

ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 18 – Oct 24, 2024
(Term 4 – 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

Thursday 24 October

- Instrumental Concert
Yr5 - 6 6.00 – 8.00pm
- Mango Fundraiser order forms due

Friday 25 October

- 3A & 3M Mass @ 11.45am
- Soctober – Crazy Sock Day**
- Assembly @ 2.45pm – 3M presenting

Tuesday 29 October

- 2025 Foundation Transition sessions

Wednesday 30 October

- Bendigo Cup Day Holiday**

Friday 1 November

- Fdn – Yr2 Athletic Sports @ 9.15am
- Regional Basketball – Swan Hill

Monday 4 November

- Fdn – Yr 2 Swimming Program

Friday 8 November

- Memorial Mass @11:45am

Tuesday 12 November

- 2025 Foundation Transition sessions

Friday 15 November

- 2HL & 2S Mass @11:45am

Tuesday 19 November

- Sacrament of Reconciliation
St Therese’s @ 7:00pm

Wednesday 20 November

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St Therese’s @ 7:00pm

- Year 5 Camp - Anglesea

Thursday 21 November

- Year 5 Camp – Anglesea

Friday 22 November

- Year 5 Camp – Anglesea
- 2CF & 2D Mass @ 11:45am



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



Dear Families,

Sometimes we complicate prayer. At its heart, prayer is about conversation with God. Sometimes when we talk to friends, we have very long, in-depth discussions. Sometimes we have the simplest and shortest of chats. So it is in our relationship with God. Prayer can be just a few sentences to God, or even just a few words.

When Stephen, one of the early disciples of Christ, was martyred for his faith, the bible records him uttering just five words: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" (Acts 7:59)

I share with you a simple prayer for healing:

*Father in heaven,
I ask for your gentle touch upon my life
That your healing hands may hold me.
Lift me up, restore me
That I may know your hand is upon my life
I trust in you.*

Amen.



Tuckshop 2024 – Term 4

TERM 4

Week 3

Thurs 24 Oct

12:30pm-3pm Andrea Dahlin

Fri 25 Oct

12:30pm-3pm Casey Simpson
Kim Kelly

Week 4

Thurs 30 Oct

Lara Moore

Fri 1 Nov

12:30pm-3pm Kate Molloy
Chantelle Flynn
Lisa Phillips

Weekend Maintenance

26-27 Oct Turpie (4D)
O’Sullivan(6H)

2-3 Nov Loorham (4P)
Gregg (2CF)

9-10 Nov Place (5ZD)

16-17 Nov Mazzarino (2HL)
Stevens (4W)

Blessing of the Animals & St. Francis of Assisi Awards

A special thank you to our parents who brought along the family pets to be blessed last Friday - we very much appreciate your support.



Congratulations to the recipients of the Assisi Awards. They are listed below for your benefit.

Year Level	Male recipient	Female recipient
Foundation	<i>Leo Kuhne</i>	<i>Harper Stagg</i>
Year 1	<i>Leo Mangan</i>	<i>Sophie Coultas</i>
Year 2	<i>Sebastian Rodda</i>	<i>Madeline Bridge</i>
Year 3	<i>Tobias Chandra Thio</i>	<i>Aaliyah O'Meara</i>
Year 4	<i>Lenny Tasca</i>	<i>April Drew</i>
Year 5	<i>Henry Stewart-Teles</i>	<i>Matilda Palmer</i>
Year 6	<i>Zachariah O'Meara</i>	<i>Georgia Jeffery</i>

Migration to Microsoft 365

The ICT staff from Catholic Education Sandhurst have been very busy supporting our staff in decommissioning google and migrating to Microsoft 365.

The size of our school meant that we needed the two days for all documentation to be migrated. Thanks to all CESL staff – you have been wonderful supports. Special thanks to Cam Taylor who has been working hard to support all staff.

Please be mindful that all staff and student emails have been changed from Gmail to Outlook. If staff have not returned your emails please be patient – they will return your questions in due course.



Change in computer platforms

Under the advice of Catholic Education Sandhurst all schools will be assisted in moving from the Apple platform to Microsoft hardware at the end of their lease period.

At St. Francis of the Fields our lease is finalised at the end of this year. This means that all student Apple devices will be packaged from Monday 9 December and collected on Monday 16 December. This means our students will be without a device for the last 9 days of school.

Our Microsoft devices should be ready for the commencement of 2025.

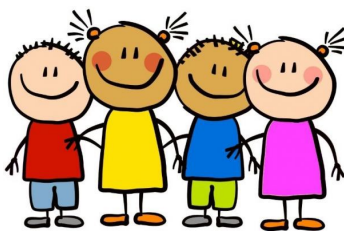
Foundation Transition Sessions

Our kinder students will be able to enjoy 45 minutes transition sessions on:

- Tuesday 29 October
- Tuesday 12 November

All families know their times as they have been sent their time slots.

We look forward to learning more with our new and existing families.



Advisory Council Meeting

All Advisory Council members are invited to attend our next meeting on Wednesday 6 November beginning at 5.30pm.

Our meeting will be held in the Meeting Room.

Instrumental Concert

The Instrumental Concerts for F-2 and Yr. 3-4 were held today.

The Year 5/6 concert will be held from 6.00pm - 8.00pm. All welcome!

It is a wonderful celebration of the grit and determination displayed by our students and instrumental teachers. I hope you can join us in the shed for these celebrations.



Bendigo Cup Holiday

Please note that our school will be closed on Wednesday 30 October for the Bendigo Cup Day. I hope you enjoy a lovely break!!

Summer Uniform

All children are now required to be in their full summer uniform. 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.

Please note that all students and teachers must wear hats when outside at recess and lunch, and during sporting activities.

Assembly

Our next assembly will be celebrated by 3M on Friday 27 October at 2.45pm in the "shed". All are most welcome to attend.

Term School Closure Days & Public Holidays



Please note that our school will be closed on the following days:

- **Wednesday 30 October** - Bendigo Cup Holiday
- **Friday 29 November** - 2025 Planning Day
- **Monday 2 December** - 2025 Planning Day
- **Friday 20 December** - 2025 Planning Day (Last day of the school year for teachers)

This means the last day of the school year for our children will be Thursday 19 December. The school will finish at 3.20pm on this day.

Shed unavailability

Please note, the 'Shed' will be unavailable for training use on the following dates in Term 4:

- Thursday 24 Oct** – Instrumental Concert performances
- Thursday 21 Nov** – St Kilian's School performance
- Mon 16, Tue 17 & Wed 18 Dec** – Thanksgiving Mass & Yr 6 Graduation Mass



Christ has no hands but yours.

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

Tim Moloney
Principal



SPECIAL REPORT: The Cost of Living Crisis



The Cost of LIVING CRISIS

In our ever-changing economic landscape, parents and caregivers are increasingly faced with the task of broaching the subject of growing expenses with their children. While the instinct may be to shield young people from life's challenges, there's a growing belief that addressing real-world issues, including financial uncertainties, can actually foster resilience and understanding. Striking a balance between protection and education is crucial for those looking to empower their children.

To effectively introduce the topic of finances, we need to be mindful of the timing and setting of the conversation. Using straightforward, age-appropriate language helps maintain transparency, and openly discussing adjustments to the family budget can carry significant weight. By encouraging children to participate in finding creative ways to save and make thoughtful spending choices, parents can nurture a sense of responsibility.

This Special Report offers a valuable opportunity to enhance children's financial literacy, equipping them with the resilience needed to thrive in an increasingly complex world.

Here is the link to your Special Report

https://sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-cost-living-crisis-au

Regards,
Grace Scalora
Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing



RE News...

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

What an amazing celebration we had for our St Francis of Assisi Feast Day. Thank you to Fr Jake and all our community for making our celebration so special.



Catholic Mission - Socktober

Tomorrow, Friday 25 October, we invite students to wear their favourite socks to school and if able donate to Catholic Missions via CDF Pay to support Catholic Missions work in Mongolia.

This year, we are raising awareness and funds for the 'Caring Centre' in Mongolia. The Caring Centre provides a home for children who have nowhere else to call home. Specifically, the proceeds will help to provide nutritious meals, assist with purchasing school supplies and provide warm clothes for the cold Mongolian Winters. Our contributions can help children who truly need it to access better health, nutritional and educational outcomes, showcasing the spirit of solidarity that defines our school community.



We understand that economic circumstances can vary, but even a small gesture can create a significant change in the lives of these children.

Pope Francis' Message for World Mission Sunday 2024

"Go and invite everyone to the banquet" (Matthew 20:9)

Pope Francis' message of inclusion raises the question of what unites us all and presents a valuable opportunity for growth and unity, as it requires everyone to open their hearts and minds to each other.



Guided by the Gospel, we can find answers to creating ways of inclusion and dialogue.

The Gospel is made to gather and not divide, to invite and not to exclude.

This is the message Pope Francis shares, reminding everyone of the importance of sharing the Gospel and, above all, reaching out to all by inviting them to be part of the celebration we call "life," as we all have a seat at the table.

Memorial Ceremony



The annual Memorial Ceremony that takes place each November, the month of remembrance, will be held on **Friday 8th of November at 11:45am**. We will come together to remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, with a special prayer liturgy.

We have invited the family members of those named on the wall, and we welcome them to share this occasion with us. Students in each class will create a page for our school Memorial Book. They will include special people and pets that have died. We invite you all to gather with us to remember and pray for our loved ones who have died and will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Sacramental Program - Reconciliation

Students from Year 2 have begun their preparation for their First Reconciliation.

This week the Our Times Together Session 2 - Choosing - is helping students to identify the decisions they make and how their choices affect others and themselves.



First Reconciliation ceremonies will be held at St Therese's Church, Kennington on:

Tuesday 19 November and Wednesday 20 November at 7pm.



Please pray for these children and their families as they continue their sacramental journey

Loving God,

We ask that as these children prepare for the healing sacrament of Reconciliation, may they come to know you, the one true loving and merciful God,

and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent to show us how to live and love.

May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope, and love, so they may know Your peace, truth, and goodness.

Amen

Please contact Lauren Nankervis lnankervis@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au or Sally Jennings kpsacraments@outlook.com for more information or to enrol.

Lauren Nankervis
Catholic Identity Leader

PE News...

Upcoming Sporting Dates

- Divisional Cricket Blast 25th October (year 6 only)
- Regional Basketball- Swan Hill (year 6 only) 1st November
- Junior Athletics Morning (on the school oval) 1st November
- F-2 Swim Program- Paul Sadler 4th 11th 18th & 25th November
- State Athletics Championships- Melbourne November 6
- Palmers Gymnastics (Year 5-6) 13th, 19th, 27th November & 4th December
- Palmers Gymnastics (Year 3-4) 14th, 21st, 28th & 5th December

Regional Athletics

On Monday 14th October, 24 students competed at the Regional Athletic Championship. I know I sound like a broken record, however we couldn't be prouder of the performances put out by the students, but more so for the way they go about it! We talk alot about the way we conduct ourselves at these meets and the importance of being good people first- showing respect, kindness and wonderful sportsmanship. Our students certainly ticked all the boxes!!

I would like to congratulate the students on the commitment they have shown to preparing for these meets. For those that didn't quite finish in top two positions (and then gain a spot at the State Championship), I want to encourage them to see their result as a credit to the hard work they have put in, had they not, perhaps they may not have made it to the regional level. The best thing about athletics is, it's the basis of all land sports! To become a more efficient runner, jumper and thrower, can only ever be of benefit to all other interests and sporting endeavours they have! So to always look at the time and effort spent as a positive! Nothing is a waste, only an opportunity for growth and development.

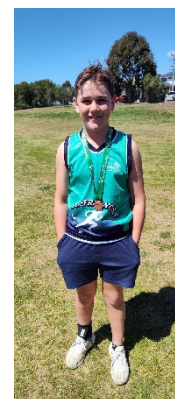
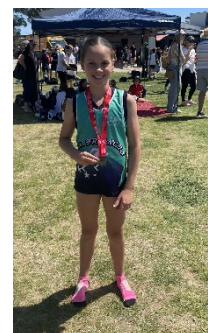
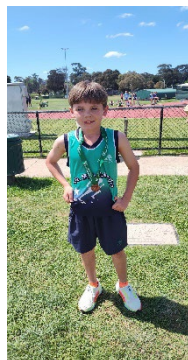
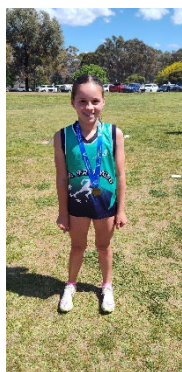
A special thanks to Mrs Baird and Mrs Zealley for their assistance in preparing our students for these meets.

We now have 10 students that have progressed onto the State Championship!! We wish them all the very best.

Regional Athletics- Student Events 2024:

200m	Relay- 4X100m	Discus
Bella Hope- 5th	<u>Girls 9/10:</u> 1st	Belle Worthington- 2nd
Tommy Harrop- 4th	Hannah M	Lucy Pollock- 5th
Jenson Chambers- 4th	Adelaide C	River Davies- 6th
	Poppy B	

80mh	Bella H	High Jump
Lilah Maddern- 1st REC	Boys 9/10: 3rd	Belle Worthington- 8th
100m	Max N	Mackenzie Jackson- 1st
Elliot Kelly- 4th	Logan C	Shot Put
800m	Quade B	Jude Place- 3rd
Lotti Childs- 4th	Jenson C	Lucy Pollock- 1st
Lyla Edwards- 2nd	Girls 11: 3rd	Triple Jump
Milanke Haasbroek- 1st REC	Lyla E	Elliot Kelly- 5th
1500m	Makayla J	Lilah Maddern- 2nd
Lotti Childs- 5th	Mackenzie J	
Josh Rodda- 3rd	Lilah M	
Lyla Edwards- 2nd	Boys 11: 4th	
Milanke Haasbroek- 1st REC	Connor Mc	
	Joe M	
	Lenny A	
	Elliot K	



National Equestrian:

2024 MARCUS OLDHAM AUSTRALIAN INTERSCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS!

On Sunday the 15th of September we left home with my horse Angus and started traveling to the 2024 Marcus Oldham Australian Interschool Championships. It took us three days of traveling to reach the AELEC (Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre) in Tamworth. We arrived on Tuesday, and on Wednesday was the opening ceremony where all the states came together and began the event. On Thursday the 19th I competed in the primary show hunter and got 11th overall which I was super happy with. On Friday I competed in the primary preliminary dressage and came 7th in the 1.2 test and in the 1.3 test I got 1st place, overall I got third which we were very proud of and were presented with a third place ribbon that night. On my last day of competing at nationals I competed in the primary novice dressage and got 2nd in the 2.2 test and 4th in the 2.3 test, overall we got 4th place which we were also very happy with. Overall nationals was a great experience and we were super proud with the way Angus performed. It was such an honor to represent Victoria for the second year in a row, I had so much fun. I would like to say a very big thankyou to the AIS, Bendigo Sportsman Association, the Loddon Mallee Region Sports Committee, St Francis and the school community that came together to support me. I definitely could not have done it without you, you were a huge help to my family and I!

Lily Diss

Lily, congratulations on a terrific year of Equestrian! Your achievements have been nothing short of outstanding. We are incredibly proud of you.



Little Athletics 60th Anniversary Competition:

Adelaide was one of two under 10 girls selected to represent the Northern Country region (one of seven regions across the state) for the 60th Anniversary of Little Athletics.

She got one PB and ran in mixed and medley relays, her region came fifth overall!



Well done Adelaide! What an honour to get selected to represent the region and we love PB's!! Super job!

BMX:

Over the holidays, Adele competed in the Victoria state championship in bmx racing. She finished 3rd and is now 3rd fastest 10 yr girl in Victoria.

She also competed in a series of 8 races all over the state throughout the year collecting points at each round. She finished 3rd for the series.

Then last week she flew to Perth to compete in the National bmx championships. Against 22 girls from all over the country she finished 13th.



Congratulations Adele, terrific effort and to podium at a State level is an outstanding achievement!! Well done!

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:

- Lucy Fidler, Felix Parker & Lenny Anderson

*You will receive your awards at tomorrow's assembly

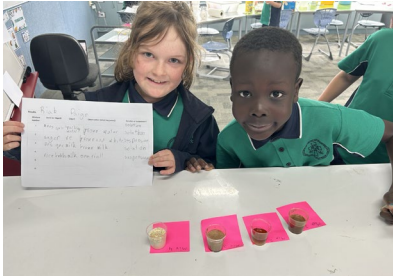


Sporting News:

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 & Deanna Black
PE Coordinators

Science News...



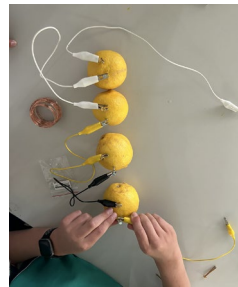
Grade 2 - The Grade 2's have been extending their learning about Mixtures! This week they have been learning about the difference between a solution and a suspension by mixing solids with liquids. Some mixtures also got a little taste test...



Grade 4 - The Grade 4's got messy this week in their learning and took their knowledge of Magnetic Forces that extra step further! In pairs students created some great masterpieces that required nothing but some metal, paper, paint, magnets and the 'Force'.



Grade 6 - When life gives you lemons, you create a battery! This week students have extended their circuit skills and created a lemon battery to power a 3 Volt LED. So much to unpack in this experiment! A life without batteries, really would be a different world!



Thank you!

Thank you for all your donations! We are so blessed to have such an amazing group of families supporting their children in their Science Learning.

Jess Widdicombe and Emma Jensen
Science Teachers

Oasis News...



Wool Needed

If you have any spare yarns of wool that you may not need at home, could you please donate them to the OASIS room. We are learning new ways to use wool to make new products and need lots of wool.

Thank you

Grade 3 Assembly Item

3M are presenting tomorrow at assembly. We are using this time to inform the school community about all the work we have been doing for our Resource Smart Energy Recertification. Feel free to come along if your child is in this grade and learn about all the things we have been learning this term.

Matt Butcher
OASIS Teacher

Performing Arts News...

Upcoming dates

Event	Date	Students
Memorial Service	Week 5 - Friday - 15 November	Choir
Carols @ St John of God	TBD - in December	Choir
Thanksgiving Mass	Week 11 - Tuesday - 17 December	Choir
Graduation Mass	Week 11 - Wednesday - 18 December	Grade 6

Weekend Maintenance Term 4 Roster

Wk 3	26-10-24	-	27-10-24	Turpie (4D), O'Sullivan (6H)
Wk 4	2-11-24	-	3-11-24	Loorham (4P), Gregg (2CF)
Wk 5	9-11-24	-	10-11-24	Place (5ZD)
Wk 6	16-11-24	-	17-11-24	Mazzarino (2HL), Stevens (5FT)
Wk 7	23-11-24	-	24-11-24	James (Fdn B), O'Bree (6H), Baker (6J)
Wk 8	30-11-24	-	1-12-24	Grinton (3C), Stubbins (4W)
Wk 9	7-12-24	-	8-12-24	Barri (Fdn M), Cathcart (1R)
Wk 10	14-12-24	-	15-12-24	Burns (4W), Purvis (5FT),



Student of the Week

Every week we publish the list of our Student of the Week Award winners on our school website.

Please click on this link to view last week's winners: [Student of the Week](#)

P&F News... Colour Run

Get your Colour on!!! St Francis of the Fields is hosting a Colour Run 4 Fun! Our Colour Run 4 Fun will be on **Friday 13th December**.

Not only are we hosting an awesome Colour Run, students can order up to a total of 5 prizes based on their donations received. They can even mix and match! Don't want the prizes, donate your donations to one of the five causes – Carbon Neutral (tree planting), Great Barrier Reef Foundation (coral planting or turtle protection), The Smith Family (reading support) or OzHarvest (providing meals).



Students have received a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at www.australianfundraising.com.au. This is an entirely online only fundraiser.

Extra Incentives to Fundraise!

- **Online Golden Coins** – complete fun online tasks to redeem an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.
- **Monty the Monstar's Bonus Prizes** – achieve milestones to unlock Monty's bonus prizes.
- **Our school will win an extra \$5,000 if we have the highest average fundraised amount per student in 2024.**
- **A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle** – see your child's sponsorship booklet for more!

For more information, please contact Georgina Stevens or Nic Emmerson.
Happy fundraising!

Mango Fundraiser



Order forms for our Mango Fundraiser were sent home to families. The size of the boxes/trays will be 7kg and will cost - \$28. Orders are to be paid on CDF Pay and are due by **Thursday 24 October**. All order forms are to be sent to school by Friday 25 October.

The **MANGO FUNDRAISER**

Fresh North Queensland Mangoes
Direct from the farm to you!

Support Our Mango Fundraiser

If you *love mangoes*, here's your chance to indulge in fresh juicy Kensington Pride mangoes and support our fundraising drive.

We are selling 7kg trays of mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest.
Cost per Tray is: \$28

Place your order by: Thursday 24th October.
Return order form to school, payment via CDF pay

For Further information contact: Kate Fraser
0438 288 473

Money raised will be used towards St Francis of the Fields Strathfieldsaye

Community News...

LITTLE ATHLETICS
FUN - FAMILY - FITNESS

SEASON STARTS
OCTOBER 2024

Ages 5 years - 16 years
Register now:
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Learn tennis for life

Blue Stage → Red Stage → Orange Stage → Green Stage

AGE 3-5+ AGE 5-8+ AGE 8-10+ AGE 10+

Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre & South Bendigo Tennis Club

GIANT Tennis delivers Hot Shots Coaching Programs for every child at every age and ability. Contact us to get involved! Join in any time during Term 3 or Register Now for Term 4.

Aidan Fitzgerald - aidan@gianttennis.com.au - 0422 150 911

gianttennis.com.au



An hour of FUN cricket activity for the Jets Blasters...

- ✓ Master Blasters (U10s) can do Mondays &/Or Friday's.....
- ✓ Junior Blasters (4-7 yrs)....Sunday mornings

Get on board with the Jets this summer... starts in November.

Simply register via [PlayHQ](#) for Strathfieldsaye via this link:

[Register](#) | [PlayHQ](#)

For our young female cricketers – We would love to see you on board

We would love to see you involved in the Blasters Programs noted above whilst for those over 10 years we have a come & try evening at the new Junortoun Cricket Precinct on Monday 21st & 28th October 5:30pm. Come along & see what it entails.

We look forward to a fun filled summer of cricketing action for all ages.

If requiring further information, or any queries in general we would love to hear from you, please feel free to contact us via email strathfieldsayejets@gmail.com.

“Live local, Play local”

Brent Yates | Junior President | Strathfieldsaye Jets CC



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