



ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 4 – March 17, 2022

(Term 1 – Week 8)

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

“To Live, Learn and Grow in God’s Love”

Reminders

Thursday 17 Mar

- Regional Swimming – Swan Hill
- P&F Meeting 7.30pm

Friday 18 Mar

- Caritas K's

Wednesday 23 Mar

- School Advisory Board @ 7.30pm

Thursday 24 Mar

- AFL Clinic Fdn – Yr2

Friday 25 Mar

- Easter Raffle tickets due back

Wednesday 30 Mar

- Easter Raffle Drawn

Friday 1 April

- PUPIL FREE DAY – Staff Spirituality Day

Saturday 2 April

- Daylight Saving ends

Friday 8 April

- End of term 1 - 2.30pm finish

Friday 15 April

- Good Friday

Sunday 17 April

- Easter Sunday

Monday 18 April

- Easter Monday

Monday 25 April

- ANZAC Day

Tuesday 26 April

- Term 2 Starts

Thursday 28 April

- St Francis Cross Country @ 9.15am

Friday 29 April

- State Swimming Championships - Melb

Tuckshop 2022 – Term 1

(No parents helpers allowed as yet)

Week 8

Friday 18 March

Week 9

Thursday 24 March

Friday 25 March

Week 10

Thursday 31 March

Friday 1 April – NO TUCKSHOP

Week 11

Thursday 7 April

Friday 8 April

Weekend Maintenance

19-20 Mar Loorham (2D), Ryan (6W), Behrens (6W)

26-27 Mar Baker (6W), Oldham (6W), Frawley (6T)

2-3 Apr Bennalack (4Z), Johnson (5W),

Term 1 Holidays

23-24 Apr Bortolotto (4BH), Whitty (3GB), Wharton/Wingrave (3C)

30-1 May Dyer (5ZM), Webster (5ZM), Coombes (1M)

7-8 May Stride (FdnD), Dewhurst (5K), Tyrrell (6T)

“True progress quietly and persistently moves along without notice.”

St Francis of Assisi



Dear Families,

Today we celebrate the feast day of St. Patrick. St. Patrick led an incredible life. Whilst he is the patron saint of Ireland he was born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century. He was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 to convert the Irish to Christianity.

I share with you a beautiful *St. Patrick’s Prayer*

*May the Strength of God pilot us.
 May the Power of God preserve us.
 May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
 May the Hand of God protect us.
 May the Way of God direct us.
 May the Shield of God defend us.
 May Christ be with us!
 May Christ be before us!
 May Christ be in us,
 Christ be over all!*



Asphalted path around entire school

We have been working with Strathfieldsaye Community District Enterprise, the City of Greater Bendigo Council, Imagine Estate, Sommerfield Estate, Strathfieldsaye PS and Strathfieldsaye Primary Health to asphalt our walking track so that our community can travel safely between the estates and to our schools.

The asphalt path will meet up with the underpass near the BP station once that is built; this will allow our community on Braidie's Tavern side of Strathfieldsaye road to walk and ride to both schools in a safe manner.

There will be considerable disruption to the school path over the next 2 months. The construction will begin between the Sommerfield and Imagine Estate section of our walking track next week (weather permitting). These sections will have signs asking pedestrians and cyclists to avoid this part of the track. Temporary fences will be erected by the construction company.

I have included a map to help you understand where the path will be closed for the next 2-3 weeks. I will update this map when the construction company lets me know when they are ready to proceed to the next section of the track.



Traffic concerns - Pick up at 3.20pm

We have noticed that the pick up traffic at the end of the day is not running as efficiently as it should be. Here are a few expectations with our 'pick up' so that it runs more efficiently.

- Put your surname on your car visor so that the teachers can have your children standing and ready to get in the car.
- Students are only able to enter the car from the school side. To keep the students safe we don't want them entering the car from the right hand side door.
- Put all school bags in the car, not in the boot.
- If your child is not in the pick up zone, you will be asked to do another lap until your child is at the pick up area.
- Avoid driving around another car in the pick up bays. This will ensure that all students and families are safe.
- Teachers will be wearing orange vests and will ensure that the traffic moves fairly quickly.

We thank you for your continued support to ensure our students are safe at all times.

Learning Conversations

Thank you to those parents and students who met with their class teacher to refine their learning goal and their social and emotional goal. Children love parent involvement in their learning. Special thanks to all class teachers who worked tirelessly over the past week. Well done.

Parents & Friends Meeting



Our next P & F meeting will be held on **Thursday 17 March at 7.30pm**. We will hold this meeting online. To join the online meeting please use this link: Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87211839649?pwd=TkUwQm5oM3Vuc2lzcklhUG9GOWZSQTO9>
All parents are most welcome to attend this meeting.

Pupil Free Day

Our staff will be holding a Pupil Free Day on **Friday 1 April**. Our staff will be working with Maria Forde with a focus on Ecological Spirituality. This means that our school will be closed for the day, though YMCA will care for those students who require care for the day. Please see the flyer later in this newsletter.



School Advisory Council Meeting

Our School Advisory Council will meet on **Wednesday 23 March at 7.30pm**. A zoom link will be provided to all Council members on Friday. I welcome your council and support.

Christ has no hands but yours.

Tim Moloney
Principal



Growing up is not straight-forward

Parenting Ideas by Michael Grose



The pandemic has delivered change and upheaval to families on an enormous scale. However upheaval is not new for some children, particularly those who've experienced illness, a loss of a loved one or who've moved home and changed schools. Each change requires acceptance, adjustment and an attitude realignment to help them fit the new circumstances. Every change is an opportunity for a child to grow and develop, if they are supported, and they're not overwhelmed by the experience.

The twists and turns of development

A child's pathway to adulthood, and the accompanying journey of their parents, is generally viewed as linear. Growing up is seen as a straightforward march from infancy, early childhood, childhood, adolescence, post-adolescence to adulthood. If COVID has taught us anything it's that a child's journey is full of twists and turns.

While your child has a developmental clock that keeps ticking over, it's their experiences that determine their maturity and their ability to reach fully-fledged adulthood with the resilience, grit and adaptability needed to

thrive. These experiences that develop maturity and coping capacities fit into two broad areas - challenging experiences and positive experiences.

Challenging Experiences

The challenging experiences that a child encounters enable them to build their coping capacities and develop their emotional resources that contribute to their maturity. These challenges include:

Conflict

Disagreements, arguments and rivalry is part of growing up. Whether it's a dispute with siblings or a fallout with a friend, negotiating conflict is a developmental task.

Rejection

Rejection by a friend or group is hurtful and feels horrible, but it also builds a level of social smarts and judgement necessary for navigating relationships in later life.

Loss

This takes many forms including a friend moving away, the death of a pet or the passing of a family member. Loss is the cause of sadness, grief and heartbreak that can feel overwhelming. However, with time and support kids learn to cope and get on with their lives.

Disappointment

Losing a game, not being picked for a team, not receiving a gift they wanted are unpleasant but character-building experiences that help kids develop perhaps the most treasured resilience capability of them all - acceptance.

Failure

Mistakes are seen in three ways. They are activities to be avoided, signs of failure, or opportunities for further learning. Resilient learners know that mistakes, even initial failures, are part of every learning process so the risk of failure doesn't hold them back. Children and young people grow from these experiences as coping and recovery generally build character, confidence and resilience.

Positive experiences

Though children and young people will inevitably experience challenging experiences, positive experiences help to balance the experience ledger by building a child's identity, wellbeing and emotional collateral.

Love

Knowing that a child is loved and loveable is at the core of their self-worth. Self-esteem and identity built in adolescence needs a solid foundation of self-worth.

Friendship

Making and keeping friends is an essential life task linked to many aspects of happiness and wellbeing.

Contribution

The ability to belong to groups through contribution fulfils a basic need. It allows children to experience real gratitude and feel needed, which builds self-esteem.

Excitement

Fun, joy, excitement! Any activity that shifts a child's emotion from unpleasant, low energy to pleasant and high energy is a good thing.

Play

Involvement in enjoyable activities such as hobbies, interests, sports, music, games, creative and performance arts are central to healthy wellbeing. Activities that are fun, freely chosen and create flow (the ability to lose track of time) fit the criteria of play.

In closing

A child's age and related milestones is a recognised marker of their development. However, their life experiences, as much as the number of birthdays they've had, contribute to their maturity, resilience and readiness for the wider world.

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



DISCOVER CMC IN 2023
WE'RE WITH YOU ALL THE WAY!

OPEN HOUSE
Wednesday 23 March, 4.30-7pm
Coolock Campus, Mclvor Hwy, Junortoun

REGISTER ONLINE NOW

COLLEGE TOURS: Tue & Thu: 29 & 31 March; 5 & 7 April; 3 & 5 May. Book online now!
ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR YEAR 7, 2023: Wed 23 March 2022. Apply online!
'DISCOVER CMC' DAYS: Mon 2 - Fri 6 May. For Grade 6 students at Coolock Campus.
ENROLMENTS CLOSE FOR YEAR 7, 2023: Tue 10 May 2022.

ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES Audra Petri College Registrar ☎ 5445 9100 ✉ enrolment@cmc.vic.edu.au 🌐 www.cmc.vic.edu.au
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RE News....

CARITAS - Project Compassion: For All Future Generations



During Lent, our students have been learning about the work of Caritas, our Catholic Aid Agency, in Australia and around the world. Through the Caritas videos and learning resources they have been able to meet some of

the people that have been supported through Caritas and the annual Project Compassion fundraising, which is supported so generously by our students, staff and families. This gives us all an opportunity to put our faith into action by learning about the needs of others and how we can help others to build a better tomorrow for themselves, their families, communities and for future generations.

This week we met Biru, 30, who lives in a rural village in Jharkand State in India's east. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child, which makes it difficult for him to walk. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an entrepreneurship and livelihoods development program, run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the skills, support and encouragement he needed to establish his own bicycle repair business.



Now, Biru is able to provide a good life for his family – and an essential service to his community. He has discovered a sense of pride, confidence and hope which has inspired others living with a disability and paved the way **For All Future Generations**.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future for all.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



Caritas Ks

Tomorrow Friday, 18 March we have Caritas Ks our solidarity, awareness raising and fundraising walk beginning at 9:30am and concluding at 10:30am. As we are not able to gather our school together, our Year 6 leaders will go into the classrooms to lead prayer and share with students why Caritas Ks is so important at our school.

We invite our families to come along and join us on the track for our walk. Thank you to all our families for their generous support. Sponsor books and fundraising money can be sent back to school on the day of the event or after our walk. Last year we raised an incredible \$7 000 and we would love to be able to better that amount this year and provide even greater support for Caritas to help build better tomorrows around the world.

Class walking times:

9:30 - 10:00am Year 3-5 walking

10:00 - 10:30am Foundation - 2 & Year 6

**CARITAS KS - PUT
YOUR COMPASSION
INTO ACTION**

Lent

If God is for us, who is against us?

He who did not withhold his own Son,

but gave him up for all of us,

will he not with him also give us everything else?



Romans 8:31-32

Lent is a time to see things anew, including ourselves. To take time to look at our lives and explore what is making us feel most alive and what can we leave behind that is no longer serving us. As we continue our journey through Lent to the new life of Easter, it's a good time to remember that we are not journeying alone...we have a loving God that we can rely on, that is eager to help us and that we can place our faith, trust and lives in the hands of our God.

Lenten Reconciliation

This week, Fr Andrew has celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation with our students from Year 3-6. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a very natural way to celebrate God's reconciliation. Thank you to Fr Andrew Fewings for once again giving so generously of his time for our students.

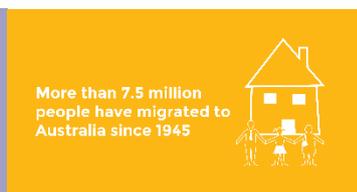
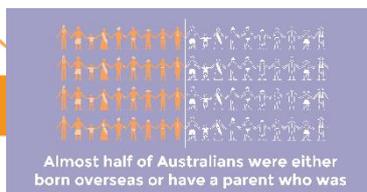


Harmony Week - 21 - 27 March

Harmony Week is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. The message of Harmony Week is everyone belongs.

The City of Greater Bendigo and local communities have events to celebrate Harmony Week. The main event in Bendigo is the Harmony Fair 2022 in the Hargreaves Mall, which is on this Sunday, March 20, 11am – 2pm. This event will celebrate cultural diversity and inclusiveness with multicultural food, music, dance and art.

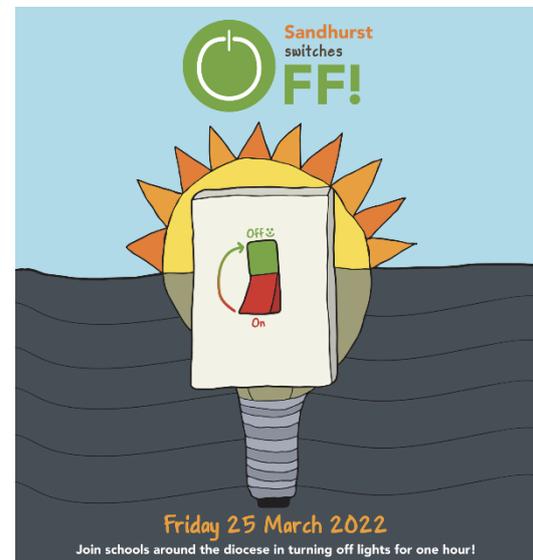
There will be a range of multicultural live performances, food and art on the day, including a screening of BAAI (meaning HOME in Dinka) on the big screen in the Hargreaves Mall at the end of the event. Produced by Arena Theatre, this 30-minute film is the story of the culture, lives and settlement journey of four local South Sudanese girls who have now made Bendigo home.



Sandhurst Switches Off

On Friday 25 March, St Francis of the Fields will participate in Sandhurst Switches Off by turning off electricity for part of the day. This will assist our students to better understand the need to care for our finite resources and thus, look after creation. This event coincides with [Earth Hour](#) which is a global sustainability event. 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.

Why not find out more about how your community can #ShapeOurFuture and take part in the most important [Earth Hour](#) ever at earthhour.org.au



St Patrick's Feast Day

Today is St Patrick's Day! We wish you all a very Happy St Patrick's Day.

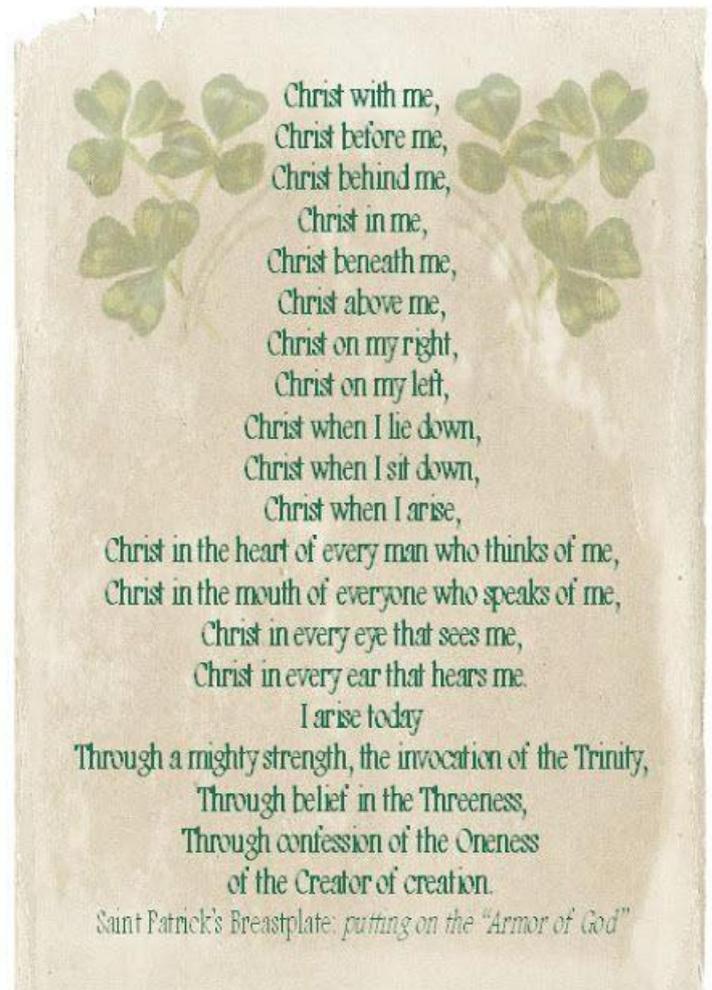
St Patrick is Ireland's most well known saint, despite not being born in Ireland. He had a difficult life after being captured by Irish pirates and cruelly enslaved in Ireland. One night the Lord came to Patrick in a dream and urged him to escape. At great risk to his life, Patrick did as the Lord instructed and found passage back to Briton (Great Britain today), where he studied for the priesthood. He showed great faith in God and asked to go back to Ireland when he became a bishop to minister and preach to the same people who had enslaved him.

Patrick considered the whole of Ireland as his classroom and he preached and taught the Irish people about Jesus Christ. Patrick explained things using simple examples that people could easily understand. He used the three-leaf clover to show people how there could be three persons in one God.

Patrick had forgotten God when he was young, however, that would not happen again. He knew that God supported him in every step he took. Patrick's courage to speak, even when he was in danger of being hurt came from his faith and trust in God. This faith and trust is reflected in one of the most well known prayers attributed to him - St Patrick's Breastplate.

Lisa Hitchcock

Catholic Identity Leader



CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS



In order to prepare for the language & learning demands of the school environment, children need ample time and opportunity to engage in meaningful interactions with their family.

Research suggests that the types of questions we ask and the quality of discussions we have with our children, from a very young age, are linked to school success. As children progress through the grades they must learn to use extended discourse in telling stories, giving explanations, reporting, expressing an opinion or writing an essay. Asking children "if, why and how" type questions allows them to deepen their thinking and prepare longer and more complex responses. It makes sense to build their confidence with extended discourse gradually, beginning with simple oral tasks.

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

We encourage you to set some time aside each week so that you can get the most out of your interactions with your child. In a busy household, sometimes the car is the best place for these focused activities. The key ingredients for a creative interaction are a time, a place, a willing talking partner or audience and an engaging topic or activity.

Positive communication experiences at home help children feel accepted and valued. Growth in spoken language skills will build children's self-confidence and help them learn to negotiate social interactions at school. This often transfers to other aspects of their learning and life.

You will also note that there are many links to recommended websites, apps and other technology resources. Whilst we suggest these technology-based activities, they are not essential to language and literacy learning. So much learning can come from the quality interactions you have with your child around a book, a movie or a simple board game.

Ten activities will be provided each term focusing on key areas of oral language supporting literacy, learning and socialising.

This year you will notice some new activities that we've created using the "Wordwall" app. Each activity has a brief description along with a QR code for you to easily access these app based activities on any home device.

Good luck and most importantly, enjoy this very special time with your child.

The weeks focus: **Developing phonological and phonemic awareness skills**, ie; the ability to recognise sounds and sound patterns as they occur in words.

Syllable Counting

Syllable awareness is an early phonological awareness skill which forms the foundation for emergent literacy skills. Syllable awareness is the skill of hearing the sounds within words and recognising that words can be broken into syllables or word parts. Listening to compound words (e.g. classroom) and breaking them up into their word parts is a great way to start. The skill requires counting, tapping, blending (e.g. kan-ga-roo = kangaroo) or segmenting words into their word parts. wordwall.net/resource/28385711



Rhyme Awareness

Rhyme awareness is another early phonological awareness skill which builds emergent literacy skills. Rhyming requires children to listen closely for sounds within words. Children who recognise rhyme realise that words are made up of separate parts. Rhyming words are words which have the same ending sound, regardless of spelling. wordwall.net/resource/28387934



Sound Identification

Identifying the individual sounds within words is an important phonological awareness skill for literacy development. Being able to identify the sounds which make up words is critical for being able to blend sounds together when reading and also segment the sounds when spelling. wordwall.net/resource/28388318



Onset & Rime

Onset and Rime is an early phonological awareness skill which helps children recognise common 'chunks' within words and patterns between words and word families. Onset and rime knowledge helps children decode new words when reading and form spelling strategies. wordwall.net/resource/28389049



Sound Deletion

Sound deletion is a later phonological awareness skill typically acquired between grade 1 and grade 2 which is the ability to identify how a word would sound if one sound was omitted (e.g. from either the beginning or ending of a word). This is a crucial skill in decoding new words and understanding word families. wordwall.net/resource/28389661

If you have any questions please contact Linda Cartwright, Learning Diversity Leader.

lcartwright@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au



**THURSDAY, 7 APRIL
CRAZY HAIR DAY
GOLD COIN DONATION**



**THESE TWO SUPERSTARS ARE RAISING MONEY FOR
WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE & OVARIAN CANCER AUSTRALIA.
PLEASE HELP US TO SUPPORT EVIE AND FLYNN AS THEY CUT THEIR HAIR FOR
THEIR CAUSE.
WE ARE SO PROUD OF THEIR LEADERSHIP AND COURAGE.**

Arthur Reed School Photos 2022

Unique image codes have been issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the web shop.



Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

When images are ready to view and in the web shop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

Once registered, please wait for notification that 2022 images are online to view before making your purchase.

PE News....

Division Swimming Sports

Congratulations to the students who represented our school at the Divisions this week. We had a successful day with the following students making it to the Regional Swimming Carnival in Swan Hill next week:

- **Darcy Rodda** 10yr girls 50m Backstroke
- **Ava Hope** 11yr girls 50m Freestyle
- **Willow Dickson** 11yr girls 50m Backstroke
- **Sam Johnson** 12yr boys 50m Backstroke
- **Girls 11 years 4X50m freestyle relay**
Lahni Tyrrell, Ella Tyrrell, Willow Dickson, Ava Hope
- **Boys 12 years 4X50m freestyle relay**
Sam Johnson, Connor Nelson, Alistair Hughes, Eli Fennell



Congratulations also to the following students for their efforts on the day:

- **Sam Johnson** 12/13 Freestyle - 3rd
- **Will Shadbolt** 10 Year Backstroke - 3rd
- **Tate Kanzamar** 11 year Backstroke - 3rd
- **Willow Wardell** 9/10 Year Breaststroke - 2nd
- **9/10 Girls 4x50m freestyle relay** - 2nd (Darcy Rodda, Jade Hayward, Lily Diss, Willow Dickson)
- **11 Boys 4x50m freestyle relay** - 3rd (Tom Feiss, James Neunhoffer, Will DeJong, Tate Kanzamar)

I want to thank all the parents involved on the day for their encouragement and support. I also want to extend my thanks to Mrs Zealley for all her hard work on the day. The schedule ran perfectly thanks to her work.

Little Athletics State Champs

All of the Staff, Students and Community at St Francis would like to congratulate Lilah Maddern who competed in the State Little Aths over the weekend. It's a wonderful effort on her behalf. Her results from the day are below:

- 70m 11.60sec (8th)
- 100m 16.73sec (14th)
- 60m Hurdles 11.85sec (6th)
- High Jump 0.95m (15th)



Running Club

The St Francis Cross Country will be held on Thursday 28 April (Term 2 Week 1) with the Division Cross Country scheduled to be held on Wednesday 4 May (Term 2 Week 2). The students will have only a short period of time to practice running at their age group distances. We are beginning a Running Club every Monday and Friday beginning next **Monday 21st March at 8am** for any students who are interested in practicing for their event.

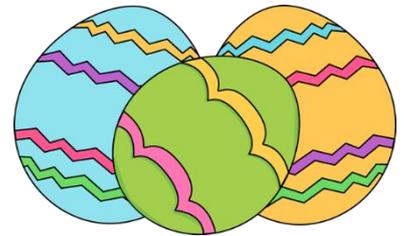
There will be time keepers each morning for students wishing to track their results each run. There will be 2 teachers on duty at this time and parents are not required to stay, although are welcome if they would like to.

I hope to see lots of students there next Monday morning.

Matt Butcher
Acting PE Coordinator

2022 P&F Easter Raffle

This year, the P&F are running an Easter Raffle to help clear out the store room of donations, gifts and prizes originally earmarked for one of the past two cancelled fetes. We are hoping to raise enough money to develop the area beside the soccer pitch amongst the trees as per the Strategic Plan.



Tickets will be sent home with the eldest child of the family tomorrow - Friday, 4th March. Tickets are \$1.00 each, note **NO money can be returned to school**, all monies from ticket sales to be processed via CDF Pay. Please click on Easter Raffle, select your eldest child and then select the amount to pay - either a full book - \$20 or separate amount for each ticket sold.

There are over 15 prizes available to win, ranging from an Apple Watch to a child's BMX bike and many others. Each prize winner will also receive a small number of Easter chocolates.

Tickets are to be returned through the classroom tubs by the **Friday 25th March** and the raffle will be drawn on the **Wednesday 30th March** (second last week of term).

We thank you in advance for your continued support of our school and look forward to sharing the new developments once completed.

With Thanks Georgina, Megan, Kate and Nic





2022 EASTER RAFFLE

Heaps of prizes to be won!!!

TICKETS \$1.00 EACH

1ST PRIZE	APPLE WATCH - SERIES 7
2ND PRIZE	BMX BIKE
3RD PRIZE	HORSE PACK - BOOTS, ROPE, T-SHIRT
4TH PRIZE	ESKY, BAG & ASQ VOUCHER
5TH PRIZE	MAKITA KIT BAG, TOOLS, BUNNINGS VOUCHER
6TH PRIZE	SILK DAY SPA VOUCHER, AVEDA GIFT SET

PLUS MANY MORE PRIZES

(ALL PRIZES INCLUDE EASTER CHOCOLATE)

TICKETS TO BE RETURNED BACK TO SCHOOL -
FRIDAY 25TH MARCH

ALL MONEY FOR TICKETS TO BE PAID THROUGH
CDF PAY

RAFFLE DRAWN - **WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH**



St Francis Basketball Club

2022 St Francis Basketball Winter Season Registrations **NOW OPEN**

Registrations close April 1st so get them in ASAP so we can sort the teams. Season starts April 26th and runs for two terms (Term 2&3). Both new and current players must complete. We will do our best to accommodate all players.

Teams are often searching for coaches, please don't be afraid to put your hand up!

<https://forms.gle/3FAtfbo4FNekTFCr5>

Kristy Munro

St Francis Basketball Club

0428921776



Uniform Shop

Unfortunately we are still unable to have face-to-face service in the Uniform Shop All orders are to be submitted online. Click on this link to access the St Francis online Buxwear uniform shop - [Buxwear - St Francis Shop](#)



Jacket Orders

Orders for the Winter Jackets are now being when ordering online. We have a selection of samples available in the office for parents to try on their child/ren.

To assist the Uniform Shop staff, when ordering uniform online, **please add your child's name and class in the 'Any Notes' section** when you are selecting items. This cannot be done at the payment stage of the order.

Orders will be processed on Monday's, Wednesday's & Thursday's.

Tech Strategies for Families Workshop



Workshop dates & locations: **Free**

Where: Online via Zoom

Dates: Thursday 24 March @ 7pm – 8:30pm **OR**
Thursday 31 March @ 11:30am – 1:00pm

Register Now | Bendigo Office Reception
P 03 5438 1300 | E email@ccds.org.au



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REGISTER ONLINE NOW

CHECK OUT ALL THE EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES ON OFFER AT CMC IN 2023.

View the progress of the new state-of-the-art Mercy Junortoun Sporting Precinct, opening next year for the College and local community. Learn about reGEN for a sustainable future, our integrated curriculum and student-led initiatives. Explore STEAM, contemporary technology, hands-on learning and the instrumental music and agriculture programs. Join us for a BBQ, guided tours, live music, displays and a chat with students and staff about Year 7 at CMC.

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TREASURE HUNT LAUNCHES ONLINE 9 MARCH

Find your way around and complete the quiz for your chance to win AirPods, College summer uniform items or a Family ticket to 2022 Production, Spamalot (school edition)! Winners announced on 23 March.

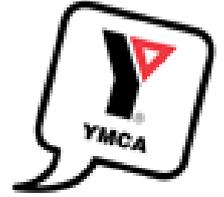
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YMCA – After School Care

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 stfrancis@ymca.org.au.



St Francis of the Fields Primary School

**Pupil free day
April 1st 2022**

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**

St Francis YMCA Afterschool Care



At Afterschool care we have been continuing to explore our creative sides and connecting to nature by using natural materials to create art. Children have been enjoying getting outside and searching for their own resources to create something crafty and fun. We have also been having some dance parties with the children which allows them to express themselves in a fun and judgement free space, we love seeing all of groovy dance moves! All of these activities encourage the children to be self-expressive and creative, which supports them to develop a sense of security, agency and belonging within our space. We have also been encouraging the children to be independent by allowing them to make and serve themselves afternoon tea, as well as encouraging them to be responsible for the resources within our service.

Some of the fun activities we have done are cooking, STEM activities, gardening, nature crafts, helping with homework and more! We continue to provide yummy, healthy and nutritious meals whilst at afterschool care, some of the meals we have had are sandwiches, nachos, wraps, and more! All of our afternoon teas are also served with a seasonal fruit platter. We also cater for any dietary requirements. Please remember to pack a hat for outdoor play and a water bottle to stay hydrated!

If you are looking to enroll your child into Afterschool Care, just head to *Children's Programs YMCA Before and After School Care* to get the ball rolling.

With thanks,

Darcee and ASC team.



Community News....



IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!

St Francis (VIC) Auskick Centre

St Francis Primary School

Wednesday 3:45pm from April 27th

Nicole Campbell - 0408 338 748
bailey.nicole.a@hotmail.com

play.afl/auskick

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IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!

Find your closest centre today.

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NAB AFL Auskick is one of the best, first experiences kids aged 5-12 will have learning Australian Football.

In weekly sessions, Auskickers and their families will run, jump, kick, laugh and create their own special moments playing footy.

No matter their skill level, ability or knowledge of the game, Auskick is for everyone!

Registration is this simple!

- 1 **WWW.**
Visit play.afl
- 2 **SELECT**
Select 'Where to play'
- 3 **ENTER**
Enter your suburb
- 4 **REGISTER**
Find your local club and register!

play.afl/auskick

STRATHFIELDSAYE COLTS UNITED F.C
INVITE ALL PARENTS & CARERS
TO REGISTER FOR THE 2022 JUNIOR SEASON

REGISTRATION IS ONLINE VIA THE
PLAYFOOTBALL.COM.AU

Opportunity to attend the club to order shirts for all non competitive grades (U6, U7, U8, U9 & U10)

Tuesday 1st March 4pm

Where: Colts United FC club
Rooms Sports Centre
Club Court Strathfieldsaye

**Registrations close
Friday March the 7th**

Enquiries: Ed Castle (Junior co-ordinator) 0402 246 236
Email – juniors@coltsunitedfc.com.au

PRINCE OF WALES SHOWGROUNDS

ROCK ON DOWN
TWILIGHT MARKET

WEDNESDAY
23RD MARCH, 2022

4.00pm to 8.00pm

www.facebook.com/bendigoshowgroundsmarket

Come along and enjoy the family atmosphere.
FREE admission and ample parking all just 5 minutes from the city centre.



Book a stall online — bendigoshow.org.au/market
Enquiries—Ph: 0407 094 805

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Play in the Garden Day
CELEBRATING NATIONAL PLAYGROUP WEEK

10AM - 1PM
TUESDAY MARCH 22
GARDEN FOR THE FUTURE
BENDIGO BOTANIC GARDENS, WHITE HILLS

FREE EVENT

LOTS OF FUN, FREE ACTIVITIES
AT GARDEN FOR THE FUTURE INCLUDING:

- ANIMAL FARM AND PONY RIDES
- BUBBLE PLAY, BALLOON SCULPTING AND CIRCUS ACTIVITIES
- MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT
- ART AND CRAFT ACTIVITIES
- STORYTIME SESSION
- CONNECT WITH LOCAL EARLY YEARS SERVICES

FREE FRESH FRUIT • \$2 SAUSAGES and VEGGIE BURGERS • COFFEE AVAILABLE
Coliban Water refill unit available please remember to bring your drink bottle.

Please Note: Proof of vaccination certificate is required for participants 18 years and over



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS | **MULTI-SPORT PROGRAMME**

Programmes run weekly on one day a week for one hour.

This term we will focus on the following sports:

- ✓ Soccer
- ✓ Netball
- ✓ Hockey
- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ AFL

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

For Prep – Year 4 students.

\$70 FOR 5 WEEKS!
Sign up anytime, and only pay for the weeks remaining in the term.

School: St Francis of the Fields Primary School
Day: Friday
Next Program Date: Friday 11th March
End Date: Friday 8th April
Time: 3:25pm - 4:25pm

Website: kellysports.com.au/bendigo
Contact: Beau Cross
Email: beau@kellysports.com.au
Phone: 428 326 924
Facebook: Kelly Sports Bendigo

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Supporting Greater Bendigo kids to be happy, active, healthy and connected!

Join an Early Years Matters community discussion to help shape the future health and wellbeing for children aged 0-12 years in our community.

The City of Greater Bendigo invites local community members with an interest in developing opportunities for kids centred around healthy eating, physical activity and social connection to join local professionals and help guide priorities for children in our community.

This session will provide the opportunity to collectively identify actions we can all deliver to address the key priorities in creating happy, healthy, active and connected kids in Greater Bendigo.

TIME: 1pm – 4pm
DATE: Thursday March 24, 2022
VENUE: Bendigo Hockey Complex, 14-30 Ashley Street, Ironbark
Light refreshments provided.
RSVP: For more information or to register to attend this session please contact: Kristy Bennett on 5434 6327 or via email to k.bennett@bendigovic.gov.au by Thursday March 17, 2022.

Please note: All attendees must be double COVID-19 vaccinated to attend the session.

