



ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 5 – Mar 16, 2023

(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

Wednesday 16 March

- ☐ P&F Meeting @ 7.30pm

Friday 17 March

- ☐ St Patrick's Feast Day
- ☐ Caritas K's @ 11.45am
- ☐ Assembly @ 2.45pm

Wednesday 22 March

- ☐ Lenten Reconciliation

Thursday 23 March

- ☐ Lenten Reconciliation

Friday 24 March

- ☐ 1R & 1S Mass @ 11.45am

Saturday 25 April

- ☐ P&F Trivia Night @ 7.00pm

Wednesday 29 March

- ☐ CMC Open Day Coolock Campus 4.30-7pm

Friday 31 March

- ☐ Yr 6 & Fdn Buddy Mass @ 11.45am
- ☐ Assembly @ 2.45pm

Sunday 2 April

- ☐ Daylight Savings
Ends – Turn your clock
back 1 hour

Thursday 6 April

- ☐ Last day of Term 1
- ☐ Students finish @ 2.30pm

Friday 7 April

- ☐ Good Friday

Sunday 9 April

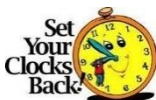
- ☐ Easter Sunday

Monday 24 April

- ☐ First day of Term 2

Tuesday 25 April

ANZAC DAY Holiday



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

St Francis of Assisi



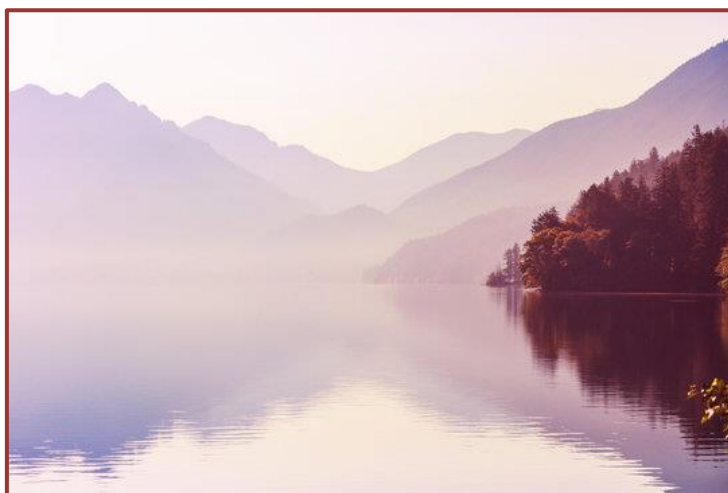
Dear Families,

We have so much to learn from the Easter story.

March 19th marks the Feast Day of St. Joseph - husband to Mary.. St. Joseph is known as the ‘quiet Saint’ or as a ‘just man’ - who selflessly answered the call of God. It is timely to reflect on the traits of St. Joseph. Thankfully, we still have many people who give of their time without the expectation of thanks or recognition - to serve others for the gift of serving and nothing else. Thank you to our health care workers, pharmacists, those working in supermarkets, our bakers, our teachers, and all those offering services to our community.

“Let us allow ourselves to be “filled” with Saint Joseph’s silence! In a world that is often too noisy, that encourages neither recollection nor listening to God’s voice.”

(Pope Benedict XVI)



Tuckshop 2023 – Term 1

Week 8

Friday 17 Mar

12.30 – 3pm Renee Jet
Viv Bortolotto
Bree Bortolotto

Week 9

Thurs 23 Mar

12.30 – 3pm Ang Oldham

Friday 24 Mar

12.30 – 3pm Bek Stevens
Kanji Jackson-Leahy
Chelsea Baker
Bec Foster

Week 10

Thurs 30 Mar

12.30 – 3pm Chelsea Mazzarino

Friday 31 Mar

12.30 – 3pm Bec Stratton
Donna Wagner
Lisa Phillips

Week 11

Thurs 6 Apr

12.30 – 2.30pm Bec O’Sullivan

Weekend Maintenance

18-19 Mar B&S Bortolotto (5ZC), Mitting (Fdn A)
Nielsen (5K)

25-26 Mar Kirke (Fdn M), Johnson (6R),
Hogan (6J)

1-2 Apr Lawrence (1S), Turpie (3M),
Mason (3GB)

8-9 Apr Term Holiday

15-16 Apr Term Holiday

22-23 Apr Trehwella (Fdn M), Whitty (4Z),
Nicholson (2S)

29-30 Apr Wharton (4Z), Green (2P),
Carroll (6H)

Trivia Night - Saturday 25 March

Our school staff are looking forward to matching wits with our parents at our school Trivia Night on Saturday 25 March. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for ticket information. We would love to see you there!!



Prepare to change over to winter uniform

The weather, over the next 9-10 weeks, can vary greatly in temperature. Subsequently, for the first four weeks of Term 2 students are still able to wear their summer uniform. However, all students are required to be in the Winter uniform by Monday 15 May.



Parents & Friends Meeting - Tonight

All parents are invited to attend the Parents & Friends meeting tonight. The meeting will be held at **7.30pm** in the school staff room. All welcome!

School Advisory Council Meetings

Our School Advisory Council will meet on Wednesday 24 March at 6pm in the school staffroom. All council members are most welcome.

Term 1 Holidays

Please note that Term 1 ends on **Thursday 6 April at 2.30pm**. I hope all families have a safe and enjoyable holiday. Term 2 resumes on Monday 24 April.



Term 2 Public Holidays & Pupil Free Days



Just letting all families know that St. Francis of the Fields Primary School will be closed on the following dates in Term 2:

- ANZAC day
- 7 Steps Writing PD (Pupil Free Day)
- Mathematics Conference (Pupil Free Day)
- Queen's Birthday Holiday

Tuesday 25 April
Friday 5 May
Friday 26 May
Monday 12 June

Preps start full time

Our beautiful Preps have begun full weeks at school from March 15. Thank you to all parents for supporting your children on the rest days - the children have certainly needed the break.

Assembly

6J will lead our next school assembly on **Friday 17 March from 2.45pm** in the Shed. All parents, grandparents and guardians are most welcome to attend.



Family Directory forms

There is still a significant number of Family Directory forms yet to be returned to school. We ask that all forms are returned to school by tomorrow, **Friday 17th March**. These forms are a vital way of ensuring we collect the most up to date details for all families and parents in our admin system. Thank you for your cooperation.

Christ has no hands but yours.

Tim Moloney
Principal



Be your Best
Be Safe
Respect for All
Respect for Environment

Pastoral Wellbeing
School TV
SPECIAL REPORT: The Wellbeing Barometer 2023



Because parenting doesn't come with instructions, SchoolTV is a wellbeing resource implemented at our school to help support you in the challenges of modern-day parenting. Parenting is a learning journey and it's easy to feel stressed and overwhelmed when faced with raising happy, well and resilient young people today.

Every family has experienced some sort of difficulty or adversity in recent times, some more than others. As mental health concerns continue to rise, there have been some alarming statistics reported in relation to the mental health and wellbeing of young people. Unfortunately, the blueprint for parenting is often based on our own experiences, but this is no longer fit for purpose in raising children as citizens of tomorrow. Parents and caregivers play a vital role in providing the guidance needed to support children and adolescents as they reframe their worries and focus more on the things they can control in their life.

In this Special Report, we are seeking parent participation through a short survey. The survey is designed to provide a barometer to help gauge the state of student wellbeing within our community. We encourage you to take a few moments to complete the survey as this will help our school know the nature and extent of your concerns and determine how best we can support families in the months ahead. Responses remain anonymous and will only be reported on an aggregated basis. You are asked to base your responses on observations made in the last 12 months.

By working together we can continue to build relationships, foster connections, enable understanding and break down barriers as we navigate a pathway towards better mental health and wellbeing for all students. Please reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback. If this raises any concerns for you or your child, please reach out to the school or seek professional medical advice.

Here is the link to your special report

https://sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-wellbeing-barometer-2023-au

Regards,

Grace Scalora
Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing



Pastoral Wellbeing...

Volunteers

We need you back as a part of our school community!

If you can be involved in our school in any way, please connect with us. To be on our school site, there is a simple online process that must be completed to protect our students. This includes you having a current Working with Children Card (WWCC) and the school having a copy of your driver's licence. Please go to our school website and click on the **'volunteers'** tab.



Part of the volunteer process is having a one-off school induction interview with me. This is a simple and quick chat about how to go about volunteering at our school.

For existing volunteers, the requirement is just to refresh ourselves with the Code of Conduct at the beginning of each year by reading and signing the document which is available on our school website and then uploading via the **existing volunteer survey**. This is a simple process and existing volunteers are NOT required to have the school induction interview again.



School Induction interview times are as follows:

- Tuesday, 21 March @ 8.45am – 9.30am



We would love you to be part of your child's school community.

Regards,
Grace Scalora
Deputy Principal – Pastoral Wellbeing





FRESH FRUIT THURSDAY

Benefiting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children



SCHOOL VISITS COMING SOON!

Proudly funded and supported by:



RE News.....

Caritas - Project Compassion 2023

This week through Project Compassion we learn about Tereesa, a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children.



Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Through Baabayn, Tereesa was also able to hear stories from Indigenous Elders and reconnect with her culture.

Today, Tereesa is studying for a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community. Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.

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

Our community, at tomorrow's Caritas Ks, will be supporting projects like the Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group and people like Tereesa.

Please support our Project Compassion fundraising and awareness-raising campaign by joining our solidarity walk and if able donating: [St Francis of the Fields Caritas Fundraising Page](#).

Caritas Ks

Tomorrow Friday, 17 March is our Caritas Ks. We invite our families to join us for prayer at 11:45 am in the shed and to walk the track in solidarity with all those people in vulnerable communities around the world.



Our Year 6 Catholic Identity Leaders have been learning about the work of Caritas and how the principles of Catholic Social Teaching guide us all in our lives. They have visited our classrooms today to share with students some of what they have learned and they will lead our prayer tomorrow morning before our walk. Well done to these leaders who are making a difference at our school through their work and commitment.



Thank you to those who have donated \$2030 so far in 2023. This year's target is \$7000, which we have been fortunate to be able to achieve in previous years.

Let's put our compassion into action for all future generations.

LET'S PUT OUR COMPASSION INTO ACTION!

EVENT: St Francis of the Fields Caritas Ks

DATE: Friday 17 March

TIME: 11:45am

LOCATION: We gather in the shed for prayer then walk the track.

CONTACT: Mrs Hitchcock

DONATE: Using the school's QR Code.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US IN THE SHED AND TO WALK THE TRACK.

Did you know?
Many women
in Africa walk
6km to collect
water every
day!



Sandhurst Switches Off & Earth Hour 2023

Next Tuesday - **21 March**, 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. The inspiration of St Francis 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 justly.

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 the effects of climate change - rising waters, longer periods of drought, and more storms and fires.

Earth Hour - 25 March

Saturday, 25 March is Earth Hour. Since Earth Hour began in 2007, the world has changed drastically. Our planet has already been warmed by 1.1°C above pre-industrial levels and we are on course to hit a possible 1.5°C increase by 2030. The next 7 years are therefore crucial to all our futures - we must stay under the 1.5°C climate threshold.

An essential ally against the climate crisis is nature. Yet, we are losing nature at an alarming and unprecedented rate, putting species at risk of extinction and placing us in grave danger.

But last December, at COP15 - the United Nations Conference on Biodiversity - a landmark commitment to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030 was agreed upon by over 190 countries, a historic global goal hailed as the equivalent to the 1.5°C target set out by the Paris Climate Agreement of 2015.

Now, the real work starts - 2030 is only seven years away. Individuals, communities, businesses, and governments must all step up their actions for nature, climate, and our one home to secure a Nature Positive world.

Why not stop to talk as a family about the things you can do using the 30 ways to give an hour for earth? We don't need to be perfect in our approach to living sustainably we just need to do what is within our power today.

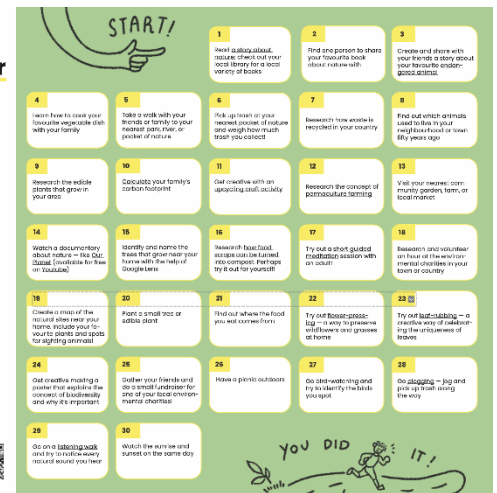
Earth Hour believes that each and every one of us has the power to make a positive impact on our planet, but it's up to us as individuals to decide how we do so. In Australia, we are encouraged to turn out our lights to give an hour for earth, 8:30 pm-9:30 pm. Join the biggest hour for earth!

Give an Hour for Earth by spending 60 minutes doing something - anything - positive for our planet.

30 ways to give an hour for Earth



60 EARTH HOUR



Prayer: The canticle of the sun

*Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord,
all praise is yours, all glory, honour and blessings.
To you alone, Most High, do they belong;
no mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your name.*

*We praise you, Lord, for all your creatures,
especially for Brother Sun,
who is the day through whom you give us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour,
of you Most High, he bears your likeness.*

*We praise you, Lord, for Sister Moon and the stars,
in the heavens you have made them bright, precious and fair.
We praise you, Lord, for Brothers Wind and Air,
fair and stormy, all weather's moods,
by which you cherish all that you have made.*

*We praise you, Lord, for Sister Water,
so useful, humble, precious and pure.*

*We praise you, Lord, for Brother Fire,
through whom you light the night.
He is beautiful, playful, robust, and strong.*

*We praise you, Lord, for Sister Earth,
who sustains us
with her fruits, coloured flowers, and herbs.*

*We praise and bless you, Lord, and give you thanks,
and serve you in all humility.*

Extract from Cantic of the Sun, by St Francis of Assisi

Staff Spirituality Day

Last Friday 10 March, our staff enjoyed a day to stop, pray, meditate, share and learn about our school's inspiring foundational story, Aboriginal Spirituality and our Catholic Faith Tradition's Creeds. Thank you to our presenters Monsignor Frank Marriott, Maree St Clair, Gen Hoskin, Kate Gundry, Troy Firebrace and Fr Andrew Fewings who all were very generous in sharing their knowledge, experience and wisdom with us all.



We are very grateful for the work of Fiona, Deb and Donna for the very delicious catering.



Lenten Reconciliation

Students from Years 3-6 will have Lenten Reconciliation in their classrooms next week. Thank you to Fr Andrew Fewings for ensuring our students can experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent.

Lenten Retreat at school

Each Wednesday morning, you are invited to join us in the chapel for our weekly Lenten Retreat for staff and parents. We begin at 8:15 am and share 15 minutes of quiet, reflective time to stop and be still, to pray and meditate. We hope that this time will provide you with an opportunity for spiritual renewal during the season of Lent.



Feast of St Patrick

Tomorrow, Friday 17 March is St Patrick's Feast Day. Students will mark this Feast with prayer in the classrooms.

*We wish you all a happy St Patrick's Day!
May you be comforted by God's constant companionship on this Feast Day.
Loved, guided, protected and surrounded by our God's gift of creation.*

Part of the Breastplate a prayer that is attributed to St Patrick.

*Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.
I arise today
Through the mighty strength
Of the Lord of creation.
I arise today*



Preparation program for Baptism - RCIC

Is your child of school age and interested in being baptised and continuing their faith journey? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) is a four-week program for school aged children wanting to be baptised.

The program will begin over the next few weeks, day/times to be arranged to suit participants once enrolments are finalised. Children who are baptised or received into the Catholic Church at this time, are able to continue their ongoing sacramental preparation alongside their peers. There is still time to enrol your child! Please contact Fr Andrew for more information or with any questions you may have on 5443 3337 or email kennington@sandhurst.catholic.org.au



Lisa Hitchcock
Catholic Identity Leader

Year Level - Unit Newsletters

Click on these link to view the Term 1 Unit newsletters.



Foundation - [Foundation Unit Newsletter](#)

Year 1 - [Year 1 Unit Newsletter](#)

Year 2 - [Year 2 Unit Newsletter](#)

Year 3 - [Year 3 Unit Newsletter](#)

Year 4 - [Year 4 Unit Newsletter](#)

Year 5 - [Year 5 Unit Newsletter](#)

Year 6 - [Year 6 Unit Newsletter](#)

DISCOVER MORE IN 2024

Expand your Horizon

OPEN DAY

Register online now

Wednesday 29 March, 4.30-7pm | Coolock Campus, McIvor Hwy, Junortoun

COLLEGE TOURS:
Coolock Campus during April & May.
Book online now!

**ENROLMENTS OPEN
FOR YEAR 7, 2024:**
Wednesday 29 March 2023. Apply online!

**ENROLMENTS CLOSE
FOR YEAR 7, 2024:**
Friday 12 May 2023.

ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES: Audra Petri College Registrar | 5445 9100 | enrolment@cmc.vic.edu.au
Catherine McAuley College | A Ministry of Mercy Education Ltd | ABN 69 154 531 870

[CMC.VIC.EDU.AU](https://cmc.vic.edu.au)

PE News.....

District Swimming

On March 5th, a few students competed in The Central Victorian Swimming Competition.



Well done to these students.

Jade Hayward: Fly, Back, Free, 3 Free relays & 2 IMO relays (fly)

Willow Wardell: IMO relay

Andeon Haasbroek: Fly, Back, Breast, Free & Free relay

Milanke Haasbroek: Fly, Back, Breast, Free & 2 Free relays

Joshua Rodda: Back, Breast, Free

Darcy Rodda: Fly, Back, Breast, Free, 1 IMO relay & 2 Free relays

This was a fun event. Everyone swam really well and most of us received a medal for at least one of our events!

Written by Darcy Rodda & Jade Hayward.

School Sport Victoria Regional Swimming Championship

On Tuesday the 14th of March, we had two relay teams head to Swan Hill for the Regional swimming Championship. Our girls swam absolutely brilliantly, and both narrowly missed a spot at the upcoming State Championships. We are so proud of the girls for representing the school so well! I also would like to thank the parents that took our girls to this event and supported them on the day.



11 girls relay (Darcy Rodda, Willow Wardell, Lily Diss, Jade Hayward)- 2nd

12 girls relay (Ava Hope, Willow Dickson, Etta Place, Forest Jackson-Leahy)- 4th

AFL Clinic

Students in Fdn – Yr2 will be participating in an AFL Clinic at school on **Friday 24 March**. Coaches from AFL Victoria will be running these sessions with the students. Children will be required to wear their sports uniform on this day.

Session are as follows:

9.00am – 2H & 2S

9.40am – 2D & 2P

10.20am – 1R & 1S

11.30am – 1AJ & 1M

12.10pm – Fdn A & Fdn BW

12.50pm – Fdn D & Fdn M



School Cross Country Training

Every Monday and Wednesday lunchtime at 1.40pm. Meet in the shed, right after eating time- ALL welcome. We would love to see some new faces. The school Cross Country is fast approaching (Term 2, Week 1), why not take advantage of this opportunity to prepare yourself well!



Equestrian Interschool State Championships


Between the 15th-19th of April 2023, the Equestrian Interschool State Championships will be held in Werribee. I (Lily Diss) will be competing at Werribee Park Equestrian Centre in the showing category on my pony 'Rivington Tegwen'. This is a team event, where points are combined for overall winners. Anna Bridge in year 3 is also competing with me for St Francis of the Fields.

Written by Lily Diss

All the best girls! We look forward to hearing how you go!!

Bendigo Ford Fun Run

The recent Bendigo Fun Run led to a number of great performances by our St Francis community. Individuals could choose from a 1km dash, 5km, 10km or dare to tackle the half marathon! We had students, parents and even teachers lace up their boots and try their luck. Well done to all involved.



- 1km- Ryder Singh & Frankie Black
- 5km- Jed Willis, Lotti Childs, Patsy Childs, Edward Black & Danny Childs
- Abby Kuhne deserves her own line, as she took out the Women's 5km! What a fantastic achievement. Congratulations Abby!
- 10km- Kiara Cameron (with a big personal best! Well done!) & Alicia Osborne
- 21km- Sarah Willis



State Little Athletics Championships



Over the long weekend, we had three students compete in the State LA Championships. Congratulations to Lilah, Andeon and Archie, firstly for making it to the State Championships and secondly for your wonderful performances! What an achievement to compete at such a high level event- Well done! We are incredibly proud of you.

Andeon Haasbroek - Shot Put- 20th in the State and with a personal best!

Archie Intamanon - 1100m walk- 13th

Lilah Maddern - 70m - 19th in the State
Long Jump - 13th in the State
60m - 8th in the State and with a personal best time!
High Jump - 8th in the State



PE Awards

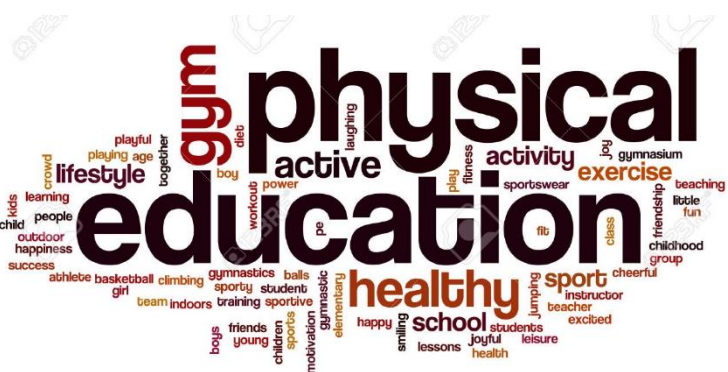


Each assembly week, two students will receive a tuckshop award. The criteria for receiving these awards is very straightforward. Students demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship, effort and attitude will be the prime candidates for these awards. Congratulations to this week's recipients: **Ryder Singh & Neve Gooding**

Sporting News

Parents, if you have news that should be shared in the newsletter, please let me know by emailing dcoates@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au or sending it directly through to newsletter@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au

Danielle Coates & Shannon Dillon
PE Coordinators



St Francis of the Fields

TRIVIA

Night



Saturday, March 25th!

7pm for a 7.30pm start

**Tickets are \$25 and available for
purchase via cdf pay**

**Submit registration form (1 per table) to
bnemmerson@hotmail.com by March 20**

**Prizes, memorabilia and best dressed
table and more!**

**6-8 per table, single tickets welcome
and we'll put you with a group!**

Year level tables encouraged.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) On School Students with Disability

What is the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data?

Schools must now complete the *Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)* every year. It counts the number of students who receive additional adjustments or “help” at school because of a disability. The NCCD helps governments plan for the needs of students with disability.

Who is counted in the data collection?

To count a student in the NCCD, schools must think through some key questions:

1. Is the student getting help at school so that they can take part in education on the same basis as other students?
2. Is the help given because of a disability? The word ‘disability’ comes from the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#) (DDA) and it can include many students.
3. Has the school talked to you or your child about the help that they provide?
4. Has the school kept records about the help they provide, the student needs and the reasons that the student needs this help? The school will need to keep copies of tests, student work, assessments, records of meetings, medical reports or other paperwork and information about how the student’s learning is moving along over time.

Once the school decides that the student should be counted in the NCCD, they then choose a disability group and one of four levels of help that has been given to the student.

What does the word ‘disability’ mean in the NCCD?

In the NCCD the word ‘disability’ comes from the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#) (DDA). There are four types of disability that the school can choose from: sensory, cognitive, social-emotional and physical.

Many students that need help at school can be counted in the NCCD. For example, students with learning problems, e.g. specific learning disability or reading difficulty (sometimes called dyslexia), health problems (e.g. epilepsy or diabetes), physical disability (e.g. cerebral palsy), vision/hearing loss and social-emotional problems (e.g. selective mutism, Autism Spectrum Disorder, anxiety).

Letters from doctors or specialists can be very helpful for schools as they plan how to support students with their learning. Schools do not need to have these letters before they can count a

student in NCCD. Teachers can use all that they know about the student's learning and the records that they have collected over time to decide if a student can be counted in the NCCD.

What sort of help does the school give students?

Students need different types of help at school. Some students need a little help sometimes while other students need a lot of help nearly all the time. The type of help given depends on the needs of the student. The help can include changes to the school buildings or grounds (e.g. ramps or things like special desks or chairs), extra teacher help in classes, special learning programs, changes to the work they give the student or extra adult help.

How will the NCCD be different this year?

All schools have been counting students in the NCCD since 2015. The government will use the NCCD data as part of the funding to schools.

What will the school need to know about my child for the NCCD?

Schools work together with families to understand the needs of each child. It is helpful if families give their child's teacher a copy of any letters or reports they have. The letters or reports will help the school understand the child and the help that they might need. Letters from doctors, psychologists, speech pathologists, doctor, and occupational therapists etc. can be very helpful for schools. These reports along with information that the teacher has (i.e. school based tests, your child's work and learning plans) helps the school to understand and meet your child's needs.

What happens to the NCCD data? Who will have the NCCD information?

Each school principal must check the NCCD data in August of each year. The school will give the information to the Catholic Education Office. The school will work with the Catholic Education Office to make sure that the NCCD data is OK before they give the data to the government. The government will not be given the names of any students or any letters or records. Please ask your school for their privacy policy if you need to know more.

Does the school need me to agree with them about counting my child in the NCCD?

Amendments were made to the [Australian Education Act 2013](#) and [Australian Education Regulation 2013](#). Schools do not need you to agree to let them count a child in the NCCD. You cannot ask the school not to count your child.

Where can I find out more?

Please contact your child's school if you have further questions about the NCCD and/or refer to the national [NCCD Portal](#).

Frank's Little Friends Playgroup

Every Tuesday during school term.

9:30am - 11am.

Gathering in the Community Centre

Please see our FB group "Franks Little Friends" for updates.

All welcome!



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.



Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is now cashless. All in-store payments are to be made using EFTPOS.

The new softshell school Jackets are in stock NOW!!! Orders can be placed online or in store.

Old style trackpants are now on sale for **\$25**.

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 & Friday's.

Opening hours –
Monday 8.30 - 9.30am
Wednesday 2.30 – 3.30pm
Friday 8.30 – 9.30am



Tuckshop News....

Orders for tuckshop are to be made via CDF PAY. Please click on this link to access instruction for setting up a new account: [St Francis Tuckshop Information](#). Existing parents are asked to make sure they have update their child's class on their reusable lunch bags.



Reusable lunch bags are available for purchase in CDF Pay. When you place your child's order, their bag will be supplied with their prepared lunch inside.

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





Axedale
Quick Shear
and Family Fun Day

Axedale Hall & Park from 2:00pm
Saturday 18th March 2023

Fosterville Mine
Quick Shear
Learner, Intermediate
& Open Competitions
Cash Prize

Family Fun
Market, Face Painting,
Ninja warrior course,
Stewart Bryant Whipcracking
& MUCH MORE

Art Show
Local artwork
competition on
display.











Food, Drinks, Ice Cream, Alcohol & Merchandise available to purchase. NO BYO ALCOHOL
All proceeds go directly to the Axedale Primary School, Axedale Preschool, Axedale and Mosquito Creek CFA & Axedale Public Hall



ENTER THE DRAGON MILE
SUNDAY 9TH APRIL 2023

Bendigo Bank

ICONIC DRAGON MILE
MILE LONG FOOT RACE ON THE FAMOUS EASTER PROCESSION ROUTE
WHERE: PALL MALL AT GOLD MONUMENT - TIME: 10:30AM STRAT
\$10.00 MINI MILE & PRIMARY SCHOOLS - \$20.00 SECONDARY SCHOOLS / OPEN AND VETERANS
ALSO INCORPORATING GYM CUP, TEAMS OF 4 FROM YOUR FAVORITE GYM BATTLING IT OUT FOR BEST GYM!
<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=48662>






WIN WITH YOUR GYM Photograph Supported By The Bendigo Chinese Association and Golden Dragon Museum. ENTER HERE



Who can attend:
Boys & Girls aged 4-12 years old.

General Information:
We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

What do you need to bring: Appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

Food:
Please bring plenty of packed food and drink for morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea. Lunch will be from approximately 12:30pm to 1:30pm each day.

Programme activities:
Programme activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending on numbers. Programme activities may vary without notice dependent on weather conditions and programme numbers.

Payment details:
Payment is required upfront within 2 hours of your booking. A receipt will be issued when a completed booking is received. All details will be included on the receipt.

Please note:
Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Sports accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst on the programme.

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EASTER 2023
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
ST LIBORIUS PS - 379 EAGLEHAWK RD, 3556

	Mon 10th April	Tues 11th April	Wed 12th April	Thu 13th April	Fri 14th April
WEEK 1	 EASTER MONDAY - NO SESSION	 BASKETBALL BONANZA Kick start your day with our Basketball Bonanza! Jump, shoot and dribble your way through the day and show off your skills in our basketball challenge activities & tournament!	 SOCCER SUPERSTARS Each of our little stars will get the chance to channel their inner Soccerstar and participate in our Super Soccer challenges, activities & matches. Our Coach vs Kids penalty shootout is sure to be a hit as well.	 MINI OLYMPICS Our little superstars will show off their skills in the Kelly Sports Olympics today. The kids will be split into teams and work together to try & top the medal tally in many running, jumping, throwing & team-based events.	 AMAZING RACE Our little superstars will show off their problem solving, teamwork & sporting skills in our Kelly Sports style Amazing Race! The kids will work together to solve clues & complete tasks to conquer this fun-filled activity for all ages.
WEEK 2	 DYNAMIC DODGEBALL Dodge, duck, dip, dive and... DODGE! Our Dodgeball Tournament is back. Our friendly competition will help improve your throwing and catching skills!	 NINJA WARRIOR Come along today and channel your inner ninja in our giant obstacle courses. Show off your flexibility, speed & agility in what is sure to be an action-packed day. Who will become the ultimate ninja?	 FOOTY COLOURS DAY Come along & show off your favourite team colours with pride! With prizes on offer, the kids will have the chance to test out their skills in our longest kick and goal-kicking challenges, as well as our AFL X competition.	 INFLATABLE GAMES A truck load of fun is waiting each of our little legends today! With super-sized inflatable games such as Giant Inflatable Soccer, Inflatable Volleyball, inflatable challenge games and more, this is one you won't want to miss out on!	 COACH VS KIDS Bragging rights are on offer today! The kids & coaches will go head-to-head in a variety of team battles. Who will come out on top in this clash for the ages? You can smell the anticipation in the air already!

FULL DAY: \$50
Mon - Fri, 8:30am - 5:00pm

KS SESSION FULL DAY: \$60
8:00am - 5:30pm

HALF DAY: \$50
8:30am - 12:30pm

PLEASE NOTE: THE THEME LISTED IS THE MAIN ACTIVITY FOR THE DAY. EACH DAY WILL ALSO INCLUDE OTHER SPORTS & GAMES THE KIDS WILL LOVE. OUR FULL DAILY SCHEDULE & ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE BOOKING WEBSITE

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT

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Play in the Garden Day

CELEBRATING NATIONAL PLAYGROUP WEEK

10AM - 1PM
TUESDAY MARCH 21
GARDEN FOR THE FUTURE
BOSQUET STREET, WHITE HILLS

FREE EVENT

LOTS OF FUN, FREE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:

- ANIMAL FARM AND PONY RIDES
- FACE PAINTING
- MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT
- BUBBLE PLAY AND CIRCUS ACTIVITIES
- ART AND CRAFT ACTIVITIES
- STORY TIME SESSION
- WALKING TOURS OF LARNI GARINGILANG (MEANS HOME OF GROWTH IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE DJA DJA WURRUNG)
- 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



BENDIGO BRICKS 2023

120+ SPECTACULAR LEGO® FAN MODELS

FUN WITH BRICKS PLAY ZONE

10+ RETAIL STALLS AND MORE!

WHEN: 10am–5pm Saturday 15 April
10am–4pm Sunday 16 April

WHERE: Bendigo Exhibition Centre
Prince of Wales Showgrounds
Holmes Rd, North Bendigo

TICKETS: \$8 / Under 4s free
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Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL Victoria's FREE Footy 4 Fun events delivered across Victoria! A footy experience full of fun activities, modified games & memorable moments to take home with you!

Footy 4 Fun 'Come & Try' is an opportunity for kids aged 5-12 years to experience an introduction to the basics of football in through fun activities.

WHERE:
LOWER/KEOGH OVAL,
CLUB COURT.

WHEN:
TUESDAY 28TH MARCH
4:30PM - 5:30PM

REGISTER HERE!

JUNIOR GIRLS FOOTY 4 FUN

AFL play.afl

Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL Victoria's FREE Footy 4 Fun events delivered across Victoria! A footy experience full of fun activities, modified games & memorable moments to take home with you!

Footy 4 Fun Junior Girls is all about giving girls (aged 5-12 years old) the opportunity to experience football in a fun and safe environment through fun activities and modified game.

WHERE:
WEERONA OVAL

WHEN:
MONDAY 17TH APRIL
2:30PM - 3:30PM

REGISTER HERE!