Dear Families and Friends,

**Education Week Activities**
What a fantastic Education Week we have had! Our 2017 Foundation (Prep) Students Information Sessions went very well with approximately 70 families attending the sessions; we had a few visitors to our Mandurang South Open Day; and about 15 families visiting classrooms throughout the day on Tuesday. The highlight of the week was definitely our Grandparents and Special Visitors Day which was such a wonderful success. Seeing the excited looks on the students’ faces as their special visitor arrived was just priceless!

**School Review - Whole School Community Forum**
I would like to say a big thankyou to the School Community Members who attended our first Community Forum yesterday afternoon. We were able to record some reflections of our achievements, but there is still a bit of work to do to ensure we gather a broad range of perspectives regarding what has worked well and what hasn’t worked so well at Strathfieldsaye PS in the last 4 years.

We will be holding a second forum at 6.00pm on Monday 30th May in the Grade 5-6 Building, so if you could come along and share your views it would be greatly appreciated.

**Curriculum Day**
This Monday 23rd May, we will be holding a Curriculum Day to allow teachers time to work on the School Review Process and to work on the writing of their Student Learning Reports. Students are not required to attend school on this day.

**School Council Report**
Last Tuesday, we held our May School Council Meeting. Here is an outline of the main discussion points...

- **Building Condition Assessment Report Funding** – the DET has allocated some funding to the school for ongoing maintenance and repairs to nominated buildings. This round of funding is to be used on repairs to some of the Grade 3-4 Portables, the Grade 2 Building and the Abbott Room. Investigations are also being made into the possibility of using one of the spare portables as a Sensory Room. The School Council is also looking into providing some shelter over the entry to the Foundation and Gr 1 classroom doors.

- **Junior School Council** – It was so wonderful to have Zali and Riley, our School Captains, attend the first half of our School Council Meeting to observe how a meeting operates and to present their report to Council. The JSC has considered many different options for fundraising activities and they have decided on holding a Future Self Dress Up Day to raise funds for the charity. Further details to follow.

- **Parent and Community Liaison Committee** – This committee will be liaising with the different groups within our school community to ensure everyone is kept informed and working together to ensure everyone is supported in their work. The different groups will include: Junior School Council, Parent Club, Fair Committee, Uniform Committee.

- **Mandurang South** – Investigations are currently being made into whether the existing old school building will need to be demolished or whether funding can be obtained to restore the building.

- **Fundraising** – To enhance our accountability measures, School Council has decided to place all monies raised through the great fundraising efforts of our community into a separate school account. This will help us ensure that the funds can be specifically targeted to special projects across the school such as new playground equipment or other resources that will benefit all of our students.

- **Possible Changes to the Supply of Booklist Items** – Investigations will be made into the most effective way to supply all the classroom requisites used by our children each year. We will be looking into the possibility of the school placing bulk orders for each department and parents paying a requisites fee instead of parents having to order and pay for individual booklist items.

If you are interested in finding out a little more information about any of these points, please feel free to contact one of our School Council members, or give me a call at school on 5439 5207.

Kind Regards,

Cindi Bruechert
bruechert.cindi.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
Prep and Grade 1 Gymnastics – Display Day
The Prep and Grade 1 children have been enjoying Gymnastics sessions in the Multi-Purpose Room with Kylie Ross, learning to balance, roll, perform gymnastic shapes, movement to music and importantly, be in control of their own bodies.

There will be a Display Day during our final sessions for the Grade 1 students on Tuesday 24th May and for the Prep students on Wednesday 25th May.

We invite parents and families to come and enjoy watching the children in action in the Multi-Purpose Room as follows:

**Grade 1 - Tuesday 24th May**
- 10:00am—006
- 11:30am—005
- 12:30pm—002

**Prep - Wednesday 25th May**
- 10:00am—001
- 11:30am—003
- 12:30pm—004

Mother’s Day Lunch
The Parent Club hosted the annual Mother’s Day Lunch at Braidie’s Tavern on Wednesday 4th May. All enjoyed a lighthearted lunch and we had a very happy raffle winner in Michelle Rasmussen. The money raised from the raffle has been used to buy sanitary items for Share the Dignity, these items will be added to those donated on the day.

Share the Dignity was set up last year to provide homeless and at risk women with a means to access free sanitary items. These women are facing circumstances where putting a roof over their heads, and those of their children, is a daily battle. They may have been brave enough to leave their family home through domestic violence. These women should not have to choose between eating and buying sanitary items.

Our donated items, through Share the Dignity, will be taken to local shelters and relevant services for women to access free from the Bendigo community.

Once again, thank you to those that attended the lunch and helped to share the dignity.

Some of the students from Home Group 022 have made a website about how cyberbullying needs to stop. So if you and your family could take a look at it that would be wonderful.

It has been a great pleasure to make this website for people to look at and realise that cyberbullying NEEDS to stop because is it rude, bad, mean and of course can hurt feelings.

It has been proven that 99% of people in Australia have been either the bully or the victim so we need to **stop cyberbullying today and NOW**.

The web address is: donotcyberbully.simplesite.com
Chloe McL, Blayze B, Daniel McK, Levi D and Kai H (022)
Grade 2 Daily 5
Literacy Program

This year the Grade 2’s have been introduced to the Daily 5 literacy structure. This program teaches independence and gives children the skills needed to create a lifetime love of reading and writing. It consists of five tasks, which are:
- Read to Self
- Work on Writing
- Read to Someone
- Listening to Reading
- Word Work

All five tasks have been introduced and the children are fully engaged in the program, where they are choosing between these activities daily, whilst also reflecting on their learning. During Daily 5 sessions teachers work with small groups or conference with children one-to-one. The children look forward to Daily 5 time because it not only gives them choice, but it is targeted to their individual learning.

Ask your child about Daily 5 and see what they have to say. We anticipate your child will tell you about:
- Reading good fit books (where your child may start choosing to read books from home as well as school readers and library books;
- Building class stamina and how they are working towards Independence;
- Working on their own spelling lists and the strategies they use to learn words;
- Maybe you will even hear about some of the fantastic things your child has written, read or listened to during Daily 5 time!!

Grade 2 Department

Kathy Walker Presentation ....
Resilience and Self Esteem

Resilience & Self Esteem

Success isn't all about a score at VCE or University. Being able to bounce back, take a risk, have a go and solve problems are important life skills for children and adults. Resilience helps us to take on life's challenges and to have some independence and confidence as we proceed through life. To be resilient helps us to reach realistically for our goals and dreams and to tackle the difficult times. The presentation provides strategies to help build a positive self esteem and resilience in your child.

When: Monday, 30th May, 2016 @ 3.30 – 4.30pm
Child Care provided between 3.30-4.30pm
Where: St. Francis of the Fields Primary School Community Centre
Cost: $10 per person
Tickets: Available from the St. Francis office – cash or eftpos. (Tickets must be pre-purchased before the event)

For more information please contact Grace Scalora – gscalora@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au
Ph: 5439 3191
## Calendar of Events

**Term Dates:**

**Public Holidays:**

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### NO CANTEEN ON MONDAYS & TUESDAYS

**SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP**  
OPEN EACH MONDAY & THURSDAY MORNINGS  
8.45 AM TO 9.00 AM

**PLEASE NOTE**  
The uniform shop is closed until further notice.  
Order forms are available from the office.  
Order forms and payment can be left at the office for processing and distribution.

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**Monday 23**  
CURRICULUM DAY  
PUPIL-FREE DAY

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Parents and friends are encouraged to become a member of the IGA Community Rewards Program. Families simply nominate the school and 1% of their purchase is donated back to the school. Application forms are available from the school office, as well as a key tag.

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Current promotions/offers to assist the school

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Enhance the beauty of your home with Dugie’s new exposed concrete kerbing. Ideal for driveways and garden beds with a range of styles, colours and exposed rock. Call for a free measure and quote 0413 889 680 a/h 5439 6157

Your local Kanga loader hire with operator

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*Bendigo Athletic Club - Junior 1km U/16 races are held each Sunday morning after the Senior races which commence at 10.30am and are at various tracks in the Bendigo district.  
For more information, please visit www.bendigoathleticclub.org.au*