



# ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 5 – February 27, 2020

(Term 1 – Week 5)

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 February 28**

- ☐ Yr 6 Unit Mass @ 11.40am
- ☐ Assembly 2.45pm

**Sunday March 1**

- ☐ Parish Renewal Celebration at Axe Creek @ 4.30pm

**Monday March 2**

- ☐ Learning Conversations

**Tuesday March 3**

- ☐ Learning Conversations

**Wednesday March 4**

- ☐ Learning Conversations
- ☐ Foundation Rest Day

**Thursday March 5**

- ☐ Learning Conversations

**Friday March 6**

- ☐ **PUPIL FREE DAY – Staff Spirituality Day**

- ☐ Division Swimming

**Monday March 9**

- ☐ **LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**Tuesday March 10**

- ☐ Foundation start attending full time

**Wednesday March 11**

- ☐ Yr 5 Parent & Child Cyber Safety Night 7-8pm

**Thursday March 12**

- ☐ P&F Meeting @ 7.30pm in the Staffroom

**Friday March 13**

- ☐ Caritas Ks @ 9.15am
- ☐ Assembly @ 2.45pm

**Wednesday March 18**

- ☐ **School Photos – Correct Summer uniform to be worn**



**Thursday March 19**

- ☐ Regional Swimming – Swan Hill

**Friday March 20**

- ☐ 2P & 2M Mass @ 11.40am

**Sunday March 22**

- ☐ **SCHOOL FETE**



## Tuckshop Roster

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

**Friday February 28**

- 9-11am Casey Simpson | Megan Merrett
- 12-3pm Hollie Warren, Renee Jet, Brianna Maddern, Caroline Strachan, Kim Kelly, Donna Wagner

**Week 6 – Pie, Anzac Biscuit & Drink**

**Thursday March 5**

- 12-3pm Naomi Mannes

**Friday March 6**

**PUPIL FREE DAY**

**Week 7 – Hot Chicken and Gravy Roll, Popcorn & Drink**

**Thursday March 12**

- 12-3pm

**Friday March 13**

- 9-11am Sarah Cail | Jenna Duffy
- 12-3pm Lisa Phillips, Kate Fraser, Nat Jones, Ange Oldham, Stef Passalick

## Weekend Maintenance

**29-30 Feb** Tyrrell (4Z), Bowe (6W), Waters (Fdn A)

**7-8 Mar** Deacon (2D), Freeman (3L), Marsh (4HJ), Merrett (6FD)

**14-15 Mar** Thorne (4W), Baker (4W), Kelly (4W), Lamprell (3L)

**21-22 Mar FETE WEEKEND (Clean up on Sunday please)**  
Simpson (6FD), Kirke (6FD), Johnson (5T), Whitford (5K)

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



Dear Families,

Yesterday, Ash Wednesday, was the start of Lent. This marks the Christian season of the six weeks prior to Easter. It is traditionally a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

An important part of this season is the appeal from the Catholic Aid Agency, Caritas. In 1964, Caritas began in Australia and they have worked to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity so the world’s poor won’t need to rely on charity.



Each year, our school encourages the students to contribute to this appeal. All the classes will have a Project Compassion Box in their rooms. Children are invited to bring in coins that they may have normally spent on a treat. By doing so they are going without, and raising money for those who are in need. In addition to our class Project Compassion Boxes we will be organising the Caritas K’s fundraiser for the whole school on Friday 13th March.

I share with you this reflection from Ann Rennie...

Lent is a time of preparation.

It is a time for slowing down and reflecting,  
taking spiritual stock as we traverse these forty days of fasting,  
charity and prayer.

It is a time for converting, repenting and forgiving,  
shaping ourselves up for immersion in the Easter story that is  
central to the Christian faith.



## Change to Traffic

On Sunday 1st March the roundabout outside our school will be re-laid with asphalt from 7.00am to 6pm. This will mean that our school will not be accessible by vehicles till the following day. It also means that parents will need to avoid Somerville Road and Blucher Street on this day.



## Change to Parish Mass

The asphaltting of the roundabout has also meant there will be a change of venue for our Parish Mass. The venue has now been changed and will be held at St Joseph's Church Axe Creek at 4.30pm.

## Learning Conversations

The Learning Conversations will be held in Week 6 (Monday, 2 March - Thursday, 5 March) This is a wonderful opportunity for students, parents and the teacher to focus on setting Numeracy and Literacy Goals. The aim is to have a rich conversation about how the student is progressing at this stage of the year. Another component of the learning conversation, is for class teachers to provide each parent with an insight about a possible future social and emotional goal that will benefit their child. This year, you will also hear during the learning conversation about our school attendance target of 95%. The teachers will report each student's individual attendance rate. Student attendance is both the responsibility of the parents and the school.



Teachers will record minutes from the meeting. Copies of the notes from your Learning Conversation will be available to you upon request. I do ask that all parents and students arrive on time for the Learning Conversations next week.

### BOOKINGS CLOSE – FRIDAY 28 FEB @ 9.00am

**All parents are strongly urged to book an appointment with their child's class teacher using the information provided below.**

### School Interviews

Dear Parents,

Learning Conversations are on the week of Monday 2 March to Thursday 5 March, 2020.

Interviews are strictly 15 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting.

Bookings open **Monday, February 24 at 9.00am.** Please go to:-

- [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) or
- click on the quick link – INTERVIEWS - in the 'Flexibuzz' school app. and enter the code -

**43wet**



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you do not receive your email, please check your junk mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if email address is incorrect. **DO NOT DELETE** the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

Bookings must be finalised by **Friday, February 28 at 9.00am.**

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.

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## 2021 Enrolments

If you are considering enrolling a child at St. Francis of the Fields in 2021, I share with you some important dates to consider:

### **School Open Week: 18-22 May**

Parents are invited to take a student led tour of our school during school hours 9.00am - 3.20pm daily. Please call in to the office to begin these tours.

### **Principal Learning Tours**

Principal led tours will be held on the following times:

- Monday 18 May @ 5.00pm
- Tuesday 19 May @ 9.30am
- Wednesday 20 May @ 12.30pm

Please meet in the school's General Office to commence these tours.



### **Parent Information Night**

We will be holding our School Information Night on Thursday 21 May, 2020, at 7.30pm in our Community Centre. All are most welcome to attend. Bookings are not necessary.

### **Enrolment Applications**

Enrolments will be accepted from Tuesday 14th April through to Friday 5th June.

Enrolment Applications can be downloaded from the school website - see Downloads - School Information or collected from our school office.

Please complete the application and email to our school ([office@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au)) or post to Box 404, Strathfieldsaye 3551, together with required supporting documents - copy Birth Certificate, Baptism Certificate and Immunisation History Certificate. *These supporting documents are required at the time of lodging your application please.*

## Parents & Friends Community

As can be seen below we have two positions to fill to complete the Parents & Friends committee membership. They are:

- President
- Fundraising Team - this team can be made up of a number of people working together. This team would be well supported by the existing Fundraising Team members - Megan and Georgina.

P & F Position	Person in position in 2019	Person in position in 2020
President	Brendan Baker	?
Vice President	Michelle Janssen	Michelle Janssen
Treasurer	Andrew Wright	Andrew Wright
Assistant Treasurer	?	Nathan Baker
Secretary	Simon McKechnie	Simon McKechnie
Assistant Secretary	Tiffany France	Tiffany France
Fundraising Team	Megan Merrett & Georgina Stevens	? Can be made up of a team
Debutante Committee	Reecy Owins, Michelle Janssen, Donna Stebbins, Deb Breene, Jacqueline Pethybridge	Reecy Owins, Michelle Janssen, Donna Stebbins, Deb Breene, Jacqueline Pethybridge

## Position Descriptions - Parents & Friends Positions

### President

The President is the “key person” who provides leadership using an efficient, enthusiastic and confident manner. The President has the ability to delegate but is still ready to participate and demonstrate strong organisational and interpersonal skills. They need to be a leader of change, a dedicated St Francis person and approachable.

The main responsibilities include:

- Chairing Parents and Friends Community meeting
- Coordinating the work of the P&F by ensuring:
  - Effective control of P&F meetings
  - Decision making occurs in a democratic manner and is properly recorded
- Effective communication with parents and staff on important decisions
- Presenting at the Annual General Meeting
- Being well informed on all P&F activities

### Fundraising Team

The main role of the Fundraising Team is to coordinate the fundraising calendar. They then delegate the responsibilities of each event to willing participants.

Thankfully 2020 has already been planned for with excellent kits explaining how to coordinate each event. Furthermore, Megan Merrett and Georgina Stevens will still be available to offer advice and support.

## Labour Day Holiday

St. Francis of the Fields Primary School will be closed for the Labour Day holiday on Monday 9th March.

Please enjoy your long weekend.



## Fete Meetings

We have only 2 more fete meetings (with the Labour Day Holiday) before our fete. All parents are invited to attend the fete meetings that are held each Monday evening in the staff room from 7.30pm - please come and provide assistance.

## Assembly

Year 6W will lead assembly from 2.45pm in the shed tomorrow afternoon. All are most welcome to attend.

Christ has no hands but yours.

Tim Moloney  
Principal





## School Attendance at St. Francis of the Field

Protecting the safety and wellbeing of children through reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools. Since the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools must contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same-day of an unexplained student absence. Parents/carers are required to ensure their child attends school every day and have an obligation to contact the school to notify the school of their child's absence.

Everyday missed can affect a child's educational outcomes.

### Students with regular attendance (95% and above) have:

- Greater health outcomes
- Higher incomes
- Greater employment opportunities



### Non attendance can lead to:

- Homelessness
- Difficulty with employment
- Poverty
- Involvement in the justice system
- Welfare dependence
- Risky health behaviours eg. drugs and alcohol

This year at our learning conversations you will hear that our target for attendance is **95%**. What does this mean for students at St. Francis of the Fields.

- 5 days absent = 1 week = 97% attendance
- 10 days absent = 2 weeks = 95% attendance
- 15 days absent = 3 weeks = 92% attendance
- 20 days absent = 4 weeks = 90% attendance.
- **5 missed days per term = 1.5 years of lost learning over 13 years.**

## Repeat - Volunteers for our School Fete.

**Volunteer Meetings - Times available to check paperwork.**

**Please bring your Working with Children card (WWCC) and your driver's licence.**

**We will meet in the staffroom at St. Francis of the Fields on these dates.**



## VOLUNTEER



**Tuesday, 3 March, 2020 @ 8.15am**  
**Thursday, 5 March, 2020 @ 8.15am**

If you have further questions or any concerns, please contact me at school.

Grace Scalora Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing

# RE News....

## Sacramental Program - Confirmation & Eucharist

The Sacramental Journey for Confirmation and First Eucharist will begin with Family Information Evenings at St Joseph's Axe Creek (Strathfieldsaye), Tuesday 21 April or St Therese's Kennington, Wednesday 22 April, both evenings commence at 7:00pm. If you would like more information about the Sacramental Program please see Lisa Hitchcock or Joe Van Dillen Pastoral Associate at St Therese's Parish, Kennington.



## Shrove Tuesday, Burning of the Palms & Ash Wednesday



The students enjoyed a day full of pancakes on Tuesday. The tradition of Shrove Tuesday was explored by students, as they experienced a range of activities. Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, dates back to 1000 AD and was the last chance to enjoy foods such as eggs, sugar and dairy. It was also a way to use these foods up before the Lenten fast began.

Thank you to all the families who came along to help cook the pancakes.

Fr Andrew led us in prayer to prepare for Ash Wednesday and Lent on Tuesday by burning of the Palms from last year's Palm Sunday and our Lenten Promises that we had written. Lent is a time for fasting, almsgiving, prayer, reflecting and a time for growing closer to God. On Ash Wednesday we were signed with these ashes and we renewed our promise to follow Jesus and to live as better, loving people.



Thank you to Fr Andrew for leading us in our Liturgies and thank you to all the families who were able to attend.

## Project Compassion Launch



Mrs Heinrich and Mr Moloney took some members of the choir to the Project Compassion Launch in the Hargreaves Mall. Mrs Heinrich had prepared the students to perform as a part of the school's entertainment. They sang, Light A Little Candle, beautifully. Thank you to Mrs Heinrich for her work with the students.

Here at school, the Social Justice Leadership Team launched Project Compassion at our Ash Wednesday Liturgy. They shared a lot of their ideas around social justice and Project Compassion. They encouraged the school community to #gofurtherthetogether to support Caritas Ks and come together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.



Caritas  
AUSTRALIA



## Project Compassion

Over the next six weeks during Project Compassion, we will explore stories of hope in the Philippines, India, Australia, Cambodia and Malawi.

**Please see this week's story**

### First Sunday of Lent 1 March 2020

Shirley, 36, is an indigenous Manide woman living in a remote province in the Philippines. Shirley was struggling to support her family and keep their children in school. She faced regular discrimination and disadvantage, limiting her family's access to food, education, employment and healthcare. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley trained to become an indigenous health worker. She has learnt to supplement her income and is able to feed her family. The program has also empowered Shirley to send her children to school.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 through our Caritas Ks to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community.

**Let's Go Further, Together.** You can donate through Caritas Ks, your Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

Lisa Hitchcock  
Catholic Identity Leader



## PRAYER

God of all peoples and nations,  
As you accompany us on our Lenten  
journey,

May our fasting strengthen our  
commitment to live in solidarity,  
Our almsgiving be an act of justice,  
And our prayers anchor us in love  
and compassion.

Awaken our hearts and minds that  
we may be one human family  
As we all go further together.

We ask this in Jesus' name,

Amen

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**  
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

 **Caritas**  
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End poverty  
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[LENT.CARITAS.ORG.AU](http://LENT.CARITAS.ORG.AU)





# Conveyance Allowance Program (CAP) 2020



Education  
and Training

Dear Parents,

The Conveyance Allowance is a form of financial assistance from the Victorian State Government to assist families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school.

The allowance is available to parents who are required to –

- drive their child more than 4.8 kilometres to school (if there is no school bus)
- or drive their child more than 4.8 kilometres to meet the nearest school bus to the school
- the child must attend their closest government or non-government school (Catholic)
- the allowance is based on kilometres travelled and not based on any financial eligibility

Distance is calculated by the shortest practical route from home to the school or from home to meet the nearest school bus to the school. Distance can be calculated by using Bing Maps.

Forms required to be completed by a parent are available to download from our website <http://www.sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au/downloads/forms> or can be picked up at the office.

1. Conveyance Allowance Application 2020 (one per family which includes all children at St Francis of the Fields)
2. Conveyance Allowance Authority to Pay Form 2020 (one per parent claiming)

- **Parents who received the Conveyance Allowance in 2019 do not need to complete a new form in 2020 unless their children enrolled at St Francis of the Fields in 2019 have changed (ie Yr 6 student left at the end of 2019 or a Prep child commenced in 2020).**
- **If your family circumstances have changed a new form needs to be completed in 2020.**
- **If you have recently changed address, please advise the office if you are no longer eligible.**

**Application and Authority to Pay forms need to be completed and returned to the office by Monday 24 February 2020 please.**

If you are unsure of the bus stops of the free country buses to St Francis of the Fields, this information is also available on our website

<http://www.sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au/downloads/bus>

Further information can be found at

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/transport/Pages/conveyance.aspx>

If you are unsure if you may be eligible, or require help in completing your Application, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or email me at [lcummins@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lcummins@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au)

With thanks,

Lorraine Cummins (Administration)

February 2020





# DISCOVER YOUR WAY OPEN EVENING



## Wednesday 18 March 4-7pm

Coolock Campus, McIvor Hwy, Junortoun

**Come any time after 4pm. See you there!**

**CHECK OUT ALL THE EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES ON OFFER TO HELP YOU DISCOVER YOUR WAY.** Tour our new Sister Aloysius Martyn Arts Centre and explore contemporary technology, the instrumental music and agriculture programs, and see the plans for an exciting new sports hub. Friends and family are welcome to join us for a BBQ, activities, community stalls, live music and guided tours.

**Enrolments Open**  
Wednesday 18 March

**Transition Day**  
Thursday 7 & Friday 8 May

**Enrolments Close**  
Friday 12 June

### WIN AN IPAD AT OPEN EVENING!

Fill in your Passport to Learning at Open Evening for your chance to win:

**1st:** iPad **2nd:** 50% off Catherine McAuley College uniform **3rd:** Family ticket to 2019 Production, *The Addams Family*

**ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES** Audra Petri College Registrar

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## 2020 INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM ENROLMENTS

The Instrumental program is open to all children from Grades Foundation (Prep) to 6. The children are collected from their classrooms for their lessons during school hours on a rotational basis. Lessons are held in the 4 Instrumental Rooms in the Music Centre.

In 2020 we offer tuition in the following Instruments: Piano, guitar, bass guitar, drums, recorder and violin.

As part of the program, we hold an annual Instrumental Concert where the children are able to perform an item that they have learnt during the year. It is a wonderful day/night that showcases their talent and hard work.

Each teacher requires term payments paid on time, please. Individual teachers will let parents know of their preferred method of payment.

Enrolment involves **parents contacting the Instrumental Teacher of their choice directly**. These details are listed below.

\*\*\* *Current parents only need to contact their instrumental teachers if their child is **no longer** continuing. Otherwise it is assumed that students are continuing with lessons in 2020.*

New parents can contact the instrumental teacher via email requesting a position for their child.

### 2020 TEACHERS' CONTACT DETAILS

**Helen Jordan**

PIANO

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**Stephanie Wade**

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## Enviro News...

Please read the OASIS newsletter on Flexibuzz, Mrs Gooch is hoping to make some **Bug Hotels**, and needs our help :)



## Tuckshop News....

Tuckshop will be available on Thursday and Fridays in 2020. Ordering will continue via CDF Pay. Please go to <https://sfstrathfieldsaye.cdfpay.org.au> to set up your child/ren's account.



Some things to remember:

- **DON'T FORGET** to send your child's tuckshop bag to tuckshop on the day they have ordered.
- Update your child/ren's class on CDF pay and on their tuckshop bag. Instructions for updating on CDF Pay can be found on Flexibuzz.



We are always happy to have new volunteers come and help us on tuckshop days. Please give us a call and we'll put you on the roster. Donna – 0408 051 979, Fiona 0400 072 311

Donna & Fiona  
Tuckshop coordinators



## Gr. 5 Parent/Child CyberSafety Night

**7pm-8pm Wed. 11th March**

**'The Shed'**

**As part of the whole school iPad Program and policy for the Gr. 5 1:1 program, we will once again be holding a Cyber Safety presentation.**

**It is a requirement for all Grade 5 students and one parent/guardian to attend.**

**We need to know that all children will be safe and that parents understand what's required. Parents will then be asked to sign the agreement for take home use.**

**This year's Cyber Safety session will be presented by Grant Fitzgerald, senior consultant in Learning Technologies/Teaching & Learning at the Sandhurst Catholic Education Office.**

**Grant is a previous staff member, deputy principal and parent at St. Francis of the Fields and has worked for many years with both students and teachers in using computers to assist with, and demonstrate learning.**

**Grant will give a presentation that will assist parents in helping children to stay safe online and what it means to be good digital citizens.**



# PE News.....

## School Swimming Sports

We would like to congratulate the following students for their efforts at the **School Swimming sports**. Their participation and sportsmanship was exceptional and as a result were the recipients of this year's Best Contributors medals:

**12/13 year boys:** Bentley Eddy

**12/13 year girls:** Lacey Wilkie

**11 year boys:** Mack Skinner

**11 year girls:** Kiara France

**10 year boys:** Samuel Johnson

**10 year girls:** Mia Wardell

**8/9 year boys:** Tate Kanzamar

**8/9 year girls:** Ava Hope



## Catholic Swimming Sports

On Thursday 20 February, some of the students in our school were taken to the Bendigo District Catholic Swimming Carnival. There were 39 kids who attended and 24 of those children are continuing on to the Divisional Swimming Carnival on March 6. Everyone had an amazing day with all their races, all the relays did a great job as well as all the individuals.

Everyone on the day was well behaved and showed great sportsmanship. The grade sixes showed great leadership while helping the younger kids in the water. Everyone swam as best as they could which is absolutely amazing. We all encouraged each other and congratulated everyone on their achievements. Congratulations to Bentley Eddy and Lacey Wilkie who were awarded the best contributors from our school. Thanks to Mr Butcher and Mrs Excel for organising the sports, it wouldn't have been possible without them.

Written by Lacey Wilkie and Bentley Eddy

### Important Dates to remember:

Divisional Swimming Championships: Friday 6 Mar

Regional Swimming Championships (Swan Hill): Thursday 19 Mar

State Swimming Championships (Melbourne): Wednesday 22 Apr

School Cross Country: Friday 24 Apr

Division Cross Country: Wednesday 6 May

Regional Cross Country (St Arnaud): Tuesday 2 June

PE Coordinator

Matt Butcher

## St Francis Running Club Invitation - Beginning Tuesday 10 March

As we are getting closer to the Cross Country, I am inviting all students in grades 3-6 to come and join the **Running Club** on the oval. Each time you come, Mr Hann and Mr Butcher will be there recording your times and helping you to improve your times each week. It will be a 2km distance and times will be published in the newsletter each week. Here are the details:

**When:** 8am every Tuesday and Thursday morning - beginning **Tuesday 10th March (Week 7)**.

Concluding at the end of the Divisional Cross Country - Wednesday 6th May

**Where:** On the oval at the front of the school

**Who:** Open to all grade 3-6 students wanting to get fit and improve their running.

**What to bring:** Make sure you wear your runners

Mr Hann and Mr Butcher look forward to seeing lots of kids there.





## Parish News....

### PARISH RENEWAL CELEBRATION

**Where: CHANGE OF VENUE** - St Joseph's Axe Creek

**When:** Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> 4.30pm

**What:** Family based Mass, led by Fr Andrew, followed by a BBQ early dinner

Due to circumstances beyond our control removing access to the St Francis school site on Sunday we have been forced to relocate our Parish Renewal Celebration Mass.

We invite you to come along to celebrate Mass as one Parish community, to share a meal, share some conversation, hopefully meet some new faces and definitely share some laughs and stories with long serving parishioners too.

The strength of any community is measured by the relationships within it, so let's continue to build our parish and make connections for a strong future.

St Therese's Parish Community

Sunday 1 March 4.30pm

@ St Francis of the Fields

**CHANGE OF VENUE to St Joseph's AXE CREEK**

a BBQ will follow Mass –  
Come share  
a meal and  
celebrate as  
one Parish  
Community

parish  
renewal  
celebration

More info at St Thereses Parish Kennington

## St. Francis Community.....

### Lost Property



Thank you to Anna Mudoti for volunteering to look after our Lost Property. Each week Anna will make sure all named items are returned to their owners by sending to the classrooms in the classroom tubs.

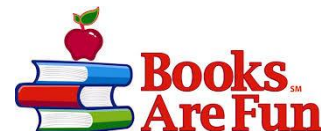
Please make Anna's job easier by making sure **ALL** items are clearly named with your child's name.

### Scholastic Books

Book Club Issue 2 order forms were sent home yesterday.

Orders are due back to school by Thursday 5 March.

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 –

Tegan Djuric, 0458 148 682 & Adrienne Strachan, 0402 007 808



Playgroup is also on Facebook.... St Francis of the Fields Playgroup

## Bendigo Bank School Banking



**Did you know.....**every Tuesday, the Strath Village Bendigo Bank branch will pick up Bendigo Bank bankbooks and process deposits for our students. Just pop your child's book and money into the class tub on a Tuesday morning and books will be returned by Friday.

## FOUND

A Garmin fitness watch has been found in the St Francis area.

If you think this might belong to you, please call Tanya Cavallaro on 0417 112 206.



## Sporting Teams

### Basketball....

Warren Koglin,

President. St. Francis Basketball Club, warrenkoglin@outlook.com



### Netball....

Inga McMillan,

President, St Francis Netball Club, 0448 888 218



### Football....

Jane Davis

President, St Francis Falcons Football Club. 0411 163 983





**We welcome you to  
our 2020  
Junior Football Season**

**Bendigo Junior Football League Registration**

Go to our Falcons Club home page which is  
[www.stfrancis.sportingpulse.net](http://www.stfrancis.sportingpulse.net)

Then select the Registration form on the home page on the left (or from your mobile you just need to scroll down);

Registration Form



Click here to register or update your details

Login to your SportsTG account and update your details for existing members,  
or if it is your *first year* then follow the prompts for New Member.

The Under 12's first game on the 18th of April 2020.

The All girls team first game is Friday night the 1st of May and Under 9's 10's begin on Saturday the 2nd of May.

Registration only take a few minutes to complete. If you have any troubles please do not hesitate to contact the club for assistance.  
We will keep you all updated with teams, coaches, training, fixtures and events.

Generally Football training is after school one night during the week which is set by the coach and your updates will come from your Team Manager.

Registration Fee's per child (Must be paid by the 1st March)

Under 9's	\$130
Under 10's	\$130
All Girls	\$130
Under 12's	\$150

Once you have completed your registration you will receive your welcome letter and be updated with any required information and payment details.

**GO FALCONS!!!**

Jane Davis  
President / Mobile. 0411 163 983



**St Francis Auskick**

Registrations are now open

**When:** Term 2—Wednesdays after school  
**Time:** 3.45pm—4.45pm  
**Cost:** \$85  
**Where:** 46 Blucher St, Strathfieldsaye  
St Francis of the Fields Primary School

We are also looking for parents to help out with activities so don't forget to register yourself as a volunteer.

[www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au)  
Register under St Francis Auskick Centre

Jane Davis / Coordinator / StFrancisAuskick@outlook.com

## After School Care



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).

Thankyou Hazel

### St Francis of the Fields Primary School

**Pupil free day**

**Friday**

**6<sup>th</sup> March**

**8am – 6pm**

The YMCA will be operating full day care  
on this day.



To secure your place log into My Family Lounge  
and place a casual booking or  
contact us on **0459 988 313**



## 2020 School Fete notices.....



# St Francis Fete 2020

We need you, we want your ideas, we need your time, we need your help! Anything you can do to assist the school with one of our biggest fundraisers for the year, from hanging signs to co-ordinating a stall.

**Do it for the kids!**

We work as a team, it's not hard, it is a lot of fun and you meet new people.

The money raised goes to the P & F which then goes to making our school the best it can be. Currently it goes towards the playgrounds, the soccer pitch, future volleyball courts and other recreation for the kids.



The 2020 School Fete Committee already has some exciting new ideas, new stalls and fun games to play. If you have a suggestion please let us know, the more the merrier.

We really need more Co-ordinators, we need volunteers for the day of the Fete for the stalls, for the set up and pack up. If you can give us some of your time to help, many hands make light work. No matter if it is an hour you can spare or 5 hours, the kids appreciate it all.

We are also going to be needing donations similar to last year.

As we come into the new year we will be updating everyone with what you maybe able to donate.

The upcoming Fete will also have a major raffle with \$2 tickets—a book will be sent home in the 1st week of Term 1 and drawn on the day of the Fete.

If you want more info on how you can help big or small, please contact

The Fete Co-Ordinator Kelly McDermott at [fetestfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:fetestfrancis@gmail.com) or come to a committee meeting and see what it is all about.





## Donations needed

Donations are being sought for the following stalls for this year's fete –

### Lob-a-Choc

Lob-a-choc is back at the Fete again for 2020 and we need your HELP!

Boxes will be available in your child's classroom to fill with chocolate donations. The class that collects the most chocolates will receive a CLASS PARTY!

Can you please make sure all chocolates are **FLAT, WRAPPED** and **NUT FREE**.



**Plant stall** – donations are being sought for this year's plant stall at the fete. Please ring Belinda Hughes, Plant stall Coordinator, on 0409 703 856 if you have some plants to donate. More details to come regarding where to drop plants off to closer to the date.

**Lob-a-Wine/Beer** – Donations of bottles of red and white wine and Beer can be left at the office for collection.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Book Stall



Does that book spark joy?  
**No?** So do what you did with all the old toys!  
Box them up and send them on  
Listen to old mate Marie, it'll be fun!  
Send in your pre-loved books for the book stall tables,  
we'll gladly accept all kinds of tales and fables!  
Donations can be left at the office at anytime,  
Thank you in advance and sorry about the bad rhyme!

### Mystery Jars

Thank you to those who have already brought in empty and filled jars. I need to put the call out for lots of donations to fill them all with.

Lollies, chocolates, marbles, stickers, tattoos, tiny teddies, hair bands, pencils/pens, erasers, playdough toys, balloons, bouncy balls, bath salts.

Anything and everything gratefully accepted in any quantity! Thanks so much. Ange Oldham



### Lucky Dip

In previous years the lucky dip has proved very popular, so we will be having one again this year with the cake stall. We are now taking donations in the designated box located in the office area at school. We are after small items such as lip gloss, nail polish, stationery, footy cards, small trinkets etc. The items need to be unwrapped and in new/unused condition. Please no Macca's toys or anything unsuitable for school aged children. Thanks in advance for your contributions. Tonya Harris 0428 425 891




## Volunteers

Grace Scalora will be coordinating the volunteers for this year's fete. If you can spare an hour or two we would appreciate it. Bookings will open on Thursday 27 Feb at 4.00pm.

**Letterbox drops** - Please note, we have included opportunity for people to assist us with letterbox drops in our wider community. Please see the areas which require the letter box drop when you open the bookings. This can be done at your own leisure in the week leading up to the fete. Pamphlets for the letterbox drop will be available at the front office the week before the fete.

**Wristband sales** will be occurring every morning and afternoon during the week prior to the fete. This will be done outside the community centre from 8.30-9.00am and 3.00-3.30pm. If you are able to assist with any of these timeslots, please log in to school interviews to book in a day and time that suits you best.

Each week an updated roster will be published in the newsletter for parents to see which spots still need filling.




### Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents,

You can now book your volunteer time for the fete that suits **YOU BEST**. Volunteers for the Fete can now book in using the School Interview online booking system. Please use the code below to access this.

This year the volunteers are asked to help out for 1 hour timeslots. We are hoping everyone is able to give an hour of their time to support this major fundraiser for our school.


Please go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.  
**BOOKINGS OPEN Thursday 27 February at 4.00pm.**



School event code


Enter THIS school event code.  
Then follow the 3 simple steps.

1




Enter your details

2




Choose teachers

3



Choose times



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

Parents can change their booking any time, prior to the closing time, by revisiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking.

PH: 5439 3191 FAX: 5439 3192

EMAIL: [office@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au)  
HOME PAGE: [www.sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au)

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## Raffle

Here is the list of this year's prizes!!

**1st Prize: Rycor Plumbing** - Supply & install of under bench water filter (incl water filter tap) - Value \$600

**2nd Prize: The Bendigo Floor & Home Centre** - Rug Gift Voucher - Value \$425

**3rd Prize: Bendigo Cycles** - Voucher for a bike service plus \$250 Gift Voucher - Value \$350

**4th Prize: Bendigo Mazda** - Service Voucher - Value \$300

**5th Prize: Vantage Fuels** - BP Fuel Voucher - Value \$250

**6th Prize: Edwards Providore** - Hamper - Value \$200

**7th Prize: Refresh Day Spa** - 30 Min Relax Massage, 30 Min Sauna and Candle - Value \$125

**8th Prize: Palmer's Gym** - Gift Voucher of Activity (Gym or Birthday Party) - Value \$100



Important Notes to remember (to maintain the integrity of our raffle)

\*\* All books are to be returned to the office by Sunday 22 March, whether the tickets are sold or not\*\*

\*\* Please no cash - direct deposit details are on the raffle book and be sure to put the raffle book # in the reference \*\*

Extra raffle books are available from the office if you wish to sell more. Caroline Strachan - coordinator

# Wristbands

Wristbands are our currency when making purchases at the Fete

**GOLD \$30** Includes UNLIMITED rides (no priority queue)  
Train ride, Swinging Chair, Jumping Castle,  
The Zone activities, Dunking Machine,

★ PLUS \$20 to spend anywhere at the fete ★

**GREEN \$20** \$20 to spend anywhere at the fete  
(Does NOT include unlimited rides)

**CORAL \$10** \$10 to spend anywhere at the fete  
(Does NOT include unlimited rides)

Wristbands are valid for Sunday 22nd March 2020  
Unused \$ are not refundable



# ST FRANCIS FETE IDOL!

**Want to show off your skills at this year's school fete? We want you!**

Can you sing, dance or play an instrument?  
Would you like to perform at the school fete on Sunday 22 March?

Fete Idol is a showcase of talent by the children of St Francis – solo/duo/trio and group performances are welcomed (as timeframes may be limited, so that we may accommodate as many acts as possible).

There will be a Fete Idol information session for students, facilitated by Rebecca O'Sullivan, during school snackbreak at 11am on Thursday 27 February.  
Please come along to sign up to be involved and have some fun!

**EMAIL ENQUIRIES TO REBECCA O'SULLIVAN**  
**singstudio@gmail.com**



## SCHOOL FETE - SILENT AUCTIONS ITEMS REQUIRED

We are in need of items for this year's Silent Auction at the school fete that will be held on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2020.

If you own a business, work for business or can provide any of the following items it would be greatly appreciated for any donations to make this a success:

- **Products**
- **Merchandise**
- **Gift Voucher**
- **Services**

We can provide a letter from the school/fete committee that can be used as part of the donation records or to help with requesting of any of the above items.

Benefits of the silent auction are advertising for the business on the day, advertising on the auction sheet and all silent auction sponsors will be mentioned in the school newsletter.

Any donations can be left at the front office or please contact Jayson Carroll on 0418 509 036 or [jayson.carroll@vivaenergy.com.au](mailto:jayson.carroll@vivaenergy.com.au) to discuss donations.





## Community News.....



**Discover tennis the GIANT way!**


tennis lessons available at: bendigo district nt - castellaine tc - maiden gully tc - south bendigo tc - strathfieldsaye tc

Register Now for Term 1: [gianttennis.com.au](http://gianttennis.com.au)

Are you looking for:

- A Team Game?
- Learning New Skills?
- Having Fun?

**Come and Join us!!**




**AZTEC TIGERS BASKETBALL CLUB**

Now Recruiting: Players for 2020 Winter Season.

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME - No experience necessary.

Register your interest at <https://aztectigersbasketball.majestri.com.au/> or click on the QR code below where your enquiry will be sent directly to our Age Group Co-ordinators.



SCAN ME



**Come and join us for a game of footy!!**


We are looking for more players in U9 & U10 teams, and our U12Girls for our 2020 season.

U9's – born in 2011, 2012 or before 30/4/13.  
U10's – born in 2010

U12Girls – born in 2008, or younger

The registration fee for these teams is \$140 per player

For enquiries please contact SFNC Junior Football Registrar  
**Jo Bell** via email [sjfcregistrar@bigpond.com](mailto:sjfcregistrar@bigpond.com)  
or phone **0438 890 270**

Clean Up 

**STEP TO CLEAN UP**

**NO.3 BOAT RAMP  
LAKE EPPALOCK, SUNSET DRIVE**

WHERE

**1 MARCH 2020 10AM-12 NOON**

DATE TIME

**LONGLEA LANDARE - 0400035333**

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REGISTER or DONATE  
[cleanup.org.au](http://cleanup.org.au)

## SPRING GULLY UNITED SOCCER CLUB

### FAMILY FUN DAY

**SUNDAY MARCH 1ST**  
**STANLEY AVENUE, SPRING GULLY**  
**10AM UNTIL 1PM**

**GAMES TO BE PLAYED, PRIZES TO BE WON**  
**ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME**  
**ALL JUNIOR AGES WILL BE CATERED FOR**

**CANTEEN OPEN - CASH AND EFTPOS**

**\$2 ENTRY FEE -BBQ AND DRINK PROVIDED**

**ANY QUERIES CONTACT- [SGUSCSOCIALCOMMITTEE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SGUSCSOCIALCOMMITTEE@GMAIL.COM)**



## STRATHFIELDSAYE COLTS UNITED F.C

**INVITE ALL PARENTS & CARERS**  
**TO REGISTER FOR THE 2020 JUNIOR SEASON**

**REGISTRATION IS ONLINE VIA THE**  
**[PLAYFOOTBALL.COM.AU](http://PLAYFOOTBALL.COM.AU)**



The club plans to register teams in  
Under 6, Under 7, Under 8  
Under 9 Under 10  
Under 12 Under 14 &  
Under 16

With all girl teams in Under 6, 8, 10  
& 12 numbers depending

Opportunity to attend the club to order shirts for all non  
competitive grades will be happening in early march and we  
will email registered players directly with details

**Enquiries: Ed Castle (Junior co-ordinator) 0402246236**

## Golden City Soccer Club



### Interested in playing soccer for a club?

Golden City is looking for players from U6 to U18.

Training takes place once a week at Shadforth Park, Fenton  
Street, North Bendigo.

### Golden City Registration Days

4pm to 7pm on Monday 2 March,

1pm to 3pm on Saturday 14 March at Shadforth Park

Online registrations - Play Football website, [www.playfootball.com.au](http://www.playfootball.com.au)

For further information see the Golden City website, Facebook page or  
email [goldencitysc@gmail.com](mailto:goldencitysc@gmail.com)



Giveaways • Raffles  
BBQ • Market Stalls

## CELEBRATIONS

Jumping Castle • Activities  
Popcorn • Fairy Floss

**Saturday 29 February 2020 | 10am - 2pm | 11-15 Apsley St, Strathfieldsaye | 03 5439 5541**