocate a bus stop and route to the application.

NB. To be eligible for free travel on a country bus, you must reside more than 4.8km from your nearest attending school of the same denomination (government or non-government). If you have access to public transport within 1.6km of your residential address and it meets your school start/finish times, you are required to use it (if you reside more than 4.8km from your nearest attending school of the same denomination, you may be eligible for Conveyance Allowance – please refer to your school for more information).

5. Check your account at the end of December for your travel offer.

6. **ACCEPT TRAVEL OFFER:** Select MANAGE OFFER, and then ACCEPT the travel offer. If you no longer require travel, please DECLINE the offer.

IMPORTANT: A SEAT ON A COUNTRY BUS IS ONLY SECURED ONCE THE TRAVEL OFFER IS ACCEPTED.

If your student/s no longer requires travel, please decline the offer, or advise your school immediately so the seat can be allocated to another student.

UNAUTHORISED TRAVEL IS NOT PERMITTED ON A COUNTRY BUS

It is the family's responsibility to ensure that their child/ren are approved for travel on a country bus. Unauthorised student travellers will be referred to their school in the afternoon, and the family will be contacted to collect him/her.

If you require any assistance with your student's travel renewal or new application, please check with your school or contact PTV ON 1800 800 007.

CHANGE OF SCHOOL, SCHOOL CAMPUS OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS – EXISTING TRAVELLERS

The following year level students will **automatically be removed** from their 2020 bus roll at the end of the year, on the basis that they have finished their education OR will be expected to move to a new school/campus:

- **Grade 6 students who completed their education at a primary school and are transitioning to Year 7 at another school**

In accordance with the Department's School Bus Program policy, when a student moves schools/school campus or residence, and who still requires country bus travel, a **NEW APPLICATION** for travel must be submitted (due to the change of circumstances) and be assessed against the policy's eligibility criteria. This will also ensure that the student is allocated to the most appropriate route and shuttle (if application).

Art News.....

Congratulations!!! Delaney Wagner is among those who will be recognised for their outstanding artwork in the MacKillop Art Exhibition this year.

St Francis also have a nomination for the People's Choice award. The St Francis community are encouraged to go online and vote for the People's Choice Award.



Celebrating Art-Making at Home, at School, Apart, Together

Exhibition Launch and Awards Announcement

Friday 13 November @ 10.15 am

Catholic Education Sandhurst Website
<http://ceosand.catholic.edu.au>

**Vote for the People's Choice Award
before 29 November 2020**



Community News.....

**FUN, FAMILY, FITNESS
JOIN LITTLE ATHLETICS**

**Season starts Friday 30th
October**

**Learn the fundamentals of Running,
Jumping & Throwing. Ages 5-15
All abilities are welcome**

**\$110 registration
Fee**

**Free trial
weekends 7th &
14th November.
Register online**

Register at
<http://www.athleticsbendigo.org.au/little-athletics>

**Any questions email
blac@lavic.com.au**

**Bendigo Regional Athletics Complex
Cnr Cook Street & Retreat Road Flora Hill**



**SFNC JUNIOR NETBALL
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

CLUB INFORMATION

The Sandhurst FNC Junior Netball Development Program commenced in 2012 with three teams. Now entering the 2021 season we continue to expand our junior numbers.

As a club we endeavour to create a fun and inclusive environment for players to enjoy and develop many skills. Our development programs runs for players from year 7 to year 10.

The Sandhurst Junior Netball Development Program is affiliated with the BSNA, playing netball on Friday nights and Saturday mornings.

Our Junior Netball volunteer coaches are generally from our Senior Netball and Club Parent groups.

Sandhurst prides itself on club history, along with player conduct on and off the court and that many of our Dragons junior players progressing to play senior netball within the BFNL and many other leagues.

**2021 TRY OUT DATES
YR7 | DOB 2008-2009
FEBRUARY 2021**

**TRY OUTS
REGISTRATION CLOSE
1ST DECEMBER 2020
ALL TRYOUTS @ QEO COURTS**

**please register
via link below:**

**[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/KSUB
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**ALL OTHER ENQUIRES OR APOLOGIES
sandhurst.netball@bendigobearings.com**

**ALL ATHLETES WILL BE NOTIFIED VIA EMAIL OF
TRYOUT DATES, TIMES AND THE SELECTORS
DECISION.**

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