



# ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 2 – February 17, 2022

(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

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

## Reminders

Saturday 19 Feb

☐ **MARONG CUP**

Wednesday 23 Feb

☐ **Foundation Rest Day**

Monday 28 Feb

☐ Catholic Swimming Sports

Tuesday 1 Mar

☐ Shrove Tuesday

☐ Burning of the Palms @ 10.30am

Wednesday 2 Mar

☐ **Foundation Rest Day**

☐ Ash Wednesday Liturgy @ 11am

Monday 7 Mar

☐ **Learning Conversations**

Tuesday 8 Mar

☐ **Learning Conversations**

Wednesday 9 Mar

☐ **Learning Conversations**

☐ **Foundation Rest Day**

Thursday 10 Mar

☐ **Learning Conversations**

☐ **School Photos**

☐ P&F Meeting 7.30pm

Friday 11 Mar

☐ **Learning Conversations**

☐ **School Photos**

Monday 14 Mar

☐ **Labour Day Holiday**

Tuesday 15 Mar

☐ **Foundation start attending full time**



## Tuckshop 2022 – Term 1

(No parents helpers allowed as yet)

**Week 4**

Thursday 17 February

Friday 18 February

**Week 5**

Thursday 24 February

Friday 25 February

**Week 6**

Thursday 3 March

Friday 4 March

**Week 7**

Thursday 10 March

Friday 11 March

## Weekend Maintenance

12-13 Feb Fraser (5ZM), Hand (3GB),  
Anderson (3GB)

19-20 Feb Nielsen (4O), Stevens (6H)

26-27 Feb Kelly (5W), Hope (5W),  
Jackson-Leahy (5W)

5-6 Mar Purvis (3H), Balic (4O), Lynch (2S)

12-13 Mar **Labour Day Weekend**

Arundell (6H), Harrop (4O),  
Anderson (2S)

19-20 Mar Looorham (2D), Ryan (6W),  
Behrens (6W)

*“True progress quietly and persistently moves along  
without notice.”*

*St Francis of Assisi*



Dear Families,

The Beatitudes are one of the most powerful prayers that we can attempt to live up to. Pope Francis wrote a new version for us. I share it with you:

*Blessed are those who remain faithful while  
enduring evils inflicted on them by others  
and forgive them from their heart.*

*Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the  
abandoned and marginalised  
and show them their closeness.*

*Blessed are those who see God in every person and  
strive to make others also discover him.*

*Blessed are those who protect and care for our  
common home.*

*Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort  
in order to help others.*

*Blessed are those who pray and work for full  
communion between Christians.*

*Amen.*



## Marong Cup

The Marong Cup will be held on **Saturday 19 February** from 11.00am.

I hope our families are able to take advantage of the many children's rides as well as the delicious food and drinks provided on the day. Please come along and enjoy a great afternoon. This is the first fundraiser of the school year – we normally receive approximately

\$5,000 donation from the Marong Cup Committee in return for our parents working for a short period of time on a stall.

**Tickets** are available to pre-purchase from the school office for this event. Adult tickets are \$15 and children's wristbands are \$10 each. Volunteers do not need to purchase a ticket. CASH purchases only at the office.



### **Urgent - Volunteers needed**



Our school is required to serve on the ice cream van selling drinks and ice creams. We will need 2 people on the stall for 90 min hours at a time (10.30 - 12.00, 12.00 - 1.30, 1.30 - 3.00, 3.00 - 4.30pm).

We will also need to coordinate the school water cup race on the day. We will need 4 helpers for 45 minutes. It will be held at 2.15pm (volunteers needed from 1.45 - 2.30pm). Please offer to help out by calling the office and letting us know your preferred time to volunteer. Thank you so much!!

## **Marong Cup - Ice Cream & Drink Van**

Time	Volunteer #1	Volunteer #2
10.30am - 12.00pm	Catherine Beecroft	
12.00pm - 1.30pm		
1.30pm - 3.00pm	Nathan Baker	Donna Bowe
3.00pm - 4.00pm	James Mansfield	

## **School Race Organisation**

Time	Volunteer #1	Volunteer #2	Volunteer #3	Volunteer #4
1.45pm - 2.30pm	Tim Moloney			



### **Covid Update**

All families should now have their second round of RAT tests. At this stage we have not been informed if further RAT tests will be provided to our community. I will let you know as soon as I know.

I ask that you test your child/ren twice a week (perhaps Monday and Wednesday morning) or when your child is feeling unwell.

Please note that students who show symptoms of COVID-19 **cannot** attend school and should get tested immediately and isolate until they receive a negative result. Thank you to those families who have supported our school community by facilitating these measures.

Where a student is a household contact of a positive case (that is, they have spent more than four hours with someone who has COVID-19 inside a house, accommodation, or care facility) they must inform the school and isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period. This means that if a parent or sibling has tested positive for Covid then all in the house must isolate for 7 days. If a household contact has tested positive **please do NOT send your child/ren to school for 7 days, even if they test negative with a RAT test.**

In a bid to keep our children safe we ask that all children in Year 3-6 continue to wear masks when indoors. The children in P-2 may also wear masks, though this is a decision for the parents to make.

I pray these measures help keep our community safe.

## Learning Conversations

Parents will have the opportunity to book in for a Learning Conversation in Week 7. This will provide everyone the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and connect. It is a time when parents can help share information about what makes their child special. Please go to [schoolinterviews.com.au](http://schoolinterviews.com.au) OR click on this link to book your interview time, [School Interviews](#) and enter the code – **2hzu8**. Please note, the School Interviews bookings will open on Wednesday 23 February at 10am and close on Friday 4 March @ 9am.



## NO Parking behind the shed

Parents are reminded there is to be **no parking** or traffic movement behind the school stadium 'The Shed' due to the current building works. We anticipate this area to be unavailable until the end of the year. We thank you for your cooperation and keeping our children safe.



## New floor in 'The Shed' – Thank you P&F

The profits from last year's Rainbow Run have enabled the resurfacing and re-linemarking of our stadium floor. Thank you to the P&F for raising this money and helping to improve school facilities for our children. Our Shed looks fantastic and all of our children will certainly benefit from the new floor.



Christ has no hands but yours.

Tim Moloney  
Principal



## Learning Diversity

### Changes to External Service Providers at school.

Due to the increasing demand for services to be delivered at school, we have reviewed our processes for managing External Service Providers (OT's, Speechies etc.) working on site. Parents are now required to request in-school delivery of OT and Speech Pathology through the Learning Diversity Leader, Linda Cartwright.

Tim will make the decision on an individual basis as there are a number of elements to be considered before approval can be granted:

- Is school the best site for the delivery of this service?
- How do the proposed arrangements fit with the student's education program?
- What is the potential impact on other students and staff?
- Individual circumstances of the student
- Limited space due to our building works
- The school's duty of care - Child Safe Standards
- What are the current covid regulations for school

Please contact Linda Cartwright, Learning Diversity Leader for further details.

[lcartwright@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lcartwright@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au)



# Pastoral Wellbeing

## Restorative Practices - Our Whole School Approach

Restorative Practices is a whole school approach to promoting resilience and it aims to contribute to the building of positive relationships in our school community. At St. Francis of the Fields, we have been using the Restorative Practices approach for several years. It is focused on helping young people become aware of the impact of their behaviour on others through personal accountability and learning from a conflict situation. An important component of restorative practices is the focus on restoring relationships after harm has been done.

## Why?

At St. Francis of the Fields, we believe education is largely about relationships, which can often develop into conflicts which require resolution, forgiveness and healing. Restorative practices helps our students learn from their mistakes and reconcile and resolve problems with others.

As a school, we acknowledge that these prevention measures may lead to and / or require the use of interventions for more serious behaviour infractions. We are also aware that Restorative Practice is successful with children who have empathy. As a result of this, we know that our Foundation to Grade 2 students will develop empathy as their brain develops. With our Foundation to Grade 2 students, we model restoring relationships and forgiveness. We don't expect them to be able to enact forgiveness and the restoration of relationships without guidance and support from the adults around them.

It is hoped that our consistent use of restorative practices at St. Francis of the Fields, will change attitudes and represent a philosophical shift in thinking about students and problem behaviours away from the use of punishment, to the management of situations using a restorative approach.

Students at St. Francis are asked the following questions when a relationship has been fractured:


- **What** happened?
- **What** were you thinking at the time?
- **What** have you thought since?
- **Who** has been affected by what you have done? In **what** way?
- **What** do you think you need to do to make things right?



## Our Four School Expectations

You will notice around our school, signs with our butterfly logo and four school expectations on them. The butterfly logo was designed by one of our past parents. These four school expectations were voted on by our students, parents and teachers 13 years ago. These school expectations are an important part of who we are as a school and what we stand for. They relate to every aspect of our school life and they give our community a common language that we all understand. You will notice that the recipients of our Student Achievement Awards are awarded to students who display these school expectations.

This week, we ask our school community to be aware of our school expectations with our 'Pick up Zone' and 'Bus'.

<b>Week 4</b> <b>Pick up</b> 	<b>Wait quietly, watch carefully</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Watch and listen to the teachers on duty.</li><li>• Wait patiently, sit with your family and belongings.</li><li>• Stay seated in the designated pick up area.</li><li>• Watch for your car.</li><li>• Get in your car safely and quickly once it has stopped.</li></ul>
<b>Bus</b> 	<b>We are respectful of the bus room and each other</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wait silently while we respond to the roll.</li><li>• Leave no trace in the bus room.</li><li>• Walk to the pick up area.</li><li>• Line our bags up neatly in the bus line area.</li><li>• Wear your seatbelt.</li><li>• Use quiet voices.</li></ul>

Please feel free to contact any member of our team if you have any concerns.

Grace Scalora  
Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing

## RE News....

### Lent

On Ash Wednesday 2 March, the liturgical season of Lent begins. We begin our Lenten journey by marking ourselves with ash. Traditionally, this ash is produced from burning the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday. At St Francis we will burn the palms on Shrove Tuesday. The forty-day Season of Lent concludes on Holy Thursday evening with the Celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.



This is a time to pray, fast and for alms giving - serving others by going without something and contributing that to others or sharing yourself with others in your family, community or globally. Lent is not about getting it perfectly right or focussing solely on self-improvement. It is a time to get in touch with our hope for new life. For the five weeks of Lent, we walk closely with Jesus towards the freedom of Easter. Through prayer we come closer to God so that we are better able to be a source of love and compassion, to live justly as Jesus teaches us. Fasting joins us in solidarity with people experiencing poverty who often have no choice but to go without the basic human needs. Sharing what we have, or 'almsgiving', is a sign of our commitment to justice and our thanks for all that God has given us.

On Shrove Tuesday 1 March, we will have our Burning of the Palms, make our Lenten Promises and have pancakes in our classrooms. A Liturgy of the Word and distribution of Ashes will be held on Ash Wednesday, 2 March. These will be shared with students in classrooms with individual classes or as permitted with the COVID Safe guidelines at the time.

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### Lenten Program Invitation

St Therese's Parish is offering a wonderful opportunity to be involved in a school parent based Lenten program to all school families from St Therese's and St Francis of the Fields and its communities. This is a six week program with locations and times still to be determined. Please contact Megan Merrett - [meganmerrett@gmail.com](mailto:meganmerrett@gmail.com) or 0408 337 663 to participate or with any questions. All are most welcome! Please see more information under Parish News.

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### CARITAS - Project Compassion: For All Future Generations



The theme of Project Compassion for 2022 is 'For All Future Generations' and reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. It invites us to make the world a better place by working together now and finding long-term solutions to global issues.

This year's theme comes from the biblical story of Noah's Ark. More specifically, when the flood waters subsided, a rainbow appeared in the sky and the dove returned with an olive branch indicating a new beginning. God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations' (Genesis 9:12).

At St Francis of the Fields we will have our launch of Project Compassion at school on Shrove Tuesday, 1 March. Unfortunately the diocesan launch in Hargreaves Mall, Bendigo is not able to happen this year.

Project Compassion Sunday will be celebrated on the weekend of 26 & 27 February. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling [1800 024 413](tel:1800024413).

## Caritas Ks

We will once again hold a Caritas Ks (**Friday, 18 March**) when we walk in solidarity with those who walk each day for water, education and for the basic necessities of life. This is a fundraising and awareness raising event, which is so important to not only help others but to share what we learn during Project Compassion with others in our families and communities to raise awareness. Next week, the eldest student in the family will bring home a sponsor book to gather sponsors.

**CARITAS KS - PUT  
YOUR COMPASSION  
INTO ACTION**

Caritas Ks Sponsor Books include a '5 global facts page' and contain 5 tax-deductible receipts. Students are encouraged to **tell 5 people 5 facts perhaps for a fiver!**

That's little more than a cup of coffee – the average cost of a take-away latte in Victoria is now \$4.50!\_

*Can you give a cup of coffee to help provide water for life?*

## Synod 2023 - Communion, Participation and Mission

In March 2020, Pope Francis announced that the theme for the [XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in October 2023](#) would be "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". Pope Francis is calling the Church to practice synodality, that is listening to – and hearing – one another in all facets of Church life.

Pope Francis has invited the entire Church to reflect on this theme that is decisive for its life and mission. All Catholics are invited to take part in the diocesan consultation process to promote a sense of communion and journeying together.

The fundamental question that guides this consultation of the People of God is the following: A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, "journeys together:"

***How is this "journeying together" happening today in your particular Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our "journeying together"?***

Bishop Shane Mackinlay - Sandhurst, along with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan the Archbishop of Adelaide, will be attending the Synod of Bishops in Rome in October 2023.



As part of the listening process of the Synod we have been asked to contribute **by Sunday, 27 February**. It is so important to have as many voices as possible contribute - our students, families and staff to share how the journeying together is happening and how we can grow in our journeying together.

You can contribute as a group, a family, with friends or individually. A range of resources are available on this [website](#). Formal submissions of 250 words need to be in by 27 February to the online portal - [Survey](#)

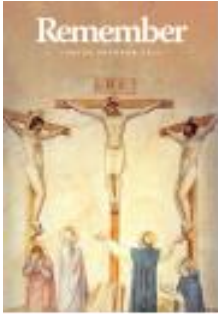
If you would like any further information or support to contribute please contact Lisa Hitchcock - by phoning the school or [lhitchcock@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lhitchcock@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au)

Lisa Hitchcock

**Catholic Identity Leader**

## Parish News

### 'REMEMBER' LENTEN PROGRAM



Are you interested in participating in a casual Lenten discussion group? St Therese's Parish is offering a Parent based Lenten program to our school families from St Therese's and St Francis and its communities. When was the last time you thought about your own Faith and how it fits in to your life these days? Many of us may not have reflected on our faith for a few years, perhaps even since you left school yourself – our lives look and feel very different now compared to our past teenage selves!

Lent is a fantastic opportunity for something extra, why not make an hour long weekly commitment to yourself instead of the traditional 'giving up something for Lent' – come and join with us for coffee and conversation! The 6 week program could be run in either the Welcome Area at St Therese's Church in Kennington or at St Joseph's in Axe Creek, but we could also meet outdoors at a park if this is what attendees prefer. The program will start the week beginning Monday 28 Feb, and we are happy to be flexible on choosing a day to suit, for example, I suggest running the sessions from 2pm for less than an hour (so we are all finished before school pickup), but again, happy to be

The program includes a book with readings, discussion points and reflections. The book is purchased for \$10 and is also great for individuals to work through at home even if you cannot commit to participate in a weekly group, or can only fit a few sessions into your schedule. Children are very welcome to tag along, and we really want this to be a casual and stress-free gathering – with discussions and reflections relevant to us and our lives as parents. It would also be a great way to meet new people too for any new school families.

Please contact myself – [meganmerrett@gmail.com](mailto:meganmerrett@gmail.com) or 0408 337 663 to register your interest or with any questions you may have. All are welcome, you don't need to be a regular church goer to come along - we'd love to see you there!

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### Baptism of School Aged Children - Rites of Christian Initiation of Children

Is your child of school age and interested in being baptised and continuing their faith journey? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) is a four-week program, that will begin in Term 1 2022 (program start details COVID pending), for school aged children wanting to be baptised. Children who are baptised or received into the Catholic Church at this time, are able to continue their sacramental preparation alongside their peers. For more information or questions please contact the Parish Sacramental Coordinator Kristy Ryan on 5443 3337 or email [stsacraments@gmail.com](mailto:stsacraments@gmail.com)



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### Come and See Family Mass – St Therese's Parish



**Sunday 27 Feb - 4.30pm @ St Therese's Church**

This mass is particularly directed and modified for children at a time when families can all attend together. If you would like to volunteer to help at these masses, please contact Megan Merrett - [meganmerrett@gmail.com](mailto:meganmerrett@gmail.com) or 0408 337 663



## Arthur Reed School Photos 2022 – Thursday 10 & Friday 11 March

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken at St. Francis by Arthur Reed Photos on Thursday 10 & Friday 11 March 2022.



**There is no need to return any forms or money to school.**

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the web shop.

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2022 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the web shop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

**Once registered, please wait for notification that 2022 images are online to view before making your purchase.**

### SCHOOL PHOTOS 2022 - Important Registration Information

*School Photographs will be taken at*  
**St. Francis of the Fields Primary School**  
Thursday 10th & Friday 11th March 2022

There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day

Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day

When you receive the flyer with your child's 2022 image code  
*Follow these 3 simple steps -*

- 1 Go to [order.arphotos.com.au](http://order.arphotos.com.au) and enter your child's 2022 image code
- 2 Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings
- 3 Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration\*

\* This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

*That's it!*

It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details  
When 2022 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS

**\*\*BEFORE ORDERING for 2022, please wait to receive notification that new images are online\*\***

- Order on any mobile device
- Share the images with family & friends for FREE
- Create a photo package with any layout + YOUR choice of images + Digital Downloads



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## PE News....

### Catholic Swimming Sports

Unfortunately we are unable to hold our School Swimming Carnival due to the current governments advice that are in place for schools and excursions. We understand that some schools may be operating outside that advice, however, our reasons for cancelling are to mitigate risk of another COVID outbreak.



We are currently investigating the possibility of attending the Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival on Monday 28th February. We will go on results from past years and do our very best at getting our best swimmers to this event. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend this event.

Please be mindful that although your child may have won a heat in last years School Swimming Carnival, this does not necessarily mean they had the fastest time of the day. I do expect that every child who made the Catholic Sports last year will be in attendance this year as well.

Matt Butcher  
Environment and Sustainability Coordinator  
Acting PE Coordinator



### Weekend Maintenance Forms

We ask all families to return their blue Weekend Maintenance forms ASAP, or email the office – [office@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au), so that a roster can be completed and circulated. Weekend Maintenance is only a few hours of your time, for one weekend in the year, to complete some tasks to help keep our school looking amazing!!!

### Parking and safety around schools

Parking Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.



The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

With regard to children's crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children's crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police do conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.

## OASIS News.....

### Help required

We require a volunteer, or two, to come and help prune our Lavender bushes at school . We already have a grandparent lined up but would love some more helpers. If you think you can spare some time, please contact Matt Butcher to coordinate a time – [mbutcher@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mbutcher@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au)



## Conveyance Allowance Program (CAP) 2022



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 2022 (one per family which includes all children at St Francis of the Fields)
  2. Conveyance Allowance Authority to Pay Form 2022 (one per parent claiming)
- **Parents who received the Conveyance Allowance in 2021 do not need to complete a new form in 2022 unless their children enrolled at St Francis of the Fields in 2021 have changed (ie Yr 6 student left at the end of 2021 or a Prep child commenced in 2022).**
  - **If your family circumstances have changed a new form needs to be completed in 2022.**
  - **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 7th March 2022 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 [swade@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au](mailto:swade@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au)

With thanks,

Stephanie Wade (Administration)

January 2022

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





## Uniform Shop

Unfortunately we are still unable to have face-to-face service in the Uniform Shop All orders are to be submitted online. Click on this link to access the St Francis online Buxwear uniform shop - [Buxwear - St Francis Shop](#)



To assist the Uniform Shop staff, when ordering uniform online, **please add your child's name and class in the 'Any Notes' section** when you are selecting items. This cannot be done at the payment stage of the order.

Orders will be processed on Monday's, Wednesday's & Thursday's.

## Tuckshop News.....

Menu available here - [Term 1 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.

Bendigo **Ford** Go Further

# Marong CUP DAY 2022

Saturday 19 February

**Supporting Bendigo Catholic Primary Schools**

Kids Rides and Activities

Packages available • Umbrella Packages \$150 • Mini Marquees \$400

General Admission \$15 • Kids 16 & Under Free

**BENDIGO JOCKEY CLUB**  
Phone 03 5448 4209 [country.racing.com/bendigo](http://country.racing.com/bendigo)

### Contacts

#### President

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### Marong Racing Club Committee Members 2021/22

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Rebecca Slater

Ian Holmes (LM)

David Stephens (LM)

Geoff Gallagher (LM)

Patrick Sheehan (LM)

Brendan McKenzie (LM)

Tim Watts

Chris Ring

Carl Sewell

**2022 Marong Cup will be held on Sat 19 Feb 2022**

For all Package Bookings contact the office at the Bendigo Jockey Club  
**03 5448 4209**

### Kids Entertainment

Kids Ride passes only \$15 if purchased on the day.  
If prebooked at school \$10.



## Book Your 2022 Packages Now!

### Trackside Enclosure

Fenced off enclosures on the lawns are set aside for package patrons

- Market umbrella | \$150 (up to 6 people)
- Table | \$300 (7-12 people)
- Chairs | \$450 (13-18 people)

\*Prices do not include alcohol

#### Additions

Food (BBQ with salad) | \$20pp

Admission to course | \$15 adults

### 'Silks' Dining Packages

Silks dining room is located within the Members Reserve. Set high above the track, this is a spectacular location to view the course in air-conditioned comfort. There is also an outside balcony with the same elevated perspective to watch the races.

- Admission to 'Members Reserve' | \$75 per person
- Reserved seat for the day
- Two course hot luncheon
- Afternoon tea
- Air-conditioned comfort
- Racebook
- Private TAB facilities
- Cash bar

### Marquees

- Mini Marquee (3m x 3m) | \$400 based on 10 people
- Private Marquee Package (3m x 6m) | \$800 based on 20 people

• Tables

• Chairs

#### Additions

Food (BBQ with salad) | \$20pp

Admission to Course | \$15 adults

### Admission Prices

- Adults | \$15
- Concession (aged Pension and TPI only) | \$10
- Cross over to Members Reserve | \$10
- Children (16 years and under) | FREE

### Terrace and Deck Packages

The ultimate area to enjoy the races at the Bendigo Track!  
• Marquee | \$700 (20 people)

- Large market umbrella
- 2 garden tables
- 20 chairs
- 1 large wine Barrel
- 6 tolux Bar Stools
- Racebook for each guest

Beverage packages can be pre-ordered or drinks purchased at the cash bar. Bring your own picnic lunch or catering options are available.



## 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](mailto:stfrancis@ymca.org.au).



### St Francis YMCA Afterschool Care



Welcome back to Afterschool Care! It has been so lovely to see some familiar and new faces around the service! This week we have been focusing on creating a safe and fun space for the children to develop independence, resilience and agency. We have been doing this by allowing the children to have opportunities to take on some roles and responsibilities such as serving meals and helping new children settle into the service.

This week we have started to create a wall that displays our visual diary, this allows us to be engaged with the program by reflecting on the fun activities we have done throughout the fortnight. Some of the fun activities we have done are cooking, making playdough, umbrella and kite crafts, ball games, helping with homework and more! We have also began working with the **Vic Kids Eat Well Program** which guides us with providing yummy, healthy and nutritious meals whilst at afterschool care. Some of the yummy meals we have had are sandwiches, pasta, pizza muffins and more! We also cater for any dietary requirements. With the warm weather still present we have been putting lots of sunscreen on to keep safe, please remember to pack your hats and water bottles!

If you are looking to enroll your child into Afterschool Care, just head to **Children's Programs YMCA Before and After School Care** to get the ball rolling.

With thanks,

Darcee and ASC Team





## Community News....



**BENDIGO BRICKS 2022**

**SPECTACULAR LEGO® FAN MODELS • FUN WITH BRICKS PLAY ZONE RETAIL STALLS • AND MORE!**

**WHEN**  
10am–5pm,  
Saturday 23 April  
10am–4pm  
Sunday 24 April

**TICKETS**  
\$8 (Under 4s free)

**BOOK ONLINE** [bendigobricks.com](http://bendigobricks.com)

**WHERE**  
Bendigo Exhibition Centre, Prince of Wales Showgrounds, Holmes Rd, North Bendigo

Proudly presented by Bendigo LEGO® User Group with proceeds supporting the 1st Bendigo Scout Group.

This event is not affiliated with the LEGO® Group

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### BENDIGO LEGO® USER GROUP

Monthly Meets  
 /bendigobricks  
 /bendigobricks  
[bendigolug.com.au](http://bendigolug.com.au)

Bendigo LEGO® User group is a group for LEGO® fans of all ages. Bring along some bricks to build, and join us on the last Sunday of each month.

**WHERE**  
McKinnon Pavillion,  
Prince of Wales Showgrounds,  
Holmes Rd, North Bendigo

**WHEN**  
Last Sunday of every month  
(excluding December) 11am–3pm

**ENTRY**  
\$5 for visitors  
No cost for members

**CONTACT**  
[bendigobricks@gmail.com](mailto:bendigobricks@gmail.com)



**2022 SEASON**

**Strathfieldsaye DODGERS JUNIOR BASEBALL**

**COME & TRY DAYS!**

**Venue: CLUB CRT RESERVE, STRATHFIELDSAYE**

**Age Groups: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16**

**Tuesday 22nd Feb 6:00pm**

**Sunday 27th Feb 11:00am**

**SEASON STARTS 20th MARCH**

FOR MORE INFO CALL or MESSAGE ANTHONY 0477 158 444



**Join the Family**  
0438879361

**TINIES - 3-7 YRS**  
TUESDAY 4:30-5:15

**JUNIORS 13 YRS & UNDER**  
MONDAY'S 4:30-6:15

**INTERS - 17 YRS & UNDER**  
TUESDAY'S 5:30-7:30

**SENIORS 17 YRS & OVER**  
MONDAY'S 6:30-8:30

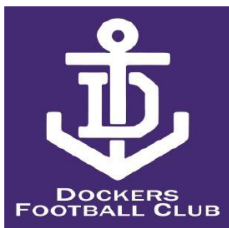


**CLASSES HELD AT THE GOLDEN SQUARE COMMUNITY HALL**



  [sabellecalisthenics](https://www.instagram.com/sabellecalisthenics)





## DOCKERS BENDIGO JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB INC

NO. A0048477U

### **Registrations for 2022 season open now**

We believe that as a club we can offer a number of advantages for your children.

- Excellent coaching staff where respect, improvement and participation are valued.
- First class facilities for training and game day at Weeroona Oval.
- An active family environment.
- A bus service that runs from CMC Junortoun campus to Weeroona Oval on all training nights.
- An established pathway into a variety of senior clubs in the region.
- With small numbers (only 1 or 2 teams) an ability to play teams in divisions where they can improve the most.
- Dimmies for players after training on Thursday nights!

If you are interested in playing with our friendly inclusive club (Under 14's or Under 16's) please complete the registration by clicking on the following link: <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/504468>

If you have any questions, you can contact Jacinta Mathews on 0409 803 239 or Justin Gee on 0418 506 826. For more information or you can also email the club on [dockersbendigofc@gmail.com](mailto:dockersbendigofc@gmail.com)

## **St Francis Falcon's Junior Football Club**

Invites you to the annual

### **Come & Try/ Registration afternoon**

Where: St Francis Main Oval

When: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

Time: 3.30 – 4.30

#### **Age Groups:**

Under 9's: Born in 2013, 2014 & before 30/04/15

Under 10's: born in 2012

Under 12 Girls: born in 2010 & 2011

Under 12 Boys: born in 2010 & 2011

Online registration link: <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/a578c1>

**STFRANCIS JFC**



**FALCONS**

# Strathfieldsaye COLTS UNITED F.C.



Invite all Parents and Carers

To register for the  
2022 Junior Season

Registration is online via:  
[playfootball.com.au](http://playfootball.com.au)



## INFORMATION SESSION

Sunday 13th February 2022  
4pm - 6pm

Colts United FC Club Rooms  
Club Court, Strathfieldsaye

Enquiries: Ed Castle (Junior Co-ordinator)

Ph: 0402 246 236

Email: [juniors@coltsunitedfc.com.au](mailto:juniors@coltsunitedfc.com.au)

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

## Huntly Family Fun Day

Proudly sponsored by  
Fosterville Gold Mine

Sunday February 27, 2022



- Climbing Wall
- Inflatable Water Slide
- Animal Farm & Pony Rides
- Live Music and Dance
- Water Fun with Huntly CFA
- Coliban Water refill units – PLEASE BRING ALONG YOUR DRINK BOTTLE
- Woodwork with Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise
- Bubbles, Balloons, Stilts & Circus Activities
- And much more.....



BBQ  
Sausages and  
veggie burgers  
\$2 each

Drinks \$2 each &  
FREE fresh fruit

Wominjeka Simu  
**Welcome**  
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Sunday February 27, 2022  
10am – 1pm

Strauch Recreation Reserve  
14 Gungurru Road, Huntly

Remember to BYO towel and change of clothes  
for the water slide!

