



ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 16 – October 7, 2021

(Term 4 – Week 1)

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

“To Live, Learn and Grow in God’s Love”

Reminders

Summer uniform may now be worn

Hats are now required

Tuesday 12 Oct

☐ Yr 3 & 4 attend

Wednesday 13 Oct

☐ Yr 3 & 4 attend

☐ Tuckshop available

Thursday 14 Oct

☐ Yr 5 & 6 attend

☐ NO Tuckshop

☐ P&F Meeting @ 7.30pm

Friday 15 Oct

☐ Yr 5 & 6 attend

Monday 18 Oct

☐ **Students are to be in full summer uniform**

Tuesday 19 Oct

☐ Yr 3 & 4 attend

Wednesday 20 Oct

☐ Yr 3 & 4 attend

☐ Tuckshop available

☐ School Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday 21 Oct

☐ Yr 5 & 6 attend

☐ NO Tuckshop

Friday 19 Oct

☐ Yr 5 & 6 attend

Wednesday 27 Oct

☐ **Bendigo Cup Day Holiday**

Friday 29 Oct

☐ St Francis Athletic Sports – Fdn – Yr2 on the school oval @ 9.15am-11am



Tuckshop 2021 – Term 4

(No parents helpers allowed as yet)

Week 1

Friday 8 October

Week 2

Wednesday 13 October

Friday 15 October

Week 3

Wednesday 20 October

Friday 22 October

Weekend Maintenance

No weekend maintenance until further notice.

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



Dear Families,

It has been lovely to see the energy returning to our school. Our Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2 students are now “running” our school and it is such a beautiful sight to see.

I am looking forward to the return of our Year 3-6 students on a full time basis. Thankfully this will happen in the coming weeks.

To our parents and teachers I am grateful for the incredible support you are providing to your children and to each other. We need to continue to look after each other and be courageous in seeking help when we need it.

I share with you a powerful reminder of how we need to be the eyes, hands and feet that act against injustice in our world...

A Franciscan Benediction

May God bless you with Discomfort...
at easy answers, half truths and superficial relationships,
so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with Anger ...
at injustice, at oppression, at exploitation of people,
so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with Tears
to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection,
starvation and war,
so that you may reach out your hand to them
and turn their pain into hope.

And may God bless you with enough Foolishness ...
to believe that you can make a difference in this world,
so that you can Do
what others claim cannot be done.
Amen.



Covid update

The updated covid requirements for our school community are as follows:

Student Attendance at school

- If unwell, do not send children to school. Have a covid test ASAP.
- Wash hands with soap for 20 seconds
- Sanitise hands regularly (provided by the school)

Parents Onsite

- Unfortunately, non-essential visitors are not allowed on school sites for the near future. This means that parents are not able to help with the canteen.
- If parents need to enter the office area please:
 - QR code
 - Sanitise
 - Wear masks

Students onsite learning

Week 2 & 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Foundation to Year 2	Return to school for onsite learning				
Year 3 & 4	Home Learning	At school	At school	Home Learning	Home Learning
Year 5 & 6	Home Learning	Home Learning	Home Learning	At school	At school

Monday, 25 October will still be home learning for the Year 3-6s. All children will return to school on Tuesday 26 October. We can't wait to have you all back at school!!

Staff changes for 2022

Retirements

- We will farewell 6 wonderful staff members at the end of the 2021 year.
- The staff members who are retiring are:
 - Lorraine Cummins (Administrative Officer)
 - Jan Eaton ((Year 3 Teacher)
 - Julie Langdon (Year 3 Teacher)
 - Kathy Tucker (Year 3 Teacher Aide)
 - John Deane (Year 6 Teacher)
 - Peter Florence (O.H & S Officer)
- We will come together in some format near the end of the year to celebrate their incredible service and commitment to our school.

Resignations

- Tania Rusbridge has resigned from her 1 day a week music position.
- Jen Heinrich has reduced her 2 day a week position to one day a week.
- This means we will advertise for a 3 day Music teacher position

Employment of staff

- We have advertised for four new teaching positions.
- Applications close on Monday 11 October.
- Interviews will be held on Monday 18 October.

Facilities Update

School Oval

- Our school oval has been poisoned in readiness for a new sprinkler system to be installed by Midland Irrigation.
- We will then employ the council to prepare our oval for the sprigs of new grass to be laid.
- The oval should be usable by February, 2022

**COVID-19
UPDATE**



Victorian State Government Capital Grant

- The successful contractor for our tender process was Fairbrother - a local Bendigo company.
- Prices and contracts will hopefully be finalised by the end of this week. We then are required to have Catholic Capital Grants approve the tender process before the contractors can begin work.
- We expect to have building contractors onsite by the end of October, which will mean that the Year 5 and Year 6 portables will be moved in Week 4 or 5. .
- We expect the buildings will be completed by October 2022

Book Week

Unfortunately, we are unable to hold our Blurbs concert for our Book Week celebrations. However we will hold a Book Week Dress up for the children on Thursday 4 November.



Canteen

We will open the Canteen for lunch orders on Wednesday and Friday for the next two weeks so that all children from Foundation to Year 6 have the opportunity to buy a lunch order.

Blessing of the animals

Unfortunately, we will not be holding the Blessing of the Animals and Assisi Awards tomorrow, Friday 8 Dec. We will be holding this event later in the term and will notify parents of the new date.

Christ has no hands but yours.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tim Moloney'.

Tim Moloney
Principal

School TV

SPECIAL REPORT: Transitioning Back

As lockdown restrictions are slowly being lifted to varying degrees, we are entering a time of transition and adjustment. The circumstances of this situation have significantly impacted us all. For some it has been an opportunity to reflect on what is important, whilst others have embraced the opportunity to learn new things.

Many young people may be excited at the prospect of restrictions being lifted, whilst others may be feeling mixed emotions. Reactions will differ depending on how well they cope with stress and change. Keeping a check on your child's mental health and wellbeing as they adjust to new routines, will be vitally important.

There is still a lot of uncertainty ahead of us, so focusing on the things you can control or enjoy doing, can help establish predictability and familiarity for the whole family. Adult carers need to provide young people with reassurance by acknowledging any concerns and fears they may have at this time. Consider this to be a normal reaction, however it may be best to focus more on their feelings and emotions, rather than the practicalities at this stage.

In this Special Report, we share a few ideas about how to help ease this time of transition. 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-coronavirus-transition-back

Regards,
Grace Scalora
Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing



St Francis of Assisi Feast Day

On Monday 4 October, we celebrated St Francis of Assisi's Feast Day. Our school community spent time praying in gratitude for the life of St Francis and the rich Franciscan charism we are so fortunate to share at St Francis of the Fields. Children and staff spent time reflecting on St Francis life and the continued inspiration from his life that we experience in our daily lives.

St Francis was born into a wealthy family but gave up all he had to follow Jesus. St Francis chose to be very poor, so he could focus on living like Jesus. Many men and women also wanted to live a life dedicated to God so St Francis formed various orders of priests, brothers and sisters who followed his simple and humble lifestyle.



Francis had a great love for Creation and there are many stories about him that show this. St Francis' Feast Day was also the end of the Season of Creation. Francis lived so close to nature and considered all of creation God's first Bible, he could see Christ in all of creation. All created things point beyond themselves to their Creator and St Francis found God wherever he went. May we continue to be inspired by Francis to find God in the wonderful gift of creation and to care for this gift with love and reverence.

Let us pray that we focus on what is really important in life.

*Let us pray. God of our journey, we want to follow you and in faith and trust.
May we be inspired by the life of St Francis who valued the gifts of your creation.
Teach us how to appreciate and care for all the gifts you have given us and be mindful that you
have created us as caretakers of your kingdom.
We ask this prayer in Jesus name.
Amen*

Reconciliation Program 2021 – Update

Due to the exceptional circumstances and uncertainty of week-to-week gatherings we are designing an alternative 4 week program for this year only, to enable the children to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation this year.



This will include an option for children to be prepared at school with activities to be sent home with parent support **or** if you would prefer to be placed in an online meet with a designated leader to work through the program at home in the evenings.

Thanks to all the families you have returned their enrolment information. An email will be sent out to these families with a survey to select their preferred option. If you would like your child to be enrolled in the Sacramental Program, please return enrolment information or request further information from Kristy Ryan (Parish Sacramental Coordinator) stsacraments@gmail.com

Lisa Hitchcock
Catholic Identity Leader

A Personal Autism Journey - from Diagnosis to OAM Autism Webinar Saturday 16 October, 10.00 am - 12.30 pm

Daniel Giles OAM (Catholic Education Sandhurst staff member, Order of Australia Medal recipient, Autistic self-advocate) and Daryl Giles ('Daniel's Dad') will be presenting a seminar on Daniel's Autism journey. We talk about Daniel's journey from childhood, his school journey, his journey to independent adulthood and discuss approaches that have also helped Daniel to lead a fulfilling life.

Regards
Linda Cartwright
Learning Diversity Leader

From Diagnosis to OAM

A Personal Autism Journey

Webinar

Saturday 16 October: 10am-12:30pm (AEDT)
(2.5 hour webinar including question time)

Daniel and 'Daniel's Dad' (Daryl) will discuss Daniel's journey from diagnosis to present day giving an insight from Daniel's personal perspective of living life as an Autistic individual.

Topics include diagnosis, school journey, independent living, employment and strategies used to achieve the best outcomes.

There will also be an opportunity for questions.



Presented by

Daniel Giles OAM
Order of Australia
Medal Recipient
& Autistic Self-Advocate

Daryl Giles
'Daniel's Dad'



ABN: 11 945 440 100

Tickets

(*Includes \$0.50 booking fee for online bookings)

Individuals on Autism Spectrum, family & carers	\$30.50*
Professionals Teachers/Caseworkers/Therapists – includes CPD certificate	\$60.50*

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Dear St Francis Families,

Great news! Our **Buxwear** website has been upgraded and the result is a much easier ordering process for you. The benefits to you are:

- Pay instantly at the checkout using Zip pay or credit card - no need to provide our St Francis shop with your credit card details.
- Once payment is confirmed your order is then emailed to our shop at St Francis (your credit card details are not included in this email).
- Our staff process your order and deliver it to the class tub to be collected by your child.
- Sizing measurements for all garments can be found under the heading 'Shop'.
- Create an account with Buxwear and your purchase history will be saved and easily accessible to you.
- If we are out of stock of an item you have ordered, we will process the items we have stocked and Buxwear will keep your partial order open until the order is complete. This reduces the risk of mistakes common to the paperwork system.
- You will be sent two confirmation emails, one to inform you your order has been received and paid for and a second email when your order has been processed at the St Francis shop.

Due to the many benefits of ordering through the Buxwear web site we will be using this as our only ordering system and will no longer use the school order form. The uniform list will still be available on the Simon Everywhere app and the school website.

How to order:

- Go to [Buxwear.com.au](https://buxwear.com.au) (this link will take you directly to the Buxwear St Francis Shop)
- Under the heading 'Shop' choose 'shop by school' and scroll down to St Francis.
- Add items to your cart.
- Under 'add notes to the seller' please put your child's name and class number.
- At the checkout create your account and pay using your preferred method.
- Our staff at St Francis deliver your order to your child's class tub, alternatively you can leave us a message if you would prefer to pick it up from the school office.
- All St Francis uniform is kept on site at St Francis so please select 'school pickup'. Delivery is available, at a cost, for those who are unable to pick up from the school.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email us at the St Francis Uniform Shop on stf@buxwear.com.au

If you have any issues ordering through the Buxwear website, please email Buxwear at info@buxwear.com.au

Our uniform shop is open to customers and for processing online orders on Mondays 8.30 - 10.00am, Wednesdays 3.00 - 4.00pm and Thursdays 8.30 - 10.00am. Due to COVID restrictions, we are currently not serving customers on site, but we are processing online orders and we will keep you updated when COVID restrictions change.

We thank you for embracing this new ordering system and we are excited to see the benefits of this change.

Regards,

Sarah, Bec, Jade and Joelene.

2022 Bendigo School Bus Travel – Mandurang Bus travellers only



Applications for country bus travel must be made online and approval granted for travel using the online platform, School Bus Management System (SBMS).

In this information pack you will find SBMS Quick Reference Guides to assist you with making an application for country bus travel, together with general advice relating to public services.

To do a Pre-Application Check, go to: <https://schoolbus.educationapps.vic.gov.au>

NB. This step is not an approval for travel process. Pre-Application Checks provides you with information about the SBP services available to you. It does not assess eligibility.

Applications for 2022 SBP travel open in Term 4, 2021. To avoid disappointment, new and returning families are encouraged to apply/renew travel for 2022 as early as possible in Term 4. Application processing will occur late December.

Tuckshop News.....

Please note: Currently we are unable to have helpers in our tuckshop. We will let parents know when this is possible again.



Menu available here - [Term 4 Tuckshop Menu](#)

Remember to place individual orders for each child. Do not combine the orders under one child's name.

We are also happy to have a chat with any parents who may have concerns about their child's food related allergies and our current menu options.

Fiona (0400 072 311) & Donna (0408 051 979) Tuckshop Coordinators.

YMCA – 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 stfrancis@ymca.org.au.



St Francis of the Fields Primary School

**Pupil free day
Monday and Tuesday
22nd and 23rd of November**

8am – 6pm

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full day care on this day.



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INFORMATION

FOR PARENTS

NETBALL MASTERCLASS

Our netball masterclass sessions will run each Saturday for 6 weeks.

Our netball masterclass will focus on the following skills:

- ✓ Playing as a team
- ✓ Skill development
- ✓ Passing
- ✓ Specialised shooting
- ✓ Footwork
- ✓ Expert coaching

Melbourne Vixens star Ruby Barkmeyer will be running this specialised weekend program that is specifically designed to improve and upskill your game, as well as promote your enjoyment for the sport of netball. After the disappointment of missing so much community netball this year, why not come along and sharpen your skills this off-season.

For Prep - Grade 6 children

\$150 FOR A 6 WEEK PROGRAM

Start Date: 16th of October

Concluding Date: 20th of November

Venue: St Liborius PS Sports Stadium

Session times:

- 9:30am - 10:30am (6 - 8 years)
- 10:30am - 11:30am (9 - 12 years)

BOOK EARLY & SAVE

Sign up before the program commences to receive a Kelly Sports netball.

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