

# ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS STRATHFIELDSAYE

## School Bulletin – Thursday 3 April 2025

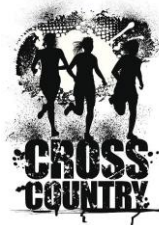
St. Francis of the Fields acknowledges the traditional owners of the land we learn, work and play on as the Dja Dja Wurrung people.

St. Francis of the Fields is a community united in faith and committed in action, to live, learn and grow in God's love.

Dear Families,

### School Cross Country

Tomorrow, **Friday 4 April**, we will be holding our school Cross Country for all year levels. Racing will start at 9.15am for the Yr 6's and continue down the year levels and conclude with the Foundation children at 10.40am. We invite all parents to come and support their children. The Coffee Storm van will be available for your convenience.



### School Traffic issues - Repeat

**Please do not line up in the school driveway until after 3.15pm. We thank everyone for their patience.**

A problem still occurs around the Assisi Kindergarten where several cars are driving in the wrong direction against the "no entry" sign of the gravel car park. There have been some near misses as young children are exiting Assisi kindergarten.

### 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.

### 2026 Enrolment Process

Applications are called from parents wishing to enrol children in Foundation (Prep) and other classes at St. Francis of the Fields Primary School for the 2026 school year. Children may be enrolled to start school in February of the year in which they turn five, provided their birthday is on or before 30 April.

A new online application process, for 2026 Foundation enrolments, will be available shortly. A link will be made available on our website soon and all families will be notified of this. We ask that all families please use the new online enrolment system to help streamline our enrolment processes.

### School Open Week

- May 5th - May 9th (9.00 - 3.20pm) Student led tours.

### Principal Learning Tours

- Monday 5 May, 2025 @ 5.00pm. Meet at the office.
- Tuesday 6 May 2025 @ 9.30am. Meet at the office.
- Wednesday 7 May, 2025 @ 12.30pm. Meet at the office.



### Parent Information Evening

- Thursday 8 May @ 7.30 pm in the school basketball stadium

If unable to attend our School Open week, please feel free to make an appointment to view our excellent teaching and learning environment. St. Francis of the Fields Primary School will be open from 8.30am to 5.00pm most days for any interested members of the public.

**Parents are advised that enrolments close on Friday 23 May 2025 at 4.00pm.**

Enquiries: School Office (03) 5439 3191

See our website [www.sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au) for our Information Booklet and enrolment application forms.

### Please note the following dates:

- Monday 21 April 2026 Enrolments Open
- Friday 23 May **Closing date** for 2026 Enrolments
- Friday 6 June **Enrolment offers** made to all Bendigo Primary students
- Friday 20 June Bendigo parents must **accept/decline enrolments** by this day. Enrolment positions will be re-allocated if not accepted by this date.



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### Engagement of Volunteers – New process

All Schools across the Sandhurst Diocese are undertaking a new system wide process regarding engagement of volunteers.

All of our new and existing volunteers are asked to:

- Complete a volunteer registration form (including details of WWWC & details of 2 personal referees)  
[Volunteer Registration Form – Public Link](#)
- Please ask your referees to scan the QR code - located on the front page of the school website - and complete the short form.
- Complete an online volunteer induction training package

We acknowledge that a large percentage of our current volunteers have been through our former process, we do require, however, to have all volunteers undertake this new process.



### Prepare to change over to winter uniform - Repeat

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**.



### 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 winners: [Student of the Week](#)

### Axedale Art Show

Congratulations to the St Francis students who entered an art piece in the Axedale 'Click Go The Shears' Art competition. It was a tremendous display and many people commented on the artwork.



The following students were lucky enough to win a prize:

Arlo Jackson Leahy (4W)  
Jazz McLennan (4H)  
Elliette Foster (3R)

Trixie Carr (6Z)  
Hannah Millar (4C)  
Asher Hudson (2S)

Jack Fishley (3G)  
Mackenzie Jackson (6Z)

### Noone Uniforms – Holiday opening hours

Parents are reminded that school uniform can be purchased anytime in-store at Noone, 21 Queen Street Bendigo. Over the Holidays/Easter, the Noone Bendigo Shop is open as normal except for the below dates & times. Online ordering is available.

- Friday 18 April (Good Friday) CLOSED
- Saturday 19 April 9.00am – 1.00pm
- Sunday 20 April (Easter Sunday) CLOSED
- Monday 21 April (Easter Monday) 9.00am – 1.00pm
- Normal Trading hours resume Tuesday 22 April

**First day of Term 2 trade at St Francis - Monday 28th April**

### RSL ANZAC Day Merchandise

We have a small quantity of ANZAC Day merchandise for sale at the school office. Please feel free to come and buy your badges or pins to support the RSL ANZAC Day Appeal. Prices of items are between \$2 and \$5.



Christ has no hands but yours.

Tim Moloney | Principal



## Diary Dates

### Friday 4 Apr

- Whole school Cross Country 9am - 11am
- Last day of Term 1 – 2.30pm finish

### Sunday 6 April

- Daylight Savings ends – Turn your clocks back 1 hr

### Friday 18 Apr

- Good Friday

### Monday 21 Apr

- Easter Monday

### Tuesday 22 Apr

- Pupil Free Day – Neuroscience PD

### Wednesday 23 Apr

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### Thursday 24 Apr

- Pupil Free Day – Neuroscience PD

### Friday 25 Apr

- Anzac Day Public Holiday

### Monday 28 Apr

- Term 2 commences for students**

### Friday 2 May

- Assembly @ 2.45pm – 5W & 5M presenting

## Tuckshop 2025 – Term 1

### Week 10

#### Fri 4 April

12.30 – 2.30pm

Tandy Jackson  
Hollie Warren

Alycia Hatzi

## Weekend Maintenance

**26-27 Apr** Baetson (Fdn D)  
Hand (6C)

**3-4 May** Morrissey (1SF)  
Graco (Fdn M)

**10-11 May** Jackson (6R)  
Pollard (2HL)

**17-18 May** Trehwella (2HL)  
Hudson (2S)  
Rodda (5W)

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# 2026 Enrolments OPEN WEEK

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**Enrolment application form**

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**mckern steel foundation**

**fresh fruit friday**

Delivering **10,000kg of fresh fruit to Bendigo school children WEEKLY**

Partners:

- Banking
- the King & Co
- Woolworths
- PURPHY
- MPACA
- Adroit
- CLTS equipment
- ViaTel
- Bendigo Community Health Services
- TILL
- DOBELI
- red energy arena

# LEARNING FOR LIFE

Join our welcoming community in 2026 to learn the skills you need to thrive!

## ENROL NOW

Enrolments for Year 7, 2026  
Open: Wednesday 26 March 2025  
Close: Friday 9 May 2025

Visit our website to download the 2026 College Prospectus and Book a Tour online.

A Ministry of Mercy Education Ltd | ABN 69 154 531 870

Enrol online – [cmc.vic.edu.au](http://cmc.vic.edu.au)

**CATHERINE MCAULEY COLLEGE BENDIGO**  
celebrating 150 years  
1876–2026

**STAVES 40 YEARS**

# 2025 SEASON

**BUY 1 ADULT GET 1 CHILD FREE!**

**USE CODE: FREECHILD**

Partners: McDonald's, red energy arena, Clonno

**BGRA BENDIGO GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION**

## ANNUAL EASTER GOLD RUSH CARNIVAL FAMILY DAY

**GOLD RUSH CARNIVAL**  
Established 2005

- FREE SHOWBAG FOR THE FIRST 200 KIDS
- THE ZONE JUMPING CASTLE & LASER TAG
- FREE KIDS BBQ AND DRINK
- FREE POPCORN AND FAIRY FLOSS
- ICE CREAM VAN
- EASTER EGG HUNT
- VISIT FROM THE EASTER BUNNY & FRIENDS
- REPTILE SHOW
- KIDS FACE PAINTING
- KIDS MOVIES
- LIVE DJ
- FREE ENTRY
- KELLY SPORTS
- LIVE GREYHOUND RACING
- BAR AND BISTRO FACILITIES AVAILABLE

**FREE ACTIVITIES START FROM 11AM**

REGULARLY SUPPORTED BY **good Friday appeal**

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20**  
BENDIGO GREYHOUNDS - 646 MCIVOR HIGHWAY JUNORTOWN

Partners: VICTORIA State Government, MADE SOLUTIONS, Ag Tyres & Wheels, CONCRETING, PETER BROWN

**LA TROBE SPORT**  
Bendigo Sport Holiday Easter Camp

**1 WEEK TO GO! TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

Multi-Sport sessions for children age 6–12!

April 9, 10, 16 & 17

(03) 9479 2973  
BendigoSport@latrobe.edu.au

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