

ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 5 – March 25, 2021

(Term 1 – Week 9)

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 March 25

- ☐ Year 4 Camp – Sovereign Hill, Ballarat

Friday March 26

- ☐ Year 4 Camp – Sovereign Hill, Ballarat
- ☐ Assembly @ 2.30pm

Thursday April 1

- ☐ **END OF TERM 1** – 2.30pm finish

Monday April 19

- ☐ **TERM 2 STARTS** – 9.00am

Friday April 23

- ☐ Assembly @ 2.45pm

Sunday April 25

- ☐ ANZAC DAY

Monday April 26

- ☐ State Swimming Championship - Melb

Tuesday April 27

- ☐ Fdn AFL Clinic @ 11.30am

Wednesday April 28

- ☐ Baseball Clinic Yr4&5

Thursday April 29

- ☐ School Cross Country @ 9.15am
- ☐ P&F Meeting @ 7.30pm

Friday April 30

- ☐ 2D & 2S Mass @ 11.45am

Wednesday May 5

- ☐ Division Cross Country
- ☐ School Advisory Council meeting

Friday May 7

- ☐ Mother’s Day Mass Fdn-Yr2 @ 11.45am
- ☐ Assembly @ 2.45pm

Sunday May 9

- ☐ Happy Mother’s Day

Monday May 10

- ☐ **SCHOOL OPEN WEEK**
- ☐ Principal Learning Tour @ 5pm
- ☐ Daily student led tours 9am – 3.20pm

Tuesday May 11

- ☐ Principal Learning Tour @ 9.30am
- ☐ Daily student led tours 9am – 3.20pm

Wednesday May 12

- ☐ Principal Learning Tour @ 12.30pm
- ☐ Daily student led tours 9am – 3.20pm

Thursday May 13

- ☐ Daily student led tours 9am – 3.20pm
- ☐ School Information Evening @ 7.30pm

Friday May 14

- ☐ Daily student led tours 9am – 3.20pm
- ☐ 2M & 2P Mass @ 11.45am



Tuckshop 2021

Week 9 –

Friday March 26

Week 10 –

Thursday April 1

Term 2

Week 1

Thursday April 22

Friday April 23

Weekend Maintenance

27-28 Mar Matthews (2D), Wharton (2D),
Stubbins (1R), Rodda (3H)

3-4 Apr School Holidays - No Maintenance

10-11 Apr School Holidays - No Maintenance

17-18 Apr Rowe (Fdn WS), Djuric (3GE),
Evans (6D)

24-25 Apr Jubber (5W), Behrens (5W),
Frawley (5W)

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



Dear Families,

We have so much to learn from the Easter story.

Two thousand years ago Jesus was condemned for being a person of vision, compassion, and strong commitment and faith. It is hard to believe that anyone would be willing to condemn a person for such ideals. Not only was this gentle man persecuted by those he challenged, namely Pontius Pilate, and King Herod, but he was betrayed by those who pretended to be loyal to him.

The gossip and innuendo that was spread by the Jews and Israelites was such a destabilising influence that even those who loved Jesus dearly, succumbed to rejection of him. We remember Peter, the first pope of our church, was so threatened by the crowd’s constant negative outlooks that he “denied” Jesus three times.

As further testimony to the debilitating power of innuendo that Jesus found himself part of; the crowd was asked to decide who should be set free – the hardened criminal called Barrabus, or a man “who loved his neighbour as himself”! Commonsense was far from the people’s minds when listening to the few instigators, as the crowd called for Barrabus’ freedom.

Thankfully we are given a small glimmer of man’s potential to forgive and be forgiven, when dying on the cross beside Jesus, the thief asked Jesus for forgiveness. His response was one that should bring hope and joy to our souls – you will be seated at my right hand. This response shows us it is not too late to change our bad habits into good, because God is all forgiving – a trait that is a common thread throughout the Easter story.



The Easter story is a timely reminder that we should celebrate in the strength of the Holy Spirit and come together as a community sharing the true meaning of being a Catholic. With the strength of the Holy Spirit the apostles were freed of their fears that the witch-hunt had weighed them down with, and they showed true courage in doing what was right – living and spreading the “good word”.

Subsequently, I believe that is the challenge that faces us, some 2000 years on. That we should live each day as Christ would like us to live – acknowledging the strengths of our parish community and revelling in the goodness of each person.

I wish you a happy, holy and safe Easter holiday!

2022 Enrolment Process



To assist families in making an informed decision about enrolling their children at St. Francis of the Fields for 2022 the following sessions will be held on school grounds. Please note that enrolments will be accepted from Monday 3 May and will close on June 18.

Enrolment application forms can be accessed on our school website. [School Website link](#)

Parents/Guardians may attend any of the following sessions on the proviso they are well. If they have any Covid-19 symptoms they will be required to make a separate appointment once they are well.

School Information Evening

- Thursday 13th May @ 7.30 pm in the Community Centre

School Open Week

- May 10th - May 14th (9.00 - 3.20pm) Student led tours.

Principal Learning Tours

- Monday 10th May, 2021 @ 5.00pm. Meet at the office.
- Tuesday 11th May, 2021 @ 9.30am. Meet at the office.
- Wednesday 12th May, 2021 @ 12.30pm. Meet at the office.



Orientation Day & Foundation Parent Information Session

Tuesday 7th December, 2021 @ 12.00pm

Prep Orientation Program Dates

- To be confirmed (usually held in November)

Farewell - for a while



At the end of Term 1 we farewell Amy Delaney, as she enjoys maternity leave in readiness for the birth of her second child. We wish both Amy and Jake all the best and look forward to Amy's return in the future.

Please note that we have employed Nicole McDermott to teach Number Intervention to our Year 3-6 students during Term 2, 3 & 4.

Uniform Changeover

The weather, over the next 6-8 weeks, can vary greatly in temperature. Subsequently, for the first four weeks of Term 2 students are still able to wear either the summer or winter uniform. Please note all students are required to be in the Winter Uniform by Monday 10 May.

Grade 4 Camp

Today we saw our Grade 4 students and teachers leave for school camp to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. We thank our Grade 4 teachers for their preparation and organisation for the camp. School camp is a wonderful experience to build independence and create great memories with school friends. There were many excited faces this morning as both teachers and students prepared to leave. We look forward to seeing them all return on Friday at 4.00pm.



Easter Holidays

Please note that Term 1 ends on Thursday 1 April at 2.30pm. Please note the early finish to the day.

Term 2 will commence on Monday 19 April.

Building Update

The Building Team continues to meet each 2-3 weeks to further develop plans for the 8 new classrooms, toilet blocks, meeting rooms, intervention rooms and outdoor spaces. I am grateful for the generosity of Kaine Perry, Adam Place, John Deane, Lisa Hitchcock, Julie Langdon and Grace Scalora. Their wisdom is much appreciated. I will keep you informed with any new updates.



Traffic update

The Traffic Team has met fortnightly with council and Vic Road members as well as members of the Strathfieldsaye community during Term 1. Together we have developed a number of goals. These include:

- Short Term goals
 - Underpass beneath Wellington Road to join with school walking tracks
 - Asphalt around school walking tracks to connect to walkways
 - Raised pedestrian crossings around Blucher Street roundabout
- Mid Term goals
 - Designated parking in Apsley Street
 - Asphalt walkway on Apsley Street between schools
 - Formalised bus loop at the end of Uxbridge Street
 - Crossing at Uxbridge Street
 - Designated parking and drop off in Club Court
- Long Term goals
 - Traffic lights at Blucher Street - \$4 million



Shed Unavailability

Please note the school shed will be unavailable for the following dates in Term 2:

- Thursday 6 May – No after school training permitted
- Friday 7 May – No recess training permitted
- Monday 17 May – Sun 30 May – Deb Balls
- Thursday 10 June – No after school training permitted
- Friday 11 June – No recess training permitted

Christ has no hands but yours.

Tim Moloney
Principal



Pastoral Wellbeing



On Friday, 19 March, 2021, our school community was part of National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

Approximately 60% of Australian schools participated in this day. The theme for the National Day of Action (NDA) 2021 was **Taking Action Together**. This theme aimed to elevate student voice, empowering young Australians to join the conversation.

What we know

Bullying is an **ongoing** and **deliberate misuse of power** in relationships through **repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour** that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological **harm**.

Whether you're a parent, teacher, student or member of the community, everyone has a role to play.

Please see the table below for valuable tips to help support our students.

What we can do

Student tips

If it happens in person, try these:

- **Ignore them.** Try not to show any reaction.
- **Tell them to stop** and walk away.
- **Pretend you don't care.**
- **Go somewhere safe.**
- **Get support** from your friends.

If it happens online, try these:

- **Avoid responding** to the bullying.
- **Report and block** anyone who is bullying online.
- **Protect yourself online** using privacy settings and keep records.

If you see someone being bullied:

- **Leave negative conversations.** Don't join in.
- **Support others** being bullied.

If it doesn't stop:

- **Talk to an adult** (parent/carer/teacher) who can help stop the bullying.
- **Keep asking** for support until the bullying stops.

Parent tips

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the whole story.
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
3. **Ask** your child what they want you to do about it and how you can help.
4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find strategies.
5. **Check in** regularly with your child.

Need help now?

Kids Helpline www.kidshelpline.com.au
1800 551 800

headspace www.headspace.org.au
1800 650 890

Online bullying www.esafety.gov.au

BULLYING. NO WAY!

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.

Regards,

Grace Scalora
Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing

2021 Parent Class Representatives

Thank you to the following parents for taking on the Parent Rep position for their child's classroom.

Fdn A	Andie Muscatello	-	Katrina Harrop Tegan King
Fdn B	Ash Barbetti	-	Nicole Emmerson
Fdn M	Morgan Maud	-	Kristy Intamanon Katie Francis
Fdn WS	Kate Williams/Anna Sier	-	Lotte Dubyna Chantelle Sherwell
1 C	Amy Curnow	-	Larissa Dewhurst
1 M	Sam Muscatello	-	Lucy Rodda
1 R	Craig Ryan	-	Belinda Marsh
1 SA	Ange Simpson/Jenna Anderson	-	Sarah Worthington
2 D	Felicity Davis	-	Sally Arundell
2 M	Jacob Morrissey	-	Bec Stratton
2 P	Brylie Parker	-	Sheree McCormick
2 S	Natalie Shearer	-	Brooke Boswell
3 B	Hilary Bottcher	-	Jacinta Bath
3 GE	Kate Gundry/Jan Eaton	-	Marnie O'Bree Anna Grieve
3 H	Josh Hann	-	Rachel O'Meara
3 L	Julie Langdon	-	Donna Wagner
4 H	Gabrielle Hudson	-	Bek Stevens
4 JM	Emma Jensen/Naomi McGregor	-	Lily Gleeson
4 Z	Rhys Zera	-	Kellie Gibson
5 D	Dave Waters	-	Chelsea Baker
5 HM	Lisa Hitchcock/Bianca Metherill	-	Kim Kelly
5 K	Bernard Kerrins	-	Kate Fitzpatrick Bek Stevens
5 W	Ella Wales	-	Melanie Eddy
6 D	John Deane	-	Stacy Dickson
6 FM	Donna Freeman/Naomi McGregor	-	Fiona Horan Anna Grieve
6 T	Cam Taylor	-	Jacinta Bath
6 W	Darby Walsh	-	Marnie O'Bree

RE News....

Project Compassion

This is our last Project Compassions story for the Lent 2021 campaign. Our students have gained a lot from learning about people from around the world that we support through Project Compassion. This helped us to walk in solidarity last Friday as we have seen the challenges that so many people have each day just to survive and the difference Caritas makes in the lives of so many.



Halima is raising her two children in a refugee camp in Bangladesh, while caring for her mother who has a disability. Widowed at 21, Halima fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State, arriving at the camp with nothing.

Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, helped Halima with shelter, cooking equipment, hygiene and sanitation training. She took on the role of community trainer herself, organising the cleaning of washrooms, wells and toilets.

Halima aspired to "Be More" and is proud that she can earn a small income while maintaining the health of her family and the cleanliness of the camp community.

In the Cox's Bazar district, women and children make up 78% of the total refugee population where 52% of children are aged 0-17. ([UNHCR](#))

Watch a short film about Halima's story [here](#).



“Aspire not to have more, but to be more.” Please support Project Compassion by returning your Caritas Ks book and donations, or donating directly to: lent.caritas.org.au

CARITAS Ks



Thank you to students, families, staff and our school community for another successful Caritas Ks. The highlight of the day was the amazing insights students gave about the experience of walking in solidarity and what it meant to them.

We are hoping to raise enough money to supply materials for a clean water system in

Indonesian rural village through Caritas Australia.

This makes communities healthier with clean drinking water, good hygiene and sanitation.

Thank you to all the families who have returned the books and generous donations.

Please return all Caritas Ks books by Monday, 29 March.



Holy Week

As Lent draws to a close we look towards Easter with great hope for new life. Next Wednesday, we will gather together as a school community to remember how much Jesus loved us as we celebrate Holy Week. We will pray and reflect on the events of Jesus' last days and his death on the cross. We will pray that we reflect on how we live our lives and how we can be better people. We will look to Jesus who is our model and guide and shows us how to live in right relationships with others.



Gracious God,

As we remember the events of Jesus' last days, help us to be people of courage who are willing to reach out to others even when it is difficult. May we remember Jesus' example, and proclaim the Gospel message through our words and deeds. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen

Sacramental Program - Confirmation & First Eucharist

Thank you and congratulations to all the children, families, teachers and sacramental team for a wonderful sacramental program to prepare for First Reconciliation. Over this past week, students have made their First Reconciliation at St Therese's Church. We ask you to continue to pray for these children and families as they prepare for the next part of their Sacramental journey.

The sacramental program for Confirmation and First Eucharist will begin early in Term 2 with an information night for families. Please keep an eye out for an email from the sacramental team or please contact the Parish Office directly to register your interest - [\(03\) 5443 3052](tel:0354433052).



Sandhurst Switches Off!

Tomorrow, we will take part in Sandhurst Switches Off. All Sandhurst Catholic Schools will turn off their lights for an hour of the day. This action is a symbol of our commitment to preserving God's creation. Our Catholic Social Teaching - Care for our Common Home - Teaches us that the earth and all life on it are part of God's creation.

St Francis of Assisi had a great love for all of creation, which is seen throughout our school community. We are called to respect this gift of creation. We are responsible for taking care of the world we live in and for sharing all the wonders and resources the earth gives us.

Our changing environment prompts us to stop and think about how we live on our planet. We are called to respond and to adopt new ways of living as Pope Francis highlights in his encyclical, *Laudato Si': On the Care for our Common Home*. This action is a symbol of our solidarity with those whose lives and communities are affected by rising waters, longer periods of drought, more storms and fires.

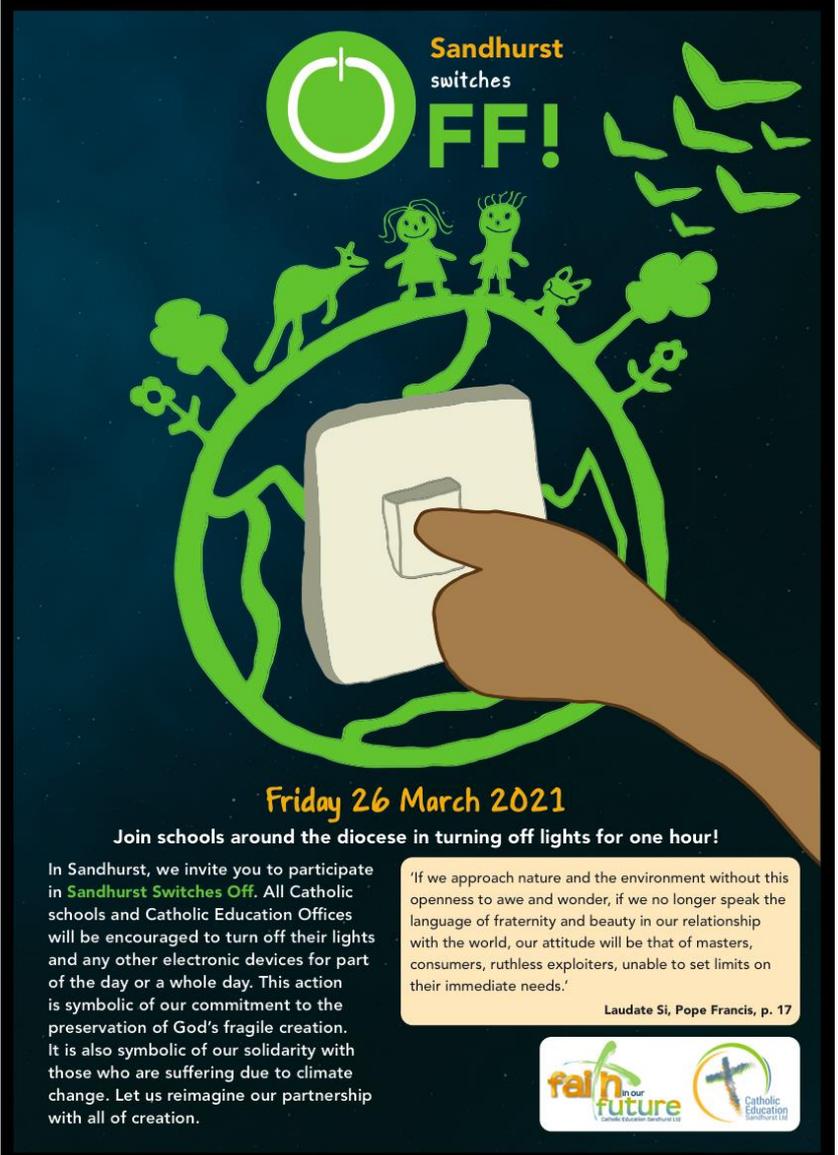
On Saturday, 27 March is Earth Hour why not stop to talk as a family about what you can do to live more sustainably. Making just one simple switch can help our world.

We are encouraged to turn out our lights for one hour - 8:30pm-9:30pm. This Earth Hour, make the #switchfornature and show your support for a renewables future!

Simple switches you make in your daily life can help our planet. You could:

- Switch to solar power.
- Switch your ride.
- Or just #SwitchOff your lights for Earth Hour to show your support for Australia becoming a renewables powerhouse.

Lisa Hitchcock
Catholic Identity Leader

A poster for 'Sandhurst Switches Off!' featuring a central illustration of a hand flipping a light switch. The switch is set against a circular background of green silhouettes representing nature: a kangaroo, two children, a dog, a tree, and a bird. Above the switch is a green power button icon. The text 'Sandhurst switches OFF!' is prominently displayed. Below the illustration, it says 'Friday 26 March 2021' and 'Join schools around the diocese in turning off lights for one hour!'. There are two text boxes: one explaining the event's purpose and another quoting Pope Francis. Logos for 'faith in our future' and 'Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd' are at the bottom right.

Sandhurst switches OFF!

Friday 26 March 2021

Join schools around the diocese in turning off lights for one hour!

In Sandhurst, we invite you to participate in **Sandhurst Switches Off**. All Catholic schools and Catholic Education Offices will be encouraged to turn off their lights and any other electronic devices for part of the day or a whole day. This action is symbolic of our commitment to the preservation of God's fragile creation. It is also symbolic of our solidarity with those who are suffering due to climate change. Let us reimagine our partnership with all of creation.

'If we approach nature and the environment without this openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs.'

Laudate Si, Pope Francis, p. 17

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PE News.....

Regional Swimming 2021

Swan Hill was the longest drive with little to look at along the way. But bigger things awaited at the other end. We arrived in time to cheer for Ava Hope who was swimming in the first race. Our school team sat together, 9 kids and lots of parents and even grandparents. We were all so grateful for our parents who had driven us all the way for the day - for most of us for just one race, hopefully a swim that would last less than 60 seconds. They were a great cheer squad.

Despite being a hot day the water was freezing cold and I was very nervous. The races flew by and in no time the afternoon was done. Everyone swam so well. Even though I swam an individual race it was great to feel part of the team and cheer each other on.

Sapphira Lecek 5K



On Thursday the 18th of March we had 9 children head to Swan Hill for the Regional Swimming Championship. Even with the big trip, the children all managed to get there in time to watch, cheer and support one another- not at all surprising from our beautiful children!

Unfortunately, it was a very cut throat competition with only first place going through to the State Championships. Regardless, we had a very successful meet and we are all incredibly proud of the children involved.

Results:

- **Ava Hope** 50m Freestyle 2nd
- **Willow Dickson** 50m Backstroke 3rd
- **Sapphira Lecek** 50m Breaststroke 4th
- **Girls 9 - 10 years 4X50m freestyle relay** 2nd
Lahni Tyrrell, Ella Tyrrell, Willow Dickson, Ava Hope.
- **Boys 9 - 13 years 200m medley relay** 4th
Charlie Harrop, Rylie Diss, Samuel Johnson, Samuel Whitford



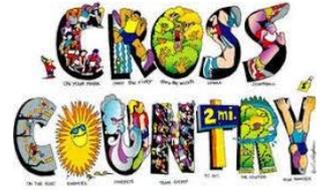
Well done!



PE News cont....

CROSS COUNTRY 2021 – Thursday 29 April @ 9.15am

On Thursday 29 April, we will have our school Cross Country. While running isn't everyone's favourite thing to do, it's important that all children at St Francis of the Fields participate. If your child is concerned about the run, perhaps you could take them for a run around the course over the holidays and help boost their confidence and capacity to complete the run. They will be given opportunities to practice their running as part of PE, however as we know, the more exposure we have to something we find challenging, the more comfortable we are with it. Your support in giving your child the best chance to be successful on the day would be greatly appreciated.



Start time: 9.15am

Start location: Varies depending on age group.

End location: On oval near sandpit- school end.

Order of events: 12/13 year olds and work our way down. Starting times are definite, we will not begin an age group until their designated start time.

We will let the boys off first, wait a couple of minutes, then begin the girls.

Year 6: 12/13 year olds (9.15am start) 3kms

Year 5: 11 year olds (9.25am start) 3kms

Year 4: 10 year olds (9.40am start) 2kms

Year 3: 9 year olds (9.50am start) 2kms

Year 2: 8 year olds (10.05am start) 2kms

Year 1: 7 year olds (10.15am start) 1km

Foundation: 6 year olds (10.25am start) 600metres



Coffee will be available to purchase on this day.

F-2 Gymnastics

Change in date!

Parents, please note the F-2 gymnastics program will run in October for 2021!

Mrs Coates- PE Coordinator



St Francis JFC Auskick announcement

St Francis JFC are pleased to announce that co-ordinators have been found for a 2021 season of Auskick.

Once the co-ordinators have been briefed by AFL Central Vic they will announce the start date.

Due to the late start, St Francis JFC Auskick will not begin until late May.

Watch this space!



Bendigo Volleyball

The Bendigo Volleyball Association conduct a weekly Primary Competition on a Sunday night at the Bendigo stadium.

If your child is interested in getting back into a sport please contact the competition director via email.

Scott Ross

Division Volleyball Convenor - Scott.Ross@education.vic.gov.au



Richmond Football Club Virtual Session



On Friday the 12th of March all of the Yr 3-6's were invited to join a live virtual session with the Richmond Football Club! Other schools around Bendigo were on the meet too, such as: Marist College, St Therese's, Strathfieldsaye, Kennington, Eaglehawk North and others.



We got to talk to Noah Balta and Kamdyn McIntosh from the Richmond Football Club. We all got to ask them questions. Some of the things we learnt was that Kamdyn McIntosh played soccer up until he was 14 years old, before he switched schools and the other boys at the school played footy and he thought it looked fun. So he swapped and liked it and he stayed playing footy. I also learnt that Noah Balta won 3 x grand finals as a junior and once at the Richmond Tigers. At the end of the chat Maurice Nihill, Rylie Diss and a with a little bit of help from Mr Walsh... got to play other people from other schools in a Kahoot game. They asked questions about the Tigers. We tried hard, but came in 5th overall, with Kennington Primary winning. We had a great time!



Thanks to Mrs Coates for organising this for us all!

Written by Maurice Nihill 6D

OASIS News....

Congratulations Grade 2 on a Wonderful OASIS experience

I would like to congratulate the Grade 2 teachers and students for the wonderful patience and persistence as the first unit to begin the OASIS program for 2021. We are having so much fun and learning so much about our environment. Thank you to all the parents who have been able to help out in any way.

OASIS Website

For parents and our school community, you can follow along on our school journey by visiting our new website. This will keep you up to date with all the news and events that are happening in the OASIS program.

<https://sites.google.com/sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au/oasis>

Green Team

This week we are beginning our Green Team Program. The Green Team will be 12 students per term working together to achieve a goal of their choice. This goal will coincide with the goals of our school and will be centered around enhancing our environment and bringing our school community closer together.

The students in Grades 4-6 were invited to apply for this program and the successful applicants have demonstrated a passion for our environment and a willingness to help. Congratulations to:



Aoife Chilver
Willow Dickson
Darci Caldwell
Flynn Stevens

Quinlan Cody
Sophie McDermott
Samuel Johnson
Tahlia Giffard

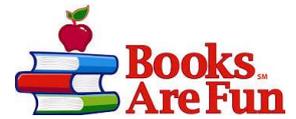
Jack Dewhurst
Lexie Fennell
Lola Edwards
George O'Brien

This Team will meet every Friday afternoon for the whole of Term 2. I look forward to working with these kids to make a difference in our community.

Scholastic Books

If you would like your books to be left at the office for collection, please send an email to office@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au and we will let you know when the items are available for collection.

Thank you for your continued support.
Michelle Janssen & Stephanie Wade, Scholastic Books Coordinators



Tuckshop News.....



From the beginning of Term 2, we are able to have parent helpers in our tuckshop again!!! We need 1 helper every Thursday and 2 helpers every Friday. You would be required from 12.30pm until approx 2.30 - 3.00pm.

If you would like to go on the roster, please send a text message to Fiona on 0400 072 311.

Remember to place individual orders for each child. Do not combine the orders under one child's name.

We are happy to have a chat with any parents who may have concerns about their child's food related allergies and our current menu options.

Fiona (0400 072 311) & Donna (0408 051 979) Tuckshop Coordinators.



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☎ 5445 9100 ✉ enrolment@cmc.vic.edu.au
Enrolments for Year 7, 2022 close Monday 21 June, 2021

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CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

In our newsletters this year, our school's Speech Pathologist will provide some "family friendly", fun activities aimed to enhance all students' learning and literacy skills.



Focus: Phonological awareness

Phonological awareness is one of the key building blocks for reading and writing. It is listening to and thinking about the sounds in words. This term we will provide activities targeting phonological awareness:

1. When learning to read and spell words, children need to be able to blend individual sounds together to form new words. For example, t – o – p = top. You can support your child to practice blending sounds together by separating sounds in words and asking them to say what the word is. Use words from their book.

Choose words from your child's reader and say the sounds of different words in slow motion like this /m/-/a/-/n/ or /f/-/l/-/a/-/g/. Get your child to guess the words. You can incorporate this into everyday conversation e.g. Can you please put this in the /b/-/i/-/n/?

When learning to read and spell words, children also need to be able to segment, or break words into sounds. *For example, the word 'sack' can be split into s – a – ck. It has 3 sounds.* Help your child to 'find' sounds and 'break up' a word into sounds through practice, using words from their book/around the room. Start with simple words, with two or three sounds. Your child might need to use fingers/blocks to support.

For students in Grade 2+, who are capable of breaking simple words into sounds, practice with words that have consonant blends at the start. Consonant blends are two or three speech sounds together that are not vowels, for example: sm, sn, tr, bl, cr, spr, str.

2. The game 'Sound Thief' is a great way to support your child to develop their manipulation of sounds in words (deleting, adding or swapping sounds). Use real objects or pictures to represent words, then take turns to steal a target sound. The other player/s need to identify the word and the "sound stolen". *For example: hat → "at" (you stole the "h" sound from hat).*

As a harder task, try swapping a sound in a word. *For example: back → "ban" (you changed the "k" sound to a 'n' sound).* Decide with your child first the position of the sound to swap – beginning / middle / end.

10. Swapping sounds or playing a game of spoonerisms is an excellent way to develop your child's sound awareness and pre-spelling skills. Start by having fun with their names for example: Miles Jones – Jiles moans. Paul Jennings has developed a wonderful book with many pictures of the various spoonerisms so the students can see the different meanings each spoonerism conveys. **To catch a hat – to hatch a cat** or trickier ones – **A dragon fly – a flagon dry**. These are also a great way to extend your child's vocabulary at the same time. Encourage your child to draw their own spoonerism pictures. **Bugs are slurping – slugs are burping!!!**

Feel free to adjust these activities according to your child's grade level.

If you have any questions you can contact Lauren Naish, Speech Pathologist through the School's Learning Diversity Leader, Linda Cartwright.

Megan Simpson
presents

Courage & Crowns



A one-hour workshop designed for
Grade 6 Girls & their Mums/Aunties/Carers/Grandmums
to explore the ideas of:

SELF LOVE • SELF WORTH • HIGH STANDARDS

All women will leave this workshop with
a greater understanding of:

- ♥ How to work with strong emotions.
- ♥ Self-love as the foundation for great choices.
- ♥ How to create a healthy relationship with self & others.

Thursday 3rd June, 7:30pm
Community Centre
St Francis of the Fields Primary School
46 Blucher St, Strathfieldsaye



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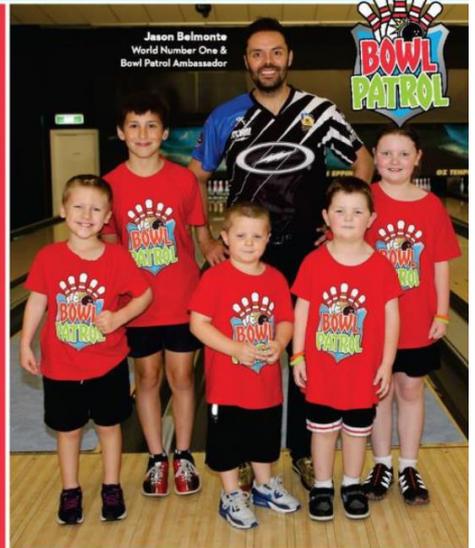
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Monday 26 April 2021 @ 4.45pm

OR

Tuesday 27 April 2021 @ 4.15pm

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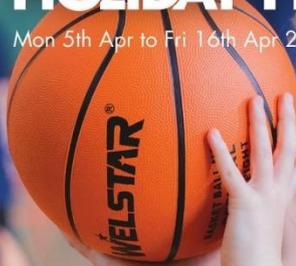


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2022 ENROLMENTS OPEN WEEK 10-14 MAY 2021

Student led tours available 9am - 3.20pm daily

Principal Learning Tours

Monday 10 May, 2021 @ 5.00pm

Tuesday 11 May, 2021 @ 9.30am

Wednesday 12 May, 2021 @ 12.30pm

Parent Information Evening

Thursday 13 May, 2021 @ 7.30pm in 'The Shed'

Enquiries: School General Office (03) 54 393 191

See our website www.sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au for our 2021
Information Booklet and Enrolment forms.

Please note the following dates:

- Friday 18 June **Closing Date** for 2022 Enrolments
- Friday 25 June **Enrolment offers** made to all Bendigo Primary students
- Friday 16 July Bendigo parents must **accept/decline** enrolment offers by this day

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL CALENDAR - Term 2: 2021

Updated 25/03/2021	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 1	Apr-19 Students commence Term 2	Apr-20 PLC Meeting	Apr-21 Staff Meeting	Apr-22 Newsletter Day Tuckshop	Apr-23 Assembly 2.45pm Tuckshop	Apr-24	Apr-25 ANZAC DAY
Week 2	Apr-26 State Swimming Championships - Melb	Apr-27 Fdn AFL Clinic @ 11.30am PLC Meeting	Apr-28 Baseball Clinic Yr4 & 5	Apr-29 School Cross Country @ 9.15am Tuckshop P&F Meeting 7.30pm	Apr-30 2D & 2S Mass @ 11.45am Tuckshop	May-1	May-2
Week 3	May-3	May-4 PLC Meeting	May-5 Division Cross Country School Board Staff Meeting	May-6 Newsletter Day Tuckshop	May-7 Assembly 2.45pm Tuckshop Mother's Day Mass (Fdn - Yr2) @ 11.45am	May-8	May-9 Mother's Day 
Week 4 Open Week	May-10 School Open Week Full Winter Uniform to be worn from today Student led tours daily 9.00am-3.20pm Principal Learning Tour @5.00pm	May-11 School Open Week Principal Learning Tour @ 9.30am PLC Meeting	May-12 School Open Week Principal Learning Tour @ 12.30pm	May-13 School Open Week Tuckshop School Information Evening 7.30pm	May-14 School Open Week 2M & 2P Mass @ 11.45am Tuckshop	May-15	May-16
Week 5	May-17	May-18 PLC Meeting	May-19 Staff Meeting	May-20 Newsletter Day Tuckshop	May-21 PUPIL FREE DAY Staff Spirituality Day Deb Balls	May 22 Deb Balls	May 23 Pentecost Sunday
Week 6	May 24	May 25 PLC Meeting	May 26	May 27 Tuckshop	May 28 1C & 1SA Mass @ 11.45am Tuckshop Deb Balls	May 29 Deb Balls	May 30 Deb Ball clean-up @ 11am
Week 7 National Reconciliation Week (May 27 - June 3)	May-31	Jun-1 Regional Cross Country - St Arnaud PLC Meeting	Jun-2 Staff Meeting	Jun-3 Newsletter Day Tuckshop P&F Meeting 7.30pm	Jun-4 1R & 1M Mass @ 11.45am Assembly 2.45pm Tuckshop	Jun-5	Jun-6
Week 8	Jun-7	Jun-8 PLC Meeting	Jun-9 Div 1 Soccer Comp - Yr6 School Board	Jun-10 Div 1 Soccer Comp - Yr6 Tuckshop	Jun-11 Tuckshop Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass @ 11.45am	Jun-12	Jun-13
Week 9	Jun-14 Queen's Birthday Holiday PLC Meeting	Jun-15 PLC Meeting	Jun-16 Staff Meeting	Jun-17 Newsletter Day Tuckshop	Jun-18 5W & 5 K Mass @ 11.45am Assembly 2.45pm Tuckshop	Jun-19	Jun-20
Week 10	Jun-21	Jun-22	Jun-23	Jun-24 Tuckshop	Jun-25 5HM & 5D Mass @ 11.45am Tuckshop	Jun-26	Jun-27
Holidays Week 1	Jun 28	Jun 29	Jul-30	Jul-1	Jul-2	Jul-3	Jul-4
Holidays Week 2	Jul-5	Jul-6	Jul-7	Jul-8	Jul-9	Jul-10	Jul-11