



# ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 32 – October 17, 2019

(Term 4 – Week 2)

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

Thursday October 17

- ☐ 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
- ☐ Mango orders due today

Wednesday October 30

- ☐ **Bendigo Cup Day Holiday**

Thursday October 31

- ☐ Foundation Transition Day 11.30am-1.30pm
- ☐ Socktober – gold coin donation

Tuesday November 5

- ☐ **Melbourne Cup Day**

- ☐ Foundation Transition Day 11.30am-1.30pm

Thursday November 7

- ☐ Foundation Transition Day 11.30am-1.30pm

Friday November 8

- ☐ Class Mass 3B & 3GH @ 11.40am

- ☐ Assembly @ 2.45pm

Monday November 11

- ☐ **Remembrance Day**

Wednesday November 13

- ☐ Palmers Gym Yr 5-6

Thursday November 14

- ☐ Palmers Gym Yr 3-4 & 6D

## Tuckshop Roster 2019

### Term 4

**Week 2 – Pie, Anzac Biscuit & Drink**

**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

**Week 4 – Pizza, Popcorn & Drink**

**Monday Oct 28**

- 12-3pm Jacinta Creek

**Friday Nov 1**

- 9-11am Sarah Giffard | Melinda Khodja
- 12-3pm Sarah Dean, Sarah Hobbs, Chantal Bennallack, Nicole Hayes

## Weekend Maintenance

- 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)

- 9-10 Nov** Lawlor (6FC), Daley (4C), Fishley (1SS)

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



Dear Families,

Sometimes we complicate prayer. Prayer is simply holding a conversation with God. Sometimes when we talk to friends, we have very long, in-depth discussions. Sometimes we have the simplest and shortest of chats. So it is in our relationship with God. Prayer can be just a few sentences to God, or even just a few words. When Stephen, one of the early disciples of Christ, was martyred for his faith, the bible records him uttering just five words: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" ([Acts 7:59](#))

I share with you another **Simple prayer for healing**

*Father in heaven,*

*I ask for your gentle touch upon my life*

*That your healing hands may hold me.*

*Lift me up, restore me*

*That I may know your hand is upon my life*

*I trust in you.*

*Amen.*



## Parents & Friends meet tonight!

All parents and friends are invited to attend the next Parents & Friends meeting **tonight** at 7.30pm in the staff room. Please come along and meet great people who help out our school!

## Class Placements



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 honored.

## Bendigo Cup Holiday

Please note that our school will be closed on Wednesday 30 October for the Bendigo Cup Day. I hope you enjoy a lovely break!!

## Summer Uniform

Please note that children may wear either their summer or winter uniform from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September during the changeable weather conditions. All children will need to be in Summer uniform by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



## School Disco



On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding two school discos. The first disco will be held for the P-2 children from 4.30 – 6.00pm and the second will be held for the Yr. 3-6 children from 6.30 – 8.00pm.

We will need parent help to assist with this evening. We ask that parents help out with:

- Assisting with food and drinks,
- “Bouncers” to ensure no children leave the shed during the disco, etc

Please note that parents are required to pick their children up from inside the shed, at the proposed pick up time.

## Term 4 Pupil Free Days - Repeat

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



- Wednesday 30 October
- Monday 25 November
- Tuesday 26 November
- Friday, 20 December

Bendigo Cup Holiday  
Report Writing Day  
2020 Planning Day  
Teachers last day

## No Assembly this Friday

Tim Moloney

Principal  
Christ has no hands, but yours.





## Pastoral Wellbeing



In this edition of SchoolTV

### YOUTH ANXIETY



Most young people today experience anxiety at some point in their life. Sometimes that slight rush of anxiety that occurs prior to an exam or sporting event, can enhance their performance. However, experiencing too much anxiety, over long periods of time, can be extremely damaging to their health and wellbeing. There is a difference between 'good' and 'bad' anxiety.

Statistics show, that the psychological health of young people today is far worse than it was a generation ago. This is having an adverse affect on children in both primary and secondary levels. Some of their issues of concern include stress, school, study, body image and friendship.

Parents need to be aware of the warning signs of 'bad' anxiety. There are preventative measures parents can implement as well as teaching kids the skills to cope more efficiently with their anxiety.

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.

Here is the link to the **Youth Anxiety** edition of SchoolTV

<https://sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/youth-anxiety>

Grace Scalora  
Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing



# PE News.....

## Regional Athletics

On Monday 14 October, 8 students competed at the regional athletics. All students represented St Francis beautifully and did an amazing job.

Jaidi Jackson-Leahy	12/13yr boys	High jump	3rd
	12/13yr boys	800m	3rd
Duncan Strachan	9/10yr boys	High jump	7th
Jaida Raco	11yr girls	1500m	3rd.
Gen Nihill	12/13yr girls	800m	1st
	12/13yr girls	1500m	1st
Sophie Gay	12/13 girls	200m	2nd
Maurice Nihill	9/10yr boys	800m	2nd
	9/10yr boys	1500m	1st
Eilish Grieve, Gen Nihill,			
Sophie Gay & Scout Tyler	12yr girls	Relay	2nd

Good luck to Maurice Nihill, Gen Nihill, Sophie Gay, Elish Grieve and Scout Tyler who will compete at the State championships next week.

A special thanks to Mrs Coates who put in so much effort to help everyone do their best.



## Grade 6 Leadership Team Apple Slinky Station



Every Wednesday, some of the grade 6 Leaders will be helping the Foundation and Grade 1 students peel and core their apples during recess time. If your child would like to have their apple peeled and cored, please send them with a whole apple every Wednesday.

Thank you  
Grade 6 Leadership Team

## 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.....

### Marong Cup Coordinator needed



After a few years in the role as Marong Cup coordinator, Tonya Harris would like to hand over the reins. We are seeking a parent to step into this role and help coordinate our parent volunteers for 2020 and beyond. The role is not a difficult one and if you would like some more information, please call Tonya on 0428 425 891.

### School Disco – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.





# St Francis DISCO

**Thursday 24th October**

**Junior Disco 4.30 - 6pm (F-2)**

**Senior Disco 6.30 - 8pm (3-6)**

**Fluro Theme!**

**Gold Coin Entry**

**BYO Drink Bottle**

**Treat Bag Provided**

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> October**

For Further information contact:

Georgina 0408 346 881

Megan 0408 337 663

The following information is only relevant for the Mandurang Bus travellers.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL COUNTRY BUS TRAVELLERS IN 2020

### **NEW 2020 SBP Country Bus Travel Applications:**

Applications for **new** 2020 travel has now opened online via School Bus Management System (SBMS) – please go to [schoolbusapplication.ptv.vic.gov.au](https://schoolbusapplication.ptv.vic.gov.au). If you have a student requiring new travel, please apply via SBMS using your existing family account, or create a new account. Quick reference guides are available from your school to assist you with the process.

1. New families will need to create a new account in SBMS; add the new student/s and then apply for new travel on their behalf.
2. SBMS will conduct a main churn in the second week of December when it will assess new applications for travel and if approved, allocate a bus stop and route to the application.
3. A travel offer will then be made approximately mid-December, 2019. **IT IS IMPERATIVE that families ACCEPT the offer in their SBMS** account in order to secure their seat for 2020. Alternatively, if your student/s no longer requires travel, please decline the offer to advise your school immediately, so the seat can be allocated to another student.

### **EXISTING 2019 TRAVELLERS:**

Existing families will already have a family account in SBMS. If you do not know your login details, please contact **PTV's Customer Help Line on 1800 800 007**.

SBMS will conduct a main churn in the second week of December. In accordance with the Department's School Bus Program policy, a student who moves schools/school campus/residence, and who still requires country bus travel, must apply for new travel and be assessed against the policy's eligibility criteria. The following students will **automatically be exited** on the basis that they have finished their education and/or will be expected to move to a new school/campus:

- Year 12 students
- Year 10 students who completed their education at a junior government school ie Crusoe College, Eaglehawk Secondary College etc moving to Bendigo Senior Secondary College
- Year 9 students who attended the junior campus of Catherine McAuley College – Coolock ie moving to the St Mary's campus in Bendigo
- Grade 6 students who completed their education at a primary school

All remaining existing travellers will receive a 2020 travel offer approximately mid-December, 2019. **IT IS IMPERATIVE that families ACCEPT the offer in their SBMS account in order to retain their seat for 2020.** Alternatively, if your student/s no longer requires travel, please decline the offer to advise your school immediately, so the seat can be allocated to another student.







## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

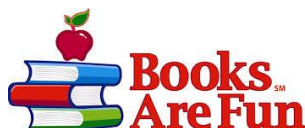
Donna Stebbins & Fiona Thompson  
Tuckshop Coordinators



# 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 St Francis Uniform Policy for summer uniform. 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 (No branding)
Navy shorts (boys & girls)
Navy skorts (girls)
Sneakers

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# Community News....



## 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](http://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.

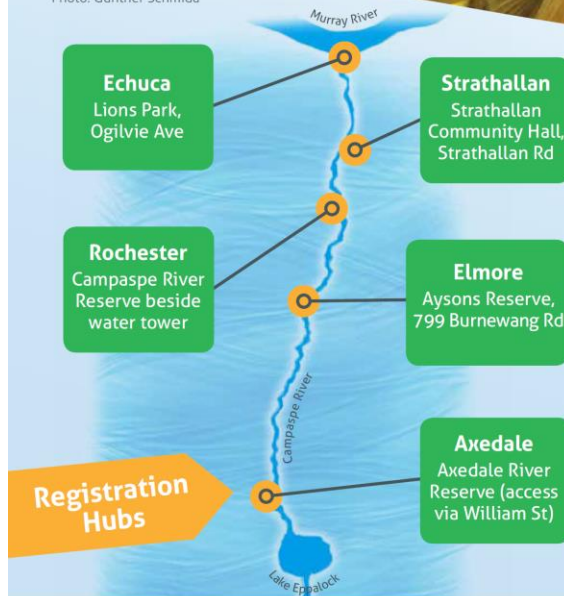


## Campaspe Carp Catch

**Sunday 20 October 2019**  
**National Gone Fishing Day**  
12 noon – 3.00pm



The invasive carp.  
Photo: Gunther Schmida



Register on the day at one of five hubs and be eligible for prizes for the Best Catch and Biggest Bag.

### At each hub:

- BBQ lunch provided at 12 noon
- Judging at 3.00pm

For more details, contact  
North Central CMA on  
(03) 5448 7124

Fishing methods are to comply with Victorian legal requirements (children under 18yo do not require a licence).

**This is an alcohol-free event.**



This event is supported by the Waterwatch and Caring for the Campaspe projects, through funding from the Victorian Fisheries Authority and the Victorian Government's Regional Riparian Action Plan – part of the \$222 million investment over four years to improve the health of waterways and catchments in regional Victoria.



**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 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019  
 No late registrations will be accepted

 South Bendigo FNC

Enquiries to: [southbendigoinc@gmail.com](mailto:southbendigoinc@gmail.com)

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

Please ensure you register prior to **1<sup>st</sup> November 2019**

**NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Please use the following link to register your interest.

<https://forms.gle/mdm9ivCds5dsbs968>



BTC Bendigo Theatre Company's  
 PRODUCTION OF

**WICKED**

THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE WITCHES OF OZ

**25 OCT-03 NOV**

TICKETS FROM [GOTIX.COM.AU](http://GOTIX.COM.AU)

 Ulumbarra Theatre