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ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIEL

Newsletter No. 16 - Sept 8, 2022

(Term 3 - Week 9)

"To Live, Learn and Grow in God's Love"

St Francis of Assisi

Reminders

Reminder! Thursday 8 September Year 3 Camp - Kyneton Friday 9 September Year 3 Camp - Kyneton Monday 12 September **Divisional Athletic Sports** Friday 16 September Wear your Colours Day End of Term 3 – finish @ 2.30pm Sunday 2 October Davlight Say Daylight Savings starts Monday 3 October Start of Term 4 Hats to be worn when outside Tuesday 4 October Blessing of the Animals & St Francis of Assisi Awards @ 9.15am Monday 10 October Regional Athletic Sports Thursday 13 October P&F Meeting @ 7.30pm Friday 14 October Yr 4 Unit Mass @ 11.45am Monday 17 October Students to be in full Summer Uniform Fdn-Yr2 Swimming Wednesday 19 October School Advisory Board Meeting Monday 24 October Fdn – Yr 2 Swimming Program п Tuesday 25 October Fdn – Yr 2 Swimming Program Wednesday 26 October Bendigo Cup Day Holiday Thursday 27 October Fdn – Yr 2 Swimming Program Friday 28 October Fdn – Yr 2 Swimming Program Regional Basketball Yr6 - Swan Hill T20 Cricket carnival - Yr6 Memorial Service @ 11.40am

Tuckshop 2022 – Term 3

Week 9 Thurs 8 Sept 12.30 - 3pm Sarah Longford Friday 9 Sept 12.30 - 3pm Chelsea Mazzarino Lisa Phillips Week 10 Thurs 15 Sept 12.30 - 3pm Marnie O'Bree Friday 16 Sept 12.30 - 3pm Tandy Jackson Renee Jet Kim Kelly Hollie Warren

Weekend Maintenance

- 10-11 Sept McDermott (6FD), Skipper (4Z), Lennon (3M) 1-2 Oct Wiegard (6FD), Logan (Fdn M), Mansfield (2M) Freeman (5W), Orr (3H), 8-9 Oct Gregg (Fdn D) 15-16 Oct Barker (Fdn SW), Turpie (2P), Place (5D)
- 22-23 Oct Kanzamar (5K), Connolly (4O), Walker (3H)

"True progress quietly and persistently moves along without notice."

Dear Families,

Our school community is blessed to be able to enjoy 28 acres surrounded by two creeks. A simply magnificent school setting.

I share with you this beautiful Aboriginal Creed.

I believe in God the Father of us all, Who has given the earth to all people, and I believe in people as the image of God.

I believe in Jesus Christ, who came to encourage us and to heal us, to proclaim the peace of God to humankind. I believe in the Spirit of God, who works in every man and woman.

| believe in the Church, moved by the Spirit to serve all people.

| believe in Australians in their courage and spirit of adventure -

in their perseverance and hard work in their ordinariness and their homelessness -

in their black, Aboriginal beauty - in their migrant struggles -

in their search for identity.

| believe in our responsibility for creation -

the trust of every mountain range - of every forest - of every harbour

- of every city - of every plan to build a future.

do not believe in the right of the strongest,

nor the power of the oppressors.

do not believe that | can fight oppression far away

if | tolerate injustice here.

do not believe that all suffering is in vain, nor that our dreams will remain dreams, nor that death is the end.

But | dare to believe, always and in spite of everything, in a new humanity;

in God's own dream of a new heaven and a new earth

where justice will flourish,

and peace will reign, in our land, in our world.

Author unknown, but believed to have originated from an Aboriginal community in Northern Queensland.

Sacramental Celebrations

Our children received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist over the past two weekends. Our children were beautifully supported on their faith journey by their parents, godparents, Fr. Andrew Fewings, Lisa Hitchcock, the Parish Sacramental Team and the many staff members who attended the sacramental masses. Well done to all involved!

Uniform Survey Results

The uniform survey results and Uniform Team recommendations have been approved by our Advisory Council.

What does this mean for our school community?

- The new uniform can be ordered in the coming months so that it can begin being worn at the start of 2023.
- All families have been given 2 years to be fully dressed in the new uniform. This means all children need to be in the new school uniform by 2025.
- Children can begin wearing ALL black shoes/runners now (or flippers!!!)
- If children grow out of uniform, parents may choose to purchase the new uniform.
- At the end of 2024 we will collect all old uniforms that can still be worn and offer them to third world country schools.

Summer Uniform

Children are now allowed to wear either the summer or winter uniform while the weather is proving changeable. All children will need to be in their full summer uniform for the start of the third week of Term 4 (Monday 17 October). Please note, as part of enrolling your child at St. Francis of the Fields P.S. it is expected that all children will wear the prescribed school uniform.

School Fees



School fee statements were emailed to families last week.

In accordance with our school fee payment policy, accounts should be finalised by **Friday 16 September** 2022 (end of term 3) except for parents who are paying by direct debit instalments or have another arrangement with the school. It is expected that all fees are paid each year and not carried forward to future years unless arrangements have been discussed with the Principal.

A Reminder of our Payment Options -

1. Direct Debit - This is the school's preferred option. Parents who have chosen this option, please check to see that your account will be paid in full by the end of the school year. If not, please contact the office to amend your direct debit amount.

2. Three equal payments over Terms 1, 2 & 3 i.e. your total amount divided by 3

3. Regular instalments via EFT - Please note your account number and surname to ensure payment is receipted to correct account (e.g. 1234 Cummins Fees). Please ensure that your account is paid in full by the end of the school year.

4. It is expected that parents who do not choose to make payment under one of the above options, will pay their fees in advance.

Fee Payment Difficulties

Parents who may be experiencing difficulty in meeting school fee payments are urged to make an appointment with Tim Moloney to discuss other options available. Assistance is available where genuine need exists. Confidentiality is assured.

Arts on Show

Congratulations to our choir and Kiara Cox, our Music Teacher, who led our choir brilliantly as part of the collection of Catholic Primary and Secondary schools who performed at Catholic Education Sandhurst's Arts on Show performance. Well done!.



Year 3 Camp

Thank you to our Year 3 team of teachers who have braved the very wet weather to take our Year 3 children to the Kyneton camp. We pray our children and staff enjoy the camp and return with wonderful memories.



Thank you

- Thank you to our parents for coordinating our Father's Day stall for the benefit of our dads. Well done!
- Thanks also to our Deb Committee and parents and staff who coordinated and assisted with the Debutante Balls and clean up.

End of Term 3



A reminder that **Term 3 finishes Friday 16 September** <u>at 2.30pm</u>. This means that all children need to be picked up at 2.30pm from school and that the buses will be leaving approximately an hour earlier. After School Care at St. Francis of the Fields will be operating from 2.30pm and will finish at the normal time of 6pm.

I pray that everyone enjoys a safe and restful holiday and returns refreshed on Monday 3 October.

Blessing of the Animals - Term 4

I am hoping that our parents and grandparents might be able to support the children in celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. I ask that children be allowed to bring their pets (cats, dogs, goldfish, horses, etc) to school for the Blessing of the Animals on Tuesday 4 October at 9.15am.

I also ask that our parents and grandparents then take the pets home once the blessing is completed. We will finish the Blessing and announce our St. Francis Award winners by 10.30am. Thanks in advance.



Christ has no hands but yours.

Tim Moloney



Tuckshop News....

CASH NO LONGER ACCEPTED



Principal

From the beginning of Term 4, we will no longer be accepting any cash payments at the tuckshop. Children are encouraged to order their icy-poles and slushies through the online CDF Pay ordering system. Orders need to be placed before 9am on the day of ordering.

cash is not accepted

Helpers needed for Term 4 roster

The roster for Term 4 is currently being processed. Please message Fiona Thompson if you would like to be put on the Term 4 roster - 0400 072 311.

We require 1 person on Thursday's and 2 helpers on Friday's. All helpers must have completed the Engagement of Volunteers paperwork, referee checks & interview. Start time is 12.30pm for both days. All past helpers are encouraged to contact Fiona – you will not be automatically put on the roster.



School TV SPECIAL REPORT: Building Belonging Post Pandemic



Having a sense of belonging involves more than simply knowing other people. It is also focused on gaining acceptance, attention and support from others, as well as having the opportunity to provide the same to other people.

When the pandemic interrupted our lives and changed the way we live, this meant that suddenly many of our young people's main sources of connection with peers and extended family members was removed overnight without warning. As human beings, we have a basic emotional and biological need for connection. It provides us with feelings of identity, security, support, acceptance and community.

Students who have a sense of belonging will experience these feelings which in turn supports their academic, psychological and social development. When young people come together again after a period of instability, there is a period of adjustment. Whilst the rules of the group may be established, acceptance remains paramount and can therefore mean some behaviours become far from rational, making it difficult for their brain to focus on things, such as learning. All these factors combined, leave young people open to being vulnerable. It can sometimes tempt them into making choices or becoming involved in situations they might not ordinarily consider.

As a result of the pandemic, there are still many young people struggling to connect and regain their sense of belonging. This Special Report provides guidance to families who find themselves in this situation. 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: <u>https://sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-building-belonging-post-</u> <u>pandemic</u>

Regards, Grace Scalora Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing



RE News.....

Sacramental Program - Confirmation and First Eucharist

We warmly congratulate the following students on their Confirmation and First Eucharist. Thank you to all of the families, leaders of the cluster groups, the Parish Sacramental Team and our program and Sacramental Mass volunteers for supporting these children on continuing their sacramental journey. We wish God's blessings on them all that they may always be aware of Christ's presence and live a life full of faith and love.



Emerson Arundell Elsie Bennallack Jemma Campbell Chelsea Cummins Milly Cummins Thomas Darlow River Davies Scout Davies Oscar Hargreaves Bailey Hicks Isla Hogan Patrick Horan Mackenzie Jackson Makayla Jackson Isabelle Khodja Zahra Macumber Lilah Maddern Connor McCormick Chloe McSwain Madeline O'Keefe Ivy Parker Edward Perry Joshua Prowse Evie Renton Rafferty Stevens Harry Ward Eden Whitty



Sacramental Program - Reconciliation

The Sacramental Program to prepare children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin in Term 4. Children in Grade 2 and above can enrol in the Reconciliation program. If you require an enrolment form please contact Kristy Ryan <u>stsacraments@gmail.com</u> or

Lisa Hitchcock https://www.hitchcock@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au



To enrol your child in the program, please return your enrolment form included via email <u>stsacraments@gmail.com</u> or directly to the parish office. Please return the enrolment form by Friday 16th September.

Information Evenings - More information regarding how the program will run, dates, times and expectations will be available closer to the start date. Parents and carers enrolling children in the Reconciliation program are asked to please attend one of the following information evenings:

- Tuesday 11th October, 7pm at St Therese's, Kennington
- Thursday 13th October, 7pm, St Joseph's, Axe Creek.

Children are not required to attend the information evenings.

If you require any further information please contact Kristy Ryan <u>stsacraments@gmail.com</u> or Lisa Hitchcock@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au



CEBU FUNDRAISER - Wear your colours day!

On **Friday 16 September** (last day of Term 3), students can wear their colours - team or favourite colours - and bring along a gold coin to school to help raise money for Cebu, Philippines. Our school has a strong link to Cebu through the Sandhurst Diocese immersion program that is run in partnership with the University of San Carlos, Cebu. Some of our teachers have been fortunate to visit local communities and found this to be a rich experience where they have learned much from the people they met and shared time with.



St Francis of Assisi Feast Day: Blessing of the Animals & St Francis of Assisi Awards

This year we are able to celebrate St Francis of Assisi's Feast Day on the actual Feast Day - Tuesday 4 October. We will be joining millions of people around the world celebrating St Francis, one of the most popular saints worldwide.

When: <u>Tuesday 4 October</u>, 9.15am (until 10.15am approx) Where: Basketball Court Who: Everyone, especially our beloved pets!

A part of the Feast Day celebration will be the Blessing of the Animals and everyone is invited to bring along their pet to be blessed. Students can bring along a photo of the pet to be blessed if they are unable to bring along their pet or if their pet has died.

During the pandemic, we have not been able to have our families and pets at school. We are all very excited to have our school community and their animals gather to celebrate St Francis and his love of Jesus, all people, animals and his oneness with creation.

It is important to note some safety requirements that we need to be mindful of for our Feast Day celebrations:



- 1. Pets must be on leads and small animals would be best left in their cages for safety.
- 2. Parents must remain with pets at all times, especially the larger dogs. Parents are invited to sit with

their child and pet amongst the class group.

3. We ask that large dogs are kept to the edge of our gathering area around the basketball

court. Your child is able to sit with you.

4. All pets are to be taken home at the conclusion of the awards.

Following the Blessing of Animals, the St Francis of Assisi Awards are presented to two recipients from each year level. One boy and one girl, will be recognised for their work in emulating the charism of St Francis throughout the year. Each student will receive an award and a beautiful citation written by their teacher to illustrate how they live out the Gospel values as St Francis did.

We hope to see you all there with your beloved animals! All are welcome!

Remembrance Ceremony

On Friday - 28 October at 11:45am, we will hold our Remembrance Ceremony at the Memorial Garden. During the ceremony, we will remember and pray for our loved ones who have died and will always hold a special place in our hearts. All are invited to join us for the ceremony.

We ask our school families to please contact: Mrs Hitchcock <u>Ihitchcock@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au</u> or Mrs O'Connor <u>moconnor@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au</u>, by Friday 23 September, if they have a family member that has passed away and they would like them to be included on the Memorial Wall.

always loved always remembered always missed ays thankful

Father's Day Mass

Last Friday, we had a wonderful celebration for our fathers, grandfathers and those special people in our students' lives at our Father's Day Mass. We thank Fr Andrew for celebrating our Mass, all of our students who prepared and participated so well and our families for joining us at Mass. We loved having all of you join us and hope you all had a wonderful day on Sunday.



Catholic Identity Leader







Lisa Hitchcock



Parish News.... The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Are you an adult and not baptised or have been baptised in another Church?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for adults wanting to become Catholic. The program is a four-stage process:

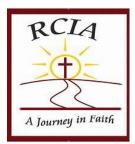
- Enquiry initial interest about becoming Catholic
- Catechumenate formal period of formation in faith
- Election and Celebration of the Sacraments spiritual preparation
- Post-Baptismal Enlightenment informal follow-up, ongoing involvement.

During the RCIA process, participants (also known as Catechumens) meet with others to share, reflect, pray and learn more about the Catholic faith. There are ceremonies or 'rites' at each stage to signify the steps along the way.

For further information regarding RCIA, please contact Kristy Ryan at the St Therese's Parish Office 5443 3337 or email <u>stsacraments@gmail.com to register your interest.</u>

An information session will be held during October to provide further information, with the Enquiry process beginning in November.

*Parishioners interested in joining the RCIA team by contributing to these sessions are welcome to enquire also.



PE News....

Congratulations to the Boys and Girls school basketball teams. The girls played 7 games plus finals and won all their matches. The Grand Final was against St Therese's and they won in a thrilling game. The boys won all their games except for a draw in 1 game. This got them into the finals but unfortunately, they missed out on winning the grand final against St Therese's.

Both teams have made it through to the regional competition in Swan Hill on Friday October 28th.





Matt Butcher PE Teacher

Uniform 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.

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 <u>stfrancis@ymca.org.au</u>.



Lost Property

There is currently an abundance of items in the lost property area in the main school building. We ask all families to please come and check if any of these items belong to you. All named items are always returned



via the class tubs. We will be cleaning up and clearing out this area in the coming weeks.

Children's Chatter Matters!

Language Learning activities to try at home.

Focus: Developing students' receptive language skills or the ability to understand the spoken word.

This includes individual words as well as the sentence type/ structure. Receptive language skills underpin all areas of the school curriculum including literacy, numeracy and social and personal capabilities.

Cut and paste the QR codes and/or website link into your newsletter for parents to follow up the activities on their computer/ipad or phones at home.

1. Basic Concepts

This activity targets your child's understanding of basic concepts such as hard, wet, slow etc. Go to the QR Code below and see if your child can select the appropriate picture that goes with the concept. This is best suited for kinder/ prep/ one students.



wordwall.net/resource/2044839

wordwall.net/resource/3435290



2. Spatial Concepts

It is important for children to understand the concept words within instructions e.g. behind, between, next to. These are used frequently in the classroom. Try doing the activity below with your child. See if your child can select the correct concept word that goes with the picture.

3. Wh- questions

Children need to understand each of the Wh- question starters... Who? What? When? Where? Why? This will assist in understanding stories and remembering key information, as well as assisting students to generate their own stories. Here is a match- up activity to complete and discuss with your child. wordwall.net/resource/28387472









Let's have an active fun summer of cricket... Strathfieldsaye Jets Cricket Club welcomes new and existing players to register for the 2022/23 season.

Registrations are now open for

- Junior Blaster (ages 5 to 7),
- Master Blaster (ages 8 to 10),
- U11, U12, U14 & U16

• Junior Girls teams via the link below: <u>https://play.cricket.com.au/club/strathfieldsaye-</u> <u>cricket-club/1a3bd37b-87d8-eb11-a7ad-2818780da0cc</u> We look forward to a fun filled summer of cricketing

action for all ages. If requiring further information, or any queries in general please feel free to contact us via email <u>strathfieldsayejets@gmail.com</u> or the phone numbers below.

"Live local, Play local" Brent Yates | Junior President | 0434 730 711 Marc Sherwell | Junior Secretary | 0418 365 461



Mandurang Cricket Club Pearce Reserve Nankervis Road, Mandurang Senior & Junior Cricketers Welcome



Mandurang Cricket Club is affiliated with Emu Valley Cricket Association and fields senior teams in Div 1, 2 & 3

The Cricket Club is an integral part of the progressive Mandurang Community and we invite you and your family to become involved.

We invite all new players, Senior, Female and Junior to register.

All enquiries: Damon Cathcart: M: 0408 123 957 Chris Garlick M: 0429 333 927

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Sessions run each Saturday morning for one hour, per age group.

This program will focus on the following Netball aspects: 🖌 Attacking & Shooting 🛛 🖌 Dodging & pivoting 🗸 Footwork 🖌 Passing Skills 🛛 🧹 Match Play 🧹 Defensive skills

uncorp Super Netball star & Collin agpies defender, Zee Davies, will be running this spe cialised 6-week Netball agram that is specifically designed to improve and upskil dame, as well as pro mote your enjoyment for the sport of etball. Are you looking to take your game to the next level? e of the best! m e For children aged from 6 - 12 years of age.

PROGRAM COST - \$150

Sign up at any stage throughout the program and only pay for the reamining sessions

Venue: St Liborius Primary School Day: Saturday's Start Date: 3rd September End Date: 8th October Time: 9:30am - 10:30am (ages 6 - 8)

10:30am - 11:30am (ages 9 - 12)

SIGN UP EARLY!

Sign up before the program commences to receive a Kelly Sports Netholl

GET IN TOUCH Contact: Reau Crass Phone: 0428 326 924 Facebook: Kelly Sports Bendigo

Email: Website: beau@kellysports.com.au www.kellysports.com.au/bendigo



WEEK 1 - 6

Each weekly session will implement a different focus. Here is the 6-week outline:

WEEK 1: Footwork

- WEEK 2: Passing & Hand-eye control
- WEEK 3: Dodging & Pivoting WEEK 4: Attacking & Shooting
- WEEK 5: Defensive skills
- WEEK 6: Match Play & Round Robin

Along with the weekly focus for each session, children will also engage in a variety of fun team games, skill drills & activities, as well as warm up and cool down routines.

SESSION TIMES

Ages 6 - 8: 9:30am - 10:30am Ages 9 - 12: 10:30am - 11:30am

*Please note that each participant will need a water bottle and suitable attire for Netball & physical activity for this program.

Parents are more than welcome to come along and watch each of our little superstars in action!

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT **EXELLYSPORTS.COM.AU**





Sat 8 October - 10am-3pm

Free Entry - 10 Galvin St, Bendigo, Victoria



- * Minerals
- * Gemstones
- * Rock Cutting
- * Polishing
- * Silversmithing
- * Jewellery making





Look through the microscope at minerals. Bring your stones & minerals for identification (no valuations).



Gem sifting & Metal Detecting for the kids Glowing rock display BBO Raffle



Buy genuine gemstones & handcrafted jewellery from the Members' Stall

Love rocks- join the club! Chat with members, view the workshop facilities & become a member on the day or at https://bendigogemclub.tidyhq.com/public/membership_levels All Enquiries: bendigogemclub@mail.tidyhq.com f BendigoGemClut



