



ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 17 – Oct 5, 2023

(Term 4 – Week 1)

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

Friday 6 October

- ☐ Yr 6 Camp – Cave Hill Creek

Monday 9 October

- ☐ Regional Athletic Sports

Thursday 12 October

- ☐ P & F Meeting @ 7.30pm

Friday 13 October

- ☐ Blessing of the Animals @ 9.15am
- ☐ Assembly @ 2.15pm. 4Z presenting.

Monday 16 October

- ☐ **Students to be in full summer uniform**

Friday 20 October

- ☐ Year 3 Unit Mass @ 11.45am

Tuesday 24 October

- ☐ SEW Data Parent information session @ 9am – Yr 2/3/4

Wednesday 25 October

- ☐ SEW Data Parent information session @ 9am – Yr 5/6

Thursday 26 October

- ☐ St Francis Instrumental Concert
 - o Fdn – Yr2 9.30am – 11.00am
 - o Yr 3 – 4 12.00pm – 1.30pm
 - o Yr 5 – 6 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Friday 27 October

- ☐ Yr 1 Unit & Grandparents Mass @ 11.45am
- ☐ Assembly @ 2.15pm. 3GB presenting.

Tuesday 31 October

- ☐ 2024 Foundation Transition sessions

Wednesday 1 November

- ☐ **BENDIGO CUP DAY HOLIDAY**
- ☐ State Athletics Championships - Melb

Friday 3 November

- ☐ Fdn-Yr2 Athletic sports @ 9.15am
- ☐ Memorial Mass @ 11.45am

Tuesday 7 November

- ☐ 2024 Foundation Transition sessions



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

St Francis of Assisi



Dear Families,

As we begin Term 4, we could not have a better witness than St. Francis of Assisi whose Feast Day was celebrated on Wednesday 4 October. Pope Francis took the name of Francis, inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, a 13th century Italian friar. Pope Francis told thousands of journalists that he chose to be called after St. Francis of Assisi, “the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation.” I don’t think we could have a better patron saint!!

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be
consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.



Tuckshop 2023 – Term 4

Term 4

Week 1

Thursday 5 October

12.30 – 2.30pm Andrea Dahlin

Friday 6 October

12.30 – 2.30pm Leah Pollock
Sally Arundell
Helen Harrington

Week 2

Thursday 12 October

12.30 – 2.30pm Nicole Villani

Friday 13 October

12.30 – 2.30pm Jess McKinley
David Perrin
Kate Fitzgibbon
Chantelle Flynn

Week 3

Thursday 19 October

12.30 – 2.30pm Casey Simpson

Friday 20 October

12.30 – 2.30pm Chelsea Mazzarino
Verity Nicholson
Renee Jet

Weekend Maintenance

7-8 Oct Jackson-Leahy (6R), McLean (5W)

14-15 Oct

21-22 Oct Ward (6W), Dyer (6R), Rodda (3S)

28-29 Oct Cathcart (Fdn A), Villani (3M)

4-5 Nov Lynch (3M), Arundell (4FT)

Blessing of the Animals & St. Francis of Assisi Awards



On Friday 13 October we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with the Blessing of the Animals at 9.15am with Fr. Andrew Fewings leading proceedings.

I am hoping that our parents and grandparents might be able to support the children in celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. I ask that children be allowed to bring their pets (cats, dogs, goldfish, horses, etc) to school for the Blessing of the Animals on Friday 13 October at 9.15am.

I also ask that our parents and grandparents then take the pets home once the blessing is completed. We will finish the Blessing and announce our St. Francis Award winners by 10.30am.

Thanks in advance.

The criteria for students chosen to receive the St. Francis of Assisi Award was predicated on the words of St. Francis: "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words".

Two students (a boy and girl) have been chosen from each year level that live out the Gospel in their everyday life. This is not an academic award but an acknowledgment for those students who strive for justice, are considerate of others, puts others before themselves, is a cheerful giver, believes in the goodness of others, and lives the Good News.

Class Placements for 2023

Our staff will be working on Class Lists for 2023. There are many factors to consider in this process. Teachers spend many hours to ensure your child is placed in the best learning environment possible. Any requests for class placement must be based on educational reasons and must be put in writing and given to the Principal no later than **Monday 16 October, 2023**. Rather than ask for specific teachers, parents are requested to write down the type of teacher skills that would benefit their child.

Please note that not all requests can be honored.

Term 4 School Closure Days & Public Holidays

Please note that our school will be closed on the following days:

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| • Wednesday 1 November | Bendigo Cup Holiday |
| • Friday 24 November | 2024 Planning Day |
| • Tuesday 19 December | 2024 Planning Day |
| • Wednesday 20 December | 2024 Planning Day (Last day of the school year for teachers) |



This means the last day of the school year for our children will be Monday 18 December. The school will finish at 3.20pm on this day.



Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6 children and staff are currently attending the Cave Hill Camp in Beaufort from Wednesday 4 and return on Friday 6 October.

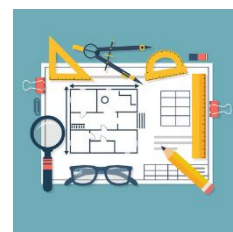
I thank our staff for preparing so professionally for the camp and pray that all enjoy a wonderful camp experience. Travel safely.

Facilities Update

Victorian State Government Capital Grant

Once again a Building Team is working with architects to apply for Victorian State Grants to enable the building of 8 new classrooms. We expect that our design will be very similar to the Senior Learning Centre that we have just built.

If successful, we will be able to remove the portables from our site.



Summer Uniform

Please note that children may wear either their summer or winter uniform during the changeable weather conditions. All children will need to be in full Summer uniform by **Monday 16 October**.

Mango Fundraiser



Order forms for our Mango Fundraiser will be going home to families in Term 4. Due to expected decreased crops, the size of the boxes will be smaller and will cost less.

School Uniform Shop – Change to Opening Hours

Please note, there is a change to the opening hours for the uniform shop for the first 4 weeks of Term 4.

Week Commencing – Mon 2 October until Wed 1 November 2023

- Wednesdays 2.30pm-3.30pm
- Fridays 8.30am-9.30am

Note: with the store being closed on Mondays – Bec Stratton will still login online and process the online orders if and when they build up, however the actual store will not open.



Assembly

Our Term 4 assemblies will be held on:

Friday 13 October at 2.45pm
Friday 27 October at 2.45pm
Friday 10 November at 2.45pm
Friday 1 December at 2.45pm
Friday 15 December at 2.45pm

Feel free to come along and sit at the back of the audience.

Christ has no hands but yours.

Tim Moloney
Principal



Uniform Shop

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- Fridays 8.30am-9.30am



Gold coin donations, for the purchase of second-hand uniform from the Uniform Shop, can now be made through CDF Pay.

Year Level - Unit Newsletters

Term 4 Unit Newsletters will be emailed to parents by class teachers tomorrow – **Friday 6 Oct.** Links will be available in bulletins and newsletter for the remainder of the term.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

2023 SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING DATA

- Year 2/3/4 Parent Session - Tuesday, 24 October @ 9am.
- Year 5/6 Parent Session - Wednesday, 25 October @ 9am.
- Where: Meeting Room in the main office block at St. Francis.
- All parents are invited to learn more about our 2023 Social and Emotional Wellbeing data with Tim and Grace.

For further information email Grace at:
gscalora@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au



Be your Best
Be Safe
Respect for All
Respect for Environment

RE News.....

St Francis of Assisi's Feast Day: Blessing of the Animals & St Francis Awards.

Yesterday, 4 October, we celebrated St Francis of Assisi's Feast Day.

Next week, we will celebrate St Francis of Assisi's Feast Day as a community on **Friday 13 October**. A very special part of the Feast Day celebration will be the Blessing of the Animals. We invite our school families to bring along their pets to be blessed. Students can bring along a photo of the pet to be blessed if they are unable to bring along their pet or if their pet has died.

When: Friday 13 October, 9.15 am (until 10.15 am approx)

Where: Basketball Court

Who: Everyone, especially our beloved pets!

It is important to note some safety requirements that we need to be mindful of for our Feast Day celebrations:

1. Pets must be on leads and small animals would be best left in their cages for safety.
2. Parents must remain with pets at all times, especially the larger dogs. Parents are invited to sit with their child and pet amongst the class group.
3. We ask that **large dogs are kept to the edge of our gathering area around the basketball court**. Your child is able to sit with you.
4. All pets are to be taken home at the conclusion of the awards.

Following the Blessing of Animals, the St Francis of Assisi Awards are presented to two recipients from each year level. One boy and one girl will be recognised for their work in emulating the charism of St Francis throughout the year. Each student will receive an award and a beautiful citation written by their teacher to illustrate how they live out the Gospel values as St Francis did.

***We hope to see you all there with your beloved animals.
All are welcome!***



Catholic Missions - Socktober

We are excited to announce that our school is once again participating in Socktober, an initiative of Catholic Mission. Socktober is a meaningful way for our students to engage with social justice.



This year, the focus of Socktober's fundraising efforts is on Timor-Leste. Specifically, the proceeds will benefit vulnerable young people attending a medical clinic and a children's home in Venilale. Our contributions can help children who truly need it to access better health, nutritional and educational outcomes, showcasing the spirit of solidarity that defines our school community.



We understand that economic circumstances can vary, but even a small gesture can create a significant change in the lives of these children.

Students are asked to wear their favourite socks to school on **Friday, 27 October** (I am confirming this time with Tim) and if able donate to Catholic Missions via CDF Pay to support Catholic Missions' work in Timor-Leste.

Wear your sports colours day - Thank You!

Thank you to our community for your generosity in donating to St Joseph's Primary School, Rochester. We raised **\$850.00** to support St Joseph's as they continue to recover from the 2022 floods.



Memorial Ceremony

The annual Memorial Ceremony that takes place each November, the month of remembrance, will be held on **Friday 3 November - 11:45am**. We will come together to remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, with a special prayer liturgy.

We have invited the family members of those named on the wall, and we welcome them to share this occasion with us. Students in each class will create a page for our school Memorial Book. They will include special people and pets that have died. We invite you all to gather with us to remember and pray for our loved ones who have died and will always hold a special place in our hearts.



St Francis of the Fields
Memorial Ceremony

Friday 3 November at 11:45 am
at the Memorial Garden

*We will remember and pray for our
loved ones who have died and hold a
special place in our hearts.*



Earthcare Team - Keep our school beautiful & Nude Food lunchboxes

Congratulations to 1R and 3GB our Term 3 Week 9 and 10 winners of the Keep Our School Beautiful Award! The winner of the Term 3 class party will be announced at assembly in Week 2.

The Earthcare Team are going to continue the competition and will promote Nude Food Lunchboxes as part of their action plan to respond to the cry of the earth by reducing rubbish at our school and increasing biodiversity.



Sacramental program - Reconciliation

Students from Year 2 and above are invited to continue their sacramental journey by making their First Reconciliation during Term 4.

The program to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin next week with Our Times Together Session 1 - Loving. Please remember to attend a Parish Mass this weekend for the commitment ceremony and to collect the Steps in Faith - Our Times Together book.

- Tuesday 10 October 7pm - St Therese's Church Kennington
- Wednesday 11 October 7pm - St Joseph's Church Axe Creek
- Thursday 12 October 4pm - St Therese's Church Kennington



Please read the information for adults and bring along what is needed for the Week 1 session.

First Reconciliation ceremonies will be held at St Therese's Church, Kennington on Tuesday 7 Nov and Wednesday 8 Nov at 7pm.

We thank the teachers of St Francis of the Fields and St Therese's for facilitating these sessions for our students and their families.

Please contact Lisa Hitchcock lhitchcock@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au or Sally Jennings kpsacraments@outlook.com for more information or to enrol.

Lisa Hitchcock
Catholic Identity Leader



Performing Arts News....

Festival of the Sacred

Congratulations to Year 5 on their performance as part of the Festival of the Sacred in Term 3. The students worked hard throughout the term to learn two dances and three songs. They put in lots of effort and put on a fantastic performance alongside students from Holy Rosary, St Liborius, St Mary's and St Monica's.

Thank you to ASPA Education and Catholic Education Sandhurst for providing this opportunity for our students.



Instrumental Concert

Our fantastic St Francis Instrumental Concert will be held on Thursday 26 October (Wk 4).

Thank you to our instrumental teachers, Min, Helen, Kate, Sam, Hayley and Liesbeth, for all the work they have done to prepare students to perform, and thank you to our students for all their efforts in preparing a wonderful show for us to attend!

Foundation – Grade 2 Concert	9:30am – 11am
Grade 3 – 4 Concert	12:00pm – 1:30pm
Senior Concert	6:00pm – 8:00pm

Important Dates:

Blessing of the Animals	Friday 6 th October	Choir item
Instrumental Concert	Thursday 26 th October	Instrumental students and rock bands
Grandparent's Mass	Friday 27 th October	Grade 1 item
Memorial Mass	Friday 3 rd November	Choir item

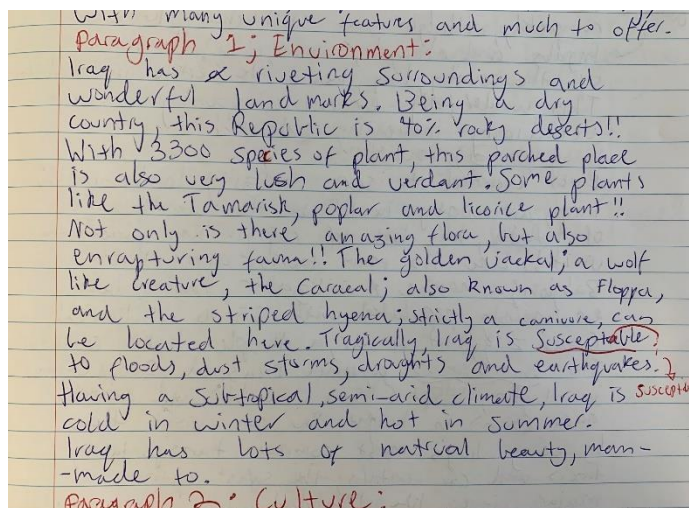
Performing Arts news: If you know of any events or student achievements we can share in the newsletter, please share with Mrs C by emailing kcameron@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au

Kiara Cameron
Music Teacher

Literacy News.....

Peer Feedback - Grade 6 Writing

In our Grade 6 unit last term, we have been working hard to give useful and constructive feedback to our peers on our writing. We share part of our writing with a peer and give a 'I love how...' comment and a 'I wonder if...' comment. We then spend some time together implementing any changes i.e. choosing a more effective vocabulary choice, constructing linking sentences. Have a look at some of the awesome reviewing and editing that has occurred because of our peer feedback process below!



or people are impressed will be when I talk about tourism.

Did you know that 29.3 million people visited Turkey in 2021 but in 2018, 46.11 million people visited Turkey that year. In 2022 Turkey attracted 44.6 million people that year. Which is a very high number. Turkey attracts ^{travelers} from across the world for its cultural and historical sites, as well as its Mediterranean climate, ~~forests~~ ^{forests} like the Historic ruins, bustling cities, beautiful beaches, mountains, shopping, excellent food and all at an affordable price. Most people eat sheep, lamb, goat and chicken, and kababs are made from all of them. Cappadocia is a ~~world heritage site~~ ^{land famous for its distinctive} rock formation, historical heritage, and scenic hot air balloon trips. Sitting in Central ^{Asia} ~~herage~~ ^{herage} this historical region attracts ^{crowds of} ~~crowds~~ ^{tourists} from all over the world.

Flora and Fauna

Lebanon is a truly ^{extraordinary} extraordinary place, filled to the brim with beauty, grace and character. Some of the incredible animals there are the caracal, this medium sized wild cat is extremely strong with 20 muscles in its ears alone. Also the beautiful mountain gazelle, and the striped hyena, which is actually Lebanon's national animal. Also some exemplary native plants that give Lebanon so much beauty, are the Lebanese Jasmine, the Gladiolus and of course the stunning Lebanese Dahlias. Some gorgeous landmarks are Cedars of God, Bsharri, Rasche Rocks, Baatara Gorge Waterfall, and Sidon sea castle. On top of all these fabulous things the weather in Lebanon is absolutely perfect. With normally hot and dry summers (June - September) and rainy winters (December to mid March).



Environment

Iran is located on the west of Asia it is bordered by Iraq and Turkey. In Iran there are amazing fauna such as Hyenas, wild boars and leopards. and there are amazing flora such as Big lush green oak trees and lots of bushland and ~~plusscrubs~~ ^{scrubs} everywhere. Iran's seasons include of Spring from March to May Summer from June to August Fall from September to October and Winter from November to February. The average weather in Iran is about 22° to 26°. Iran also contains these amazing features. Like Mount Damavand the highest volcano in Asia and hot desert of large salt desert. ~~The salt deserts~~ ^{just the} ~~environment~~ ^{environment} in Iran.

If you like summer and the warm weather, then Saudi Arabia is the right place for you to be. With a 27° to 43° in the inland areas, and a 27° to 38° in the coastal areas. Have you ever seen the spectacular Arabian animals or the wonderful tastes of Saudi Arabia dishes every night, that is like a feast every night or the amazing deserts only for a price to fly there for 3,500 only. I know where I want to spend that kind of money on.



Every day in Cambodia you wake up with a warm gentle breeze on your face ~~every day~~ in both the 2 seasons, wet and dry. You're probably thinking that in wet season the weather will be horrible everyday! Well little do you know that it is almost the opposite! Most days in wet season in Cambodia the sun is out and usually the weather sits at 27°. While in Australia in winter the weather casually is ~~at~~ between 15°-17°. Not only is the weather amazing so is the flora and fauna. The flora and fauna are magnificent sights to see in Cambodia since it is one of the most biodiverse countries in South East Asia, with 8,260 plant species along with more than 250 species of reptiles, 874 fish species and over 500 bird species! Now that you have read about the environment I bet your dying to hear about the geography of Cambodia.



PE News.....

Divisional Athletics

In the last week of term three, we had 40 students head to the Bendigo Athletics track to compete in the Divisional athletics. We had a really wonderful championship with lots of success!

While it's great when we have success and ribbons can be fun to win, what was most impressive was the way our students conducted themselves throughout the day. The effort and attitude they displayed while preparing for the event in the weeks prior was brilliant by most, and the exemplary sportsmanship that was demonstrated on the day was just beautiful. Sport is far more than just a physical endeavour, it's character building and this meet certainly allowed a number of our students to be tested.

We are incredibly proud of our students and know Regionals will be another opportunity to better themselves as athletes and people. All the best to those competing.



Top 3 Results

Milanke Haasbroek
800m - 1st & Record!
1500m - 1st & Record!

Tommy Harrop
200m - 1st
1500m - 2nd

Lilah Maddern
80m Hurdles - 2nd
High Jump - 1st

Sienna Raco
100m - 1st
Triple Jump - 3rd

Etta Place
Discus - 2nd
High Jump - 2nd

Ava Hope
100m - 3rd
Long Jump - 1st

Jude Place
100m - 3rd
Discus - 1st

Jed Willis
800m - 2nd
1500m - 1st

Elliot Kelly
1500m - 2nd

Archie Dickson
1500m - 3rd

Makayla Jackson
Long Jump - 1st

Harper Gordon
Shot put - 2nd

Andeon Haasbroek
Shot Put - 2nd

Taite Doyle
Shot Put - 2nd

Marlie Skinner
200m - 1st

Joe Millar
80m Hurdles - 3rd

Tate Kanzamar
Triple Jump - 2nd

Emerson Arundell
Triple Jump - 3rd

Archie Intamanon
Triple Jump - 3rd

Nash Dickson
High Jump - 3rd

Relays
9-10yr Girls - 2nd
9-10yr Boys - 1st
11yr Girls - 2nd
12-13yr Girls - 1st

SSV State Track & Field Trials

On Tuesday 12th of September, we had 5 students head to Melbourne for the SSV State Track & Field trials. These students were testing themselves against the best in the state, and hoping to gain top 3 results in order to be selected to represent the State at the upcoming National Championship. As you can see from the results listed below, we had a number of students miss by a whisker and one student made the State team- Congratulations Milanke!!!

The results from our students were absolutely fantastic and something I would hope they are all extremely proud of. To put themselves in a position to trial against the absolute best in the State was an impressive feat, "It takes more courage to try than to win"- Russell Parsons. You have all shown wonderful courage.

Milanke Haasbroek

800m- 4th
1500m- 2nd (State team qualifying place)

Lilah Maddern

100m- 10th
High Jump- 5th
Long Jump- 7th

Ava Hope

100m- 27th

Tommy Harrop

100m- 5th
200m- 7th

Jed Willis

800m- 19th

We wish Milanke all the very best as she embarks on her second National campaign for 2023! She will represent the school and State in the 1500m, and we hope she enjoys every aspect of the experience and competes well.

Southern Cross Challenge

Tate Kanzamar, Harper Gordon and Sienna Raco have been announced amongst Basketball Victoria's best country athletes to compete in the Southern Cross Challenge (SCC). The SCC is the beginning of the high-performance pathway, providing an opportunity for identified athletes to take part in elite development and high-level gameplay in a tournament setting in Melbourne in January against other competing states.

Congratulations to our three students selected, we wish you all the very best!!



BMX

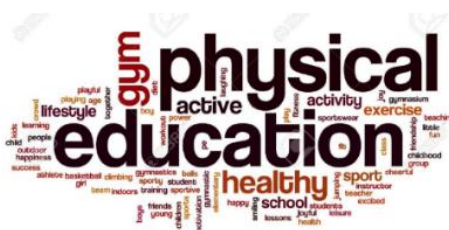
Over the holidays, Adele McKinley (Yr 3) competed in the Victorian State Championships for BMX.

It consisted of 3 races to decide the top 8 to go into the final.

Adele finished 6th in the final. So, she is now 6th in Victoria for the 9 yr girls age group. Well done Adele!

Important Upcoming Sporting Dates

- **Regional Aths** - Monday 9 October
- **Cricket Blast (Yr 6)** – Tuesday 24 October
- **Regional Basketball (Yr 6)** – Friday 27 October
- **Junior Swimming Program**- starting Monday 30 October
- **State Athletics** – Wednesday 1 November
- **Junior Athletics morning** - Friday 3 November



SSV National Equestrian Championship



On the holidays, Anna Bridge and I competed at the Marcus Oldham 2023 Australian Interschool Championships. It was a great experience. Our ponies slept in stables which we decorated in Victorian colours and all of the stables had a sign on the doors with details about us and a photo of our ponies.

On the first day we participated in the opening ceremony, all of the states were introduced and families and friends watched and clapped from the grand stand. Each state entered the arena to music and a mascot and had learnt their own chant which they sang once standing in line. There were formal speeches from the organising committee and the National Anthem was played. The States that competed were Victoria, South Australia, Western

Australia, Northern Territory, Queensland, NSW and Tasmania.

After the ceremony there was a celebration dinner with all of the riders and their families. We met lots of other kids from the various states and heard all about the long journeys that some had made. We also got to catch up with friends we have made from the Victorian Team. We then fed our ponies and camped in our horse floats with friends.



Saturday morning was spent preparing our ponies and ourselves for the big event. We were very nervous but excited at the same time. We had to perform 3 workouts that we had learnt to 3 different judges and then our scores were collated for the overall Championship phases. I competed in the Primary Show Hunter section and came 3rd. Anna competed in the Primary Show Horse section and came 7th. We were over the moon with our results as we were against some very tough competitors. That evening we attended the awards ceremony where we were presented with our prizes and sashes and photographed. The Primary Show Hunter team which I was a part of was also lucky enough to take out Reserve Champions behind NSW.



I was very proud with how all of the members of my team performed. This experience was so much fun and one that we will never forget. We have learnt so much and look forward to competing in many more Interschool events and hopefully qualifying for Nationals again one day.

By Lily Diss

Royal Melbourne Show

During the holidays we have had Immy Diss, Maddie Bridge and Ivy McSwain ride in the open Shetland turnout at the Melbourne show. Congratulations girls on competing at such a prestigious event! What an experience and opportunity. Well done!!

Results:

Ivy- 2nd place

Maddie- 3rd place

Immy- 5th place.



Fdn - Yr-2 Mini Athletics Morning

On Friday 3 November, the children in Fdn - Yr 2 will be having a 'Mini Athletics Morning' held on the school oval. We will focus on participation and encouraging students to do their very best while enjoying the morning.



The children will participate in a variety of events starting from 9.15am and finishing just before 11.00am. The children will compete in running events, hurdles, long jump, shot put and discus.

Please note, there is no 'winner' awarded as such, as mentioned above, the focus is purely around participation and enjoying the activities.

We encourage your child to wear their house colours on the day:

Clare- yellow

Francis- green

Backhaus- blue

Mackillop- red



this can include: ribbons, face paint, coloured t-shirts etc. The children will participate in their year level.

It would be great to see as many parents there as possible cheering and encouraging the efforts of all children. We hope it will be a nice day for the event.

We will also have a coffee van for you to enjoy.

PE Awards

Each assembly week, we present 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: Jude Place & Aiden McDermott

**You will receive your awards at the next assembly.*

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

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 SCHOOL CALENDAR - Term 4: 2023

Updated 04/08/2021	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 1	Oct-2 Term 4 resumes Hats to be worn when outside PLC Meeting	Oct-3	Oct-4 Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Yr 6 Camp – Cave Hill Creek Staff Meeting	Oct-5 Newsletter Day Yr 6 Camp – Cave Hill Creek	Oct-6 Yr 6 Camp – Cave Hill Creek	Oct-7	Oct-8
Week 2	Oct-9 Regional Athletic Sports PLC Meeting	Oct-10	Oct-11 Staff Meeting	Oct-12 P&F Meeting 7.30pm	Oct-13 Blessing of the Animals @ 9:15am Assembly @ 2.45pm – 4Z presenting	Oct-14	Oct-15
Week 3	Oct-16 Students to be in full summer uniform PLC Meeting	Oct-17	Oct-18 School Board Staff Meeting	Oct-19 Newsletter Day	Oct-20 Year 3 Unit Mass @ 11.45pm	Oct-21	Oct-22
Week 4	Oct-23 PLC Meeting	Oct-24 SEW Data – Parent Information Session Yr2/3/4 @ 9am	Oct-25 SEW Data – Parent Information Session Yr5/6 @ 9am	Oct-26 St Francis Instrumental Concert Fdn-Yr 2 9.30-11.00am Yr 3 & 4 12.00-1.30pm Yr 5 & 6 6.00-8.00pm	Oct-27 SOCKTOBER Year 1 Unit & Grandparents Mass @ 11.45pm Assembly @ 2.45pm – 3GB presenting	Oct-28	Oct-29
Week 5	Oct-30 Swimming – Fdn – Yr2 PLC Meeting	Oct-31 2024 Foundation Transition Sessions	Nov-1 Bendigo Cup Day Holiday All Saints Day State Athletics C'ships - Melb Staff Meeting	Nov-2 All Souls Day Newsletter Day	Nov-3 Fdn – Yr 2 Athletic Sports @ St Francis Memorial Mass @ 11.45am	Nov-4	Nov-5
Week 6	Nov-6 Swimming – Fdn – Yr2 PLC Meeting	Nov-7 Melbourne Cup Day 2024 Foundation Transition Sessions	Nov-8 Palmer's Gym Yr 3-4 Staff Meeting	Nov-9 Palmer's Gym Yr 5-6	Nov-10 Yr 4 classes x 2 Mass @ 11.45am Assembly @ 2.45pm – 3M presenting	Nov-11 Remembrance Day	Nov-12
Week 7	Nov-13 Swimming – Fdn – Yr2 PLC Meeting	Nov-14 Palmer's Gym Yr 5-6 Choir – Assisi Kinder performance @ 2.30pm	Nov-15 Year 5 Camp – Anglesea Palmer's Gym Yr 3-4 Staff Meeting	Nov-16 Newsletter Day Year 5 Camp - Anglesea P&F Meeting 7.30pm	Nov-17 Yr 4 classes x 2 Mass @ 11.45am Year 5 Camp - Anglesea	Nov-18	Nov-19
Week 8	Nov-20 Swimming – Fdn – Yr2	Nov-21	Nov-22 Palmer's Gym Yr 3-4 Staff Meeting	Nov-23 Just Leadership Day Yr 5 Palmer's Gym Yr 5-6 St Kilian's School Concert (in our shed)	Nov-24 PUPIL FREE DAY 2024 Planning Day	Nov-25	Nov-26
Week 9	Nov-27 PLC Meeting	Nov-28	Nov-29 Palmer's Gym Yr 3-4 School Board Staff Meeting	Nov-30 Newsletter Day Palmer's Gym Yr 5-6	Dec-1 Year 5 Unit Mass @ 11.45am Assembly @ 2.45pm – 3SB presenting	Dec-2	Dec-3 1 st Sunday of Advent
Week 10	Dec-4 PLC Meeting	Dec-5 Whole School Orientation Day 11.30am - Fdn – Yr 5 11.50am – 2024 Fdn	Dec-6 Choir – SJOG performance 9 – 11am Staff Meeting	Dec-7 Sacrament of Reconciliation @ 7pm	Dec-8 Sacrament of Reconciliation @ 7pm COLOUR RUN	Dec-9	Dec-10 2 nd Sunday of Advent
Week 11	Dec-11 PLC Meeting	Dec-12	Dec-13 Yr. 6 Graduation Mass @ 7.00pm	Dec-14 Newsletter Day Thanksgiving Mass @ 9:15am	Dec-15 Assembly @ 2.45pm – Yr 6 Presentation	Dec-16	Dec-17 3 rd Sunday of Advent
Week 12	Dec-18 Last day Term 4 for students (3.20pm)	Dec-19 PUPIL FREE DAY 2024 Planning Day	Dec-20 Last day of Term 4 for teachers	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24 Christmas Eve 4 th Sunday of Advent



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INFORMATION | MULTI-SPORT PROGRAMME

Each session will run for a duration of one hour.

This term we will focus on the following sports:

- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ Netball
- ✓ Golf
- ✓ Soccer
- ✓ AFL
- ✓ Tennis
- ✓ Athletics
- ✓ Touch Rugby

This 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 – Grade 6 students.

\$160 FOR A 10 WEEK PROGRAM

Sign up at any time of the Term & only pay for the weeks remaining (\$16 per session).

School: St Francis of the Fields Primary School

Day: Friday

Age group: Prep - Grade 6

Start Date: Friday October 13th

End Date: Friday December 15th

Time: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

TERM 4 SPECIAL

Book your child's place for Term 4 & receive a 40% off New Balance discount code!

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Bendigo Touch Football

The 2023-24 season begins on Wednesday 11 October.

This is a mixed competition for all ages and abilities - this includes a junior program for children under 12.

There are teams looking for male and female players and we would love to see as many juniors as possible. Everyone is welcome!

Check out our socials for more information!!



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LACROSSE

The Bendigo Lacrosse Club was established in 2008 and is an active part of the community providing clinics and after school programs. Currently the Club has established a local junior competition.

2023/2024 Junior Competition begins on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 4.30pm (90 minutes - training and match) for a minimum of 10 week during October 2023 to March 2024. There will be no lacrosse during December 2023 or January 2024

Junior competition will be held at the Londonderry Oval next to Girton Grammar Gym.

Please contact me, Gino Iuliano (Junior Co-ordinator) if you would like more information regarding the Bendigo Lacrosse Club,
mobile 0409 970 767

or email bendigolacrosseclub@gmail.com.

Also check out our website [Bendigo Lacrosse - FOX SPORTS PULSE](#)

Children need to bring: drink bottle, mouth guards, sneakers, hats/caps, sun screen and sporting clothes (shorts/skirt and polo/T-shirt tops). The club will supply sticks, balls, goals, sun screen (general 30+), accredited coaches, referees and end of season presentation dinner for all players.

Costs per Child is \$135 with siblings at a further discount of \$10 per child.

If the children would like to play please present yourself at Londonderry Oval on Tuesday 3rd October 2022.



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AFL Central Victoria Junior/Youth Academy – Netball Program

Nomination Form

Nominations are now being sought for the AFL Central Victoria Netball Academy. Nominate for trials by completing the form on the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/BUHs0M8hg>

Nominations close on Friday 3rd November 2023.

In 2024, we will be running the following programs:

- A specialist program for 14-year-old players in shooting, centre court or defence. Players select their speciality area with sessions conducted concurrently
- 13-year-old program
- 12-year-old program

Ages are taken at 31st December 2024:

- Players turning 14 in 2024 (DOB 2010) will be considered for the 14-Year-Old Program
- Players turning 13 in 2024 (DOB 2011) will be considered for the 13-Year-Old Program
- Players turning 12 in 2024 (DOB 2012) will be considered for the 12-Year-Old Program

Please retain the following trial information

Trials will be conducted at the QEO Netball Courts from 4.30-6pm:

12 Years (DOB 2012)

- Monday 13th November – registration at 4.15pm
- Thursday 16th November
- Tuesday 21st November

13 Years (DOB 2011)

- Monday 27th November – registration at 4.15pm
- Thursday 30th November
- Tuesday 5th December

14 Years (DOB 2010)

- Tuesday 28th November – registration at 4.15pm
- Monday 4th December

It is recommended that players attend a minimum of two trials.

Please email Beck Mullen, admin@afccentravic.com.au, if you have any further questions.