

# St Francis Newsletter

## WEEK 5

This morning we gathered to acknowledge Sorry Day and were lead in prayer by our year 4/5 students. This day is an opportunity to become more aware of past harm done and the healing needed in relationships between Aboriginal and white Australians. In 1998, Australia stopped to recognise for the first time a National Sorry Day on 26th May, the eve of National Reconciliation Week. True reconciliation requires acknowledgement of the harm done in the past so that healing can reach the whole community.

Our FIRE (*Friends Igniting Reconciliation through Education*) Carrier Leaders in 4/5/6 then organised the icing of Sorry Day Cupcakes for everyone.



## PRAYER

Lord, give us the courage to accept the realities of our history  
so that we may build a better future for our nation.

Teach us to respect all cultures.

Teach us to care for our land and waters.

Help us to share justly the resources of this land.

Help us to bring about spiritual and social change  
to improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities,  
especially the disadvantaged. Amen

## Calendar

### TERM 2

Thursday 1st June

- Reconciliation Week  
Mass 11:30 @  
Community Centre

Friday 2nd June

- Coloured Clothes  
Day- Gold coin  
donation for the  
Opening Doors  
Foundation
- Winter Sports @  
Nathalia

### Coloured Clothes Day

Friday  
2nd of June  
Gold coin

### PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday  
12th of June



## STAFF UPDATES

Welcome Back Mr Knight! Matt returns on Monday after his long service leave- refreshed after his European travels.

Louise will be finishing up on the 9th of June after 15 years at St Francis. We are incredibly grateful for all she has contributed to our school community over that time.

## YEAR 1/2 PROCEDURE WRITING

The students have been learning about writing procedures and as part of this they followed their procedures to make jam sandwiches!



## INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all who competed in the Interschool Cross Country events.

A special congratulations to Blair who will go on to compete in Benalla after placing 6th in her event.



## PLANETARIUM VISIT



On the 25th of May we went to Bendigo to visit the planetarium and discovery centre .

There was a heap of science machines and a cool mirror maze( I definitely didn't run into a mirror) . It was pretty fun. There was vertical slide that I wish I could have went on

They had a projector and that took us to the sun and the planets up close.  
Spencer



**Medication:** The administration of medication forms part of the Victoria Education schools common law duty of care to take reasonable steps to keep students safe while they attend school. Schools can only dispense labelled Prescription medication or medicines supplied to students with a letter signed by the parent, along with a signature from your doctor or pharmacist.



# AWARD WINNERS

F/1	Lachie	For giving his best with all tasks and never giving up when it gets hard. Well done Lachie!!
	Max Coutts	For attempting to sound out and blend new words in his writing, awesome job Max!
1/2	Aidee	For always trying her best and challenging herself with her learning.
	Maddie	For always following classroom expectations and helping others when needed.
2/3	Will	Showing ownership and striving for excellence in his work and attitude towards all learning tasks. He is a strong leader and leads by example.
	Darcy	Displaying great persistence with his spelling activities especially with his dictation tasks. He highlights the importance of contraction words in sentences and takes great care with his handwriting.
4/5	Caitlin	Always following directions, helping others and working hard.
	Jordyn	Being helpful, considerate and working hard.
6	Keira	For being a fabulous team mate and leader at our first Winter Sports netball game, including and coaching her team mates new to netball.
	Jasmine	For having a red hot go in the Winter Sports netball team. You showed great determination in trying a new sport. Well done.
Principal's Award	Lily	For stepping up and showing real leadership when needed, well done Lily



*Friday 16 June 2023, 1pm*  
**St Joseph's Primary School – The Josephinum**



*Featuring Grade 5 and 6 students from*  
 St Francis' PS Nathalia; St Joseph's PS Cobram & St Joseph's PS, Nurmukah  
 Secondary performance from St Mary of the Angels College Nathalia

**This is a FREE event for all families and friends  
 of our school communities.**

Bookings essential: [trybooking.com/CHWRB](https://trybooking.com/CHWRB) (or scan QR code).  
 Please allow time to locate parking.





# Winter Sports

In term 2, The year 4, 5 and 6 you go to different schools across the area and play football, and netball against their school.

## NETBALL

In netball we have been very successful. We played against Cobram 1st. And in the 2nd round we played Katanga and in the 3rd round we played Nathalia. The scores with Cobram were 26 to 8 we got 25 they got 3. With Katanga we won again the scores were 19 to 8 we got 19 they got 8. Nathalia is still to come.

## Football!

In football we haven't been so successful but we have kept the scores close and played a tough game. The first week played against Cobram primary school with a game to the wire with a four point difference. Last week we played Katanga primary school which was a very tough game but we fought to the end and hopefully we can fight and win our game on Friday.

## Winter school sports

Winter sports is one of my favorite things to do in school. It's so much fun. Last week we played against Katanga. We had to go on a bus. When we got there we realized there was only one team and we had two teams, a 4/5 team and a 6 team. So we had to mix the teams together. We had like sixteen players and they had nine. WE WON. The scores were 8 to 19.



## SMOTA REMINDER

**REMINDER:**  
Scholarship  
Applications  
for Year 7  
students  
joining St Mary  
of the Angels  
2024 are due.  
The  
Application  
closing date is  
Tuesday 30th  
of May.

## We're here for you

VINNIES NATHALIA EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

If you or someone you know is doing it tough, call Vinnies. We are here for you.

Please call **0419520728** and leave a message. One of our volunteers will call you back. We look forward to providing you with support.

We can help with:

- Vouchers for essentials
- Utility bills
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- Assistance with Pharmacy bills for prescriptions etc.

If you require clothing or household goods, Vinnies shops are located in Numurkah and Kyabram

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## Assist A Student

An education support program aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty

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PO Box 243 Deakin West ACT 2600  
donate.vinnies.org.au/assist-a-student

St Vincent de Paul Society  
good works

Donate online



## Attending the Early Years = Greater chance of success

- establishes positive habits
- builds positive relationships
- maximises opportunities to learn
- supports problem solving skills