



ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS STRATHFIELDSAYE

School Bulletin – Thursday 7 May 2020

St. Francis of the Fields is a community united in faith and committed in action, to live, learn and grow in God's love.

Dear Families and especially Mother's,

I pray that all mothers enjoy a sacred time with their families on Sunday. I share with you this beautiful reflection about our mothers.

A Prayer for all Mothers,

Loving God, we give thanks today for mothers!
Thank you for mothers who gave birth to us,
and women who have treated us as their own children.
You teach us how to be good mothers,
cherishing and protecting the children among us.
Help us mother lovingly, fairly, wisely and with great joy.
Help us raise our children to be the people they are born to be.

We need your comfort here today, Lord,
because some are missing mothers, some are missing children,
some are parted by distance or death.
Comfort those who have given up their child for adoption,
or who chose not to give birth.
Comfort those who longed to be biological mothers, and could not.

We pray for those here whose mothers have disappointed them;
we ask for grace in relationships where there is pain and bitterness,
for healing in relationships where there is abuse and violence.

Help our community be a space where people can feel mothered,
their gifts and talents appreciated and nurtured.
Finally, we pray today for mothers around the world;
mothers who cannot feed their children,
mothers who are homeless or without a homeland;
mothers who must teach their children about the dangers of bombs and bullets.

Help us create a world where mothers can raise their children in peace and plenty.
Amen



Home Learning

I expect that home learning will continue to look the same over the coming fortnight though this will be dependent on Daniel

Andrews announcement on May 11. Until notified otherwise:

- Invitational Google Meets will continue for all classes at 9.00am.
- Class teachers will continue sharing an outline of weekly tasks.
- Student work will be uploaded via the Seesaw and Google Classroom platforms.
- Class teachers will clarify any other expectations.
- Intervention lessons (LLI, Number Intervention & Reading Recovery) will continue



Uniform Changes

Please note ALL students are required to be in the Winter Uniform by Monday 11 May.

St. Francis of the Fields Primary School has worked hard to provide parents with a uniform that looks smart and wears well. We ask that all parents ensure their child is wearing the correct uniform.

This means:

- Long school pants or Tunics/Skirts (for girls)
- School track pants are to be worn – **no stripes!**
- Correct footwear – **runners only on sports days.**
- No scarves or beanies are to be worn whilst at school.



If parents are having difficulty making an immediate change, please write a note to Tim Moloney stating when you will be able to pick up the correct uniform.

Attendance - Repeat

While our students are accessing their learning remotely, we are still mandated to record student attendance. As you can imagine, this is not an easy process for teachers to record attendance for those students not onsite. All offsite student attendance will be recorded by 2.30pm. This will allow all students to upload some work before 2.30pm.

Students will be recorded as PRESENT when one of the following is adhered to:

- Teachers hold their 9.00am google meet with their classroom and your child is in attendance at the google meet.
- The teacher observes the child's engagement of learning tasks throughout the day.
- Parents email the teacher letting them know that they won't be on the 9am google meet but they are engaged in their learning tasks.

Students will be recorded as ABSENT when:

- They do not attend a google meet and they haven't uploaded work to Seesaw or Google Classroom by 2.30pm
- The teacher receives a parent notification that their child is absent due to being unwell.



All children onsite will continue to have their attendance marked twice a day as per usual.

2021 Enrolments

If you are considering enrolling a child at St. Francis of the Fields in 2021 please log onto our website as we have the required information to make an informed decision, as well as access to enrolment applications in both Word and Pdf format.

Our student and Principal-led tours may not be undertaken in our Open Week if our school is closed. Subsequently, we intend to provide a shortened Facebook Live tour on Tuesday 19th May from 9.30am, if closed.

If we are unable to hold our School Information Night we will hold a Q & A session with our Leadership Team via Facebook Live on Thursday 21 May at 7.30pm.



Christ has no hands but yours.
Tim Moloney – Principal

Winter Uniform Changeover

Orders for winter uniform can be emailed to the school office by **Wednesday mornings**. These will then be available to collect from the office on **Thursdays**. Credit card details must be included on the order form for items to be processed. Order forms are available to download from the school website or Flexibuzz

Please note: the shop will NOT be open for face to face service.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Michelle O'Brien and Matthew Cairns on the safe arrival of Harper Banksy Cairns on Friday 1 May. Little sister for Tahlia O'Brien (4Z).



PAM Permission Forms (School Activity)

Recently we have been asking you to complete permission forms on PAM to indicate if your child/ren will be attending school due to your occupational requirements. Please follow these easy steps to find and approve Permission Forms (School Activities) in PAM.

1. Open PAM on your device.
2. Click on the photo of your child (blue rectangle section).
3. Click on the drop-down arrow beside 'Profile Menu'.
4. Scroll until you find 'School Activity' and tap 'Done'.
5. Select the Permission Form to be filled in and approve.

Please note: Once you have approved and finalised a permission form, you are not able to go back into the form and make changes. Please email the school office if changes need to be made to your selection.



Pastoral Wellbeing



SPECIAL REPORT: Wellbeing - Checklist for Primary



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Whilst most children are resilient and seem to be demonstrating a remarkable capacity to manage during this challenging time, others are not faring as well. Some are experiencing a variety of emotions ranging from fear to anxiety, all of which are considered normal or natural responses to this current situation.

However despite this, it is still important for adult carers to remain vigilant for any signs of unusual distress or behaviour, even though your child may not have any prior history of a mental health disorder.

It was estimated that one in seven Australasian children experienced a mental health issue before the Coronavirus pandemic, therefore early intervention, diagnosis and treatment is even more important now. In the current climate, one useful thing you can do is help your child focus on the things that they can control -- such as their learning, diet, exercise and sleep.

In this Special Report, adult carers will be provided with a checklist that can be used as a guide in determining if there is any cause for concern. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we 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 your special report
https://schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-wellbeing-checklist-primary

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