



ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS STRATHFIELDSAYE

School Bulletin – Thursday 5 November 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,

On Wednesday 11 November we will celebrate Remembrance Day. A day where all Australians observe one minute's silence at 11 am in remembrance of those who have died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. Each memorial service begins with the recitation of The Ode and the playing of the Last Post, which is followed by one minute's Silence. After the Silence, the Rouse is sounded: this signifies 'an awakening in a better world for the dead'. We also pray for those who continue to serve in the armed forces and peace-keeping forces, and we especially pray today for peace.

I share with you *The Ode*.

They shall not grow old as we that
are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the
years condemn;
At the going down of the sun and in
the morning,
We will remember them.
Lest we forget.



School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.



Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**

A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the

confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- Depending on which Bureau of Meteorology district is impacted bus route cancellations may affect our school.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan, re-prioritised maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667

School Fees

School fee statements were emailed to families a fortnight ago. In accordance with our school fee payment policy, accounts should have been finalised by Friday 18th September 2020 (end of term 3) except for parents who are paying by direct debit instalments or have another arrangement with the school. It is expected that all fees are paid each year and not carried forward to future years unless arrangements have been discussed with the Principal.



A Reminder of Our Payment Options –

1. Direct Debit - This is the school's preferred option. Parents who have chosen this option, please check to see that your account will be paid in full by the end of the school year. If not, please contact the office to amend your direct debit amount.
2. Three equal payments over Terms 1, 2 & 3 i.e. your total amount divided by 3
3. Regular instalments via EFT - Please note your account number and surname to ensure payment is receipted to the correct account (e.g. 1234 Cummins Fees). Please ensure that your account is paid in full by the end of the school year.



Pastoral Wellbeing

This month on SchoolTV - Raising Boys



Many parents will attest to the fact that most boys are active, loud, rambunctious and prone to rough play, but this should not affect how a parent acts towards their son. Be careful not to pigeon-hole your son into sex specific behaviours or gender roles. The male brain is distinctly differently in its development. A boy's physical maturity is often at odds with his mental and brain development.

Societal beliefs about how to raise boys can sometimes influence their adult carers. Although we are not determined by our biology, it is a factor. It is important to support boys in their natural tendencies and nurture their strengths and abilities. Teach them the skills they need for their future and to develop a healthy identity. It is important for boys to have a role model they can connect with and acknowledge who they are. One of the most important determinants for a boy's development is how secure they feel growing up.

In this edition of SchoolTV, adult carers will gain a better understanding into some of the more complex issues relating to raising boys. 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://sfstrathfieldsayecatholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/raising-boys>



Regards,
Grace Scalora
Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing
gscalora@sfstrathfieldsayecatholic.edu.au

4. It is expected that parents who do not choose to make payment under one of the above options, will pay their fees in advance.

School Board Elections

I am grateful that we have had five applicants for the vacant School Board positions. We will accept each nomination and we look forward to working with each of you in 2021 and beyond. Congratulations to:

- Jac Louttit
- Breeanna McKern
- Kate Grange
- Adrian Carr
- Kate Lamprell

Congratulations!

Please note that your tenure will start at our Annual General Meeting that will be held in March 2021.

YMCA News - Hazel Cartledge will retire



I am saddened to inform our families that Hazel Cartledge will retire from her After School Care Duties at the end of November. Hazel has been a part of our school for well over 10 years and has been a leader of After School Care for each of these years. Hazel is a gem and will be missed. I share with you a letter to our community...

Hello all, I have decided the time is right for me to retire.

Having worked with children for over forty years I have seen them grow and progress and they have given me a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction. Not only have I worked with the children of St Francis but also with children in the UK it is now the right time for me to step aside.

I will be leaving on Friday 27th November.

My work has been made so much easier by the great support I have had not only from you the parents but also the great staff.

May I wish you and your families all the best for the future. I'll miss you all.

Love and best wishes, Hazel Cartledge

Pupil Free Days - After School Care (Whole Day)

Our school will be closed on Monday 23 November (Report Writing Day) and Tuesday 24 November (2021 Planning Day). If you would like your children to attend After School Care from 8.00am to 6pm please make your bookings now using this link to YMCA:

<https://www.qkenhanced.com.au/external/Authentication/SignIn>

I have found that in the past YMCA have had few early bookings and have not offered the service. Please book ASAP. Thank you.

Covid - 19 update

We do need to continue being vigilant despite the low covid-19 numbers in Victoria.

- If students are feeling unwell, please keep all children home.
- If symptoms of COVID-19 exist, please have your child/ren tested.

Students are able to return to school once they have tested negative to COVID-19. Please notify the office on 54393191 or office@sfstrathfieldsayecatholic.edu.au.

Christ has no hands but yours.

Tim Moloney – Principal

RE News....

Remembrance Day

Next Wednesday, November 11, is Remembrance Day, which marked the end of World War 1 over a hundred years ago. Although it was a long time ago, it is an opportunity to remember all those who have died in wars and conflicts since then. We pray that we value the freedoms that we enjoy today and commit ourselves to creating peace in our world by recognising that peace begins in our own families, classrooms, schools and communities, and it begins with us. Each one of us can make a peaceful world.

We will be commemorating Remembrance Day with a prayer reflection and one-minute silence.



St Francis Awards & Blessing of the Animals

Last Friday, we celebrated our St Francis Award recipients and the Blessing of the Animals.

St Francis Feast Day is always a great occasion for our school, whilst this year was different, it was still a wonderful celebration of St Francis and our school community.

The St Francis Awards are not an academic award but an acknowledgment of those students who display qualities of a Christian life as St Francis did.

The criteria for students chosen to receive the award is based on the words of St. Francis:

“Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words”.

Thank you to all families for sharing their animal photos. It was great to see them all in our video. A big thank you to Sam Moloney for creating a wonderful video for all our classes!

We congratulate all of the St Francis Award recipients. We are all very proud of them and we know their families are too.



<i>Foundation</i>	-	<i>Lucas Orr & Eloise Rodda</i>
<i>Year 1</i>	-	<i>Layla Hand & Archie Intamanon</i>
<i>Year 2</i>	-	<i>Lachlan Longford & Lily Diss</i>
<i>Year 3</i>	-	<i>Lulu Johnson & Taite Doyle</i>
<i>Year 4</i>	-	<i>Corey Davis & Sophie McDermott</i>
<i>Year 5</i>	-	<i>Lola Edwards & Charlie Harrop</i>
<i>Year 6</i>	-	<i>Archie Short & Skye Twitt</i>



FIRE Carrier Commissioning Ceremony

The FIRE Carrier Project seeks to keep the Reconciliation flame alight in schools, educating the wider community about Reconciliation, our shared history and cultures.

The word FIRE stands for: **F**riends **I**gniting **R**econciliation through **E**ducation.

We will welcome Troy Firebrace and Michael Chisolm to our school to help commission our new FIRE Carriers during NAIDOC Week, 8-15 November. The ceremony will take place on **Thursday, 12 November at 12:15pm**. We congratulate our Year 5 students and the staff who taken on this role for our school.



**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**
8-15 NOV 2020

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Tuckshop in Term 4 - Repeat



The school canteen will continue to operate each Thursday and Friday during Term 4 with several small modifications. Unfortunately, we are still unable to have parent helpers volunteer their time and expertise due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Subsequently, the specials will be removed from the Canteen Menu to ensure Donna and Fiona have the time to prepare and serve the meals for our children.

Please note, previous specials items, School Pies, Sausage Rolls and Chicken Balls, will be available to order individually from the menu. Please check the Term 4 Menu List on PAM.

Uniform Shop – new email address

The Uniform Shop now has its own email address – stf@buxwear.com.au

All orders and queries need to be directed to this address for the Uniform Shop staff to help you.

The uniform order form has also had a make-over and can now be filled in online and then emailed directly. The new form can be found on the school website or via PAM.

Take care, Sarah, Stacy and Jade.



Book Week 2020

“Curious Creatures, Wild Minds”

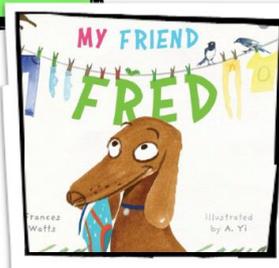
Thanks to everyone who helped make our Book Week celebrations so successful. Despite restrictions to entertainment and the whole school gathering, all students enjoyed a day of book fun with parades, competitions and activities. See below for winners and highlights.

To watch Book Week highlights on video: <https://vimeo.com/471315794>

'Book Champion' Awards

Each class teacher chose two students from their class who embraced Book Week Activities with enthusiasm.

CBCA Early Childhood Book Winner 2020
'My Friend Fred' by Frances Watts & A.Yi



'Pick the Winning Book' Competition

Parade 1

Ben Hodson 4H
Joshua Munro FB

Parade 2

Jordan Sherwell 3GH
Ebonee Wingrave 6D

Parade 3

Ollie Neave 5T
Patrick Feiss 6FD

Parade 4

Henry Dewhurst 3L
Ryder Singh FA

Foundation

A... Zenti Allan, James Shadbolt
B... Elliot Ramm, Holly Hayes
M. Grace Van Emmerik, Max Villani
WM ...Eloise Turpie, Lotti Childs

Grade 1

C... Mackenzie Jackson, Bailey Hicks
FM. Billy Kauter, Eden Whitty
R... Mila Johnson, Ned Bowe
S... Zoe Byrne, Archie Dickson

Grade 2

D. Cammie Fitzgerald, Oscar Barber
M... Willow Wardell, Sienna Stratton
P... Abby Leversha, Solly Baker
S... Darcy Rodda, Logan Fewings

Grade 3

GH... Lily McMaster, Ben Houlahan
H... Arianna Gibson, Kasia Angove
L... Ellen Frigerio, Lachie Colville

Grade 4

H... Miley Johnson, Chris Jennings
HJ... Max Perkins, Luke Hayes
W... Mia Wardell, Amelia Kelly
Z... Tahlia O'Brien, Ruby Jubber

Grade 5

B... Seonah McGregor, Eliza Evans
K... Owen Perry, Summer Villani
T... George O'Brien, Tully Place
W... Brae Purvis, Bethany Cole

Grade 6

D... Amber Durrant, Isabelle Martin
FD... Olivia Hobbs, Oliver Crowle
G... Josh Koglin, Ben Gladman
W... Asher Bowe, Danika Bell

'Book Champions' video

<https://vimeo.com/471313930>

'Mystery Reader, Mystery Book' Competition

Winning Classes..FB & 4H!

Reader 1

Mrs. Davis, reading
'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak

Reader 2

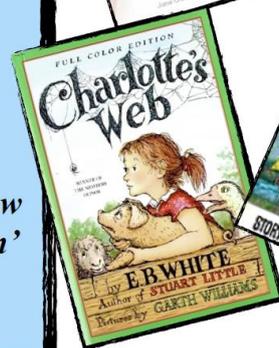
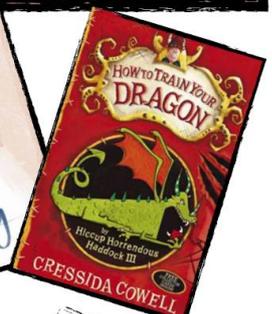
Mrs. Sporn reading
'Tilly' by Jane Godwin & Anna Walker

Reader 3

Mrs. Janssen reading
'Charlotte's Web' by E.B. White

Reader 4

Mr. Zera reading 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell



Weekend Maintenance

5	7-11-20	-	08-11-20	Hird (Fdn A), Carr (2M), Rodda (2S), Johnson (3H), Giffard (6G)
6	14-11-20	-	15-11-20	Anderson (Fdn A), Hogan (5W), Jacques (2M), Skipper (6W), McLean (2M)
7	21-11-20	-	22-11-20	Cunningham (4Z), Stewart-Eeles (1SS), Jobling (2M), Ward (6G), Norman (5T)
8	28-11-20	-	29-11-20	Mitchell (3H), Marshall (3H), Kauter (3L), Hope (6G), Childs (Fdn WM)
9	5-12-20	-	6-12-20	Arundell (4H), Oldham (6FD), Merrett (6FD), Goddard (4HJ), Wingrave (6D)

YMCA ASC – Retirement News

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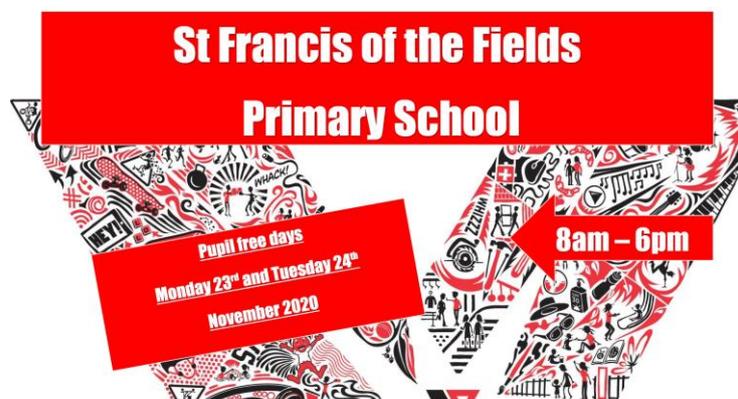


The YMCA operates an After School Care Program at St Francis of the Fields Primary School. The program operates every school day for children aged 5-12 years. The YMCA also provides care on days of school closure. Families can contact the service on 0459 988 313 or visit 'My Family Lounge' where you can register your child in advance for any bookings. any questions please contact Hazel stfrancis@ymca.org.au.



Important ASC announcement

Due to Hazel's retirement, collection of children from Assisi Kindergarten cannot continue. This will mean, from Friday 27 November, parents will have to make other arrangements for the collection of their Kindergarten child. We apologise for this inconvenience.



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**

School Bus bookings – Mandurang service only

If you have a NEW or EXISTING student/s who requires travel on a rural country bus in 2021, you MUST ensure that their travel is approved.

2021 NEW APPLICATIONS and RENEWAL APPLICATIONS open in Term 4, 2020 online via School Bus Management System (SBMS) - <http://schoolbus.educationapps.vic.gov.au/>

This is what you need to do:

EXISTING TRAVELLERS

If your child/ren are existing travellers in 2020, you will need to **RENEW** their travel for 2021. 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**.

1. Log into your family SBMS account and check that all the contact information is correct and current – this is important during an emergency

2. **RENEW APPLICATION:** Click on the RENEW APPLICATION tab beside the student's name

3. Follow the prompts – be sure to select Term 1, 2021, making sure that the school and year level is correct.

NB. If your student is changing schools/school campus or residential address, please click on NEW APPLICATION, update address (if necessary) and follow the prompts.

NEW TRAVELLERS

Do you already have an SBMS account? If yes, proceed to Step 2. If you do not know your login details, please contact **PTV's Customer Help Line on 1800 800 007**.

If you are new to country bus travel, proceed to Step 1:

1. **CREATE A NEW FAMILY ACCOUNT:** New families will need to CREATE a new family account in SBMS

2. **ADD TRAVELLER/CHILD:** Click on ADD TRAVELLER/CHILD and follow the prompts. Repeat this step if you have more than one new child requiring travel in 2021

3. **APPLY FOR TRAVEL:** Click the NEW APPLICATION tab and follow the prompts making sure that you select Term 1, 2021. Repeat this step if you have more than one new child requiring travel in 2021.

4. Once you have submitted the renewal/new application request, you will need to wait for SBMS to conduct its main churn in December where your request will be processed. New applications will be assessed against the Department of Education and Training's School Bus Program policy's eligibility criteria and if approved, allocate a bus stop and route to the application.

NB. To be eligible for free travel on a country bus, you must reside more than 4.8km from your nearest attending school of the same denomination (government or non-government). If you have access to public transport within 1.6km of your residential address and it meets your school start/finish times, you are required to use it (if you reside more than 4.8km from your nearest attending school of the same denomination, you may be eligible for Conveyance Allowance – please refer to your school for more information).

5. Check your account at the end of December for your travel offer.

6. **ACCEPT TRAVEL OFFER:** Select MANAGE OFFER, and then ACCEPT the travel offer. If you no longer require travel, please DECLINE the offer.

IMPORTANT: A SEAT ON A COUNTRY BUS IS ONLY SECURED ONCE THE TRAVEL OFFER IS ACCEPTED.

If your student/s no longer requires travel, please decline the offer, or advise your school immediately so the seat can be allocated to another student.

UNAUTHORISED TRAVEL IS NOT PERMITTED ON A COUNTRY BUS

It is the family's responsibility to ensure that their child/ren are approved for travel on a country bus. Unauthorised student travellers will be referred to their school in the afternoon, and the family will be contacted to collect him/her.

If you require any assistance with your student's travel renewal or new application, please check with your school or contact PTV ON 1800 800 007.

CHANGE OF SCHOOL, SCHOOL CAMPUS OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS – EXISTING TRAVELLERS

The following year level students will **automatically be removed** from their 2020 bus roll at the end of the year, on the basis that they have finished their education OR will be expected to move to a new school/campus:

- **Grade 6 students who completed their education at a primary school and are transitioning to Year 7 at another school**

In accordance with the Department's School Bus Program policy, when a student moves schools/school campus or residence, and who still requires country bus travel, a **NEW APPLICATION** for travel must be submitted (due to the change of circumstances) and be assessed against the policy's eligibility criteria. This will also ensure that the student is allocated to the most appropriate route and shuttle (if application).

Community News.....

"LET'S HIT COVID FOR SIX" CRICKET IS BACK FOR THE SUMMER – SPOTS AVAILABLE

Register On-line via the following link:

<http://www.playcricket.com.au/club-finder/club-details?Id=2728&postcode=3551>

Whilst having a successful registration, we are in a strong position to field numerous teams but we have some spots available in particular for those in U12.

After a successful year with the introduction of our U16 junior girls we welcome & encourage our younger girls along to who may wish to follow in the footsteps of our current girls currently playing. Try something new with a game of a Wednesday evening.

Our **Master Blaster Team's** (8-9 years of age – Friday's 6pm-7:30pm) & **Jenny's ELC Junior Blasters Program** (5-7 years of age Sunday 10am-11am) are now open for registration. Both commencing mid-November.

Requiring further details, please contact the Jets Junior Co-ordinator Brent Yates via email at strathfieldsayejets@gmail.com or by phone on 0434 730 711.

Let's bring back some fun for our youth this summer, they deserve it.

"Live local, Play local"

Brent Yates – Jets Junior Co-Ordinator



Dodgers
PRESENTS
**JUNIOR BASEBALL
SUPER 6's**
NEW & CURRENT PLAYERS WELCOME!
(players will be allocated to a team each Wednesday)
LENGTH: 3 Weeks
WHEN: Wednesdays Nov 4th, 11th, 18th
TIME: 4:30pm to 6:00pm
AGES: 6-13 Years Old (Girls & Boys)
VENUE: Strathfieldsaye Club Crt
FREE BBQ AFTER EACH GAME
COST: Just \$25.00 to PLAY!!
(all equipment provided)
Players need to **REGISTER** before playing

Register HERE!



FUN, FAMILY, FITNESS JOIN LITTLE ATHLETICS

Season starts Friday 30th
October

Learn the fundamentals of Running,
Jumping & Throwing. Ages 5-15
All abilities are welcome

\$110 registration
Fee

Free trial
weekends 7th &
14th November.
Register online

Register at
<http://www.athleticsbendigo.org.au/little-athletics>

Any questions email
blac@lavic.com.au

Bendigo Regional Athletics Complex
Cnr Cook Street & Retreat Road Flora Hill



For more information visit our  Page or Call Anthony 0477 158444

Recruitments are open for 2021

The **Zodiacs** netball club are now open for expressions of interest for season 2021. Age groups are Grade 6 through to 18 years and under.

Below is the link for you to express your interest in joining a club with a strong history of success on and off the court at Bendigo Strathdale Netball Association.



The Zodiacs' experienced coaches value dedication, effort and teamwork. You can learn for fun or to compete! Please share among your friends.

Players who fill out the attached link will be contacted by the club requesting their attendance at our information day on Sunday 22nd November.

If you are interested in joining **The Zodiacs Netball Club**, please click on the link to register your interest: [New Player Expression of Interest form](#)

To register go to ausfutsal.com/GoIT4



FUTSAL SCHOOL
MONDAY'S 4:15 TO 5PM FOR AGES 6 TO 10

Non Contact Training - For more info contact Aidan at 0427 519 250
Fun games & activities - Introduction into Futsal
\$77 for 7 week program
Limited spots available due to restrictions

62 Hattam Street, Golden Square



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Do you need someone to support you, or work on behalf you to help you speak out and defend your rights and interests...
or to link you in with services, such as the NDIS, Centrelink and My Aged Care?

Are you wanting to be part of a local community peer-led group for people or parents/carers of people with Disability?

Do you need help to make a submission to the Disability Royal Commission?

We can help!

RIAC builds the capacity and well being of individuals with a disability, their families, carers and the greater community, through our advocacy and support services.

Call us today on
03 5222 5499
or visit
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