



ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 7 – May 15, 2025
(Term 2 – Week 4)

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 15 May
- P&F Meeting @ 7.30pm
- Friday 16 May
- Division Cross Country
- DEB BALL #1**
- Saturday 17 May
- DEB BALL #2**
- Sunday 18 May
- Deb Ball Clean Up @ 11am
- Monday 19 May
- Full winter Uniform to be worn**
- Friday 23 May
- DEB BALL #3**
- Saturday 24 May
- DEB BALL #4**
- Sunday 25 May
- Deb Ball Clean Up @ 11am
- Monday 27 May
- Regional Cross Country @ St Arnaud
- Friday 30 May
- DEB BALL #5**
- Saturday 31 May
- DEB BALL #6**
- Sunday 1 June
- Deb Ball Clean Up @ 11am
- Friday 6 June
- Assembly @ 2.45pm- 5ZS & 5FT presenting
- Wednesday 11 June
- Palmers Gym – Fdn
- Thursday 12 June
- Palmers Gym – Yr 1 & 2



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

St Francis of Assisi



Dear Families,
Much has happened since our last newsletter.

Pope Francis, the people’s pope, has died and Pope Leo has been appointed.

I have been reading about our new pope and share with you a poignant quote from Leo XIV. A reminder that our God is always with us even if our faith has dimmed...

“ Brothers, sisters... I speak to you, especially to those who no longer believe, no longer hope, no longer pray, because they think God has left. To those who are fed up with scandals, with misused power, with the silence of a Church that sometimes seems more like a palace than a home.

I, too, was angry with God. I, too, saw good people die, children suffer, grandparents cry without medicine. And yes... there were days when I prayed and only felt an echo.

But then I discovered something: God doesn't shout. God whispers. And sometimes He whispers from the mud, from pain, from a grandmother who feeds you without having anything. I don't come to offer you perfect faith.

I come to tell you that faith is a walk with stones, puddles, and unexpected hugs. I'm not asking you to believe in everything. I'm asking you not to close the door. Give a chance to the God who waits for you without judgment.

I'm just a priest who saw God in the smile of a woman who lost her son... and yet she cooked for others. That changed me.

So if you're broken, if you don't believe, if you're tired of the lies...come anyway. With your anger, your doubt, your dirty backpack. No one here will ask you for a VIP card. Because this Church, as long as I breathe, will be a home for the homeless, and a rest for the weary.



God doesn't need soldiers. He needs brothers. And you, yes, you... are one of them.”

Robert Prevost (Leo XIV)

Tuckshop 2025 – Term 2

Week 4	
Fri 16 May	
12:30pm-3pm	Teghan Gregg Simone Edgley Suzie Joyce
Week 5	
Thurs 22 May	
12.30pm-3pm	Lara Moore
Fri 23 May	
12:30pm-3pm	Lotte Dubyna Maddy Dalrymple Sally Arundell Helen Harrington
Week 6	
Thurs 29 May	
12.30pm-3pm	Laura Flood
Fri 30 May	
12:30pm-3pm	Naomi Burns Kate Rupe Nicole Emmerson Emma Mason

Weekend Maintenance

17-18 May	Deb Ball Clean Up Trehwella (2HL) Hudson (2S) Rodda (5W)
24-25 May	Deb Ball Clean Up Pattison (1R) Johnson (5FT) Harrop (4C)
31 May – 1 June	Deb Ball Clean Up Mansfield (5ZS) Curtain (1W) Dalrymple (2S)

2026 Enrolment Process

Enrolments will be accepted from Monday 21 April and will close on Friday 23 May.

Please note the following dates:

- Friday 23 May **Closing date** for 2026 Enrolments
- Friday 6 June **Enrolment offers** made to all Bendigo Primary students
- Friday 20 June Bendigo parents must **accept/decline enrolments** by this day.
Enrolment positions will be re-allocated if not accepted by this date.

[St Francis 2026 Enrolment Application](#) →



Bendigo parents must **accept/decline enrolments** by this day. Enrolment positions will be re-allocated if not accepted by this date.

Enrolment application forms can be accessed on our school website. Click on this link [School Website link](#) or scan the QR code to begin the application process.

Uniform

Please note that all students will need to be wearing winter uniform from **Monday 19 May**. We are aware that some uniform items are currently unavailable from Noone Uniforms and families are waiting for supply of these. Please send your child, with a note to their teacher, explaining why they will not be in correct uniform until stock arrives.

Faulty Uniform issue

We have been alerted to a fault with a new batch of winter jackets. Unfortunately the new batch has the incorrect logo embroidered on the front. If anyone does have a jacket with the incorrect logo, Noone Uniforms will happily exchange for a correct logoed jacket - no issues at all. Some families may have to wait until their required size is in stock to exchange.

Mother's Day Mass



Thanks to Mr. Dave Waters for coordinating a beautiful Mother's Day mass for our F-2 students. A special thank you to all parents, in particular our mothers, grandmothers and those who support as mothers do, who attended our Mother's Day Breakfast and Mass – your presence was much appreciated.

Special thanks to all staff who arrived at school so early to help prepare the croissants for our mums!!

P & F Meeting - Thursday 15 May @ 7.30pm (Please note change of date)

Please note that our Parents & Friends meeting will be held on Thursday 15 May. All are most welcome to attend.

Advisory Council Meeting

We will hold our School Advisory Council meeting on Wednesday 21 May at 5.30pm in our staffroom. I look forward to all council members attending this meeting.

Debutante Balls

Once again, our Debutante Ball Committee have been incredibly busy organising the **SIX** 2025 Deb Balls over the past 6 –7 months.

We will hold our Deb Balls in the “shed” on:

Friday 16 May | Saturday 17 May
Friday 23 May | Saturday 24 May
Friday 30 May | Saturday 31 May



These balls are our major fundraisers for our Parents and Friends Committee. The funds raised go directly towards educational needs for our students – English and Mathematics materials, sporting goods, paying off playground loans, and much, much more.

If you are able to assist with the parking, ticket collecting or cleaning up, please SMS Joelene McSwain on 0421 596 612 or email amorriッサ@hotmail.com to clarify the time and day that you can support our school. The roster of duties is located at the end of the newsletter.

Finally, a very big thank you to Michelle Janssen, Donna Stebbins, Jacqui Pethybridge, Deb Breene, Emma Jensen, Rebecca Stratton and Marni Pollock for your coordination of the most wonderful evenings for our Year 11 past students and friends.

Shed Unavailability

Please note, the 'Shed' will be unavailable for training use on the following dates in Term 2:

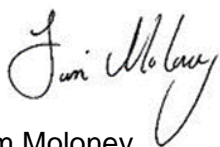
- ☐ **Monday 12 May – Sunday 1 June – Deb Balls**

UNAVAILABLE

Assembly

There will be no assemblies held over the next 3 weeks due to the Deb Balls being held in the shed.

Christ has no hands but yours.



Tim Moloney
Principal



Learning and Teaching

Embracing Mistakes as Part of Learning

In our last newsletter, I briefly mentioned the valuable professional learning our staff engaged in at the beginning of the term. One key takeaway was the importance of establishing healthy sleep routines. Quality sleep is one of the most powerful tools parents can support at home to help children thrive academically — well-rested minds are more focused, resilient, and ready to learn.

Today, I'd like to focus on another crucial aspect of effective learning: **the role of mistakes**.

Drawing on the research of Dr. Jared Cooney Horvath, we're continuing to build a **"Culture of Errors"** within our school — an environment where making mistakes is seen not as failure, but as an essential part of the learning process. When students are encouraged to take risks and learn from their missteps, they develop deeper understanding, stronger problem-solving skills, and a more positive attitude toward learning.

Mistakes prompt reflection. They challenge students to think critically and engage more deeply with what they're learning. Just as importantly, when teachers and families celebrate effort and persistence — not just the correct answer — students develop confidence and a growth mindset. They begin to see challenges not as obstacles, but as opportunities to grow.

By working together — both at school and at home — we can create a learning environment where students feel safe, supported, and inspired to give their best, even when things don't go perfectly the first time.

Let's continue to encourage curiosity, resilience, and the belief that every mistake is a step toward success.



Learning Conversations

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff for their preparation and commitment in getting ready for the learning conversations.

We hope these conversations are valuable for students, parents, and staff alike. They provide a wonderful opportunity to connect, reflect, and share both the celebrations and challenges that come with being an active learner.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for booking in and making the time to prioritise your child's learning. Your involvement plays a vital role in supporting their growth and success.

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Grace Scalora
Deputy Principal – Learning and Teaching Leader.

Behaviour, Wellbeing & Safeguarding



Classroom Mastery

We are excited to announce the introduction of the Behaviour Management Curriculum - Classroom Mastery program next week as part of our broader Magnify initiative. This program is designed to enhance the learning environment by fostering calm and consistent routines for students across all year levels. Two routines we will introduce next week will be how all students enter and exit the classroom after recess, lunch and specialist subjects. These routines will also be followed in specialist classes.

Classroom Mastery is an educational program that helps create calm, productive, and safe classrooms by minimising disruptions and promoting positive behavior. Through consistent routines, positive reinforcement, and teacher training, it supports a structured and engaging learning environment. Aligned with our **PBIS framework**, Classroom Mastery complements school-wide efforts by reinforcing our core expectations: *Be Your Best, Be Safe, Respect for All, and Respect for the Environment*—ensuring a consistent and supportive approach to student success.

Why Focus on Transitions?

Transitions between activities and classes can sometimes lead to students being distracted, affecting students' ability to concentrate and engage in learning. By implementing calm and consistent routines, we can minimise distractions and help students settle quickly into their tasks. This approach not only benefits individual students but also enhances the overall classroom atmosphere, making it more conducive to learning.

Benefits of Classroom Mastery

- **Improved Focus:** By reducing distractions during transitions, students can quickly settle into their learning activities, leading to better focus and engagement.
- **Enhanced Behaviour:** Consistent routines help students understand expectations and develop self-discipline, resulting in improved behaviour.
- **Positive Learning Environment:** A calm and orderly classroom atmosphere supports a positive learning environment where all students can thrive.

- **Reduced Stress:** Clear routines reduce uncertainty and stress for students, making transitions smoother and more predictable.

How You Can Support

As parents, your support is crucial to the success of the Classroom Mastery program. Here are a few ways you can help:

- **Reinforce Routines at Home:** Encourage your child to practice calm and consistent behaviours at home, such as following routines for getting ready for school and bedtime.
- **Discuss the Importance:** Talk to your child about the importance of following the routines at school and how it helps them and their classmates.
- **Stay Informed:** Keep an eye out for updates and communications from the school regarding the program. Your involvement and understanding will help reinforce the program's goals.

Conclusion

We are confident that the Classroom Mastery program will bring significant benefits to our students and the overall learning environment at St Francis of the Fields. By focusing on calm and consistent transitions, we aim to create a more structured and supportive atmosphere that enhances learning and development. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. We look forward to working together to make this initiative a success.

Luke Freeman
Behaviour, Wellbeing and Safeguarding Leader

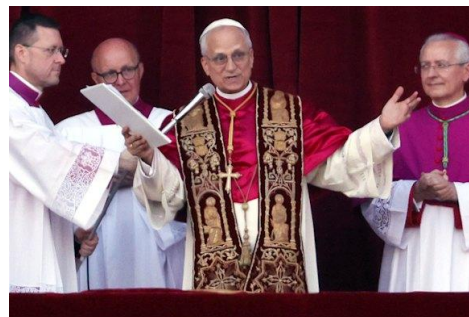


RE News....

Election of Pope Leo XIV:

Last week we welcomed the news of the appointment of Pope Leo XIV. Reports suggest he is a diplomatic leader, focused on justice and peace with the same energy and drive as his predecessor.

There are already strong positive messages for the Church and for the world in first address...



“Peace be with all of you! Dearest brothers and sisters, this is the first greeting of the Risen Christ, the good shepherd who gave his life for God’s flock. I, too, would like this greeting of peace to enter your heart, to reach your families, to all people, wherever they are, to all peoples, to the whole earth. Peace be with you!

Allow me to follow up on that same blessing: God cares for us, God loves all of us, and evil will not prevail! We are all in God’s hands. Therefore, without fear, united hand in hand with God and among ourselves, let us move forward.

We are disciples of Christ. Christ goes before us. The world needs His light. Humanity needs Him as the bridge to reach God and His love. Help us too, then help each other to build bridges – with dialogue, with encounter, uniting all of us to be one people always in peace. Thank you, Pope Francis! I also want to thank all the fellow cardinals who chose me to be the Successor of Peter and to walk with you, as a united church always seeking peace, justice – always trying to work as men and women faithful to Jesus Christ, without fear, to proclaim the Gospel, to be missionaries.

I am a son of Saint Augustine, (an) Augustinian, who said: 'With you I am a Christian and for you a bishop.' In this sense, we can all walk together towards that homeland that God has prepared for us.

To the Church of Rome, a special greeting! We must seek together how to be a missionary church, a church that builds bridges (and) dialogue, always open to receive (people), like this square, with open arms – everyone, all those who need our charity, our presence, dialogue and love.



(Switching into Spanish) And if you allow me also, a word, a greeting to all those, and particularly to my beloved diocese of Chiclayo, in Peru, where a faithful people have accompanied their bishop, have shared their faith, and have given so much, so much to continue being a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

(Switching back to Italian) To all of you, brothers and sisters of Rome, of Italy, of the whole world, we want to be a synodal church, a church that walks, a church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close

especially to those who suffer.

Today is the day of the Supplication to Our Lady of Pompeii. Our Mother Mary always wants to walk with us, to stay close, to help us with her intercession and her love.

So I would like to pray together with you. Let us pray together for this new mission, for the whole church, for peace in the world, and let us ask for this special grace from Mary, our Mother.”

Mother's Day celebrations – Friday 9 May



With gratitude and hope,
Dave Waters
Catholic Identity Leader

PE News

Upcoming Sporting Dates

- Division Cross Country - Friday 16th May (for Yr 3-6's qualifying on from our school cross country)
- Regional Cross Country (St Arnaud) - Tuesday 27th May (for yr 4-6's qualifying on from the division cross country)
- Palmers Gymnastics (Foundation)- 11th, 18th, 25th June
- Palmers Gymnastics (Year 1 & Year 2)- 12th, 19th, 26th June
- State Cross Country (Melbourne) - Thursday 24th July (for yr 4-6's qualifying on from the regional cross country)
- School Athletics Sports (year 3-6's) - Friday 1st August



Pickle Ball

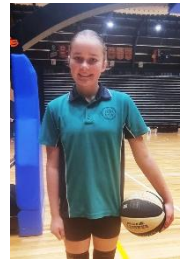
At the beginning of the term, we were so lucky to have four pickleball experts come and teach our year 5-6'. Lead by retired St Francis teacher- John Deane along with his pickle ball friends, Alistaire, Andrea & Glenn. It was a wonderful experience for all involved, it really is a fantastic game!



Thank you, John, Alistaire, Andrea & Glenn for your generous time.

SSV 2nd Basketball Trials

Congratulations to Darcy Kanzamar and Chloe McSwain for making it to the 2nd round of the SSV basketball team trials. Congratulations to Chloe who has made it to the final trial this week. All the best!



SSV 1st Girls AFL Trials

Layla Hand headed to Melbourne to trial for the SSV state footy team. She performed exceptionally well and has been invited to attend the 2nd stage trial on Sunday 25th of May. All the best Layla!!

PE Awards:

Each assembly week, we present a tuck shop 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 - Week 4 awardee's

Sam Cherry & Riley Harkins

**You will receive your awards at the next assembly

Sporting News

Parents, if you have sporting news that should be shared in the newsletter, please send through [a write up and picture](mailto:dcoates@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu) to: dcoates@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu

Danielle Coates
PE coordinator

Science News.....

Grade 2 updates

Water is a treasure! We are looking into Water this term with the grade two students. So far, we have learnt that water is a liquid treasure and the water we have on this Earth is all the water that we have got!



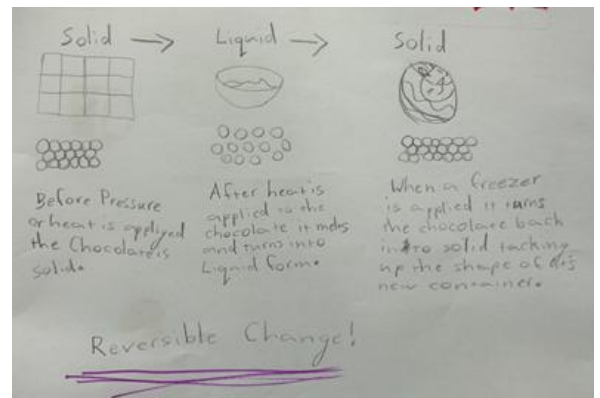
Grade 4 updates

The grade four students have been learning about speed. This fortnight students created a spinning toy which gains or losses speed. The forces acting upon the speed of their toy are friction, gravity and push and pull. Ask them to show you it at home!

Grade 6 updates



The grade six students have been learning about reversible and irreversible matter. Throughout the heating and cooling process, chocolate can transform from a solid, to a liquid and then back into a solid. This is an example of everyday reversible change!



Donations

We are looking for cardboard cylinders for a project next term. Paper towel and gladwrap cylinders are perfect for the task! Instead of throwing them into the recycle bin please send them along to school. The donations box will be back outside the Foundation rooms. No toilet paper holder cylinders can be received. Thank you.



Emma Jensen & Jess Widdicombe
Science teachers

Weekend Maintenance

Term 2

4	17-05-25	18-05-25	Trewhella (2HL), Hudson (2S), Rodda (5W)	(Deb Ball clean up Sunday)
5	24-05-25	25-05-25	Pattison (1R), Johnson (5FT), Harrop (4C)	(Deb Ball clean up Sunday)
6	31-05-25	01-06-25	Mansfield (5ZS), Curtain (1W), Dalrymple (2S)	(Deb Ball clean up Sunday)
7	07-06-25	08-06-25	Cybula (3D), Hicks (Fdn M), Murtagh (Fdn W)	
8	14-06-25	15-06-25	Kuhne (1SF), Straub (1W), Rodda (5M)	
9	21-06-25	22-06-25	O'Neill (4C), Bennallack (6M), Scholtes (1W)	
10	28-06-25	29-06-25	Flood (Fdn W), Lynch (5FT), McKenzie (1M)	

Oasis News....

There are many things happening this term in the garden. We are beginning to plant our winter seedlings and while the 3-6 students are using this space, we are building more garden beds for the juniors to plant in September.



Chickens Wanted

We had to give our chickens away at the end of last year as they were just roosters and we didn't have the capacity to care for them over the summer break. Now that we're back into the swing of things, we are wanting to get more chickens for our area. We have been offered lots of roosters and thank you to those families who have offered. But if anyone has any hens available, we would love to purchase some. The students love checking for eggs and it will also help the OASIS cooking program. Please contact Matt Butcher if you have some available – mbutcher@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au

New Worm Farm - Compost worms needed

A while back we had a Worm Farm donated to us but last year we didn't use it effectively enough. This term we have moved the Worm Farm to a place closer to the OASIS room so that students are able to check on the health of the farm more regularly. If you have a working compost at home, we were hoping to get some of your compost worms to add to our newly formed farm to begin the process. If so, could you please let me know.



Matt Butcher
OASIS & Environmental Teacher

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YMCA – After School Care



The YMCA operates an After-School Care Program at St Francis of the Fields Primary School. The program operates every school day for children aged 5-12 years.

The YMCA also provides care on days of school closure.

If you have any questions, please speak to our friendly team:
Phone: 0459 988 313
Email: sfstrathfields@ymca.org.au
Central Customer Service Team: (03) 8371 0500



Enrol today!



Frank's Little Friends Playgroup

Every Monday during the school terms.

9:00am – 10.30am.

Gathering in the Community Centre

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

All welcome!

Assisi Kindergarten Fundraiser

Picture plates

COST \$30

Scan me!
Scan the QR code

THANK YOU FROM THE ASSISI FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Picture plates

PLEASE GET YOUR MINI ARTIST READY TO CREATE A KEEPSAKE THAT LASTS A LIFE TIME & IS A FANTASTIC GIFT TO YOUR LOVED ONES.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO...

- ✓ SIMPLY TAKE A TEMPLATE (FROM BOX IN FOYER)
- ✓ DRAW, PAINT OR STICK PHOTOS TO YOUR CHILDS DESIGN
- ✓ MAKE PAYMENT USING QR CODE (NOTE HOW MANY PLATES YOU WANT PRINTED, NO NEED TO STOP AT ONE)
- ✓ RETURN TO THE COMPLETED BOX

to be completed no later than the 24th May

ST FRANCIS VOLUNTEER HELP LIST

Please contact Joelene McSwain to be added to the roster - amorrissa@hotmail.com or 0421 596 612

Friday 16 May 2025 – Assisi Ball

Parking 5.45pm – 7.30pm	Collection of Tickets & Ushering 6.15pm – 7.30pm	Clearing of Tables & Tea/Coffee 8.30pm – 12.00am**
1 Daniel Worthington	1 Suzi Joyce	1 Marni Pollock
2 Kristy Intamanon	2 Jo English	2 Kim Kelly
3 Mark Shelton	3 Emma Mason	3 Lotte Dubyna
4 Ash Bateman	4 Kelly Mitchell	4 Tara Byron
5 Brendan Parker	5 Lucinda Wright	5 Megan Merrett
6 Ryan Straub	6 Emma Schulz	6 Bek Stevens
7		7 Brylie Anderson
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**** Late finish (approx. 2am) for re-setting tables for Saturday Night Ball**

Saturday 17 May 2025 – Milano Ball

Parking 5.45pm – 7.30pm	Collection of Tickets & Ushering 6.15pm – 7.30pm	Clearing of Tables & Tea/Coffee 8.30pm – 12.00am
1 Clinton McSwain	1 Lynz Toots	1 Maddy Dalrymple
2 Jeremy Byrne	2 Siobhan McColl	2 Bee Curtain
3 Wayne Dickens	3 Kate Fraser	3 Karina Wallis
4 Kane Rodda	4 Kanji Jackson-Leahy	4 Julia Meyer
5 Jim Marshall	5 Forest Jackson-Leahy	5 Nicole Cramer
6 Matt Coad	6 Andrea Dahlin	6 Chelsea Mazzarino
7 Barf Leahy		
Sunday 18 May Clean Up @ 11am		
1 ** Trehwella (2HL)	4 Kylie Miller	** Weekend Maintenance Families
2 ** Hudson (2S)	5 Naomi Burns	
3 ** Rodda (5W)	6 Lisa Ryan	

Friday 23 May 2025 – Pisa Ball

Parking 5.45pm – 7.30pm	Collection of Tickets & Ushering 6.15pm – 7.30pm	Clearing of Tables & Tea/Coffee 8.30pm – 12.00am**
1 Clinton McSwain	1 Christie Rogers	1 Anna Mudoti
2 Al James	2 Laura Flood	2 Donna Bowe
3 Wayne Fidler	3 Rebecca Woods	3 Megan Lynch
4 Emma Pontelandolfo	4 Alicia Smalley	4 Bronwyn Rodda
5 Mick Harrington	5 Bec Stratton	5
6 Neil Bowe	6 Donna Wagner	6
7	7...Kimberley Dowd	
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**** Late finish (approx. 2am) for re-setting tables for Saturday Night Ball**

Saturday 24 May 2025 – Sistine Ball

Parking 5.45pm – 7.30pm	Collection of Tickets & Ushering 6.15pm – 7.30pm	Clearing of Tables & Tea/Coffee 8.30pm – 12.00am
1 Clinton McSwain	1 Tandy Jackson	1 Nicole Emmerson
2 Jeremy Byrne	2 Andrea Dahlin	2 Rebecca McPhail
3 Ben Edwards	3 Bec Foster	3 Kristy Intamanon (??)
4 Daniel Worthington	4 Jacqui Stewart	4 Melissa Johnson
5 Matt Coad	5 Rebecca McPhail	5 Tandy Jackson
6 Andrew Arundell	6 Sally Jennings	6 Roberta Mathers
7	7 Larissa Dewhurst	
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Sunday 25 May Clean Up @ 11am		
1 ** Pattison (1R)	4	** Weekend Maintenance Families
2 ** Johnson (5FT)	5	
3 ** Harrop (4C)	6	

Friday 30 May 2025 – Trevi Ball

Parking 5.45pm – 7.30pm	Collection of Tickets & Ushering 6.15pm – 7.30pm	Clearing of Tables & Tea/Coffee 8.30pm – 12.00am**
1 Clinton McSwain	1 Simone Edgley	1 Toby-Lea Gooding
2 Chris Black	2 Laurel Prowse	2 Teghan Gregg
3 Ben Edwards	3 Chelsea Boyd	3 Sophie Kuhne
4 Brad Mackenzie	4 Maddy Dalrymple	4 Jess Widdicombe
5	5 Laurinda Myers	5 Megan Merrett
6	6 Toby-Lea Gooding	6 Donna McNamara
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** Late finish (approx. 2am) for re-setting tables for Saturday Night Ball		

Saturday 31 May 2025 – Verona Ball

Parking 5.45pm – 7.30pm	Collection of Tickets & Ushering 6.15pm – 7.30pm	Clearing of Tables & Tea/Coffee 8.30pm – 12.00am
1 Clinton McSwain	1 Jessie Ayres	1 Jessica Wynne
2 Marco Mazzarino	2 Bianca Schmidt	2 Bek Stevens
3 David Giffard	3 Andrea Rowe	3 Ange Oldham
4 Brenton Emmerson	4 Jenna Griffin	4 Simone Willis
5 Matt Merrett	5 Danielle Anstee	5 Marni Pollock
6 Brad Mackenzie	6	6
7		
8		
Sunday 1 June Clean Up @ 11am		
1 ** Mansfield (5ZS)	5	** Weekend Maintenance Families
2 ** Curtain (1W)	6	
3 ** Dalrymple (2S)	7	
4	8	

2025 Active Living CENSUS

Live in Greater Bendigo, Campaspe, Central Goldfields, Loddon, Macedon Ranges or Mount Alexander Shire? We're calling on **YOU** to have your say!

What is the Active Living Census?

The ALC is a community survey that asks about:

- ✓ Physical activity participation
- ✓ Fruit and vegetable consumption
- ✓ Barriers to being healthy and active

Why does your voice matter?

Your input will help guide decisions about programs, recreation spaces, and services in your community. Whether you're active or not, it's your chance to shape the health and wellbeing of your community – and it only takes 15-20 minutes.

Participate, don't wait!

- ✓ Quick and confidential
- ✓ WIN your share of \$10,000 in prizes!
- ✓ Open to everyone! No matter your health or activity level, we want to hear from you

Help shape a healthier tomorrow, one answer at a time!

Complete the census at go.healthyloddoncampaspe.au/alc



Opens
MONDAY
MAY 26

Scan here!





Bendigo Variety Abilities Unleashed Kids

A free, fun and inclusive day connecting children with disabilities to local sport and active recreation opportunities.

Wednesday 18 June, 2025
10 am - 1 pm
Red Energy Arena, 91 Inglis Street, Bendigo Victoria 3550, Australia

Click here or scan the QR code to register:



Contact: abilitiesunleashed@sports.org.au



From Diagnosis to OAM

plus a Sibling's Perspective: A Personal Autism Journey

Bendigo





Thurs 29 May 2025, choice of 11am OR 6:30pm sessions
 (3 hr seminar incl question time, doors open 10:30am & 6pm)


Daniel and Daniel's Dad (Daryl) will discuss Daniel's journey from diagnosis to present day giving an insight from Daniel's personal perspective of living life as an Autistic individual.

Daniel's sister (Leash) will also be sharing the sibling perspective and is a qualified educator (may be prerecorded).

Topics include diagnosis, school journey, independent living, employment and strategies used to achieve the best outcomes.

Featuring Exhibitors Click logos to find out more

Presented by

Daniel Giles OAM
 Order of Australia Medal Recipient & Autistic Self-Advocate

Daryl Giles
 Daniel's Dad

Leash Purcell
 Daniel's Sister and Educator



Venue

The Bendigo Club - Naismith Room
 22 Park St, Strathdale VIC

Tickets (*includes \$0.50 booking fee for online bookings)

Autistic people, family & carers: \$35.50*

Professionals (Educators/Caseworkers/Therapists - incl. CPD cert.): \$85.50*

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SATURDAY 17 MAY 2025

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- **FREE** Guided Surface Tours of Central Deborah Gold Mine.
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Home Energy Empowerment Program



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Learn how to improve the comfort and energy efficiency of your home, plan for the long term and save on your energy bills!

Date	Event	Presented by
May TBC	Energy efficiency planning sessions – get advice to help you plan changes to suit your budget and house context	Lucinda Flynn and City of Greater Bendigo
Monday May 19	1. Energy efficiency for renters	Lucinda Flynn, Going Green Solutions
Monday June 2	2. A masterclass on draught proofing	Maurice Beinart, Ecomaster
Tuesday June 17	3. Efficient heating and cooling	Lucinda Flynn, Going Green Solutions
Monday July 7	4. Insulate for a truly comfortable home	Maurice Beinart, Ecomaster
Tuesday July 22	5. Intro to hot water heat pumps	Frank Forster, Newstead Enviroshop
Monday August 4	6. Maximising solar savings	Frank Forster, Newstead Enviroshop
Tuesday August 19	7. Windows and blinds for comfort and efficiency	Lucinda Flynn, Going Green Solutions
Monday September 1	8. Electric vehicles/bikes and novated leasing	Thijs - Sparque, Rohan - NALSPA
July and September	Sustainable house days	Bendigo Sustainability Group
Various	Review your energy bills drop-in sessions	City of Greater Bendigo
October	Hear from locals who have retrofitted, renovated or designed with energy in mind	Bendigo Sustainability Group
October	Celebrate and Q&A morning tea	You and your neighbours

*Register to attend live and ask questions, or receive the recording to watch later. Online sessions will be screened at the Bendigo library. Sign up links will be shared on the *Environment Matters* newsletter and *City of Greater Bendigo Humanix* page soon.



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