

ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 20 – December 2, 2021

(Term 4 - Week 9)

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

Friday 3 Dec Yr 1-2 Gymnastics **Casual Clothes** Day - Vinnies Christmas Appeal -Gold coin donation Tuesday 7 Dec Whole School Orientation Day Wednesday 8 Dec Yr 1-2 Gymnastics Thursday 9 Dec Fdn & Yr 3 Gymnastics Friday 10 Dec St Francis RAINBOW RUN Tuesday 14 Dec Year 6 Graduation Mass @ 7.00pm Wednesday 15 Dec End of Year Mass @ 11.35am Thursday 16 Dec Last Day of Term 4 - Finish @ 3.20pm

Tuckshop 2021 – Term 4

(No parents helpers allowed as yet)

Week 9 Friday 3 December

Week 10 Thursday 9 December Friday 10 December

Week 11 Thursday 16 December

Weekend Maintenance

 4-5 Dec
 Djuric (3GE), Jubber (5W), Nielsen (3B), Place (6FM)

 11-12 Dec
 Merrett (5K)



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



St Francis of Assisi

Dear Families,

Sometimes, we Christians are so involved with the busy preparations for the Christmas celebrations, we forget that the main purpose in Advent is to prepare ourselves in heart, mind and deed to welcome Jesus.

We should be ready to welcome Him whenever he comes, however He comes.

In her autobiography, The Story of the Soul, St. Therese of Lisieux wrote that Christ was most present to her not "..... during my hours of prayer but rather in the midst of my daily occupations".

As we move through Advent we need to be mindful of the gift that God gives to us every day in Jesus. It's the gift of life, the gift that keeps giving.

"Lord, in the rush of day-to-day things, we often leave You out of our life's activities. Enliven Your Spirit within us this Advent, so that we may engage You to be part of each day's doings. Amen."



Orientation Day - Repeat

Orientation Day will be held for <u>all children</u> on <u>Tuesday 7</u> <u>December</u>. All children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be placed in their 2022 classes from 11.30am.



Children will be taken to their new 2022 classroom for a 11.45am start. New families to our school in Year 1-6 will be greeted out the front of the school (near the grass) and escorted to their classrooms.

I ask the parents of our Foundation students to bring our 2022 Prep students to the school football oval at 11.50am on Tuesday 7 December. Please move to

where the 4 coloured balloons are - they will have the 4 class lists explaining who the class teacher for your child will be.

Your child's class teacher will be standing by the matching coloured balloon nearby. Please introduce your child and yourselves to the class teacher. Your child will then be taken to their 2022 classroom by their teacher.

We are trying to minimise the risk of a school closure due to covid, so we ask that our parents please return at 1.00pm and collect their children from the school oval where their class teachers will be with their class.

Graduation Mass

Our Year 6 Graduation Mass will now be held on Tuesday 14 December at 7pm. Prior to this all Year 6 children will come together with the teaching staff in the Community Centre at 6pm for a joint tea. I thank the Parents & Friends for paying for the meal for the children and staff.



At this point in time, due the covid density limits, two parents will be able to

attend the Graduation Mass with their Year 6 child. If these density limits are eased we will inform families immediately so that more family members can attend.

Please note that all parents in attendance will need to be vaccinated and proof will be required at the shed entrance.

Thanksgiving Mass

All children will come together with our staff to celebrate the 2021 year on Wednesday 15 December at 11.45am. Unfortunately, due to density limits we will be unable to invite our parent community to this liturgy. This will be a time where we acknowledge all staff members who will leave our school either through retirement, maternity leave or other employment opportunities.

Our Parents and Friends community will provide the leaving staff members with a memento of their time at St. Francis of the Fields. Thank you to Georgina Stevens and Chelsea Baker for their diligent shopping!!

Retirees



Each of our retirees have declined the opportunity to hold a public celebration of their commitment to St. Francis of the Fields. This certainly is in keeping with the low key, hard working attitude of Lorraine Cummins, Julie Langdon, Jan Eaton and John Deane. As a staff we will acknowledge the wonderful work of these outstanding professionals. Their family members will be invited to attend this farewell on the last school day. I do

hope that our community can reach out via email office@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au or through written cards so that they can express their appreciation for four wonderful careers.

Facilities Update

Portables - Our Year 5 & 6 portables will be moved by cranes on Monday 6 December. Fencing will be reconfigured to include the entire construction site, so that all students, staff members and workers remain safe.

Christ has no hands but yours.

Tim Moloney Principal



Be your Best Be Safe Respect for All Respect for Environment

Misbehaviour or mistake?

by Michael Grose



Ella was a distressed mum. She'd discovered her eight-year-old daughter Ruby had stolen a bracelet from another girl at school. Shocked and angry, she approached her daughter to talk about the behaviour.

Ruby clammed up, refusing to talk so Ella wisely took a step back and sought advice from her family.

Ella sought advice from her own mother who suggested that she see her daughter's behaviour as a mistake, rather than a misbehaviour. Ella's mother was spot on.

It's easy to see children's poor behaviour through a moral lens, thinking that they are somehow inherently bad, or on the road to ruin if they behave poorly or infringe on someone else's rights. This view neglects the notion that children's behaviour is on a steep learning curve. They wear L-plates for a long time, which is just as well, as they are likely to mess up many times, particularly in the teenage years.

"You've made a mistake"

Calmly, with newfound confidence that having a plan provides, Ella approached her daughter again about the issue saying, "I know that's (stealing) not like you. Can you tell me what happened?"

Upset, the young girl told her mum how she'd seen the bracelet for some time and just couldn't resist taking it when the opportunity came.

Tears of remorse flowed freely. Ella asked, "What should we do now?"

"I'll give it back." "Good idea. I can help you if you like."

"Thank you."

Misbehaviour or mistake?

Viewing behaviour through the learning lens changed the way that Ella approached her daughter. If you take this approach when your children behave poorly, your language and the way you follow up the behaviour may need to change.

Punishment or making amends?

If you think that a child has misbehaved then they generally need to be punished by experiencing something unpleasant such as grounding or a loss of privileges to teach them a lesson. However, if you believe kids make mistakes, they should make amends such as returning a stolen good or making up for poor behaviour in some way.

Correcting the past or learning for the future?

When the misbehaviour is the focus, your main concern will be about the past and to ensure that the misbehaviour isn't repeated. When the focus is on a mistake, your main concern will be about the future and ensuring they improve the way they treat others.

Judge or coach?

When misbehaviour is the focus your role as a parent is part police, part judge ensuring rules are followed and punishment is administered fairly. When a mistake becomes the focus, your role becomes part teacher, part coach showing kids better ways of behaviour and keeping relationships intact.

In closing

How do you view your child's indiscretions? Do you see them as misbehaviours to get rid of or mistakes to be learned from? Perhaps you see them as a little of both. How you view your child's poor behaviour is a choice, and one that determines your approach and the effectiveness of your response.

Regards, Grace Scalora Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing



Shed unavailability

Due to some upcoming school events, the shed will be unavailable for sport training on the following dates:

- Tuesday 14 Dec
- Wednesday 15 Dec until 1.30pm







RE News....

Blessing of the Animals & St Francis Award Ceremony

The Blessing of the Animals and St Francis Award Ceremony was celebrated last Friday, 26 November. This was a wonderful celebration for our school community. Thank you to Fr Andrew for blessing our animals, and congratulations to all of the St Francis Award recipients.

Congratulations to the following students:

Foundation	Madison Besiroglu
Year 1	Bella Hope
Year 2	Chloe McSwain
Year 3	Darcy Rodda
Year 4	Sienna Raco
Year 5	Ella Tyrrell
Year 6	Ruby Bath

Alby Johnson Spencer Lamprell Nash Dickson Tyler Berry Tom Feiss Quinlan Cody Zak Hope



Fire Carrier Commissioning Ceremony

We congratulate all of our 2022 FIRE Carriers who were commissioned on Friday, 19 November. Thank you to Troy Firebrace and Michael Chisolm from Catholic Education Sandhurst for commissioning our FIRE Carriers. We look forward to our FIRE Carriers working with Troy next year learn more about Aboriginal spirituality, culture and history, ecological stewardship and promoting reconciliation.



Sacramental Program Reconciliation

Our sacramental candidates made their First Reconciliation this week.



Thank you to our Year 2 teachers for their generous support in preparing the children at school and for all of the families for supporting their children at home with the program.





Advent Reconciliation

We thank Fr Andrew for our students from Year 3-6 Advent Reconciliation. Advent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and healing graces our Lord offers us.

Advent - Deeper Still

Advent is a time of waiting and getting ready for Christmas. May this time be a time where you go deeper to look for the hope, peace and joy through all the busyness of the end of the year.

I wanted to share this poem by Pippa Baker. I hope it helps you to create the time for reflection and rest amongst all of the hectic times to find the waiting a time of hope, peace, joy and love all the gifts of the Season of Advent.

Look up, look around. The space and sounds reveal something - a mystery. A beauty, a dignity, seen in the cracks. The little patches of life that so often are missed, are blissfully showing a lesson. To learn and to grow - how beautiful it seems yet an ache can arise from the stretch. And yet, without the ache, how do we know we are feeling? 'Run run run!' shout the cars and the ads but my soul is screaming back REST. Slow, feel, don't run from your heart, something will start when I stop. Look, no not surface, look, deeper, yet deeper still. Go low, grow little, be amazed, be alert.

End of twelve months. I'm tired yet sleep will not fulfil. Embracing the paradox - alive yet at peace, awake but at rest. Wounded yet healed. Little yet strong in Him. Ordinary becomes extraordinary in the light of His love. A babe, so soft and calm was born with the heart of a lion cub, ready to grow too. God in flesh. Humbling himself to share in our humanity so that we could share in His divinity. The King of the universe came for me, came for you and He's coming back once more.

Accepting these days with this in mind - every moment with Jesus a new thing to find. So whilst my to-do list grows I know a greater thing is here. Why be the same when you can be different? I am not saying don't party but do you know heaven's joy? I am not saying no presents but do you know the real gift that awaits you on Christmas morn?

I'm not saying don't prepare but are we aware that real preparation starts inside? Making myself a gift.

An invitation then - look, no not surface, look deeper, yet deeper still.



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal Fundraiser - casual clothes for a gold coin day Friday 3 December

The St Therese's Parish Kennington St Vincent de Paul Conference have asked our school if we could hold a fundraiser instead of collecting Christmas Hampers this year. The conference is finding it difficult to

distribute the hampers within the COVID restrictions, which makes it challenging for people to come to collect hampers. We will have a **casual clothes day on Friday, 3 December,** if able students are asked to bring along a gold coin donation.



Lisa Hitchcock Catholic Identity Leader

Year 5 Market Day

The Grade 5 students held a very successful Market Day this week. The students worked in small groups to design and create a carnival game with limited resources. They created a pitch and a video advertisement for their carnival stall over two days.

On Wednesday 1 Dec, the Grade 4 students enjoyed playing all of the carnival games and voted for their top two games with their two tokens. The top four carnival game groups presented their pitch and video to the Shark Tank - Mrs Exell, Miss Scalora and Mr Moloney who questioned the groups about their game and selected the carnival game they would invest in.





We congratulate all the Grade 5 students on the amazing effort, persistence, collaboration, creativity and enthusiasm they displayed over the three days. Thank you to Miss Wales for leading the Grade 5 team and to our sharks!



Literacy News....







Our Year 1's had a lovely time last week, "writing the school"! This was part of their Writing Engagement Strategy that they have implemented in their classrooms over the past 5 weeks. It certainly created some excitement at recess time!





Take Home Reader Hunt!



As we are getting close to the end of the year, it is time to do some collating of resources. It would be great if everyone could have a bit of a look around their house for any take home readers that might have been left at home during Home Learning or throughout the year. If these could be returned to school, that would be appreciated.

Thanks, Marg Brohm Curriculum Leader - Literacy

PE News.... National Football Representatives



Friday night Aydan, Tyce and Maurice had our jumper presentations at the RSL hotel, Dempsey got hers on Saturday morning. Our numbers were Aydan-17, Maurice-3, Tyce-6 and Dempsey-17. It was a great experience because we got to meet lots of new people.

On Saturday we all had a 3 and a half hour training session and after a long tiring day, we had to hop into the ocean and it was freezing! But it was good for our recovery. We then went back to the Rosebud Primary where we gathered for further preparation.

Then Sunday came around and it was game day!

First quarter: Dempsey played forward and did a good, 'Don't argue' she also and kicked a goal!

Second quarter: Dempsey was at fullback and the ball didn't come down so it was a bit boring.

Third quarter: Dempsey was on ball!

Fourth quarter: She was forward again which was really fun!

Then it was Aydan, Tyce and Maurice's game. We went up to the rooms and had a talk



about our game plan. We then went down and got changed to get ready for our game. We then ran out and the under 12 girls clapped us out. We had a guick warm up and then got into our positions.

In the first quarter we all got a couple of touches and we had fun. In the second quarter we were down by seven goals. In the third quarter our team tried hard and we kicked a few more goals to get us back in the game. The fourth quarter Vic Metro got on top of us and pushed the score to eight goals in front. Then the siren went. We lost by 47 points but we still had lots of fun and had a great time and experience.

Written by: Aydan Hand, Tyce Griffin, Maurice Nihill and Dempsey McDonnell

Congratulations to our 4 students that represented the school so beautifully. We are incredibly proud of

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Team Vic Australian Football 12 Years and Under Boys – Merit Team hool Sport Victoria (SSV) is plessed to confirm the Team Vic 12 Years and Under Boys ustralan Football Wert Team 2021		
ne team officials wish to congr nowcase day and thank them f	atulate every student who took part in the trials and or their efforts.	
NAME	SCHOOL	
Flynn Adler	Glenferrie Primary School	
Corey Ah-Mu	Regency Park Primary School	
Koby Bewick	Strathmore Secondary College	
Lincoln Brand	Orrvale Primary School	
Will Broadbent	Glen Katherine Primary School	
Angus Brown	Carnegie Primary School	
Oliver Cape	Bacchus Marsh Primary School	
James Douglas	Elsternwick Primary School	
Matthew Fairchild	St Kevin's College	
Tyce Griffin	St Francis of the Fields School	
Ryder Ham	Eastwood Primary School	
Zac Hamer	St Macartan's School	
Will Hamilton	St Michael's School	
Noah Hannegraaf	Braemar College	
Lachlan Harrop	Beaumaris Primary School	
Nate Jongan	Black Rock Primary School	
Archer Lugudi	Essendon North Primary School	
Noah Montgomery	St Peter's School	
Tevita Rodan	St Therese's School	
Dashiell Smith	Nagambie Primary School	
Max Thompson	Swan Hill College	
Sachin Tyrell	Irymple Secondary College	
Jack Zammit	St James School	

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them and know they got so much more from this experience than just a game of footy! Sport and being part of a team really does encompass the making and building of the whole person and we're so pleased to know they took every opportunity and enjoyed all aspects of the experience.

I would also like to note that after the day, a key selection panel went away and looked at the game. Of all the children across the 2 teams-

Victorian Country and Victorian Metro in the boys section, Tyce Griffin was named in the final 'Merit team'.

Making the Victorian team was a wonderful effort by all 4 of our children, but to make the merit team is a phenomenal effort- Well done Tyce!

WELL DONE!!! Mrs Coates - PE Coordinator







P&F News...

Rainbow Run - Friday 10th December

All money raised will go towards resurfacing the shed/stadium floor. (Target \$20,000) Follow the information in the booklet and register your child at <u>myprofilepage.com.au</u>

Information for Parents

As you will now be aware we will have a 'Colour Run' happening very soon. The best news is, we can invite parents and guardians along to enjoy the afternoon! Please ensure you're implementing Covid Safe protocol - staying home if unwell, keeping distance where possible and QR coding (as you head towards the soccer pitch you will find a table with a number of QR codes you can use.

Who: The whole schoolWhat: Colour RunWhen: Friday 10th of December- specific schedule belowWhere: The soccer pitch at St Francis

Further information:

- Each child will be given a set of glasses and a sweatband.
- Your child is to wear a white or light coloured t-shirt. If you don't have one, you can pick one up very cheaply at the likes of Big W.
- Your child is to wear old shorts or pants and shoes/ runners. Please ensure your child is not in clothes that they would be upset if they were to remain stained.
- Your child can wear this to school on the day.
- Your child will need to bring a spare set of clothes, an old towel and shoes should they need to change afterwards. A towel is a <u>MUST!</u> It will help them get home without leaving any colour in the car- fingers crossed.
- If you have concerns around asthma, you can find information below.
- Please ensure you have signed your child up. Find information below on how to do this.
- You can find further information should you wish to have a look on their: websitehttps://australianfundraising.com.au/fundraising-products/school-colour-run/

Schedule:

Year 5: 1.50pm Year 4: 2.00pm Year 3: 2.10pm Year 2: 2.20pm Year 1: 2.30pm Year 6: 2.40pm Foundation & Year 6 buddies: 2.50pm



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.



The Uniform Shop will be open before students commence back to school in 2022. Staff will be in the shop on Friday 28 January from 9.00am – 2.30pm. Parents will need to be double vaccinated to enter the shop. They will also be required to check-in via the QR code and show proof of vaccination to the staff. We ask that if you are unwell to please stay away.



Scholastic Books

If you would like your books to be left at the office for collection, please send an email to <u>office@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au</u> and we will let you know when the items are available for collection.



Thank you for your continued support. Michelle Janssen & Stephanie Wade, Scholastic Books Coordinators

2022 Bendigo School Bus Travel – Mandurang Bus travellers only



Applications for country bus travel must be made online and approval granted for travel using the online platform, School Bus Management System (SBMS). To do a Pre-Application Check, go to: <u>https://schoolbus.educationapps.vic.gov.au</u> NB. This step is not an approval for travel process. Pre-Application Checks provides you with information about the SBP services available to you. It does not assess eligibility. **Applications for 2022 SBP travel open in Term 4, 2021.**

School Bus Management System (SBMS) will be doing their main rollover for 2022 applications tonight. Previously stated the 17th December 2021. This means parents can go and log into their accounts and accept their 2022 offers.

If a student hasn't applied for 2022 travel yet because they are changing schools, have a new address or changing campus etc, then they can still log on and apply after the rollover and the team will update new applications as they come in.

Please remember you MUST log back into your account to ACCEPT the offer.

Tuckshop News.....

Menu available here - <u>Term 4 Tuckshop Menu</u>

name.

Remember to place individual orders for each child. Do not combine the orders under one child's



We are also happy to have a chat with any parents who may have concerns about their child's food related allergies and our current menu options.

Fiona (0400 072 311) & Donna (0408 051 979) Tuckshop Coordinators.

Lost Property

We have quite a large amount of unnamed and unclaimed lost property currently at school. If you think you might be missing something, we're asking parents to come and collect any items that may be missing from your kitchen cupboards or the kids wardrobes. After this time, any items remaining will be donated to goodwill.



To ensure our lost property area does not grow again, could you please make sure all items brought to school are clearly named? This way we can deliver items back to students when found. Also, please remember when purchasing second hand items, clearly rename items with your family name.

YMCA – After School Care

Holiday Bookings

Bookings are now open for our exciting Summer School Holiday Program! Incursions and Excursions are back for Summer. Check out our program and book online!

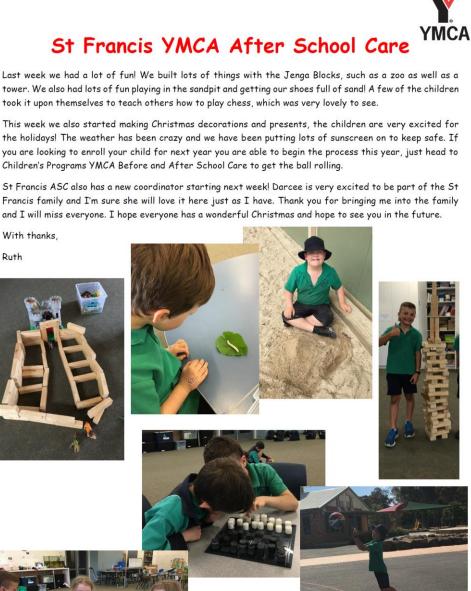
https://childrensprograms.ymca.org.au/school-holiday-programs/bendigo

The YMCA operates an After-School Care Program at St Francis of the Fields Primary School. The program

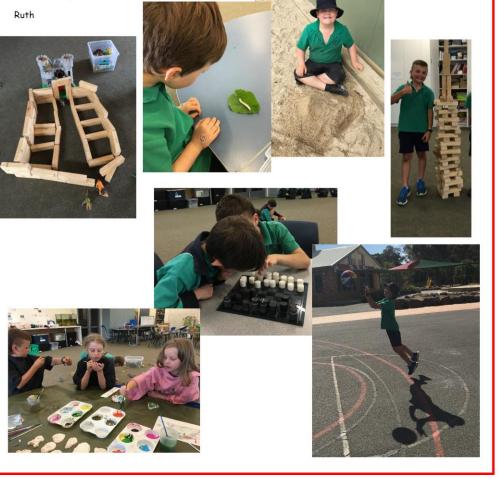
operates every school day for children aged 5-12 years. The YMCA also provides care on days of school closure.

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 ASC also has a new coordinator starting next week! Darcee is very excited to be part of the St Francis family and I'm sure she will love it here just as I have. Thank you for bringing me into the family and I will miss everyone. I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and hope to see you in the future.



Community News....



Strathfieldsaye Junior Netball Club have opened Expressions of Interest for

Grade 6 and Year 7 students (2022) to attend tryouts in February next year.

Please click on the link below if you would like to register

https://forms.gle/cMz3ukjpH2rkKip29

A Cuppa With Company

A Cuppas Christmas Program - Bendigo Donation shout-out!

Many families are feeling the strain (financially) this Christmas. Our Christmas program is designed to help our local families provide some presents for their children this festive season. And we need your help!

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If you are able to donate a toy, book, or gift voucher this Christmas please send a message to this page or call 0493 151 905.

Together we can ensure as many disadvantaged children as possible have a smile this Christmas 😂

***Please note that we are unable to accept cash donations. We can accept: Toys Books Gift cards Makeup Novelty gifts Games Arts and crafts ...just to name a few!









Tell us and you could win a \$100 Sports Voucher!

We're calling on local kids to show us their 'hood – bad and good.

So, if you're aged 12 and under we need your help to see what healthy and unhealthy examples you can find in your community and share it with us.

You can do this by taking a photo, drawing a picture, writing something or by recording a video or audio.

To find out more about the neighbourhood audit task and how to load your examples visit **letstalkgreaterbendigo.com.au/kids-co-design-activity**

Submissions close Wednesdo December <u>8, 2021,</u>

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HOLIDAY PROGRAM

6th Dec 2021 to Thurs 23rd Dec 202 h Jan 2022 to Fri 28th Jan 2022

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