



ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 3 – March 3, 2022

(Term 1 – Week 6)

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

Monday 7 Mar

- ☐ Learning Conversations
- ☐ Division Swimming

Tuesday 8 Mar

- ☐ Learning Conversations

Wednesday 9 Mar

- ☐ Learning Conversations
- ☐ Foundation Rest Day

Thursday 10 Mar

- ☐ Learning Conversations
- ☐ School Photos

Friday 11 Mar

- ☐ Learning Conversations
- ☐ School Photos

Monday 14 Mar

- ☐ Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday 15 Mar

Foundation start attending full time

- ☐ Yr5 Cybersafety night 7-8pm via Google Meet

Thursday 17 Mar

- ☐ Regional Swimming
- ☐ P&F Meeting 7.30pm

Friday 18 Mar

- ☐ Caritas K's

Wednesday 23 Mar

- ☐ School Advisory Board @ 7.30pm

Thursday 24 Mar

- ☐ AFL Clinic Fdn – Yr2

Friday 25 Mar

- ☐ Easter Raffle tickets due back

Wednesday 30 Mar

- ☐ Easter Raffle Drawn

Friday 1 April

- ☐ PUPIL FREE DAY – Staff Spirituality Day

Saturday 2 April

- ☐ Daylight Saving ends

Friday 8 April

- ☐ End of term 1 - 2.30pm finish



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

St Francis of Assisi



Dear Families,

Ash Wednesday is one of the most important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday (40 days if you don't count Sunday's), and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he says: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may say, "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Fr. Andrew reminded us on Shrove Tuesday that if we give up a treat we should try and save that money and present it to those who are more needy than ourselves. That is why each class has a Project Compassion Box.

Project Compassion brings thousands of Australian schools, parishes and supporters together to raise funds for people living in some of the most vulnerable communities across the world. Our Caritas K's fundraiser will be held on **Friday 18 March**.

*** All parents are invited to walk with us around our school path.

I share with you a Lenten reflection:



Loving God,
Sometimes my heart
turns in every direction
except towards you.
Please help me
to turn my heart toward you,
to gaze upon you in trust
and to seek your kingdom with all of my heart.
Softens my hardened heart
so that I might love others
as a way to glorify and worship you.
Grant me this
with the ever-present guidance of your spirit.
Amen

Tuckshop 2022 – Term 1

(No parents helpers allowed as yet)

Week 6

Friday 4 March

Week 7

Thursday 10 March

Friday 11 March

Week 8

Thursday 17 March

Friday 18 March

Week 9

Thursday 24 March

Friday 25 March

Weekend Maintenance

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

12-13 Mar Labour Day Weekend
Arundell (6H), Anderson (2S)

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

26-27 Mar Baker (6W), Oldham (6W),
Frawley (6T)

2-3 Apr Bennallack (4Z), Johnson (5W),
Burns (5W)

Learning Conversations - Bookings close tomorrow – Friday 4 March @ 9am



I ask all parents to please book a Learning Conversation appointment with your child's teacher **ASAP**.

Learning Conversations are an opportunity for our students, parents and teachers to come together and reassess your child's academic and social and emotional learning, and set new goals.

The Learning Conversations will be held throughout next week (March 7-11). Please state whether you would prefer a face-to-face meeting or online.

Please go to schoolinterviews.com.au OR click on this link to book your interview time, [School Interviews](#) and enter the code – **2hzu8**.

School Photographs – Arthur Reed Photos

Our school photographs will take place on Thursday 10 & Friday 11 March. I ask that all students wear their correct school uniform (**NOT** the sports uniform). Please see below the schedule for the two days:



Thursday 10 March - Class photos and individual portraits. Grade 6 graduation also.

Friday 11 March – Class photos and all Families photos will be taken and staff photo including individual portraits.

Further information about registration and ordering is included later in this newsletter.

Covid Update

Masks

- Primary school staff will be required to always wear masks indoors.
- There is an exemption from this requirement if primary school staff are actively teaching and clear enunciation or visibility of their mouth is essential.
- Masks are not compulsory for teachers and staff outdoors, however they are strongly recommended if physical distance cannot be maintained, even outdoors.
- Students in Grade 3 to Grade 6 must wear a face mask indoors.



Non classroom based activities (camps, excursions, assemblies, masses, etc)

- Schools can run extra-curricular and other out-of-classroom activities including camps, excursions, sport and tours.
- In planning for all non-classroom based activities (such as school assemblies) and extra-curricular activities, including camps, excursions, other out-of-school activities, incursions and learning activities such as sport, music and the arts, schools must conduct a risk assessment so risk is minimized.

Rapid Antigen Tests

- Will be provided to teachers and students to test twice a week till the end of Term 1.
- Staff/student with a positive RAT (probable case) who receives a negative PCR test within 48 hours after the positive RAT may return to school if they have no covid symptoms (rather than isolate for 7 days).

Parents (or those not performing work)

- In Victorian Catholic schools, parents, carers and other adult visitors who enter school buildings must be able to show evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine or have a valid medical exemption.
- The following exceptions apply:
 - When attending to administer medical treatment
 - When attending to collect a child who is unwell
 - When attending briefly to pick up a RAT test or art work, etc

QR Codes

- Service Victoria QR code check-in is NOT required at schools. Routine school visitor record keeping arrangements will continue to apply.

Liturgies and sacramental celebrations

- In all cases, individuals attending school grounds for liturgies or sacramental celebrations must comply with the vaccination requirements detailed above.

I pray these measures help keep our community safe.

Labour Day Holiday

Our school will be closed on Monday 14 March to celebrate Labour Day public holiday. I hope all families enjoy a long weekend.

Parents & Friends Meeting

Our next P & F meeting will be held on Thursday 17 March at 7.30pm. We will hold this meeting online. To join the online meeting please use this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87211839649?pwd=TKUwQm5oM3Vuc2IzcklhUG9GOWZSQTO9>

All parents are most welcome.



Pupil Free Day

Please note, a pupil free day has been planned for a Staff Spirituality Day on Friday 1 April. YMCA All day care will be available for any families wishing to book their child in for the day.



Family Directory Forms

These forms are due back to school tomorrow – Friday 4 March. Regardless of whether you want to be included in the Family Directory or not, we require these forms to be returned by every family. We thank those families who have already returned their forms.

Christ has no hands but yours.

Tim Moloney
Principal

DISCOVER CMC IN 2023

WE'RE WITH YOU ALL THE WAY!

OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday 23 March, 4.30-7pm
Coolock Campus, McIvor Hwy, Junortoun

REGISTER ONLINE NOW

COLLEGE TOURS: Tue & Thu: 29 & 31 March; 5 & 7 April; 3 & 5 May. Book online now!

ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR YEAR 7, 2023:
Wed 23 March 2022. Apply online!

'DISCOVER CMC' DAYS: Mon 2 – Fri 6 May.
For Grade 6 students at Coolock Campus.

ENROLMENTS CLOSE FOR YEAR 7, 2023:
Tue 10 May 2022.

ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES **Audra Petri** College Registrar ☎ 5445 9100 ✉ enrolment@cmc.vic.edu.au 🌐 www.cmc.vic.edu.au

Catherine McAuley College | A Ministry of Mercy Education Ltd | ABN 69 154 531 870

Postponed - Michael Carr-Gregg Presentation

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the evening with Michael Carr Gregg, scheduled for Monday 7 March. We will inform the school community when the new date has been booked in. If any parents would like a refund for their ticket purchase, please contact the school office.



School TV SPECIAL REPORT: Managing Overwhelm



Due to the pandemic, recent world events in the Ukraine and the impacts of the floods in Queensland and NSW, the world we now live in is a very different place. The hyperconnected nature of our current environment means that we are constantly being reminded of the challenges we face via numerous media and social media channels. Our connectivity to the digital world exposes us to a barrage of messages that can leave us feeling overwhelmed. As a result, many children and their parents are reporting higher levels of stress and anxiety.

Unfortunately, our brains have not evolved fast enough to adapt to this digital landscape. The combination of constant access to information and having little control over the situations presented, can be stressful and overwhelming. It is therefore important for adult carers to check in with their children and be aware of what information they may have been exposed to. It may not necessarily be the information itself that is harmful, but more their inability to process and make sense of it. Providing children with the skills and strategies to cope will enable them to flourish and thrive, socially, emotionally and academically.

The blueprint for parenting, based on our own experiences, is no longer fit for purpose in raising kids as citizens of tomorrow. This can be inherently stressful and overwhelming, not only for parents and carers, but children alike. If left untreated or unmanaged, constant stress and anxiety can lead to a number of behavioural issues or health consequences.

This Special Report suggests a number of strategies to help manage any feelings of overwhelm that you or your child may be experiencing. We hope you take a moment to reflect on the information offered, and as always, we welcome your feedback. If this raises any concerns for you, a loved one or the wellbeing of your child, please seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report

https://sfstrathfieldsay.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-managing-overwhelm

Regards,
Grace Scalora
Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing

CARITAS - Project Compassion: For All Future Generations



This week the season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold

dignity.

The theme of Project Compassion 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. We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. Each family will receive a Project Compassion box and/or a set of envelopes for their donations or you can donate online via the Caritas Australia website at: lent.caritas.org.au



Caritas Ks

Caritas Ks when we walk in solidarity with those who walk each day for water, education and for the basic necessities of life will be held on **Friday, 18 March**. Last week, the eldest student in the family brought home a sponsor book to gather sponsors for your family. Please let Mrs Hitchcock know if you would like another sponsor book. When you have your sponsors please return to the eldest in the family's classroom teacher.

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?*

Lisa Hitchcock
Catholic Identity Leader

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



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

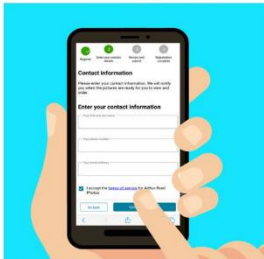


There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day

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 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

Congratulations to all the students who attended the Catholic Sports Carnival yesterday at the Bendigo East Swimming Pool. The results below are the overall results from 2 heats in each event. Students will receive ribbons soon, there was an issue with the ribbons we received on the day. We will hand these out to students in an official way soon. Thank you to Mrs Delaney, Miss Ellis and Mrs Zealley for helping the students on the day and well done to our students who continue to demonstrate exemplary in and out of school.

We had many outstanding performances throughout the day:

• Darcy Rodda	10yr girls	50m Freestyle	3rd overall
	10yr girls	50m Backstroke	2nd overall
• Willow Wardell	10yr girls	50m Breaststroke	1st overall
• Will Shadbolt	10yr boys	50m Backstroke	2nd overall
• Ava Hope	11yr girls	50m Freestyle	1st overall
• Willow Dickson	11yr girls	50m Backstroke	1st overall
• Tate Kanzamar	11yr boys	50m Freestyle	3rd overall
•	11yr boys	50m Backstroke	2nd overall
• Amelia Kelly	12yr girls	50m Freestyle	2nd overall
• Sam Johnson	12yr boys	50m Freestyle	2nd overall
	12yr boys	50m Breaststroke	3rd overall
	12yr boys	50m Backstroke	1st overall
• Mia Wardell	12yr girls	50m Backstroke	3rd overall
	12yr girls	50m Butterfly	2nd overall
• Alistair Hughes	12yr boys	50m Backstroke	3rd overall
• Sapphira Lecek	12yr girls	50m Breaststroke	2nd overall



- **Girls 10 years 4X50m freestyle relay** **2nd place**
- Lily Diss, Darcy Rodda, Jade Hayward, Willow Wardell
- **Boys 10 years 4X50m freestyle relay** **2nd place**
- Will Shadbolt, Brady McDermott, Alex Kelly, Will Munro
- **Girls 11 years 4X50m freestyle relay** **1st place**
- Lahni Tyrrell, Ella Tyrrell, Willow Dickson, Ava Hope.
- **Boys 11 years 4X50m freestyle relay** **2nd place**
- Tate Kanzamar, Tom Feiss, James Neunhoffer, William DeJong
- **Boys 12 years 4X50m freestyle relay** **2nd place**
- Sam Johnson, Connor Nelson, Alistair Hughes, Eli Fennell
- **Girls 13 years 4X50m freestyle relay** **1st place**
- Amelia Kelly, Ellie Munro, Sapphira Lecek, Mia Wardell



The Divisional Swimming Sports held at Bendigo East Swimming Pool next **Monday 7th February**. Congratulations to the following students for making The Division Swimming Carnival:

Ava Hope	Sapphira Lecek	Lahni Tyrrell
Amelia Kelly	Mia Wardell	Tom Feiss
Sam Johnson	Lily Diss	James Neunhoffer
Darcy Rodda	Jade Hayward	William DeJong
Will Shadbolt	Brady McDermott	Ellie Munro
Willow Dickson	Alex Kelly	Connor Nelson
Tate Kanzamar	Will Munro	Alistair Hughes
Willow Wardell	Ella Tyrrell	Eli Fennell

A big congratulations to: Sam Johnson and Mia Wardell who won our schools 'Best Contributor' medals.

As parent helpers are integral to a smooth operation for our students, we would like to thank some of the parents who helped out on the day. Thank you to Kim Kelly for marshalling and Tamara Wardell for timekeeping all day. Thank you also to Emma Tyrrell and Nic Tyrrell for helping assist with the day and packing up at the end.





On Monday, the Grade 4 - 6's competed at the catholic swimming sports.

Before we got on the bus we had an early break. After our quick break we got onto the bus. Some of us were nervous, some of us were really excited. The bus started to move and we were off to the swimming sports!

When we got to the pool the grade 4's were finishing up with their races.

First some of us did our medley relays. The under 12 boys medley was the first race, the boys came fourth it was a great effort. We also had the under 12 girls medley relay and they came - first everyone was so happy.

With some incredible times it was a really successful day. There was a lot of cheering from the side lines as well. After a week of parents not being able to spectate the sports, the rules finally relaxed and parents were allowed to come.

We thank all the teachers who were involved in helping us all get to the end of the pool. Big thanks to Mr Butcher, Mrs Zealley, Miss Ellis and Mrs Delaney who made this all possible.

By Sam Johnson, Mia Wardell and Amelia Kelly

Matt Butcher
Acting PE Coordinator

OASIS News.....

Congratulations Green Team

We have selected our Green Team members for Term 1. Well done for the impressive applications that these students made. We look forward to working together to improving our school garden ready for planting the winter crop.



Oz Harvest Food Education Program (FEAST)

Students in Grade 6 are beginning our newly introduced OZ Harvest FEAST (Food Education and Sustainability Program) this week. We have learnt that 1/3 of food is wasted at all stages of the supply chain Farms, Manufacturing and Home. Here are some ways we can help improve our Ecological Footprint:

We can all help reduce our ecological footprint by:

- Not wasting food
- Choosing food that is locally grown
- Buying seasonal produce
- Selecting foods with less packaging
- Buying less processed foods
- Composting the food that can't be eaten
- Avoid single use plastic cutlery, cups and plates
- Using energy efficiently for cooking



Matt Butcher
Environment and Sustainability Coordinator

2022 Instrumental Program – Term 1 availabilities

The Instrumental program is open to all children from Foundation (Prep) to Yr 6. Lessons are held in the 4 Instrumental Rooms in the Music Centre during school hours. As part of the program, an annual Instrumental Concert is held where the children are able to perform an item that they have learnt during the year.



In Term 1, we have vacancies in the following areas. Enrolments and enquiries are made by contacting the Instrumental teacher directly:

Vocal:	Hayley Trounson	hayley.trounson@hotmail.com
Piano:	Helen Jordan	helenjordan@optusnet.com.au
	Susan Steele	susansteelepiano@gmail.com
Guitar/Vocal:	Min Miles	minmiles@bigpond.com
Guitar/Bass/Drums:	Sam Miles-Forbes	sammilesforbes@gmail.com
Recorder/Flute:	Liesbeth Van Emmerik	liesbethhc@gmail.com
Violin:	Kate Van Emmerik	kateviolin2@gmail.com

Conveyance Allowance Application

Application and Authority to Pay forms need to be completed and returned to the office by **Monday 7th March 2022**.

Conveyance Allowance Program (CAP) 2022



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

With thanks,

Stephanie Wade (Administration)

January 2022

CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund)

Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2022 closes on **Friday 24 June 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.

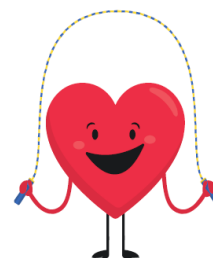
Check with the school office if you are unsure.



Yr 5 Jump Rope for Heart kicks off this term!

We are excited to announce that our Year 5 students are participating in Jump Rope for Heart this year - a fantastic fundraising and physical activity program that has been run by the Heart Foundation for over 36yrs.

By participating in Jump Rope for Heart this term, we're expecting to get our students moving. We'll have ropes available on the school grounds and encouraging everyone to help raise funds for lifesaving research and support programs.



Over the coming weeks the children will learn new skills, increase their physical activity, and learn about heart health. Here's a link that might assist in encouraging your child with [Skipping at Home](#).

Yr 5 Parents - When you register your child online you'll get access to additional skipping resources to help give your child a great reason to get away from the screens and get outdoors. Register and create your own secure webpage at jumprope.org.au/parents

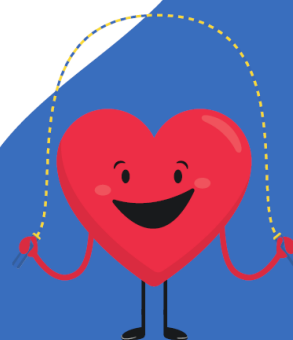
By signing up online, you and your child can:

- Easily raise funds online
- Track skipping skills progress and earn virtual badges along the way
- Post updates to your page so family and friends can follow their progress
- Access additional skipping resources

We are looking forward to starting our skipping adventure and reaching our fundraising goal of \$1000

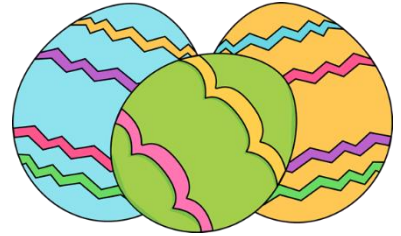
Dave Waters, Ella Wales, Jo Zimmer, Bianca Metherell, Clare Warfe & Graeme Coleman

Jumprope.org.au
Jump.rope@heartfoundation.org.au
1300 724 804



2022 P&F Easter Raffle

This year, the P&F are running an Easter Raffle to help clear out the store room of donations, gifts and prizes originally earmarked for one of the past two cancelled fetes. We are hoping to raise enough money to develop the area beside the soccer pitch amongst the trees as per the Strategic Plan.



Tickets will be sent home with the eldest child of the family tomorrow - Friday, 4th March. Tickets are \$1.00 each, note NO money can be returned to school, all monies from ticket sales to be processed via CDF Pay. Please click on Easter Raffle, select your eldest child and then select the amount to pay - either a full book - \$20 or separate amount for each ticket sold.

There are over 15 prizes available to win, ranging from an Apple Watch to a child's BMX bike and many others. Each prize winner will also receive a small number of Easter chocolates.

Tickets are to be returned through the classroom tubs by the **Friday 25th March** and the raffle will be drawn on the **Wednesday 30th March** (second last week of term).

We thank you in advance for your continued support of our school and look forward to sharing the new developments once completed.

With Thanks Georgina, Megan, Kate and Nic





2022 EASTER RAFFLE

Heaps of prizes to be won!!!

TICKETS \$1.00 EACH

1ST PRIZE	APPLE WATCH - SERIES 7
2ND PRIZE	BMX BIKE
3RD PRIZE	HORSE PACK - BOOTS, ROPE, T-SHIRT
4TH PRIZE	ESKY, BAG & ASQ VOUCHER
5TH PRIZE	MAKITA KIT BAG, TOOLS, BUNNINGS VOUCHER
6TH PRIZE	SILK DAY SPA VOUCHER, AVEDA GIFT SET

PLUS MANY MORE PRIZES

(ALL PRIZES INCLUDE EASTER CHOCOLATE)

TICKETS TO BE RETURNED BACK TO SCHOOL -
FRIDAY 25TH MARCH

ALL MONEY FOR TICKETS TO BE PAID THROUGH
CDF PAY

RAFFLE DRAWN - **WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH**



St Francis Basketball Club

St Francis Basketball Club AGM

Tuesday 15th March, 6.30pm @ Bradies Tavern

New members welcome!

We are looking for multiple age group co-ordinator's and various positions - so come along and see how you can support this growing community.

(Any apologies to Kristy 0428921776)



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.



Gr. 5 Parent/Child CyberSafety Night

7pm-8pm Tuesday 15th March

Meeting via Google Meet

As part of the whole school iPad Program and policy for the Gr. 5 1:1 program, we will once again be holding a Cyber Safety presentation.

It is a requirement for all Grade 5 students and one parent/guardian to attend.

We need to know that all children will be safe and that parents understand what's required. Parents will then be asked to sign the agreement for take home use.

This year's Cyber Safety session will be presented by Grant Fitzgerald, senior consultant in Learning Technologies/Teaching & Learning at the Sandhurst Catholic Education Office.

Grant is a previous staff member, deputy principal and parent at St. Francis of the Fields and has worked for many years with both students and teachers in using computers to assist with, and demonstrate learning.

Grant will give a presentation that will assist parents in helping children to stay safe online and what it means to be good digital citizens.



DISCOVER CMC IN 2023

WE'RE WITH YOU ALL THE WAY!



OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday 23 March, 4.30-7pm

Coolock Campus, McIvor Hwy, Junortoun

REGISTER ONLINE NOW

CHECK OUT ALL THE EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES ON OFFER AT CMC IN 2023.

View the progress of the new state-of-the-art Mercy Junortoun Sporting Precinct, opening next year for the College and local community. Learn about reGEN for a sustainable future, our integrated curriculum and student-led initiatives. Explore STEAM, contemporary technology, hands-on learning and the instrumental music and agriculture programs. Join us for a BBQ, guided tours, live music, displays and a chat with students and staff about Year 7 at CMC.

COLLEGE TOURS: Tuesdays 29 March, 5 April & 3 May / Thursdays 31 March, 7 April & 5 May. Book online now!

ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR YEAR 7, 2023: Wednesday 23 March 2022. Apply online!

'DISCOVER CMC' DAYS: Monday 2 – Friday 6 May. For Grade 6 students at Coolock Campus.

ENROLMENTS CLOSE FOR YEAR 7, 2023: Tuesday 10 May 2022.

TREASURE HUNT LAUNCHES ONLINE 9 MARCH

Find your way around and complete the quiz for your chance to win AirPods, College summer uniform items or a Family ticket to 2022 Production, Spamalat (school edition)! Winners announced on 23 March.

ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES Audra Petri College Registrar

☎ 5445 9100 ✉ enrolment@cmc.vic.edu.au 🌐 www.cmc.vic.edu.au

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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 YMCA Afterschool Care



At Afterschool care this fortnight we have continued to welcome some new faces within the service. We have been enjoying getting to know one another by sharing stories and drawings about ourselves and families. We are also exploring our crafty side through a range of craft activities that allow us to be self-expressive, while practicing organizational skills and fine motor skills and concentration.

Some of the fun activities we have done are cooking, STEM activities, crafts and positivity notes, 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, wraps, 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....

STRATHFIELDSAYE COLTS UNITED F.C

INVITE ALL PARENTS & CARERS
TO REGISTER FOR THE 2022 JUNIOR SEASON

REGISTRATION IS ONLINE VIA THE

PLAYFOOTBALL.COM.AU



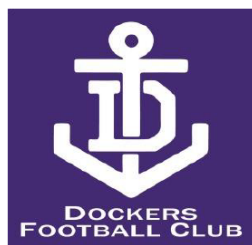
Opportunity to attend the club to
order shirts for all non competitive
grades (U6, U7, U8, U9 & U10)

Tuesday 1st March 4pm

Where: Colts United FC club
Rooms Sports Centre
Club Court Strathfieldsaye

**Registrations close
Friday March the 7th**

Enquiries: Ed Castle (Junior co-ordinator) 0402 246 236
Email – juniors@coltsunitedfc.com.au



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



Supporting Greater Bendigo kids to be happy, active, healthy and connected!

Join an Early Years Matters community discussion to help shape the future health and wellbeing for children aged 0-12 years in our community.

The City of Greater Bendigo invites local community members with an interest in developing opportunities for kids centred around healthy eating, physical activity and social connection to join local professionals and help guide priorities for children in our community.

This session will provide the opportunity to collectively identify actions we can all deliver to address the key priorities in creating happy, healthy, active and connected kids in Greater Bendigo.

TIME:

1pm – 4pm

DATE:

Thursday March 24, 2022

VENUE:

Bendigo Hockey Complex,
14-30 Ashley Street, Ironbark

Light refreshments provided.

RSVP:

For more information or to register to attend this session please contact: Kristy Bennett on 5434 6327 or via email to k.bennett@bendigo.vic.gov.au by Thursday March 17, 2022.

Please note: All attendees must be double COVID-19 vaccinated to attend the session.



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

MULTI-SPORT PROGRAMME

Programmes run weekly on one day a week for one hour.

This term we will focus on the following sports:

- ✓ Soccer
- ✓ Netball
- ✓ Hockey
- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ AFL

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

For Prep – Year 4 students.

\$70 FOR 5 WEEKS!

Sign up anytime, and only pay for the weeks remaining in the term.

School: St Francis of the Fields Primary School

Day: Friday

Next Program Date: Friday 11th March

End Date: Friday 8th April

Time: 3:25pm - 4:25pm



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