Dear Parents,

Mother’s Day Breakfast

5th & 6th May

On Thursday, 5th May we invite mothers to join us whose surname begin with the letters “A-L”. On Friday, 6th May mothers whose surname begin with the letters “M-Z” are invited to attend. Should you not be able to make it on your allocated day, Mums are more than welcome to come on the alternate day. Breakfast is served between 7 am and 8.30 am.

Please note that children are to drop their bags off at their classrooms before going to the Hall.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE—THURSDAY 5TH MAY & FRIDAY 6TH MAY MORNING — CHANGE OF LOCATION

Parents please note that the Before School Care Program will operate from the staffroom on Thursday 5th May and Friday 6th May in the morning. This is due to the Hall being used for the Mother’s Day Breakfast.

WINTER UNIFORM TIMELINE

Children are expected to change into their winter uniform at the commencement of this week (Monday 2nd May). Parents however are invited to use their discretion as weather dictates over the next month. All children are expected to be wearing their winter uniform by the end of May. This means that no children are to be wearing shorts at the end of May.

2017 PREP ENROLMENTS/INTERVIEWS

Next week Father Anthony and I will begin meeting with new families for Prep 2017. I ask that any existing families who have not yet submitted an application form for Prep next year please do so immediately.

HOT FOOD DAY / PLAIN CLOTHES DAY

Thank you to the PA and all their helpers for a yummy sausage sizzle last Thursday. I enjoy watching the challenge presented to our parent helpers as our students devour over 1,000 sausages.

WORKING BEE/OPEN DAY

Thank you to those parents who attended the Working Bee on the weekend. We were able to achieve some much needed work. Once again we had over 30 new families coming through for a school tour. Our Year Six students who were taking the tours were once again run off their feet. Thank you to these students for supporting our tours over the 3 weekends.

NAPLAN — YEARS 3 & 5

Please note that the NAPLAN nationwide testing in Literacy and Numeracy for Year 3 & 5 students will take place next week from the 10th—12th May. Please advise your child’s teacher if your child/ren will not be available for the testing on these days.
A VISIT FROM MOIRA KELLY
As part of the Year 5 Inquiry into Social Justice we were fortunate enough to have Moira Kelly come and speak with us on Thursday 28th April. Moira was an inspiration to us all, sharing with us the humanitarian work she has been doing over her lifetime. The students were amazed to hear that she was inspired as a Year 6 student by a guest speaker and fascinated to hear that she has worked alongside Mother Theresa. We were also blessed with a song from Emmanuel as well as meeting Shahd and Angel, Moira’s newest family members. We will be doing further work with Moira in the coming weeks as many of the children have discussed their desire to support Moira and are now working on ways to make this possible.

BAG ROOMS
As you are aware the Year 3 and 6 students place their school bags in bag rooms. I would ask that only students enter these rooms to promote their independence and avoid overcrowding.

MORNING ARRIVAL TIME
While we are quite aware that mornings can be busy times in most households, we are concerned that a number of children are consistently arriving right on or soon after 9 am. Parents are requested to encourage their children to be at school as close as possible to 8.45 am. This allows children to greet each other, organise their possessions and settle, ready for the start of the day by 8:50 am. Parents are requested to walk their children to the office and sign them in if they are arriving after 9:10 am.

P.S. We do not open the school gates until 8:30 am – if children are dropped off prior to this time they will be directed to Before School Care.

YEAR 6 CAMP
Next week our Year 6’s head to Camp Manyung at Mt. Eliza. Years 6B, 6H & 6S leave on Monday, 9th May and return on Wednesday 11th May. Years 6D, 6M & 6W leave on Wednesday, 11th May and return on Friday 13th May. Any students who require medication while away on camp are to see the following teachers:

Cam 1 6B, 6H & 6S: Need to see Mrs. Pam Meli at 8.15 am on Monday, 9th May outside the School Office.
Camp 2 6D, 6M & 6W: Need to see Mrs Teresa DeBono (Stratton) at 8.15 am on Wednesday, 11th May outside the school office.

As the children may be tired from Camp 1, they may start school at 11.30 am on Thursday, 12th May. If your Year 6 child needs to come school at 9 am, they are to go to the Year 6 building where they will be supervised by a teacher. If they arrive after 11.10 am they may go directly to their classroom.

SEASONS
Last fortnight a Seasons Letter and Permission Form was sent home. Seasons is a peer support program for children and young people who are experiencing grief and loss in their lives. The loss may be the result of a death, separation or divorce. Seasons is a 9 week program which will be run by Mr. John Dwyer and Mrs. May Park. The program will begin next week and conclude in Term 3. The program will take place during school time where the children will be withdrawn from their classroom to work in a small peer group with children of similar age for approximately 45 minutes. If there are any families wishing to take up this opportunity, please pick up a permission form from the office and return as soon as possible. Any queries please do not hesitate to contact John Dwyer or May Park.

SCHOOL FEES
Term 1 fees were due for payment by the 26th February 2016 and are now overdue. If you have not yet paid, please do so this week. If you have any enquiries or are unable to pay in full, please contact Anne Coleiro or Leanne Henwood.

Term 2 fee accounts have been sent home to all families who have not set up a payment plan.
CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)
If you hold a valid Health Care Card you may be eligible to claim CSEF. This allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. Your Health Care Card must be valid as at 13th April 2016. The annual CSEF amount per primary school student is $125. Application forms are available from the School Office. This form along with a copy of your Health Care Card needs to be lodged at the school by 24th June 2016.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Melissa Ferraro-Martin and her family as they mourn the passing of her mother Laura. Families may recall that Laura was the Parish Secretary for a period of time. Please remember them in your prayers.

God bless,

Mark Basile
Acting Principal

BADGES
Special Congratulations go to:
Stephanie A. 6H and Julia D. 5K
who have attained a Gold Badge.

Congratulations also to the following children who have recently been awarded Blue Badges:
Tayissa M. 3R, Ashish D. 2R, Christian C. 5R, Georgia K. 6W, Elijah S. 2W, Julia D. 5K,
Mason M. 2R, James A. 2W, Enrico M. 2F.

Children’s Liturgy News
This week’s story is about Peter learning to trust Jesus. At Children’s Liturgy, children will hear a bible verse or parable story, which will then be discussed, followed by songs of praise and prayers. We welcome all children to join us each week during the Sunday 10.30am Mass. Lessons run for around 20 minutes, (all children under 4 must be accompanied by an adult). For further information about children’s liturgy at St Francis of Assisi, or to offer assistance in helping run our sessions, please contact the Parish Office. We hope to see you there!
Sunday 8th May
### CALENDAR DATES FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

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**Print this page and place it on your fridge**
Sausage Sizzle & Treat Day Success!!!
We would like to take this opportunity to thank Maria Tolani and Sophie Folino together with their wonderful team of volunteers who helped with cooking sausages and the bagging and delivering of donuts for the children. The day was a great success due to the hard work and dedication of all involved.

Mothers Day Stall: The Mother’s Day Stall will be held tomorrow Tuesday 3rd May. All monies were due back last week.

Second Hand Uniform: We are asking for donations of the new school uniform which are still in good condition. All donations can be handed in at the office.

School Banking: School Banking day is every Wednesday. Students can deposit into existing Youth Saver/ Dollarmite accounts.

Commonwealth Bank Youth Saver / Dollarmite Accounts: Accounts can be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch. Commonwealth bank will donate $5 to our school for every Youth Saver/Dollarmite account opened.

If you have any advertising needs you may advertise on our P.A. Notice board outside the office for $2 a week. Any queries please contact Trish on 0412 344 813.

WE NEED MORE HELPERS!!!!
If you would like to volunteer for the Parents’ Association and for all other queries please contact Christine Tolevski on 0412 666 945 or Suzana Ilijevski on 0407 481 494 or via email papres@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au
AWARDS

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Prep B  Daniel B  for working nicely in groups
Prep J  Andrew Y  for writing a wonderful weekend recount independently!
Prep M  Deshawn D  for working hard during story writing. Great work, Deshawn!
Prep N  Rebecca R  for applying her letter sounds when writing words
Prep T  Belinda P  for always using lovely manners
Prep U  Marcus R  for his amazing portrait of himself as an astronomer
Year 1C  Marcus A  for always persisting and making excellent choices about his learning
Year 1D  Lyla H  for a thoughtful and creative writing piece about Anzac Day
Year 1F  Andrew T  for speaking clearly and confidently when sharing his thoughts and ideas with the class
Year 1H  Andre E  for running and organising morning prayer sessions independently
Year 1O  Xavier M  for discovering different ways that vowels are used in words. Well done!
Year 1P  Petros C  for making terrific choices about his learning
Year 2B  Keeley D  for sounding out her words when writing
Year 2F  Matilda T  for always using her learning time effectively and striving to do her best. Well done!
Year 2G  Alexis B  for working hard and being a fantastic role model
Year 2R  Mason M  for his entertaining recount about our excursion to the Collingwood Children's Farm. Well done, Mason!
Year 2U  Marcus O  for working hard to use the correct punctuation in his writing. Well done!
Year 2W  Oscar S  for using strategies when solving addition problems. Well done Oscar!
Year 3A  Flynn H  for always following class instructions and completing his work on time. Well done!
Year 3D  Catherine S  for reading aloud with great expression and fluency
Year 3M  Dante F  for working hard during Literacy to complete his persuasive text. Good work!
Year 3P  Kadi C  for always being hard-working, interested and enthusiastic about her learning tasks
Year 3R  Isabella N  for continuing to challenge herself in reading
Year 3T  Lucia K  for her beautiful smile and positive attitude to learning
Year 4A  Alyssa C  for being an outstanding representative of our school while on excursion to Scienworks. Well done, Alyssa!
Year 4B  Aaliyah B  for taking initiative with her home learning
Year 4C  Mirjana S  for contributing to class discussions
Year 4I  Sienna S  for completing all home learning in great detail and challenging herself. Well done!
Year 4J  Lauren O  for the effort that she is putting into learning about mental strategies during Maths
Year 4M  Nathan M  for working hard in Literacy
Year 5K  Jesse M  for contributing regularly to class discussions with insightful responses
Year 5M  Natalie G  for listening respectfully during Moira Kelly's presentation
Year 5O  Chloe W  for her positive and persistent attitude towards learning Maths. Keep it up!
Year 5R  Cooper T  for great responses during class discussion
Year 5S  Claudio R  for shining bright in the classroom
Year 5T  Josephine K  for being courteous and respectful to fellow classmates at all times
Year 6B  Matthew M  for his detail in his Desmond Tutu display
Year 6D  Daniel K  for working hard in Maths and using class time effectively. Well done and keep it up!
Year 6H  Kathryn D  for contributing to our discussion about persuasive texts
Year 6M  Joshua P  for maintaining focus during stamina reading. Wow!
Year 6S  Monica D  for using her initiative and making responsible choices
Year 6W  Dion B  for his focus when learning fractions. Well done!

Pupil of the Week

Prep    Gilbert P   (Prep J)
Year 1  Tahlia O   (1F)
Year 2  Jordan T   (2B)
Year 3  Amelia V   (3A)
Year 4  Donelle J   (4B)
Year 5  Michael S   (5O)
Year 6  Phillip R   (6H)

Keys To Life Award

Prep    Oliver L   (Prep M)  for Persistence
Year 1  Joshua T   (1F)   for Getting Along
Year 2  Ava C   (2B)   for Confidence
Year 3  Milun F   (3A)   for Organisation
Year 4  Maria Ana G   (4B)   for Confidence
Year 5  Jessica D   (5O)   for Getting Along
Year 6  Louis I   (6H)   for Getting Along