



# ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 33 – October 24, 2019

(Term 4 – Week 3)

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 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

Friday November 15

- ☐ Fdn – Yr2 Mini Athletic Sports @ 9.15am

- ☐ Class Mass 3L & 3R @ 11.40am

Tuesday November 19

- ☐ Palmers Gym Yr 5-6

Wednesday November 20

- ☐ Yr 5 Camp - Anglesea

## Tuckshop Roster 2019

### Term 4

**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

**Week 5 – Chicken Balls, Gingerbread Biscuit & Drink**

**Monday Nov 4**

12-3pm Jacinta Creek

**Friday Nov 8**

9-11am Stacey Dickson | Sarah Willis | Sara Rowe

12-3pm Carlie Fleming, Rebecca McCulloch, Damien Short, Josie Sefton, Dan O'Bree

## Weekend Maintenance

**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)

**16-17 Nov** Millar (1B), Wiegard (6B), McCormick (Fdn B)

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

Dear Families,

Today is “United Nations Day”, being the day on which the UN was established in 1945, after the world had seen what total war could do. We know that “peace” isn’t simply the “absence of war”, and so the UN seeks to promote good relationships between people and countries. The UN’s choices for “life” include working - for refugees, - in health care, - in the growing of food, and - in promoting science and culture.



United Nations Day

Let us pray about “choosing life” in our own daily circumstances:

God our Father, peace in our world begins with the attitude and actions of individual people.  
We pray that we may live in such a way that we are positive in our attitude,  
choosing “life” in the small events of this day - rather than choosing “death” that comes from a negative attitude of criticism and finding fault,  
of doing others down and being miserable.  
In choosing “life” rather than “death”, living positively and cheerfully, may we bring life to others.  
Amen.



## 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!!



## Master Planning

A Master Planning Team, made up of school board members and teaching staff, have been meeting for the past 12 weeks to understand the enrolment patterns of our region and how we can plan for the best educative needs of our students and teachers.



A draft of the Master Plan will be presented to our School Board on November 27th. If the draft is approved the Master Planning Team will then begin developing the plans for a \$5 million grant application. We are hopeful that we will replace the portables with 8 classrooms, toilets, meeting and planning rooms. This has meant that a number of our landscaping plans for several areas needed to be put on hold until the portables are removed and the buildings are installed.

## Strategic Planning

A Strategic Planning Team, made up of school board members and teaching staff, have been meeting to develop our goals for the next three years. We will share the results of our efforts at the beginning of 2020.

## 2020 Class Structures

Next year our student numbers will increase from 575 to 605 students. This increase has allowed us to increase from 25 classrooms to 27 classrooms next year.

Thankfully our class sizes are very pleasing for 2020.

- Foundation: 23 students x 4 classes
- Year 1: 22 students x 4 classes
- Year 2: 23 students x 4 classes
- Year 3: 26 students x 3 classes
- Year 4: 22 students x 4 classes
- Year 5: 21 students x 4 classes
- Year 6: 21 students x 4 classes



## New 2020 Teaching staff

With this increase in classes, coupled with a number of maternity leave positions we have appointed 6 new teachers to our school for 2020. The successful applicants are:

- Joshua Hann,
- Morgan Rose Maud,
- Darby Walsh,
- Alicia Guild,
- David Waters, and
- 
- Lisa Hitchcock.

**Congratulations**

## 2020 Starting dates

Our Leadership Team are still finalizing the dates for the start of the year. I will include these dates in the newsletter once finalised.

## School Disco



On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding two school discos. The first disco will be held for the Fdn - Yr.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:



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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

All parents are invited to attend our assembly on Friday at 2.45pm in the shed. Foundation M will be leading our assembly - come and enjoy.

Tim Moloney

Principal

Christ has no hands, but yours.







# Pastoral Wellbeing

## This month on SchoolTV - Resilience



Resilience is one of those skills that all kids need and should have. It refers to their ability to cope and adapt in situations when confronted with challenges such as adversity, trauma, tragedy, or even stress. It is essential to their mental health and wellbeing as part of their journey to adulthood. It is a skill that can be learned from an early age through the support of an adult role model.

However, being resilient does not mean your child won't experience any difficulties, but it will better equip them to manage those situations. Over-protective parenting can be viewed as being unhelpful towards the building of resilience. Although this may be a natural instinct, potentially experiencing failure is all part of the process. Encouraging children to take healthy risks will help them trust their capacity to deal with uncomfortable situations and increase their capacity for courage.

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will gain an understanding of how to support their child's brave behaviour to help them adapt and build resilience. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this month's edition, and we always welcome your feedback.

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.

Here is the link to this month's edition

<https://sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/resilience>

Grace Scalora

Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing



# PE News.....

## RedBall Tennis Tournament

On Tuesday the 22nd of October, some grade fives and sixes went to the RedBall tennis tournament. We played against Marist College, Maiden Gully Primary School and Newstead Primary School

Everyone played at least eight games which all went for eight minutes. Everybody played four singles matches and four doubles matches. After we played a few games, we went to a talk with some professional tennis players who had played in places all around the world.

After that, we had lunch and went and watched two professional tennis singles games. We also competed to guess how many balls were in a cage. Nobody was exact, the correct answer being 141, but the closest guess was 142 and the prize was a pair of hotshots sunglasses. Someone also got a prize for guessing 1000.



At the end of it all we all had so much fun and thanks to all the teachers and volunteers that looked after us and the parents that came to support their children.

All the St Frances teams that went did a great job!

## Fdn - Yr2 Mini Athletics Day

On Friday 15 November, the children in Fdn - Yr2 will be having a 'Mini Athletics Day' held on the school oval. We will focus on participation and encouraging students to do their very best while enjoying the morning.



The children will participate in a variety of events starting from 9.15am and finishing just before 11.00am. The children will compete in running events, hurdles, long jump, shot put and discus.



Please note, there is no 'winner' awarded as such, as mentioned above, the focus is purely around participation and enjoying the activities.

We encourage your child to wear their house colours on the day, this can include: ribbons, face paint, coloured t-shirts etc. The children will participate in their year level.

It would be great to see as many parents there as possible cheering and encouraging the efforts of all children.

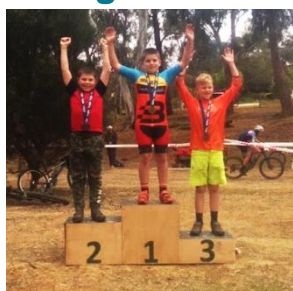
We hope it will be a nice day for the event.

We will also have a coffee van for you to enjoy.

Thank you for your support.



## Congratulations



Jesper Wallace won the Victorian Under 11 School Boys Mountain Bike Championships on the weekend at the Spring Gully Mountain Bike Park. In this race he was racing for our school.

Congratulations Jesper!!!

# 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**



## Family "Come & See Mass" & Sausage Sizzle



Just a friendly reminder that this weekend (Sunday 27 October at 4:30pm) the parish is celebrating its monthly family come and see mass at St Thereses Church with activities for the children and concluding with a sausage sizzle. So come along, enjoy a sausage and chat with fellow parishioners' and new & old friends.

Looking forward to catching up for a chat and a sausage. See you there!!!





# 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 – Tonight - 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.

A vertical poster for the St Francis Disco. At the top is a large, pink and white pixelated disco ball hanging from a cord. Below it, the text 'St Francis' is in a white, cursive font, and 'DISCO' is in large, bold, multi-colored block letters (green, yellow, blue, and red). The background is dark blue with silhouettes of people dancing and glowing circles. At the bottom, the text 'Thursday 24th October' is in yellow, followed by 'Junior Disco 4.30 - 6pm (F-2)' and 'Senior Disco 6.30 - 8pm (3-6)' in white. Below that, 'Fluro Theme!' is in a colorful, stylized font, and 'Gold Coin Entry', 'BYO Drink Bottle', and 'Treat Bag Provided' are in white.

**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





## 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.



## 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.

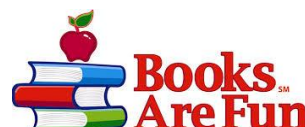
Donna Stebbins & Fiona Thompson  
Tuckshop Coordinators



# St. Francis Community.....

## Scholastic Books

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.

## 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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## Hotshots Tennis

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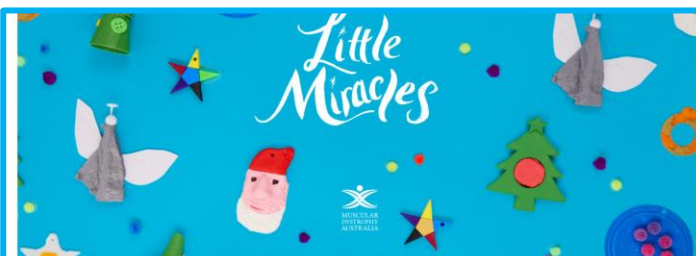
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**Each Little Miracle you purchase will fund a real miracle -  
A cure for Muscular Dystrophy**

Chloe has a neuromuscular disorder called Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) Type 2, which weakens her muscles, this means she is not able to sit alone, stand or walk.

When she was eight years old, she designed an owl as a Christmas decoration for the family tree. Thanks to clever students at Monash University, Chloe's owl has been replicated and is adorning Christmas trees all over Australia.

There are twelve other decorations made by different children. Each decoration has a story behind it, unique to the child who made it and captures their experience living with Muscular Dystrophy, just like Chloe.

Monash University is using 3D printing technology to scan and print replicas of these hand-made decorations. It takes more than nine hours to put together a decoration like Chloe's.

All funds raised from Little Miracles will go towards research into conditions like Chloe's.

Muscular Dystrophy Australia's Little Miracles Christmas decorations are priced at \$35 each and can be purchased online at

[www.mdalittlemiracles.org.au](http://www.mdalittlemiracles.org.au)



Chloe and her owl



Some of the decorations from the Little Miracles available to purchase this Christmas