



ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS STRATHFIELDSAYE

School Bulletin – Thursday 20 March 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,

IMPORTANT - 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.

Parents & Friends Meeting

Our next P & F meeting will be held tonight, **Thursday 20 March at 7.30pm** in the staff room. All parents are most welcome to attend.

Caritas K's



Tomorrow, **Friday 21 March**, all students will walk our school track and carry a bucket of water in solidarity with people from around the world who every day need to cover many kilometres to fetch water, obtain food, get to school or market, or simply to survive. This will be a fundraiser and an awareness raising event for our community. Please scan this QR Code to make your valuable donation and help our school reach our goal of raising \$6000.



We invite our families to join us for prayer at **9:30am**, in the shed, and then walk the track at **9.45am** in solidarity with all those people in vulnerable communities around the world.

Our students have been learning about the work of Caritas and how the money we raise helps people around the world

Reminder - School Photos

School photos will be taken at St Francis next week, **Thursday 27 & Friday 28 March**. Children are required to be dressed in full summer uniform. All students will receive their flyer with individual booking codes on these school photo days.



Supervision Hours - Repeat

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**.

Deb Ball Committee – New members needed



The St Francis Deb Ball committee are seeking new members. We need to make sure this very successful school fundraiser continues with a strong team of volunteers. Involvement can include the following: attendance at dance practices, setting up the shed with theme decorations, attendance at some or all of the balls, participant coordination through sorting groups and communication.

If any current parents would like to be a part of this dynamic team, please contact Michelle Janssen – msjanssen@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au

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.

Assembly

Tomorrow, **Friday 21 March @ 2:45pm**, we will hold our School Assembly. 6M will be presenting. All parents/carers are most welcome to attend.

Emergency Practice - postponed

Due to the inclement weather forecast for today, the decision was made to postpone our Emergency Evacuation this afternoon, to another date. The safety of our children is paramount during these weather changes.

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](#)



Shed Unavailability – Term 1

Please note, the 'Shed' will be unavailable for training use on the following dates in Term 1:

- Thursday 27 March – all day and evening** – School Photos
- Friday 28 March - all day** – School Photos

UNAVAILABLE

Sacramental Program Information Sessions

Information nights for the upcoming Confirmation and First Communion Sacraments will be held next week, at the following times. Please ensure you attend ONE of the information sessions listed.

- Monday 24th March at 6:30pm, St Therese's Church Kennington
- Thursday 27th March at 6:30pm, St Therese's Church Kennington

Your child/candidate **does not need to attend** with you on this occasion but can do so if you wish. The program Calendar will be distributed on the night, and staff will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Christ has no hands but yours.

Tim Moloney | Principal



Year Level – Term 1 Unit Newsletter links

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Diary Dates

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

Tuckshop 2025 – Term 1

Week 8

Fri 21 Mar

12.30 – 3pm

Renee Jet
Kylie Miller
Kate Fraser

Week 9

Thurs 27 Mar

12.30 – 3pm

Laura Flood

Fri 28 Mar

12.30 – 3pm

Lisa Phillips
Naomi Burns
Kate Todd
Simone Willis

Week 10

Thurs 27 Mar

12.30 – 3pm

Alicia Mansfield

Fri 28 Mar

12.30 – 2.30pm

Tandy Jackson
Hollie Warren
Alycia Hatzi

Weekend Maintenance

22-23 Mar Roberts (Fdn W)
MacKenzie (1M)

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

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

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

St Francis of the Fields Primary School Outside School Hours Care

What have we been up to in OSHC?

Last week children, have been having lots of fun participating in a range of child-led and planned activities at our program! We have a range of fruit and healthy options each day for afternoon tea. We explore different areas of play including sensory, craft, physical and creative play through our clubs, pre planned activities, and child led activities. Next week our science club and cooking club will commence with lots of fun things for the children to do! On Friday our special activity will be... Mad Science!!

Check out some of our recent activity highlights



What is upcoming in OSHC?

See below some exciting activities we have planned over the upcoming week that has been chosen by some of our OSHC children.

After School Care Program				
Week Starting Date: Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th March 2025				
Arts & Crafts Melt Beads and Loom Bands	Community Watercolour Bookmarks	Cooking Club Scones	Science Club Make Your own Crystals	Special Activity Mad Science
<i>Use your imagination to create different objects and creations with our melt beads and loom bands</i>	<i>Join us in giving back to our community by handmaking Watercolour bookmarks to give out to the teachers</i>	<i>Join us in our weekly cooking club, this week we are going to be making Scones!</i>	<i>We're going to make our own Crystals using pipe cleaners, string, borax and water.</i>	<i>Let out you inner scientist and join us for an afternoon full of fun experiments</i>

It's not too late to book in! Head over to our website [St Francis Bendigo After School Care | YMCA Victoria | YVictoria](#) to register and make a booking.

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OPEN DAY 2025

4.30-7pm, Wednesday 26 March
Coolock Campus, Junortoun

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Guided tours ✦ Live music ✦ BBQ



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Enrolment enquiries:

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LEARNING FOR LIFE

Register online – cmc.vic.edu.au



BENDIGO Carer Connection Lunch or Dinner



Carers are invited to take a well-deserved break and enjoy a complimentary lunch OR dinner while connecting with other carers.

Tuesday 25 March
Lunch 12noon - 2pm or
Dinner 6.30 - 8.30pm

Foundry Hotel
2 Old High St, Golden Square

Registration by Friday 21 March 2025 for **one event only** is essential as places are limited.



Bendigo Health Carer Support Services
Scan the QR code or visit
www.bendigohealth.org.au/css/events
(03) 5454 7719
carersupportservices@bendigohealth.org.au



PUPIL FREE DAY



YMCA Outside School Hours Care is running a full day service for upcoming pupil free day.

Children will enjoy a range of engaging activities and have the opportunity to socialise with peers from all year levels.

Date: 2nd of April

Time: 7am – 6pm

Location: St Francis of the
Fields Primary

Activity highlights: Science Experiments, Make your own Playdough, Cooking, Art and many more.

*MAX C\$5 is the out of pocket fee paid by families who qualify for the maximum Child Care Subsidy percentage (85%). The fee above is calculated at 80% subsidy to allow for the 5% withheld by Services Australia to reduce the chances of an overpayment.



Scan the QR code to access
enrolment and booking instructions.

