



ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 31 – October 10, 2019

(Term 4 – Week 1)

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 people.

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

Reminders

Friday October 11

- ☐ Assembly @ 2.45pm – 1C to present

Monday October 14

- ☐ Swimming – Fdn-Yr2
- ☐ Regional Athletics Carnival – LUBAC
- ☐ Sacrament of Reconciliation Parent Session St Therese’s @ 7pm

Tuesday October 15

- ☐ Engagement of Volunteers Interview sessions – 8.30am.
- ☐ Sacrament of Reconciliation Parent Session St Joseph’s Axe Creek @ 7pm

Wednesday October 16

- ☐ Swimming – Fdn-Yr2

Thursday October 17

- ☐ Engagement of Volunteers Interview sessions – 8.30am.

- ☐ P&F Meeting @ 7.30pm

Friday October 18

- ☐ Swimming – Fdn-Yr2
- ☐ Yr 4 Unit Mass @ 11.40am

Monday October 21

- ☐ **Students to be in full Summer Uniform**

Wednesday October 23

- ☐ School Board @ 6.30pm

Thursday October 24

- ☐ School Disco

Friday October 25

- ☐ Buddy Mass 6D, Fdn W & Fdn S @ 11.40am

- ☐ Assembly @ 2.45pm

Tuesday October 29

- ☐ T20 Cricket Competition
- ☐ Foundation Transition Day 11.30am-1.30pm

Wednesday October 30

- ☐ **Bendigo Cup Day Holiday**

Tuckshop Roster 2019

Term 4

Week 1 – Chicken Balls, Gingerbread biscuit & Drink

Friday Oct 11

9-11am Kerry Bone | Karen Lunney
12-3pm Bek Stevens, Hollie Warren, Trina Colville, Katrina Van Dillen

Week 2 – Pie, Anzac Biscuit & Drink

Monday Oct 14

12-3pm Tracey Hyder

Friday Oct 18

9-11am Teagan King | Kanji Jackson-Leahy
12-3pm Bree Bortolotto, Chelsea Baker, Erin Monk, Tandy Jackson

Week 3 – Hot chicken & gravy roll, Popcorn & Drink

Monday Oct 21

12-3pm Deb Breene

Friday Oct 25

9-11am Fiona Horan | Vanessa McClure | Ebony Doyle
12-3pm Teleah Thorne, Emma Fuzzard, Anthea Ryan, Sally Arundell, Shae Jacques

Weekend Maintenance

12-13 Oct Webster (5T), Fitzpatrick (5T), Hctor (5RD), Finney (4C)

19-20 Oct Cody (5T), Jackson (Fdn W), Rodda (1C) Van Dillen (4MJ)

26-27 Oct Miller (6F), Hogan (FdnB)

2-3 Nov Pollock (1S), Worthington (3L), Moore (6D), Matthews (FdnM)

“For it is in giving that we receive.” St Francis of Assisi



Dear Families,

Today I have included a prayer for our school community. At times, some families in our community go through some really tough times. However during these times, it often can be when members of our community pull together and really support one another. I have noticed that during these times it can be when we are our best as a community.

Prayer for Community

God our Maker,

We praise you for the gift of community.

Thank you for the communities in which we work and live.

Thank you for the community that is your Body, the Church.

Fill us with Your Spirit today so that, as one, we reflect your light and love to each other and to the world.

In Christ we pray,
Amen.



Welcome back to the beginning of Term 4.



I hope you had a restful break with your family. Term 4 is a busy term with many different activities through the term. We start the term with our junior swimming program. We thank those parents and carers who are volunteering to come along to the swimming program. We also thank our junior teachers and especially Danielle Coates for coordinating the swimming program for the school.

Horan Family

We pray for the Horan family, especially Patrick, Archer and Xavier who tragically lost their 18-year-old cousin Lachlan over the holidays. We continue to keep Lachlan's younger brother Oscar in our thoughts and prayers and wish him a speedy recovery. The funeral will be held at 1pm on Friday 11th October at the Bendigo Baptist Auditorium.



Class Placements - 2020

Our staff will be working on Class Lists for 2020. There are many factors to consider in this process. Teachers spend many hours to ensure your child is placed in the best learning environment possible. Any requests for class placement must be based on educative reasons and must be put in writing and given to the Principal **no later than Friday 18 October**. Rather than ask for specific teachers, parents are requested to write down the type of teacher skills that would benefit their child.

Please note that not all requests can be honoured.

Summer Uniform

Please note that children may wear either their summer or winter uniform from Monday 9th September during the changeable weather conditions. All children will need to be in Summer uniform by Monday 21st October. **All children must be wearing their hats outside during recess and lunch.** Please be aware that we are currently having a uniform blitz. We expect all students to be in the correct uniform and teachers are monitoring this. Please see below in the newsletter the uniform policy.



Grade 4MJ

At the end of Term 3, Mrs Nicole McDermott finished up with us to begin her wait for her third child. We wish Mrs Nicole McDermott all the best on her maternity leave. We look forward to hearing about the arrival of her baby. We also look forward to Mrs Emma Jensen teaching in 4MJ for 4 days a week and welcome back Mikayla Weeks who will work every Wednesday in 4MJ. We know that 4MJ are in good hands for the remainder of the year.

Term 4 Pupil Free Days - Repeat

Our Term 4 holidays or Pupil Free Days are as follows:



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| • Wednesday 30th October | Bendigo Cup Holiday |
| • Monday 25 November | Report Writing Day |
| • Tuesday 26 November | 2020 Planning Day |
| • Friday, 20 December | Teachers last day |

Assembly this Friday

You are invited to come along to our Friday assembly this week at 2.45pm. This week our assembly will be led by Grade 1C. We look forward to seeing you there.

Regards,

Grace Scalora
Deputy Principal

New Dates - Engagement of Volunteers

In order to meet the Child Safe Standards, the school requires all volunteers in our school, to complete the Engagement of Volunteers documentation. Part of the requirement is to attend an interview process at the school. (This is an informal chat in the staffroom)

During this time, we will attend to the Code of Conduct document that volunteers have signed along with the Child Safety Policy. We will answer any concerns or queries you have also. If you would like to volunteer at St. Francis please complete the Engagement of Volunteers documentation, which is available from our school office. The *Working with Children Act 2005 (Vic)* requires that any person doing child-related work, must have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC). The school already requires that all school volunteers are required to apply for and pass a WWCC. There is no change to this requirement. There is no cost for volunteers applying for a WWCC. See the link below to apply for a WWCC

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications/>

Please see the dates below for you to attend one of these sessions. Once you have attended one of these sessions, you will receive an official letter stating that you are a volunteer in our school.

Tuesday, 15 October @ 8.30am

Thursday, 17 October @ 8.30am

If you can't make either of these times, please contact Grace Scalora via email to make alternative arrangements. (gscalora@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au)

After this short process, you will be able to help in and around the school. This process sounds like a difficult or lengthy one however, it isn't and it is ensuring that the safety of our students is at the forefront of everything that we do. We are not able to run events or school activities without the help of our community. We are asking all our parents and carers to please complete the necessary application form. We know that we are unable to run school activities or events without our parents who volunteer. We are extremely grateful for the support and help of our parent volunteers in our school.



RE News.....



Attention everyone!! Socktober is upon us!

WHO: Everyone at St Francis

WHAT: Crazy sock day!

WHERE: Here at St Francis

WHEN: Thursday 31st of October

WHY: The 'sock it to something' concept is an Australian expression that means to strike out at. We want to invite you to help us strike out at social issues, such as poverty, child labour, homelessness and lack of education.

COST: Gold coin donation, the money will go to Catholic Mission, so they can distribute the funds.

Don't buy new socks, wear ones that you have and that are easy to see - Eg. one duck sock and one watermelon sock. Please donate because the money is going to go to the homeless and the poor.

Kick off your shoes and show off your socks!

October's the month of socks

Come and donate

Save your socks



P&F News.....

School Disco – Thursday 24th Oct

Fdn – Yr2 - 4:30 to 6pm

Yr3 – Yr6 - 6:30 to 8pm



Changes announced

We are excited to announce changes to the St Francis Disco. The P & F have decided to follow the fantastic example the school sets in regards to sustainability choices and will no longer be selling glow products at the Disco.

We have also decided not to make it a fundraiser and will only be asking for a gold coin donation that will be going to a charity, decided by the year 6's who are helping make the changes.

Each child will receive a small treat bag and will be able to dance the night away and have a great time with their friends. We request that every child bring their drink bottle clearly labelled so we can reduce waste even further.



We appreciate your support and we are looking forward to a great night.
Thank you parents and friends.

Mango Fundraiser

The P&F are holding the Mango Fundraiser again. Forms were sent home last term with the eldest child in the family. Extra forms are available in the office.

Don't forget to share with friends, neighbours, workmates and family. \$27 a tray. Order forms are due back by **Tuesday 29 October** for an early December delivery.



St Francis of the Fields 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 school fundraising drive.

We are selling trays of mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest.

Cost per Tray is: **\$27.00** (approx. 14-20 mangoes per box)

Place your order by: **Tuesday 29th October**

For Further information contact:

Georgina 0408 346 881

Megan 0408 337 663



After School Care

Please remember your hat !!! –

Please note, children must have a **hat, sun screen and a water bottle** for After School Care in Term 4 or they will not be allowed to play outside.



Newspapers!!!



After School Care need newspapers for an activity in Term 4. Please recycle and send along your papers to ASC in the next few weeks.

Going on holidays???

Could you please give After-School Care staff 2 weeks written notice if you are taking your child on holidays, or if your child is going on a school camp? As your child will be marked as absent, this will affect your benefits.

Please email St Francis After School Care at stfrancis@ymca.org.au or mobile 0459 988 313

Thankyou Hazel

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 Hazel stfrancis@ymca.org.au.

Sporting Teams

Football....



Jane Davis

President, St Francis Falcons Football Club. 0411 163 983

Basketball....



Warren Koglin,

President. St. Francis Basketball Club.

Netball....



Tracey Turner

President, St Francis Netball Club, 0400 137 501

Tuckshop News....

Remember

Please remember to still send your child's tuckshop bag when they have ordered their lunch.

Tuckshop in Term 4

The canteen will run on Monday and Friday next term.

Please be aware that it **will not be** running on Thursdays for Term 4.

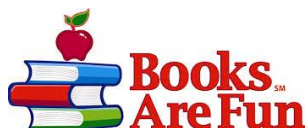
Donna Stebbins & Fiona Thompson
Tuckshop Coordinators



St. Francis Community.....

Scholastic Books

Orders for Scholastic books for Issue 7 are due in **Friday 18th October**.



Jen Smith, Scholastic Books Coordinator (0438 500 285)

St. Francis Playgroup

The St Francis Playgroup meets Monday mornings (during the school term) at 9am to 10.30am. in the Community Centre.



The Coordinators are Kate Fraser 0438 288 473 and Alice Nielsen 0407 318 277.
Playgroup is also on Facebook.... St Francis of the Fields Playgroup

Uniform Shop



Online Store - We have not been notified, as yet, regarding the Online Uniform Shop. Families will be notified as soon as this facility is available.

2020 Foundation Uniform fittings – Bookings are now available for appointments to have your 2020 Foundation student fitted for a uniform. If you would like to make a booking, please contact the office for days and times these appointments are available

Uniform Shop Hours

Monday & Thursday morning
(8.30am-10.00am)
Wednesday Afternoon
(3.00pm-4.00pm)

Uniform Policy - Please see below the approved the St Francis Uniform Policy. All students are expected to be wearing the correct uniform as stated in this policy.

SUMMER UNIFORM	
BOYS	GIRLS
Short sleeved printed polo top	Checked school dress
Navy gabardine shorts	School woollen jumper or rugby jumper
School woollen jumper or rugby jumper	Short sleeved printed polo top
Navy socks	Navy gabardine shorts
Black leather school shoes	Navy socks
	Black leather school shoes

SPORTS UNIFORM
Rugby jumper
Navy track pants
Polo top
White sports socks
Navy shorts (boys & girls)
Navy skorts (girls)
Sneakers

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Community News....



**. FUNLOONG .
FUN DAY!**

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Saturday October 19, 11am to 2pm
Hargreaves Mall and Williamson Street

Celebrate Children's Week with a range of great, **FREE** fun activities and live entertainment for children and families to enjoy.

For more details visit
www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/funloongfunday

Thanks to Girton Grammar, Kiwanis Club of Bendigo and Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat for their ongoing support towards this event.



FREE Community Event

SAT 12
OCTOBER
2019 6.30pm - 8.30pm


encounter

LIVE _AT THE
POPPET HEAD

LIVE _DANCE _MUSIC _DJ _ACROBATICS _PROJECTION
_CHUNKY MOVE & TASDANCE present **SIMULCAST**
_ONE FELL SWOOP presents **KILTER**
_DRMNGNOW _TRANSCIENCE

BYO picnic _at the poppet head
in rosalind park _bendigo

Visit gotix.com.au or search 'Encounter Bendigo' on Facebook for more information





South Bendigo Junior Netball Club

2020 Players Register of Interest now open

Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 * 13/Under * Open Sections

Grading for 13/U & Open sections to be held mid-November
 Register of Interest closes 1st November 2019
 No late registrations will be accepted

 South Bendigo FNC

Enquiries to: southbendigojnc@gmail.com

Register of Interest for the 2020 BSNA winter competition is **NOW OPEN**.

Please ensure you register prior to **1st November 2019**

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Please use the following link to register your interest.

<https://forms.gle/mdm9ivCds5dsbs968>