



ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 4 – Mar 13, 2025

(Term 1 – Week 7)

The Jaara people are the traditional custodians of the land on which we live. They have lived here for thousands of years. We commit to working for Reconciliation and justice for all Aboriginal people and to learning more about the Jaara

“To Live, Learn and Grow in God’s Love”

Reminders

Wed 12 Mar – Mon 24 Mar

- NAPLAN Testing period – Yr 3 & 5

Friday 14 Mar

- Scholastic Book Club orders due

Friday 21 Mar

- Caritas K's
- Assembly @ 2.45pm – 6M presenting

Thursday 27 Mar

- School Photos

Friday 28 Mar

- School Photos

Wednesday 2 Apr

- Pupil Free Day – Behaviour Curriculum PD

Friday 4 Apr

- Whole school Cross Country 9am - 11am

- Last day of Term 1 – 2.30pm finish

Friday 18 Apr

- Good Friday

Monday 21 Apr

- Easter Monday

Tuesday 22 Apr

- Pupil Free Day – Neuroscience PD

Wednesday 23 Apr

- Pupil Free Day – Neuroscience PD

Thursday 24 Apr

- Pupil Free Day – Neuroscience PD

Friday 25 Apr

- Anzac Day Public Holiday

Monday 28 Apr

- Term 2 commences for students



Reminder!

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

St Francis of Assisi



Dear Families,

In our Lenten season I share with you some thoughts of Mother Theresa:

“At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by, **“I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless and you took me in.”**”

Mother Theresa’s challenge is underpinned by the Commandment Christ deemed to be the greatest: **Love God. Love your neighbour. Love yourself.** This we can do by the manner in which we choose to live our life, for our life is simply a reflection of our actions. If we want more love in the world, create more love in our hearts; if we want people to listen to us, improve our listening skills. This relationship applies to all aspects of life. **Our life is not a coincidence. It’s a reflection of ourselves.**

Perhaps this Lent we might still do some of the “giving up” things, such as no sugar in our coffee, but as mature Christians we should be able to look outside our own personal square and **look for opportunities to be bearers of kindness, respect, dignity, comfort, love – true reflections of who we are.**

I share with you this beautiful Lenten prayer...

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we journey through this season of Lent, we come before You with humble hearts. Help us to remember the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and to follow His example of love and compassion. Guide us to grow in faith, hope, and charity during these forty days.

May we use this time to reflect on our actions and seek forgiveness for our shortcomings. Teach us to be kind and generous, sharing our blessings with those in need. Strengthen our resolve to make positive changes in our lives and to draw closer to You.

Bless our school community, our families, and our friends. May we support one another in our Lenten journey and grow together in Your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Tuckshop 2025 – Term 1

Week 7

Fri 14 Mar
12.30 – 3pm

Verity Nicholson
Jess McKinley
Julie Palmer

Week 8

Thurs 20 Mar
12.30 – 3pm
Fri 21 Mar
12.30 – 3pm

Andrea Dahlin

Renee Jet
Kylie Miller
Kate Fraser

Week 9

Thurs 27 Mar
12.30 – 3pm
Fri 28 Mar
12.30 – 3pm

Laura Flood

Lisa Phillips
Naomi Burns
Kate Todd
Simone Willis

Weekend Maintenance

15-16 Mar Tuckerman (3D)
Wallis (1R)

22-23 Mar Roberts (FdnW)
Mackenzie (1M)

29-30 Mar Turpie (5ZS)
Wingrave (6Z)

26-27 Apr Bateson (FdnD)
Hand (6C)

Prepare to change over to winter uniform

The weather, over the next 9-10 weeks, can vary greatly in temperature (though it doesn't feel like it at the moment!). Subsequently, for the first four weeks of Term 2 students are able to wear either the summer or winter uniform. However, all students are required to be in the Winter uniform by **Monday 19 May**.

Parents & Friends Meeting - Thursday 20 March

All parents are invited to attend the Parents & Friends meeting on **Thursday 20 March**. The meeting will be held **at 7.30pm** in the school staff room. All welcome!

We have incredible parents who help raise funds for our school. These funds are used to pay for playground equipment, soft fall, re-surfacing of the indoor basketball stadium, literacy & numeracy materials, and much more.

We need supportive parents who are willing to assist in helping with our fundraisers. The money raised is always used for the students at our school.



Please come along and help our community.

Emergency Practice



We will hold our first whole school emergency evacuation on **Thursday 20 March**. Our teachers will explain to all children about what is required of them before the emergency procedure occurs. They will also state that it is a practice – this should help alleviate any student anxiety.

Please note that we will hold at least one emergency practice each term. The type of practices will alternate depending on the proposed emergency scenario.

Supervision Hours

Please note the schoolyard is unsupervised before 8:30am. There were many, many children on the grounds prior to this time. For the safety of your children, I am asking that they are not dropped off at school **before 8:30am**.

School Photographs - Repeat

I am informing families that our school photographs will be held on **March 27 & 28**. Hopefully this early notification will ensure attendance of all students. Please ensure all children are dressed in their full summer uniform (NOT Sports uniform) on BOTH days.

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the web shop. Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school. Even if you registered last year, it's important that you re-register again this year using your child's 2025 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.



End of day car parking problems

In our endeavour to arrive early to pick our children up cars are blocking cars entering or exiting the car parks. I ask that cars arriving to pick up their children should line up no earlier than 3.15pm. Please help us with this problem. Thank you.

Term 1 Holidays

Please note that Term 1 ends on Friday 4 April at 2.30pm. Term 2 resumes on Monday 28 April as our diocese is holding 3 professional learning days on 22, 23 & 24 April.

Christ has no hands but yours.

Tim Moloney
Principal



Choose Friendship & Purpose

Choose St Francis of the Fields School Strathfieldsaye

*Part of a community that knows no
bounds You will laugh, and play in
the most beautiful grounds*



Learning and Teaching

Over the past seven weeks, both our students and staff have experienced significant changes in how we deliver the curriculum. This period has involved new learning for students, parents, and staff alike. It's natural to feel unsettled when faced with something new, but it's essential to remember the importance of perseverance during these times.

We must stay focused on our purpose: to ensure that every student, every teacher, and every day, is learning to their fullest potential.

What have we noticed so far with our new platforms?

Our students are particularly enjoying reading our novels. They're deeply engaged with the texts and the content of these lessons, often discussing what might happen next in the story.

The content across all lessons is comprehensive, with no gaps in our curriculum.

The daily review structure is another aspect that students are finding beneficial. These reviews provide students with an opportunity to retrieve and consolidate their learning from the previous day.

Students are also made aware of the learning intention at the start of each lesson, giving them clear direction and purpose for the tasks ahead.

Additionally, the repetition of key concepts is helping to build students' confidence.

What are we working towards?

Our Teaching and Learning team are focused on supporting students who are facing challenges in accessing the curriculum.

We now have trained staff ready to deliver targeted interventions for these students, and we're excited to begin our intervention programs in the coming weeks.

Grace Scalora
Deputy Principal – Learning and Teaching Leader.



Pastoral Wellbeing

Behaviour Curriculum

On Wednesday, our School Leadership Team met with Knowledge Society to begin our work on developing our contextualised version of the new Classroom Mastery Behaviour Curriculum. Our whole staff will undertake training for the delivery of this training on our next pupil free day on Wednesday April 2nd. The new Behaviour Curriculum will be rolled out in Term 2. We will send more information to families in Term 2.

SPECIAL REPORT: Happiness & Gratitude School TV



Happiness is a term that captures a huge variety of positive emotions such as humour, serenity, optimism, joy, pride, inspiration, love and hope. Happiness means different things, to different people and is essential to your understanding of emotional literacy. Throughout history, philosophers, religious writers and poets have pondered on the meaning of happiness and how it might be achieved. In the last few decades, scientists and psychologists have researched this further by studying a field of science called positive psychology.

The result of this research suggests there is a strong correlation between gratitude and greater happiness. Practising gratitude helps you shift your focus to positive memories or experiences, noticing the good in your life. Over time, this will re-wire your brain to create new neural pathways, increase your state of happiness and overall wellbeing.

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents and care-givers will learn how to achieve happiness and the benefits of practising gratitude.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this edition of SchoolTV and we always welcome your feedback. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact the school counsellor for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to the **Happiness & Gratitude** edition of SchoolTV

<https://sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/happiness-gratitude>

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.

Luke Freeman
Behaviour, Wellbeing and Safeguarding Leader



TOEFUATA'IGA from SAMOA

13-year-old Toefuata'iga (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah), a student in the Upolu region of Samoa, experienced water scarcity at her school. The absence of a reliable and hygienic water supply has not only affected students' education but also impacted their health. Despite being surrounded by water, many Samoans struggle with consistent access to clean drinking water, and resort to relying on rainwater or neighbours who have access to a water pipeline. Climate change is leading to longer, drier periods. The Samoan Water pipeline frequently shuts down due to natural disasters and maintenance. Additionally, it is often unsafe for consumption after heavy rains.



Toefuata'iga (13) writes on a chalkboard in a primary school classroom in Samoa. Photo: Caritas Australia.

"School would finish early, when there wasn't any water, we wouldn't have classes," Toefuata'iga shared. Like many other students, her learning was frequently interrupted by school closures. The principal, Ada, explained the frequency of school closures: "about five to six times per term especially if the water stopped for quite some time particularly Terms 3 & 4, the dry months of the year." Compounding this, students would frequently fall ill with waterborne diseases like typhoid and suffer the effects of dehydration.

"Parents would tell us that their kids are sick. It was normally things like headaches caused by heat or dehydration, or stomach aches... or typhoid or whatever," said Ada. The resulting absence rate slowed down the curriculum for the entire school. Principal Ada explained: "Missing the curriculum for the students, if we have this issue, it's a major concern for us teachers... We have to go back. Like if it's two weeks, that's a lot of lessons to miss."

"Sometimes, if there is not enough water at our school, we would politely ask the parents at the back of our school building if they can go and bring us some water," Toefuata'iga explained. However, when parents weren't available, this additional pressure would fall on the teachers themselves. They would often have to drive their cars to nearby homes to fetch water using buckets. To relieve the burden on the nearby families who offered their tap water, the school would compensate them financially by withdrawing school committee funds. However, when these funds were unavailable, teachers would often resort to paying for water out of their own pockets. "Me, and the parents and teachers would gather money from our own pockets to support the water shortage on that particular day," said Principal Ada. On top of this, collecting this water took away from the time teachers needed for teaching activities.



Photo: Caritas Australia

Access to water is about more than convenience. It is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty, and to helping students like Toefuata'iga fulfil her dreams: "I would like to become a good teacher. To teach the children so they will have a brighter future."

Toefuata'iga also told a personal story: "If the water we drink is dirty, we get sick." This was particularly hard on her family. "My grandmother needed water, so we went and got her some. We did not know it was dirty..." Three days later her grandmother fell ill.

According to a 2022 study (Asia Foundation, Aust Aid & Aust Water Partnership), only 30% of people across the Pacific region have access to basic drinking water. High concentrations of contaminants, such as toxic pesticides and E.coli in water have been recorded across Samoa. Like many countries in the Pacific, Samoa is particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change., including tropical cyclones, flooding, and prolonged droughts, which further exacerbate water scarcity.

Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Samoa through the Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) program. The installation of a 10,000 litre water tank at the school brought a significant change. "Now that we have the water tank, things are so much better," said Toefuata'iga. "We can stay at school all day, and I get to spend more time learning and playing with my friends. I'm happy that we don't have to go home early anymore."

It is clear access to clean water, one of the most basic human needs, has a ripple effect on communities. Children can access their right to education and obtain opportunities that can help break the cycle of poverty.

With your support, Caritas Australia provides practical solutions for communities like Toefuata'iga's, ensuring clean water and education are not just dreams but realities. Together, we are building resilient communities and creating lasting change.



A large group of Samoan primary school students and a mother start their walk to school. Photo: Caritas Australia.

2nd SUNDAY of LENT – 16th March - Reflection

Genesis 15:5–12. 17–18 | Ps 26:1. 7–9. 13–14 | Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 | Luke 9:28–36

Today's Gospel brings us a wonderful moment in the education of Jesus's friends.

Jesus was always trying to teach them about the mystery of life, and we can take heart from the fact that they were often slow learners. Peter, James and John see Jesus transfigured on the top of a mountain. But the vision doesn't last long. Peter, always practical, wants to build tents so they can stay in the moment. But no, the journey to Calvary lies ahead where they will see Jesus disfigured. Eventually, they will put it together that transfiguration and disfigurement are two sides of the same coin.

This week, Caritas Australia's Project Compassion shares another story of education. We visit a primary school in Samoa with 400 students and 11 teachers. Until 2023, the school had no reliable access to fresh water. At times, teachers had to fetch water from neighbouring families, and this took considerable time out of the day and limited classes. It also meant that each class had a single bucket of drinking water for everyone to share. Thanks to your generosity, this has now changed.

Education can continue uninterrupted. You might even say, that thanks to those who support Project Compassion, disfigured lives have been transfigured.

Samoa may seem a long way away but let us think for a moment of some of the words Jesus said on the night before he died. He prayed 'may they all be one.' We see the high price of division and conflict in so many places. People face each other with such hostility. As we Unite Against Poverty, we are slowly creating the solution. Our actions are teaching the world to see possibilities more than problems. Just as his friends saw Jesus in a brilliant new light, so too must we see the whole human family with its true dignity.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. You can support Project Compassion our QR code here



Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

Our school community is coming together to support Caritas Australia's Project Compassion, aiming to raise \$6,000 for this vital cause. Every contribution makes a difference in creating a fairer and more compassionate world.



St Francis of the Fields School - STRATHFIELDSAYE

We're Uniting Against Poverty, as part of Project Compassion.

Please sponsor us and help us reach our goal!

WE'VE RAISED **\$340.00**

\$100 goal

DONATE

To donate, simply scan the QR code provided and join us in making a positive impact. Together, we can achieve this incredible goal!

Thank you for your generosity and support. Let's work together to make a real difference!

Preparation program for Baptism - RCIC

St Therese's Parish will soon be offering this year's Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) program. This is a program for children who are aged 6 or older who, along with their families, are seeking Baptism. The program will consist of three approximately 45minute sessions, that will be held at St Therese's church, beginning in early March. For more information, or to register, please contact the Parish on 5443 3337, or email Sally Jennings on kpsacraments@outlook.com



Dave Waters
Catholic Identity Leader

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PE News

Upcoming Sporting Dates

- St Francis Cross Country - Friday 4th April - 9-11am at St Francis
- State Swimming Sports- Tuesday 29th April
- Division Cross Country - Friday 16th May (for Yr 3-6's qualifying on from our school cross country)



School Cross Country - FRIDAY 4th April (last day of Term 1) - 9.15am start.

- Details regarding the event were sent out last week, please check your emails.
- You can find start times and distances below, we start with the boys in each year level first, followed by the girls in that year level.
- We would love to see as many parents/ guardians and supporters there as possible.
- Coffee storm will be available, should you like to purchase a coffee.

| CROSS COUNTRY START TIMES | | |
|---------------------------|------------|----------|
| Race Time | Year Level | Distance |
| 9.15am | 6 | 3km |
| 9.25am | 5 | 3km |
| 9.40am | 4 | 2km |
| 9.55am | 3 | 2km |
| 10.10am | 2 | 2km |
| 10.25am | 1 | 1km |
| 10.40am | Foundation | 600m |

While students have already had opportunities to practice for the cross country at school, supporting your child outside of school would be very beneficial.

Coffee storm will be available, should you wish to purchase a coffee.



Divisional Swimming Sports

Congratulations to all our students who competed at the Divisional swimming sports. All representing the school beautifully. All the best to Josh & Eloise Rodda who are heading off to the Regional Swimming Championship next week.

Results

Freestyle

Seb Rodda- 3rd
Bella Hope- 3rd
Josh Rodda- 1st
Milanke Haasbroek- 4th

Backstroke

Madison Besiroglu- 4th
Seb Rodda- 2nd
Eloise Rodda- 1st
Bella Hope- 2nd

Breaststroke

Madison Besiroglu- 3rd
Gus Arundell- 5th
Elke Cowan- 3rd
Josh Rodda- 2nd

Butterfly

Eloise Rodda- 3rd
Milanke Haasbroek- 5th

Relays

200m Free Relay

10yr Girls - 2nd

11yr Girls - 2nd

11yr Boys - 2nd

12/13yr Girls - 3rd

Medley Relay

Girls Open- 3rd

Lucy Fidler, Sienna Royden, Jasmine Marshall, Harper Lockhart

Bella Hope, Anna Bridge, Lotti Childs, Eloise Rodda

Max Nielsen, Quade Baker, Iden Lau, Joshua Rodda

Mackenzie Jackson, Layla Hand, Makayla Jackson, Milanke Haasbroek

Milanke Haasbroek, Bella Hope, Mackenzie Jackson, Eloise Rodda



Regional Swimming Sports

On Tuesday the 11th of March, we had two students head to Swan Hill to compete in the Regional Swimming competition. It's an extremely cut-throat business, with only first place making it onto the State Championships next term. Both Josh and Eloise swam exceptionally well, getting personal best times!! They should be very proud of their efforts! We certainly are.

Josh will now represent our school at the upcoming State Championships! All the very best!



Results

1st in the boys 11year 50m Freestyle - Joshua Rodda

3rd in the girls 11year 50m Backstroke - Eloise Rodda



Bendigo Ford Fun Run

On Sunday the 2nd March, we had many students, parents and even teachers compete in the Bendigo Fun Run! Individuals could choose from a 1km, 3km, 5km, 10km or dare to tackle the half marathon! Congratulations to all the participants, and a special mention to Abbey Kuhne (2nd- 5km) & Milanke Haasbroek (3rd- 5km) for podium finishes.



Well done to all involved.

State Little Athletics

Over the long weekend we had 3 students compete at the State Little Athletics titles. What a wonderful experience for you!

Results

Ada Emmerson

400m: 20th

80m Hurdles: 14th - **PB!**

Adelaide Ciancio

70m: 6th - **PB!**

100m: 20th

Long Jump: 20th

Tilly Stewart

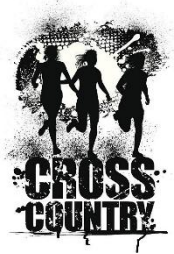
Discus: 22nd

Congratulations girls on your efforts and the hard work and consistency it took to make it there!



Running/ Cross Country Preparation

Each Monday recess and Wednesday lunchtime, we will be offering the students an opportunity to improve their running capacity. We aim for these to be short, but effective. We hope to see more students join over the coming weeks! Students are encouraged to check the PE noticeboard outside the shed for any changes.



Judo - Grading achievement

Congratulations to **Leo Kirke** who has passed a Judo practical and knowledge test called a grading at the Judo Bendigo Club.

This is no easy task and requires a great deal of practice. The grade is awarded by the presentation of a coloured Judo belt. Junior Judo belts are in varying colours signifying age and expertise. Leo has been awarded a White-Yellow-Black belt.

PE Awards:

Each assembly week, we present a tuck shop 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 - Week 6 awardee's

Joel Coultas & Lewis Payne

****You will receive your awards at the next assembly**

Sporting News

Parents, if you have sporting news that should be shared in the newsletter, please send through **a write up and picture** to: dcoates@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu

Danielle Coates-
PE coordinator

Weekend Maintenance

Term 1

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|---|----------|----------|---------------------------------|
| 7 | 15-03-25 | 16-03-25 | Tuckerman (3D), Wallis (1R) |
| 8 | 22-03-25 | 23-03-25 | Roberts (Fdn W), MacKenzie (1M) |
| 9 | 29-03-25 | 30-03-25 | Turpie (5ZS), Wingrave (6Z) |

Term 2

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|----|----------|----------|---|
| 1 | 26-04-25 | 27-04-25 | Bateson (Fdn D), Hand (6C) |
| 2 | 03-05-25 | 04-05-25 | Morrissey (1SF), Graco (Fdn M) |
| 3 | 10-05-25 | 11-05-25 | Jackson (6R), Pollard (2HL) (Mother's Day W/E) |
| 4 | 17-05-25 | 18-05-25 | Trehwella (2HL), Hudson (2S), Rodda (5W) (Deb Ball clean up Sunday) |
| 5 | 24-05-25 | 25-05-25 | Pattison (1R), Johnson (5FT), Harrop (4C) (Deb Ball clean up Sunday) |
| 6 | 31-05-25 | 01-06-25 | Mansfield (5ZS), Curtain (1W), Dalrymple (2S) (Deb Ball clean up Sunday) |
| 7 | 07-06-25 | 08-06-25 | Cybula (3D), Hicks (Fdn M), Murtagh (Fdn W) |
| 8 | 14-06-25 | 15-06-25 | Kuhne (1SF), Straub (1W), Rodda (5M) |
| 9 | 21-06-25 | 22-06-25 | O'Neill (4C), Bennallack (6M), Scholtes (1W) |
| 10 | 28-06-25 | 29-06-25 | Flood (Fdn W), Lynch (5FT), McKenzie (1M) |

Lost Property

Each fortnight, we will publish photos of our lost property items. We ask parents to please check if any of these items belong to your family and come to school to retrieve them. If items have been in the lost property area for over a month, they will be cleared out and donated to a local charity.



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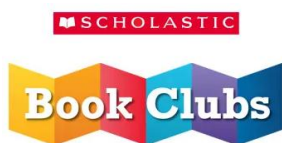
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Scholastic Book Club



Orders are due by **Friday 14 March**. Please complete orders using the LOOP ordering system. We will not be accepting any cash payments at school.
***** If your order is a gift, please let us know and we will hold it in the office for you to collect.

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.

If you have any questions, please speak to our friendly team:
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Central Customer Service Team: (03) 8371 0500



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CDF pay - New Ordering App

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A reminder that tuckshop orders need to be completed by 9am on the day of ordering.



CDF pay

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Frank's Little Friends Playgroup

Every Monday during the school terms.

9:00am – 10.30am.

Gathering in the Community Centre

Please see our FB group "Franks Little Friends" for updates.

All welcome!



FRANK'S LITTLE FRIENDS
Playgroup at St Francis of the Fields

Community News....

'Supporting Lou'
Fundraising
Dinner & Auction

29th March 2025

One Tree Hill Hotel

5.30pm for dinner at 6.30pm sharp



Join us for a night of fun and giving back. Indulge in a delicious dinner, bid on fantastic auction items, and enjoy live music by Chris DeAraugo all while supporting a great cause. Diagnosed with cancer mid 2024, after being chronically unwell for 3 years, Lou has had to give up the two jobs she was working to support herself and her 3 amazing children. Let's come together to make a difference and show Lou Chilver (nee Dillon) our love and support. Don't miss out on this special evening!

Ticket \$55
Includes Dinner, Drink Voucher & Raffle Ticket
***Children's meals also available**

Available @
<https://Supporting-Lou.eventbrite.com>

Scan to buy tickets!



More information on Facebook
 'Supporting Lou' Fundraising Page
 Gofundme: Supporting Lou & 3 Children




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'Supporting Lou' Fundraising Event
 Dinner, Auction & Live Music by Chris DeAraugo
 Sat 29th March, 5.30pm
 @ One Tree Hill Hotel Bendigo
<https://Supporting-Lou.eventbrite.com>




Join with us to support Lou Chilver and her 3 children, as Lou continues her fight against cancer.

Enquiries Contact - Tammy Isbister 0414205605

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MONDAY 7TH & TUESDAY 8TH APRIL
8.30AM - 5PM
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Who can attend: Boys & Girls aged 5-12 yrs

General information: We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

What do you need to bring: Appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

Payment details: Payment is required up-front within 2 hours of your booking. A receipt will be issued when a completed booking is received. All details will be included on the receipt.

Please note: Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Sports accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst on the programme.

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Interested in becoming the Coordinator or would like more information? Please contact Participation Coordinator - Maddy Pieper on madeline.pieper@afl.com.au or 0488 777 412