

ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 13 – Aug 1, 2024
(Term 3 – Week 3)

The Jaara people are the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and learn. We pay our respects to the elders and commit to working for reconciliation and justice.

“To live learn and grow in God’s love.”

Reminders

Friday 2 August

- 5K & 5FT Class Mass @ 11.45am
- Fdn Unit – 100 Days of School celebration

Monday 5 August

- Learning Conversations

Tuesday 6 August

- Learning Conversations
- 2025 Foundation Interviews

Wednesday 7 August

- Learning Conversations

Thursday 8 August

- St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Classroom prayer service

Friday 9 August

- 5ZD & 5W Class Mass @ 11.45am

Monday 12 August

- Engagement of Volunteers @ 2.45pm

Wednesday 14 August

- School Advisory Board @ 5.30pm

Thursday 15 August

- Feast of the Assumption Mass @ 11.45am

Friday 16 August

- 2025 Foundation Interviews

Tuesday 20 August

- Scholastic Book Fair
- Yr 6 Life Relationships @ 6.30pm

Wednesday 21 August

- Scholastic Book Fair
- Catholic Athletic Sports

Tuckshop 2024 – Term 3

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Week 3

Fri 2 August
12:30pm-3pm

Julie Palmer
Renee Jet
Erin Shadbolt
Casey Simpson

Week 4

Thurs 8 August
12:30pm-3pm

David Perrin

Fri 9 August
12:30pm-3pm

Bec Foster
Jess McKinley
Kate Fraser

Week 5

Thurs 15 August
12:30pm-3pm

Sarah Longford

Fri 16 August
12:30pm-3pm

Verity Nicholson
Chantelle Flynn
Dave Kerr
Kate Molloy

Weekend Maintenance

3-4 August

Dole (Fdn W)
Trehwella (1M)

10-11 August

Pollard (1AJ)
Hand (5ZD)

17-18 August

McDermott (6Z)
Purvis (5FT)

24-25 August

Burns (4W)
Lynch (4W)

31 Aug – 1 Sept

Wright (6Z)
Stewart-Eeles (5K)

“The deeds you do may be the only sermon
some persons will hear today.”

St Francis of Assisi



Dear Families,

The prayer below is a timely reminder that life’s challenges are very necessary lessons that help each person develop resilience. As parents, we do a disservice to our children by trying to resolve issues that are actually necessary developmental stepping-stones.

It is useful to remind your child about the Catastrophe Scale. I remind myself that...

- 100 is the worst catastrophe imaginable – think Tsunami flooding islands and leaving thousands dead and homeless.
- 90 is both my parents dying,
- 10 is missing out on something you set your heart on,
- 5 is someone giving me dirty looks or being unkind to me occasionally,
- 1 is Essendon losing yet another game of football!

When children realise that their problems are “ant” problems and they treat them accordingly then they are able to move on quite quickly.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the challenges in life that help to build my strength.
Thank you for the times when my lack of resources reminds me of the value of resourcefulness.

Thank you for the mysterious people who confound, frustrate and annoy me, teaching me patience and the art of forgiveness.

Thank you for the moments when I am in desperate need of a miracle, and at the very last moment, from an unexpected source, one arrives.

Thank you for the difficult path that only I can walk, the challenging problems that you have prepared for me to solve and the purpose that you have for my life.

Thank you for the moments of courage that you give me so that I can live a life of meaning, not comfort.

Thank you for the moments when I am aware of my many faults, not so that I can wallow in guilt, but so that I can tap into your grace and mercy.

Thank you for building my resilience and teaching me to hold on to what is good.
Amen.



School Improvement Review

Our school recently was reviewed by a team of external facilitators that had been trained in the internationally renowned School Improvement Tool (SIT).

Without a doubt this has been the most rigorous review of our school. Pleasingly the team was able to provide some very clear recommendations where we can improve and refine our practices. These recommendations will form the basis of our Strategic Plan that will begin to be developed by our Advisory Council, Leadership Team and Learning Leaders.



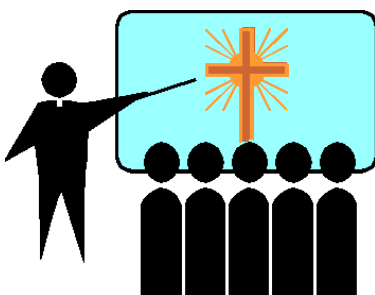
I share with you the recommendations from the School Improvement Review:

- Collaborate with key stakeholders to establish a narrowly focused improvement agenda with coherent strategies and aligned measurable short, medium and long-term student achievement targets. Clearly define each staff member's accountability in achieving the improvement targets to establish collective efficacy. Empower staff through collaborative processes to track the effectiveness of improvement strategies at the individual student, unit and whole-school levels.
- Implement consistent, evidence-informed, high-yield pedagogical approaches that prioritise high expectations for outstanding student growth and are measured for impact. Provide ongoing and differentiated professional development opportunities that equip teachers with the necessary skills and knowledge to implement the chosen approaches effectively. Instigate professional growth plans for staff that utilise strategies, including action learning, peer and classroom observations and targeted feedback, to refine individuals' practice and collective approaches to high levels of engagement and academic excellence.
- Strengthen teachers' understanding of the progression of curriculum knowledge and skills, both within and between year levels. Build teachers' capability to tailor curriculum content, delivery and assessment opportunities to provide all students with appropriate challenge in their learning. Establish rigorous processes for leaders to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of curriculum delivery to ensure every student has a minimum of one year's learning growth for one year of schooling.
- Review the current data collection and analysis processes to ensure alignment with pedagogical practices and curriculum expectations. Develop a comprehensive school data plan that meets system requirements, responds to the local context and builds staff expertise in analysing and interpreting data to drive student growth.
- Develop a whole-school approach to assist students in their understanding and ownership of their learning journey. Provide students with clarity regarding what they are learning, its relevance and what success looks like, as well as offer timely descriptive feedback so they can identify where they are at in their learning and how they can improve. Create innovative and aspirational opportunities to demonstrate and articulate their learning and next steps.

Catholic Identity Review

Late last term we completed our Catholic Identity review. This review was held intentionally close with the SIT review and my Principal Appraisal so that the feedback would help clarify our Strategic Plan and my own personal learning and improvement goals.

Once again our school has performed well in each of these appraisals though we have much to learn and refine.



I share with you the recommendations from the Catholic Identity Review:

- Stronger connections between the 'Jesus narrative' in relation to the mission of the Catholic school.
- Clarity for all to know and value the relationship between Jesus and St Francis of Assisi. While there exists a robust understanding and appreciation for St. Francis' life and values, there is an opportunity to delve deeper into this knowledge to better comprehend who Jesus truly is.

- Strengthen the relationship between the Parish and the school for a visible presence in both communities.

Recontextualisation of scripture supporting staff and students to connect religious teachings to real life.

Building Update

At the end of last year, I applied for 2 grants of \$2.7 million dollars each from the 2023 - 2026 School's Victorian Non-Government Schools Capital Funding (VNGSCF). These applications were to help fund the building of a new learning centre for the 8 Year 3/4 classes.

Unfortunately, we have been unsuccessful in this application process.

We will now need to adjust our thinking. I believe that there are two other avenues to explore:

1. Seek Australian Federal Grant funding (Tim to explore and report back to the Advisory Council))
2. Apply for a Minor Capital grant from CES Ltd (up to \$500,000) and take out a loan to totally renovate the existing Year 4 portables.



I will keep the school updated on our progress.

Learning Conversations



Our Learning Conversations will be held early next week. At this stage we can see that a number of reports remain unopened. Please read your child's report prior to the Learning Conversation. Please make the effort to attend these conversations - your child is worth it. **Bookings close at 3.00pm tomorrow, Friday 2 Aug.** Instructions are included in this newsletter.

Sports Coordinator Extraordinaire!

The first 3 weeks of Term 3 has proven to be incredibly busy for our Sports Coordinators, Danielle Coates, Shannon Baird and Kate Zealley. I would just like to acknowledge the wonderful work that each of them have done in coordinating the following:

- St. Francis Athletic Sports
- Division & Regional Netball Championships
- State Cross Country entrants
- Division Girls and Boys Football Championships



If you see Danielle, Shannon and Kate please thank them for their incredible commitment to our children.

Assembly

4R will lead our school assembly tomorrow, **Friday 2 August, from 2.30pm** in the Shed. All parents, grandparents and guardians are most welcome to attend.

Christ has no hands but yours.

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

Tim Moloney
Principal



Pastoral Wellbeing

Over the coming weeks I will focus the wellbeing section of the newsletter on 'Raising Boys'. On **Tuesday, 3 September, 2024** we are holding a special movie screening of Steve Biddulph's presentation on 'Raising Boys.' We continue to learn more and more about raising boys and what their needs are to be young men with a 'strong backbone and a good heart.'

I invite all parents in our school community to attend the movie night. You will be able to buy tickets for this event via CDF Pay for \$10. Your \$10 includes pizza, a soft drink and the movie viewing.

Below I include some facts from a recent book that I have read about boys. The 'Boys report card' from 'Bringing up Boys who Like Themselves' is a very persuasive reason for all parents to attend our movie screening.

Boys' report card.

The following report card shows that many of our boys are struggling academically, emotionally, and socially. Fortunately, there are answers to these problems, and we have every reason to be optimistic for our boys and their future prospects. But if we want to get to the solutions, we need to know what we're up against.

- Mental health.

Seventeen per cent of boys aged 4-11 experience a **mental health** disorder.

- Suicide.

Suicide is the leading cause of death for Australians aged 15-44. Seventy-five per cent of those who take their own life are male.

- Academic performance.

Boys' academic performance is lagging behind that of girls. According to the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), girls outperform boys in writing and reading in all tested year levels, with the disparity growing as they get older. In 2022, only 79.2 per cent of boys in Year 9 reached the national minimal level of writing, compared to 89.3 per cent of girls, and only 86.5 per cent of boys reached the national minimum standard for reading, compared to 92.9 per cent of girls.

- Reading.

Fifty-three per cent of boys of reading age do not read for pleasure. That's a decline of 13 per cent since 2000. Non-readers perform worse academically, even in maths. They also have poorer mental health, poorer relationships and less empathy.

- University entrance.

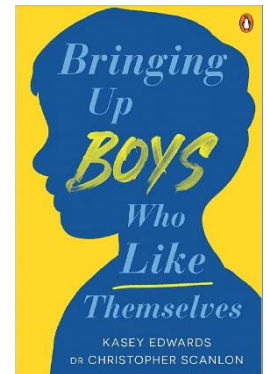
Boys are 16.3 per cent less likely to obtain a HSC qualification than girls. Their academic performance has fallen so far behind girls' that when it comes to getting into university, being male is now a greater disadvantage than any other recognised disadvantage.

- Behaviour.

Boys account for 70 per cent of school suspensions, with suspensions and expulsions starting as early as the first year of school, when boys can be as young as 4 years old.

- Body image.

Eating disorders have traditionally been viewed as a "girl problem", but it is estimated that males account for 20 per cent of people experiencing anorexia nervosa, and 30 per cent of people experiencing bulimia nervosa. Almost half of those who experience a binge eating disorder are men. Body dysmorphic disorder, which is 'a mental illness characterised by constant worrying over a perceived or slight defect in appearance', also affects men and appears to be on the rise, as boys are increasingly presented with unrealistic and mostly unachievable male bodies as the ideal.



If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Regards,
Grace Scalora
Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing



Engagement of Volunteers

Interview sessions for new volunteers will be held again on the following dates. The group interviews will be held in our staffroom with Grace Scalora. There is no need to book for these sessions.

The upcoming sessions are:

Tuesday 6 Aug @ 8.15am | Thursday 8 Aug @ 4.00pm | Monday 12 Aug @ 2.45pm
Wednesday 21 Aug @ 8.15am | Mon 26 Aug @ 2.45pm



Raising Boys

By Steve Biddulph

Movie Screening Night

Tuesday 3rd September 6:45pm
(Screening commences at 7:00pm)
St Francis of the Fields Primary School
46 Blucher Street, Strathfieldsaye
Dinner will be provided (Pizza & soft drink)

Come spend an evening with Steve Biddulph as he shares insights into how to raise sons who are kind, confident and safe. Steve's talk will cover:

- Boys and emotions
- The importance of Dads
- What single Mums can do
- Testosterone
- The 3 Stages of Boyhood and how to manage them
- Boys and housework



Tickets
\$10.00 covers Movie and dinner
Tickets available through CDFPay
Click on this link - [CDF Pay](#)

We regret babies and children cannot be admitted to the session





Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents,

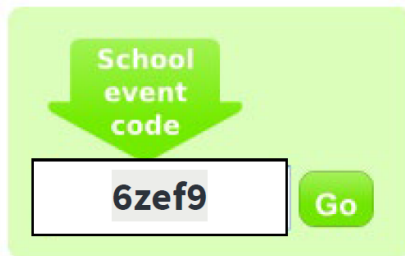
Learning Conversations will be held in Week 4 of Term 3 –
Monday 5 August – Wednesday 7 August 2024

Interviews are strictly 15 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting.

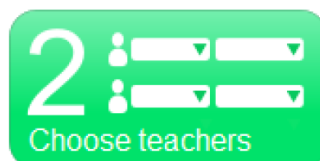
You can now book either a face-to-face or video conference interview time that suits **YOU BEST**.

Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS OPEN Friday 26 July at 4.00pm.
BOOKINGS CLOSE Friday 2 August at 3.00pm.



Enter THIS school event code.
Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately. **DO NOT DELETE** the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. If you have booked a Video-conference interview, you will need to refer to the email for the meeting link.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

For parents who don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones please contact your child's teacher to arrange a suitable time.

Parents can change their booking any time, prior to the closing time, by revisiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their time after the closing date should contact their child's teacher directly.

RE News...

Yr 2 Unit Grandparents' Mass

The Year 2 Unit Grandparents' Mass was a wonderful celebration of the special people our students have in their lives. This was held on Friday 26 July, which was the Feast of St Anne and St Joachim, Mary's parents and Jesus' grandparents.

In 2021, Pope Francis announced the establishment of a World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly as a reminder of the important role they play as a link between generations. This is held on the fourth Sunday of July, to coincide with St Anne and St Joachim's Feast Day.

Pope Francis said, "It is important for grandparents to meet their grandchildren and for grandchildren to meet their grandparents because — as the prophet Joel says — grandparents, before their grandchildren, will dream and have great desires, and young people — taking strength from their grandparents — will go forward and prophesy."

The Year 2 students had been talking all term about the special people who were going to come to their Mass and there was always so much excitement in their voices. Thank you to all the grandparents and great-grandparents for making the smiles on these little faces shine, just by being here with them. It is amazing how magical grandparents are and just showing up is all you have to do to make our days so wonderful. Thanks for all of your love, dreams and hopes who have for these children and being a part of the community that helps these children to flourish.

Thank you to Fr Henry for celebrating our Mass and the Year 6 teachers and students for setting up the shed. You all made our Mass so special. A big thank you to all of the families who were able to join us as always we love having you at school with us all.



St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Feast Day

On Tuesday - 8 August, we celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Mary holds a special place as Australia's only saint. She was canonised in 2010.



Mary was born in Fitzroy in 1842 and died in Sydney in 1909. Mary dedicated her life to the service of God and others. With Fr Julian Tenison Woods she began the Sisters of St Joseph Religious Order when she was only 25 years of age. Mary began by educating the children in poor rural communities that did not have opportunities for education. She expanded this work with her sisters to towns and cities in Australia and New Zealand with those in most need. There are many Josephite schools throughout the Diocese of Sandhurst that are inspired by the Charism of Mary and the Josephites. Today, the Josephites continue Mary's work in Australia and around the world.

Like St Francis of Assisi, Mary was a person who showed complete trust and faith in God. She always relied on the providence of God, a good lesson for us all, working with confidence that the Lord would provide. Mary focused on the things that really mattered. She looked always to help those in need and believed God would provide all that was needed for her and her Sisters of St Joseph. Even when times were very tough, Mary trusted in God.

Mary was a prolific letter writer, especially to her Sisters of St Joseph throughout Australia and New Zealand. We have much to learn from Mary through her communications. One of her notable sayings, which is a wonderful guide for living a life of service is, "Never see a need without doing something about it." St Mary of the Cross MacKillop shows us how to serve others with kindness, love and understanding.

During Week 4, we will celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross with a prayer service in our classrooms.

*Loving God,
We thank you for your unending love.
May we be filled with your Spirit and, like St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, may we
welcome those who feel unloved, uncared for and unaccepted.
Help us to reach out to others who need our love, help and support.
We ask this prayer in Jesus' name.
Amen*

Feast of the Assumption

On **Thursday 15 August**, we celebrate the feast of the Assumption of Mary, the mother of God. On this day we celebrate Mary's passing from this world into the glory of God. This will be a whole school mass and will be celebrated in the Shed at 11:45am.



Sacramental program - Confirmation & First Eucharist

Sally Jennings, the Parish Sacramental Coordinator, has sent an email to all families asking them to select the Confirmation and First Eucharist Mass dates and times that would suit them best. Please let Lauren Nankervis or Sally know if you did not receive the email or have any questions about the Masses.

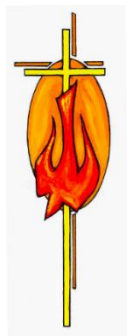
Dates and times for the Confirmation and First Eucharist Masses:

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th of August, 2023

- St Therese's Kennington at Saturday 6pm
- St Joseph's Axe Creek at Sunday 12pm

Saturday 31st and Sunday 1st of September, 2023

- St Therese's Kennington at Saturday 6pm



Loving God,
 We pray for the children in our faith community
 as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.
 We pray for the families of our candidates
 help them to be a model of your parental love
 and to guide their children on this sacramental journey.
 We pray for our faith community
 help us to show witness to your great love
 and be an example to them as they learn more about you and our church.
 Amen

Lauren Nankervis
 Catholic Identity Leader

Weekend Maintenance Term 3 Roster

3	03-08-24		04-08-24	Dole (Fdn W), Trehwella (1M)
4	10-08-24		11-08-24	Pollard (1AJ), Hand (5ZD)
5	17-08-24		18-08-24	McDermott (6Z), Purvis (5FT),
6	24-08-24		25-08-24	Burns (4W), Lynch (4W),
7	31-08-24		01-09-24	Wright (6Z), Stewart-Eeles (5K) (Father's Day W/E)
8	07-09-24		08-09-24	Nielsen (6H), Woods (Fdn M)
9	14-09-24		15-09-24	Tuckerman (2CF), Pollock (6R)
10	21-09-24		22-09-24	TERM 3 BREAK

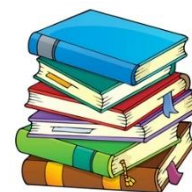
Library News....

Book Week

Book Week will be Week 6 Term 3 – Monday 19 – Friday 23 August.

This year's Book Week theme is "Reading is Magic."

The best part of Book Week, **the Parade, will be held on Friday 23rd August.**



Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will also be at St Francis during Book Week so that you and your children can purchase some beautiful books for yourselves, whilst at the same time benefiting our school as we receive a commission on all sales.

More details regarding dates and times for the Book Fair will be available in the next newsletter.



PE News...

Upcoming Sporting Dates

- Regional Netball - 8th August (year 6 only)
- Regional Football - 13th August (year 6 only)
- Catholic School Athletics - 21st August (those qualifying on from our School Athletics)
- Divisional Basketball - 6th September (year 6 only)
- Divisional Athletics - 16th September (those qualifying on from the Catholic School Athletics)

Year 3-6 School Athletics Sports

Congratulations to all the children on their participation at our school sports.

So many wonderful performances, lots of sportsmanship and big smiles!

Thank you to the teachers for your efforts in supporting the students so wonderfully and to every staff member and Bendigo Senior Secondary student for helping make the day run well. A special mention to Mrs Zealley, for the many hours she put into assisting prepare for the sports!

All the very best to our strong team of athletes that we will be heading to the Catholic Athletic Championships on Wednesday 21/8.

House Point Results- 2024:

Blue (Backhaus): 1228 | Green (Francis): 1164 | Red (MacKillop): 1111 | Yellow (Clare): 879

Best contributors- 2024:

12/13 year boys: Tommy Harrop

12/13 year girls: Macey Nielsen

11 year boys: Elliot Kelly

11 year girls: Lilah Maddern

10 year boys: Jensen Chambers

10 year girls: Bella Hope

8/9 year boys: Banjo Place

8/9 year girls: Adelaide Ciancio

Congratulations, you will receive your medals at the next assembly.

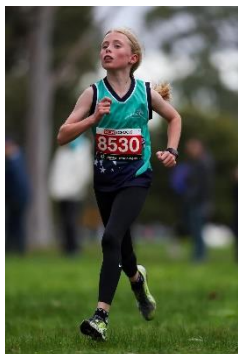


Victorian All Schools Cross Country Championships:

On Saturday 20th of July, Milanke Hassbroek and Lyla Edwards represented St Francis in Bundoora at the Victorian All Schools Cross Country Championships. It was a super cold and windy day. The girls competed in the U/14 race. Milanke was 19th overall and 2nd in u/12's. Lyla 37th overall and 7th in u/12's. They are now waiting for the team announcement to confirm, but it looks likely that they have qualified for nationals (again!) in Launceston at the end of August.



Cross Country Athletes qualify for second National Championship



On July 20, Milanke Haasbroek and Lyla Edwards competed at the Victorian All Schools Cross Country Championships in Bundoora and represented the school extremely well in tough conditions.

Milanke came 19th overall in the 3km Under 14 race while Lyla placed 32nd out of 129 competitors which were mostly older. Milanke was the 2nd Under 12 finisher and Lyla was the 7th fastest in their age group. Both girls have qualified for a second national competition and will represent Athletics Victoria in the Under 12 category at the Australian National Cross Country Championships, held in Tasmania from the 31st of August.

Outstanding effort to make 2 state teams in such a short period of time!

Girls Divisional Footy

On Tuesday the 30th of July we went to divisional footy. As soon as we got off the bus we got ready to play our first game against Strath Primary. We won, 21 to 0 but for the first half we were short players because everyone was getting ready! We played 8 games in total plus the grand final and we won all the games. We were all ready to go play St Therese's for the grand final. We needed to get ready for the granny so we listened to some music! Unfortunately we lost the grand final 9-7 but we still get to go to regionals and we're excited to beat them at the regionals. Overall it was really fun and we can't wait to do it all again at regionals!



By Millie Balic, Pippa Carr & Lucy Pollock

Boys Divisional Footy



On the 31st of July the Boys Football Team went to the Kennington Primary School Ovals to play against other schools from Bendigo. In our first game against Girton we won 45 - 0 Flynn top scored with 3 goals. We ended up 5 wins 0 losses coming into the last game against St Thereres, they were also unbeaten and one of the hardest teams we would come up against. It was a hard fought game and we ended up winning by 11 points. Since we won all of our games we played against Maiden Gully in the grand final we ended up losing by three points we still advanced to Swan Hill to play divisional finals. We all loved the day because it was super fun and we thank Our Coach Hamish and Mr.Coleman for taking us to Kennington and to the next level.

By Hamish Baker

Divisional Netball:

On Wednesday the 24th of July, the grade 6 netball team travelled to the Golden City netball complex to compete in the Sandhurst Division netball championship. The team consisted of **Eliza Main, Colbie O'Bree, Macey Nielsen, Zara Grieve, Willow Wardell, Cammie Fitzgerald, Maggie Millar, Lily Diss and Darcy Rodda.** Each player competed with grit and determination in every game with fantastic sportsmanship. They all played their role on the court and supported each other with every drive, intercept and goal. The girls were rewarded with a successful day by winning the competition against Strathfieldsaye 11 - 4. Congratulations girls, we are so proud of you! They will compete in the Regional netball tournament in Swan Hill on Thursday August 8. Thank you to Mrs Baird for assisting in the preparation of the girls for this event & Mrs Bone who also helped out on the day.



On Wednesday the 24th of July the grade 6 girls netball team headed down to the red energy arena for a netball tournament. We played Eaglehawk North, Camp Hill, Maiden Gully, Kennington, St Joseph's, Girton and St Monica's. Fortunately winning all of them, taking us to the grand final. The grand final was exciting and nerve racking. We played Strathfieldsaye primary and it was a close one! In the end the final score was 11-4 us winning,

It was a great day! Thank you Mrs Coates, Mrs Zealley, Miss Hughes, Mrs Bone and Mrs Baird for helping coach us and for organizing the event.

By Maggie

Millar and Zara Grieve



On the 24th of July, the St Francis boys netball team went to Red Energy Arena to play 8 games against other schools trying to make it to the next level which is in Swan Hill. Our 1st game we played Eaglehawk Nth and won 18 - 0. In our next 6 games in the round robin series St Francis continued to be the most dominant team in our division. With Will and Theo in GK/ GD we intercepted most balls that went down there. At the end of the round robin series we had 7 wins with 0 losses.



In the Grand Final we played St Therese's on Court 6. At half time it was tied 6

- 6 with Scout our GS with 3 points and Brady our GA with 3 points also. In the second half St Francis were up 11 - 9 with 15 seconds left there 176cm GS scored, making the score 11-10 with St Therese with the center pass but they stepped into the circle to fast so they had to go back to the circle but by the time they got back the siren had gone and St Francis were the champions of the divisional 2024 Boys Netball and we get to go to Swan Hill.



By Hamish Baker



Basketball Victoria Jamboree

St Francis basketballers have done well again with the following students being selected to attend the Basketball Victoria Jamboree in the September school holidays.

Boys:

- Archie Dickson
- Darcy Kanzamar
- Asher Mitchell
- Jude Place

Girls:

- Emerson Arundell
- Elsie Bennallack
- Chloe McSwain
- Darcy Rodda
- Eden Rogers

Congratulations to the above students! What an outstanding achievement. We wish you all the best.

PE Awards

Each assembly week, we present a tuckshop award.

The criteria for receiving these awards is very straightforward. Students demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship, effort and attitude will be the prime candidates for these awards.

Congratulations: Charlotte Crapper & Cahill West

You will receive your award at the next assembly!

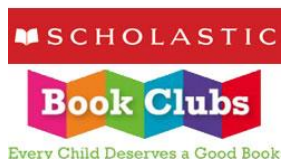


Sporting News:

Parents, if you have news that should be shared in the newsletter, please let me know by emailing dcoates@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au

Danielle Coates & Shannon Baird
PE Coordinators

Scholastic Book Club



The issue 5 catalogues for Book Club were sent home this week. All orders must be placed using the LOOP ordering system. Orders will close tomorrow, **Friday 2 August.**

Year Level - Unit Newsletters

Click on these link to view the Term 3 Unit newsletters.



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Performing Arts News...

Grade 2 Performance

On Friday 26 July, all the Grade 2's came together to celebrate our Grandparents at Mass. We sang the Grandparents Day song with actions. In Music all the Grade 2 classes got to choose actions for parts of the song that we sang on stage. We felt happy with our Grandparents watching and a little bit nervous too!

Hazel McDermott & Harvey Rhode 2D



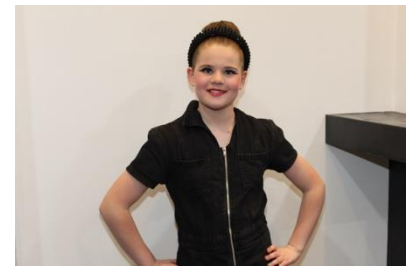
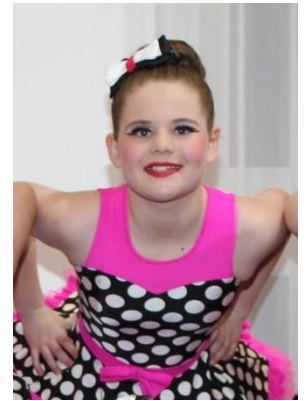
Caberet Performance

A couple of weeks ago, I performed in a Caberet at the All Seasons in Bendigo with my singing and dance school. I sang two songs, 'Never Enough' from The Greatest Showman and 'My Immortal' by Evanescence.

When I came out to sing 'Never Enough', I was wearing a beautiful long flowing dress and I felt excited and exhilarated. I was really proud that I hit all of my notes. As I walked backstage, all of my dance and singing friends were waiting at the doorway to congratulate me. By the time I sang my second song, My Immortal, I went out onto the stage feeling ready. I started off low and managed to hit my notes but struggled with my breath control. It's a tricky song with lots of short breath breaks that you have to get right, otherwise you get no air!



With my dances, I just got to have fun performing with my friends. I learnt that performing lights are bright, stage costumes are itchy and sometimes hard to move in, and that beauty is pain (particularly fake lashes). I can't wait to do it all again soon.



Ivy Parker 5W

Dancing at Federation Square

Recently I got to perform at "The Edge" in Federation Square. First I went to dance workshops led by dancers from the Australian Ballet. We were invited to watch the "FORTE" ballet that night AND we were asked perform the opening dance of the show!! The contemporary dance we did is my favourite and we wore awesome black and gold costumes. Afterwards we got to stay and watch the professional dancers do the show. I learned a lot and had a really good time.

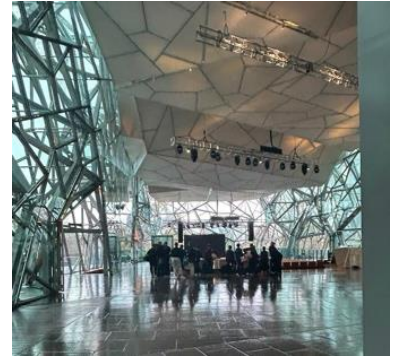
Georgia Campi 5W





On Saturday the 20th of July we caught the train down to Melbourne. As part of our dance school we were invited to attend a workshop by award winning choreographer, Tim Pedesta. We were also asked to perform before his dance production called FORTE. This was at The Edge in Federation square!

The workshop was with professional dancers from Tim's troupe. It was hard work but very fun. After the workshop we got to sit down and rest for a couple of hours before getting ready to dance. I'm in the under 13 troupe and we got to perform two of our dance routines. It was such an incredible experience and I hope we can do it again.



Matilda Palmer 5FT

Sandhurst Arts on Show

On Tuesday the 10th of September, the St Francis of the Fields school choir will be performing as part of the Sandhurst Arts on Show. They will be joining in workshops and performing alongside other schools from our area. The students have been working hard to prepare their items and it would be wonderful to see families and friends there to watch and support them. Please reach out to Mrs Cameron with any questions.



Tuesday 10 September 2024, 1pm
St Francis of the Fields PS – Assisi Centre (The Shed)
 46 Blucher St, Strathfieldsaye

With performances by:
 St Francis of the Fields PS, Strathfieldsaye • Holy Rosary PS, Heathcote
 St Joseph's PS, Quarry Hill • St Monica's PS, Kangaroo Flat
 St Liborius' PS, Eaglehawk • St Mary's Primary School, Inglewood

Free Tickets Limited (max 4 per family)
forms.office.com/r/5az3uvitt6 (or scan QR code)
 Please allow time to locate parking.








Upcoming Music Dates

ASPA Workshop #2	Monday 12 August	Choir
Feast of Assumption	Thursday 15 August	Grade 4
Father's Day Mass	Friday 30 August	Grade 1
Sandhurst Arts On Show	Tuesday 10 September	Choir

If you know of any events or student achievements we can share in the newsletter, please share with Mrs C by emailing Kcameron@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au

Kiara Cameron
Music teacher



BENDIGO READY-SET-CONNECT KIDS

WHAT?

An informative and free networking event connecting Parents, Carers and Teachers with disability providers offering services for children with a disability or developmental delay.

You will be moving from table to table meeting disability providers and organisations in your area who offer a range of child-relevant services.

Gather information. Ask questions. Make meaningful contacts to assist with your child's development.

WHO?

Parents, Carers and Teachers of children with disability or developmental delay. Support coordinators who support children also welcome.

WHEN?

Thursday, 08 August 2024
10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

WHERE?

Lakeside Hotel
286 Napier Street, Bendigo VIC

FREE EVENT
TO REGISTER VISIT:
onecommunity.net.au/Ready-Set-Connect

Interested in becoming a Table Host? Visit our website to register.
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Strathfieldsaye Tennis Courts Redevelopment

Strathfieldsaye Tennis Courts Redevelopment will commence on Monday, July 29th. The six current tennis courts will be demolished, and five new courts will be built along with two netball courts. We look forward to this new multipurpose facility in the new year and anticipate it will serve the community well into the future.

Members of STC and non-members can continue to book online by going to our website using the Club Spark booking system. For the next few months we have access to four back courts at the Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre. (Enter on McCrae Street.)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Brian on 0422360141.



Free workshop

Autism online workshop for parents & carers National

Join us for an online workshop where you will have the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents and carers who support young autistic people from across Australia.



Session 1:
Diversity of autism
17 September, 2024
12:00pm - 1:30pm (AEST)



For more information and to register, scan the QR code or click [here](#).



Session 2:
Understanding sensory processing
24 September, 2024
12:00pm - 1:30pm (AEST)



For more information and to register, scan the QR code or click [here](#).

2 Workshop sessions

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

- This series of 2 workshops will be held online via Zoom.
- The sessions are stand alone, but complement each other.
- Each session has a separate registration. You can register for one or both.
- These workshops are interactive online sessions.
- If you plan to invite others to watch this session with you, they must register via the website to receive a certificate.

For enquiries email Rebecca Wahlsten:
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An advertisement for AFL Play featuring two children, a girl and a boy, smiling and holding an AFL football. The text "FOR THE KICKS" is in the top right. The main text reads "come find your awesome" in a large, stylized font. Below that, it says "ST FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS TERM 3 AUSKICK CENTRE" and "School Oval". It also states "Starting Monday 5th August for 5 weeks" and "3:40pm - 4:40pm". At the bottom, there is a "nab AFL AUSKICK" logo, a "play.afl/auskick" button, and a QR code.