



# ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 7 – May 12, 2022  
(Term 2 – Week 3)

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 12 May

### ☐ SCHOOL OPEN WEEK

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

Friday 13 May

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- ☐ Daily student led tours 9am – 3.20pm
- ☐ Uniform Review meeting @ 9am

Monday 16 May

- ☐ Full Winter Uniform to be worn from today

Friday 20 May

- ☐ Nude Food Lunchbox Day for Laudato Si'
- ☐ DEB BALL #1

Saturday 21 May

### ☐ DEB BALL #2

Sunday 22 May

- ☐ Deb Ball Clean up @ 11am

Saturday 28 May

### ☐ DEB BALL #3

Sunday 29 May

- ☐ Deb Ball Clean up @ 11am

Tuesday 31 May

- ☐ Regional Cross Country - St Arnaud

Friday 3 June

- ☐ Indigenous Day

## Tuckshop 2022 – Term 2

### Week 3

Friday 13 May

- 12.30 – 3pm Kate Fraser
- Nicole Emmerson

### Week 4

Thursday 19 May

- 12.30 – 3pm Sarah Longford

Friday 13 May

- 12.30 – 3pm Bree Bortolotto
- Kellie Gibson

### Week 5

Thursday 26 May

- 12.30 – 3pm Bec O'Sullivan

Friday 27 May

- 12.30 – 3pm Renee Jet
- Kim Kelly

### Week 6

Thursday 2 June

- 12.30 – 3pm

Friday 27 May

- 12.30 – 3pm Lisa Phillips
- Hollie Warren

## Weekend Maintenance

14-15 May Turner (6T), Mazzarino (Fdn A), Colville (5W)

21-22 May Deb Ball Clean up Sunday @ 11am Ward (5K), Khodja (5D), Carroll (5W)

28-29 May Deb Ball Clean up Sunday @ 11am Millar (4O), Mc Swain (3C), Waters (2S)

4-6 Jun Murphy (Fdn M), St Clair (Fdn D), Widdicombe (Fdn M)

11-12 Jun Fitzpatrick (6H), Kirke (6FD), Sawyer (4Z)

18-19 Jun Perry (3GB), O'Sullivan (4W), Herbert (Fdn A)

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

*St Francis of Assisi*



Dear Families,

At St Francis of the Fields we try to teach our children how we can live sustainably with our world. In light of this I share with you this beautiful Apache Blessing:

May the sun bring you energy by day;  
May the moon softly restore you by night;  
May the rain wash away your worries;  
May the breeze blow new strength into your being;  
May you walk gently through the world and  
know its beauty all the days of your life.

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## Uniform Changeover

Please note that ALL students are required to be in the Winter uniform by Monday 16 May.

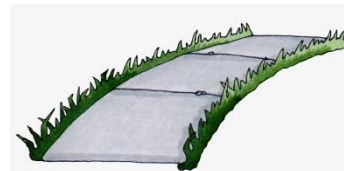
## Uniform Review

Our Uniform Team will hold their first meeting tomorrow, Friday 13 May at 9.00am in the Staffroom. Surveys will be sent out to our community to seek feedback in the coming weeks. Please have your say.



## Concrete path near roundabout

As many would have noticed, a concrete path has been constructed to join the asphalt path around our school, as well as the paths on the opposite side of the road. I am very grateful for the support of Strathfieldsaye and Community District Enterprise and the City of Greater Bendigo who have made this a reality.



## Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to all parents who volunteered their time to support the Mother's Day Stall last week. Special thanks to Kate Fraser for organising the gifts and helpers - much appreciated!

## Debutante Balls



A massive thank you to our Deb Committee members (Michelle Janssen, Deb Breene, Donna Stebbins and Jacqui Pethybridge) who have worked tirelessly to prepare our Year 11 & 12 debutantes.

Our Deb Balls are our major fundraisers for our Parents & Friends Community. We will hold our Deb Balls in the "shed" on 21, 22 and 28 May.

I am hopeful that our parents and teachers would volunteer time to help set up, clean up and serve on the night. Your generosity will ensure our children receive excellent facilities to learn and play in. We are also in need of more car parking attendants. If you can assist please call our Admin Team on 03 5439 3191 to clarify the time and day that you can support our school. The roster is located further in the newsletter.

## 2023 Enrolment Process

Applications are called from parents wishing to enrol children in Foundation (Prep) and other classes at St. Francis of the Fields Primary School for the 2023 school year. Children may be enrolled to start school in February of the year in which they turn five, provided their birthday is on or before 30 April.

Parents and students are also invited to our

**School Open Week: 9-13 May from 9.00am to 3.30pm.**

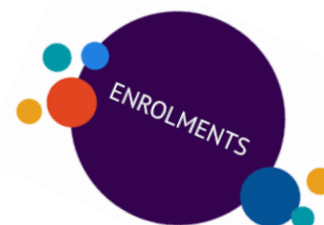
Please come along and be given a student-led guided tour through our school.

**Principal Learning Tours for prospective parents** will be held on:

Monday 9th May at 5.00pm

Tuesday 10th May at 9.30am

Wednesday 11th May at 12.30pm.



An **Information evening** will be held for all parents on **Thursday 12th May at 7.30pm** in the St. Francis of the Fields School Basketball Stadium.

If unable to attend our School Open week, please feel free to make an appointment to view our excellent teaching and learning environment. St. Francis of the Fields Primary School will be open from 8.30am to 5.00pm most days for any interested members of the public.

**Parents are advised to enrol by Friday 3 June 2022.**

Enquiries: School Office (03) 5439 3191

See our website [www.sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au) for our Information Booklet and enrolment application forms.

Please note the following dates:

Tuesday 26 April

Friday 3 June

Friday 24 June

Friday 14 July

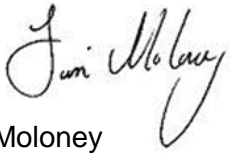
2023 Enrolment's Open

**Closing date** for 2023 Enrolments

**Enrolment offers** made to all Bendigo Primary students

Bendigo parents must **accept/decline enrolments** offers by this day

Christ has no hands but yours.



Tim Moloney  
Principal

## Pastoral Wellbeing....

### This month on SchoolTV - Screen Time



As a result of the global pandemic, there has been a noticeable shift in the amount of time people spend on screen-based devices. Families are transitioning back to pre-COVID routines but many are still struggling to re-establish the boundaries and rules around screen use. Some continue to deal with digital conflict and tech-tantrums on a daily basis. The latest research found that 77% of teenagers spend more than five hours on screens per day, but it is important to note that not all screen time is considered equal.

Parents play a crucial role in modelling a positive and healthy approach to using screens and assisting children to navigate the content they watch. It is better to model and mentor screen use, rather than monitor it. Children tend to do more of what they see us do, and less of what we tell them to do. However, it is still important to outline the risks and highlight the benefits of screen use to ensure you keep a balanced attitude. Encourage discussions around the issues that people experience in monitoring their screen time and be honest about your own difficulties.

Parents need to remain firm in their approach to managing screen time. Excessive screen time can be detrimental to a child's overall wellbeing. Ensuring the correct privacy settings are in place is vital to prevent children from being inadvertently exposed to inappropriate content or online predators. Parents need to also be mindful of the potential impact screen time can have on a child's social, emotional, educational, behavioural, and even physical domains.

In this edition of SchoolTV, care-givers will be provided with a range of guidelines and strategies to help manage screen time at home. 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/managing-screen-time>

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**



## A Gentle reminder - Dogs Connect Mentorship

Now that St. Francis of the Fields is part of the Dogs Connect Mentorship, an expectation of the program is that there are no other dogs on our school site. To protect and care for our new school puppy **Luna**, we are asking all families and visitors to our school to not bring any other dogs onto our school site. Luna is still learning to relax and be calm and seeing other dogs makes her learning very difficult.



Thank you for your understanding.  
Grace Scalora  
Deputy Principal



## RE News....

### Mother's Day Mass



We hope all of our families had a wonderful Mother's Day. At our Mother's Day Mass we prayed for all of our mothers, those that are like mothers to us and all those who might find Mother's Day a difficult time. Thank you to Fr Andrew for celebrating our Mass, our students who volunteered to read and take on roles, the Year 6s who set up and packed up the shed for us and for our altar servers - including a big congratulations to the 5 Year 5 students that served for the first time. Thank you!



### Laudato Si' Week 2022 - 16 -24 May

Laudato Si' Week 2022, will mark the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on creation care. Our students will take time to pray, celebrate our environment and achievements in living sustainably, and reflect on how we can do more to care for our common home for the good of all. You might like to make a commitment to care for our home and school environment by packing a Nude Food lunch box, using the bins correctly, recycling and reusing items, picking up rubbish so it doesn't end up in our waterways or using all resources sustainably.

As a part of our celebration of Laudato Si Week we are having a **Nude Food Lunchbox Commitment Day** on **Friday 20 May**. We are asking

all students to re-commit to bringing Nude Food - no wrappings on their food or to take any wrappings home that day. We hope all of our families can support their children to bring a Nude Food Lunch.

*Gracious God,  
you are good to all and compassionate to all your works.  
As we commence Laudato Si' Week,  
we are mindful of your generous love in all creation.  
We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we live,  
we accept your invitation to engage with the wisdom of Laudato Si' .  
With Pope Francis, concerned citizens and all creation,  
we commit to the call and challenge of the week,  
so that, in prayer and protest, silence and song, reflection and renewal,  
we might live the Easter promise of love's triumph.  
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our risen Lord,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.  
Amen.*



## National Sorry Day & National Reconciliation Week

National Sorry Day is observed annually on 26 May.



**National Sorry Day** remembers and acknowledges the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, which we now know as 'The Stolen Generations'.

The **first National Sorry Day was held on 26 May 1998**, one year after the Bringing Them Home report was tabled in Parliament. The *Bringing Them Home* report is a result of a Government Inquiry into the past policies which caused children to be removed from their families and communities in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. We pray for healing and support for the people, families and communities affected by The Stolen Generations.

*Let us pray,  
God of Justice,  
We seek your guidance, wisdom and compassion as we pray for the  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have been wronged in the past.  
May our hearts be open to receive your healing grace,  
so that we in turn bring healing to each other.  
We ask this prayer through Christ, our Lord,  
Amen.*

The theme for the 2022 National Reconciliation Week is Be Brave. Make Change. This is a challenge to us all to *Be Brave* and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation, so we can *Make Change* for all. Reconciliation is serious and challenging work and it's everyone's business. The Torres Strait Islander illustrator Tori Jay Morley, the creator of the 2022 logo, reminds us - *"We can make a change. But we can't do it alone. Be brave and start the conversation today."*



National Reconciliation Week will begin on Friday 27 May and conclude on Friday 3 June.

These dates are significant for the National Referendum held on 27 May 1967 - that saw more than 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Australian Government power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the census. And 3 June 1992 - commemorating Mer Island man Eddie Koiki Mabo and his successful efforts to overturn the legal fiction of terra nullius, or 'land belonging to no-one'.

During National Reconciliation Week, the Year 6 FIRE Carriers and Catholic Identity Leaders will be holding an awareness-raising event and fundraiser for Opening the Doors Foundation on **Friday, 3 June**. Students can bring along a gold coin donation, if able, to wear the Aboriginal flag colours of red, yellow or black and participate in Indigenous Games. Our Indigenous Games Day will start at **2:20pm** in various locations around the school. We invite all of our families to come along to join us in celebrating National Reconciliation Week.

Lisa Hitchcock  
Catholic Identity Leader

**CMC enrolments for Year 7, 2023 close Tuesday 10 May 2022.**

# DISCOVER CMC IN 2023

## WE'RE WITH YOU ALL THE WAY!

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**OPENHOUSE.CMC.VIC.EDU.AU**

**COLLEGE TOURS:** Tue 3 & Thu 5 May.  
Book online now!

**ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR YEAR 7, 2023:**  
Now open. Apply online! [bit.ly/cmcEnrol22](https://bit.ly/cmcEnrol22)

**'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](mailto:enrolment@cmc.vic.edu.au) ☎ 5445 9100 ✉ [enrolment@cmc.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrolment@cmc.vic.edu.au) 🌐 [www.cmc.vic.edu.au](http://www.cmc.vic.edu.au)

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## St Francis Basketball Club - Thermomix Raffle



We are raising funds to purchase new (reversible for clash games) basketball singlets for our growing club!

Raffle prizes are 2 x Brand New TM6 Thermomix appliance - valued at \$2,359 each. Each Thermomix comes complete with leads, Australian Cookbook, Varoma, Basket, Butterfly, Splatter Guard, Measuring Cup and Spatula.

Only 600 tickets available with 2 winners to be drawn. Each winner to receive 1 x Thermomix each.

**Tickets are \$20 each.** Ticketing cost includes 3% ticketing fee.

Drawn once all tickets are sold or on **May 30th 2022.**

<http://stfrancisbasketballthermoraffle.floktu.com>



## St. Francis of the Fields Debutante Balls 2022

**Friday 20, Saturday 21 & Saturday 28 May**

The 2022 St. Francis Debutante Balls are one of the major fundraisers for St. Francis of the Fields. It is a fantastic fundraiser because we just ask for your time and not your money!

The Debutante Balls are held for Year 11/12 students. Ex-St. Francis students have first preference but the Debutantes and their partners can be from the wider Bendigo community meaning the money raised comes from outside of our school.

The Deb Ball Committee is calling for volunteers to come along and enjoy helping out at these wonderful events.

A sample of 'jobs' on the night include:-

- Collecting entry tickets
- Escorting guests to tables
- Car park attendants
- Assisting with Tea & Coffee
- Clearing of tables (waitressing not required).

If you are able to help, either fill in the lists at the office or please email Michelle:

E | [stfrancisdebballcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisdebballcommittee@gmail.com)

Thank you for your support.

St. Francis Deb Ball Committee  
Donna Stebbins, Michelle Janssen, Deb Breene & Jacqui Pethybridge.



# ST FRANCIS VOLUNTEER HELP LIST

Friday 20 May 2022 – MILES DAVIS BALL

Parking 6.00pm – 8.00pm	Collection of Tickets & Ushering 6.15pm – 7.30pm	Clearing of Tables & Tea/Coffee 8.30pm – 12.00am **
1 Clinton McSwain	1 Georgia Stevens	1 Chelsea Baker
2	2 Nic Tyrrell	2 Donna McNamara
3	3 Maree O'Connor	3 Nicole Emmerson
4	4 Resa Barker	4 Caroline Strachan
5	5	5 Georgina Stevens
6	6	6 Nic Tyrrell
7	7	7 Inga McMillan
8	8	8 Bek Stevens

**\*\* Late finish (approx. 2am) for re-setting tables for Saturday Night Ball**

## Saturday 21 May 2022 – LOUIS ARMSTRONG BALL

Parking 6.00pm – 8.00pm	Collection of Tickets & Ushering 6.15pm – 7.30pm	Clearing of Tables & Tea/Coffee 8.30pm – 12.00am
1 Kris Barker	1 Cassie Lawrence	1 Tiff France
2	2 Brylie Anderson	2
3	3 Reine Jones	3
4	4	4
5	5	5
6	6	6
7	7	
8	8	

Sunday 22 May Clean Up @ 11am		
1 Naomi Burns	5	9
2 Inga McMillan	6	10
3	7	11
4	8	12

## Saturday 28 May 2022 – BILLIE HOLIDAY BALL

Parking 6.00pm – 8.00pm	Collection of Tickets & Ushering 6.15pm – 7.30pm	Clearing of Tables 8.30pm – 12.00am
1 Clinton McSwain	1 Kate Ellis	1 Kristy Intamanon
2	2 Belinda Marsh	2 Simone Edgley
3	3	3
4	4	4
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6	6	6
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Sunday 29 May Clean Up @ 11am		
1	5	9
2	6	10
3	7	11
4	8	12



## P&F News....

### Uniform Shop

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.



## 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](mailto:stfrancis@ymca.org.au).



## Tuckshop News....

### Helpers needed.

From the beginning of Term 2, parent helpers are welcome again in the tuckshop. All helpers must have completed the Engagement of Volunteers paperwork, referee checks & interview. Proof of vaccination is also required. We require 1 person on Thursday's and 2 people on Friday's. Start time is 12.30pm for both days. All past helpers are encouraged to contact Fiona – you will not be automatically put on the roster.

Please SMS Fiona Thompson if you would like to be put on the roster - 0400 072 311.



	Thursday	Friday
Week 3	<b>12 May</b> 12.30 - 3pm Chelsea Mazzarino	<b>13 May</b> 12.30 - 3pm Kate Fraser Nicole Emmerson
Week 4	<b>19 May</b> 12.30 - 3pm Sarah Longford	<b>20 May</b> 12.30 - 3pm Bree Bortolotto Kellie Gibson
Week 5	<b>26 May</b> 12.30 - 3pm Bec O'Sullivan	<b>27 May</b> 12.30 - 3pm Renee Jet Kim Kelly
Week 6	<b>2 June</b> 12.30 - 3pm	<b>3 June</b> 12.30 - 3pm Lisa Phillips Hollie Warren
Week 7	<b>9 June</b> 12.30 - 3pm	<b>10 June</b> 12.30 - 3pm Chelsea Baker Alicia Mansfield
Week 8	<b>16 June</b> 12.30 - 3pm	<b>17 June</b> 12.30 - 3pm Chelsea Mazzarino David Perrin
Week 9	<b>23 June</b> 12.30 - 3pm	<b>24 June</b> 12.30 - 3pm Chantal Bennallack Tandy Jackson



FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

## Kangaroo Flat Family Fun Day

Sunday May 15, 2022



- Animal Farm
- Pony Rides
- The Zone Rock Climbing Wall
- Library activities & Story Time
- Activities with local sporting clubs
- Breakout Bendigo Escape Games
- Tim Tim monster bubbles & foam
- Connected Circus
- Art & craft
- Entertainment
- Lucky Door Prizes & FREE Giveaways!



BBQ sausages, soup & bread roll & chicken sticks  
All \$1 each  
Thanks to the Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat, Kangaroo Flat Primary School & Hazeldenes

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**Welcome**  
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**Sunday May 15, 2022  
12pm – 3pm  
Kangaroo Flat Primary  
School Yard, 60 Olympic Parade,  
Kangaroo Flat**




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