Dear Parents,

SYNTHETIC BASKETBALL COURT (THANK YOU)
My sincere thank you to the Parent’s Association and to all you parents that support them. As you are aware the PA donated $33,000 towards the Synthetic Basketball court which was installed last week. The children have been waiting eagerly to play on the court and when we removed the barriers on Friday morning there was no holding them back. Our next initiative will be to install a new higher fence and automated gate at the front of the school. This is being built off site at the moment.

PREP BUDDY DAY
This is taking place today, Tuesday, 19th April. Half of the Year 6 & Prep children will do activities together with their buddies during the morning and then will have a sausage sizzle to share. The second half of the Year 6 & Prep children will begin with a sausage sizzle and then will do their activities together after lunch. All Year 6 and Prep parents are invited to come along and meet your child’s buddy.

OUR ANZAC LEGACY
This year will mark 101 years since the first brave young Australian soldiers rushed ashore at Gallipoli, unaware they would create a legacy & an enduring identity that helps to define today's Australians. Our communities throughout Australia will pause to reflect on the significance of ANZAC day and of the legacy that those who have proudly served our country through the years, have left for countless generations to come. It remains essential that our children learn about ANZAC Day ensuring that it remains an integral part of our "collective memory" as a young nation.

Our teachers and children will learn more about the ANZAC legend (with content and concepts appropriate to the age of the children) and highlight the typical ANZAC spirit of courage, determination and mateship. We are fortunate that a number of excellent resources have been developed in recent years to help teachers and parents to educate our children about ANZAC.

To highlight our connection with the Anzac story we will be holding Anzac Day Paraliturgies throughout the next fortnight.

If you would like to purchase an ANZAC pin they are available at the office for $2.

EUCHARIST PARENT/CHILD REFLECTION EVENING
We will begin our formal preparation for Year 3 students to receive Holy Eucharist for the first time with a parent and child reflection evening on Tuesday the 19th April at 7 pm. During the evening, parents and children will have the opportunity to reflect more deeply upon the significance of Eucharist in their lives and the importance of receiving the body and blood of Christ on a regular basis.

FRONT CARPARK
On Thursday morning (21st April) the front car park will be closed for parking. We are repainting the car park lines as they have become very feint. I apologise for any inconvenience. The drop-off and pick-up part of car park will still be operating.
WONDER OF LIVING FAMILY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (YEAR 5 AND 6)
The school has organised a family night for our Year 5 and 6 parents and students on Wednesday 20th April. The evening covers the topic of sexuality education including adolescent changes and puberty. There are a remaining two sessions available.

Session 1: Wednesday 20th April 5.30 pm to 6.45 pm
Session 2: Wednesday 20th April 7 pm to 8.15 pm

Bookings for these sessions are to be done online. A letter setting out these instructions has been sent home. If you need assistance booking or have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact the school office.

WINTER UNIFORM TIMELINE
Children are expected to change into their winter uniform at the commencement of Week 4 – Monday 2nd May, however parents are invited to use their discretion as weather dictates over the next month.

2017 PREP ENROLMENTS/INTERVIEWS
Enrolment Forms are available at the office for Prep 2017. Over the coming weeks, Father Anthony and I will begin meeting with new families for Prep 2017. Current families are asked to please collect your enrolment form from the office or call to have one sent home, and to return ASAP. New families can contact the office and an enrolment pack will be sent to them. Our next Open Morning will be Saturday, April 30th, 9.30 am to 12 noon. Enrolments close at the end of May.

HOT FOOD DAY / PLAIN CLOTHES DAY
The next Hot Food Day / Plain Clothes Day will be Thursday 28th April. All orders should have been returned last Friday.

WORKING BEE
Our next Working Bee for this year will take place on Saturday 30th April from 9 am – 12:30 pm. I hope that as many families as possible can attend so that we can further enhance our facilities for our students. A separate flyer will soon be sent home asking parents to indicate whether they can attend. SEE YOU THERE!

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

YEAR 6 CAMP
It is that time of the year again and the Year 6 students will be heading off to Camp Manyung during the week beginning May 9th. Year 6B, 6H and 6S will be attending camp from Monday, 9th May to Wednesday, 11th May. Year 6D, 6M and 6W will be attending camp from Wednesday, 11th May to Friday, 13th May.

NAPLAN — YEARS 3 & 5
Please note that the NAPLAN nationwide testing in Literacy and Numeracy for Year 3 & 5 students will take place 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.

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.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS PROGRAM
It has come to my attention that families are wanting to access our Out of School Hours Program at the last minute. Parents need to be aware that children cannot attend the OSHC Program unless a Registration Form has been completed and given to the Program Coordinator.
BOOK CLUB
Issue 3 of scholastic book club is due by Friday, 29th April.

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 will be sent home next week to all families who have not set up a payment plan.

Baby Congratulations
Congratulations to Kalane Horwood and her husband Dan on the birth of their beautiful baby boy Jed.

God bless,

Mark Basile
Acting Principal

BADGES
Special Congratulations go to:
Amy G 3D
who has attained a Gold Badge.

Congratulations also to the following children who have recently been awarded Blue Badges:
Jacob G. 3T, Isabella I 1P, Tyrone C. 6S, Maria B. 3M, Clara A. 6M, Mathew K. 4M,
Nathan R. 2F, Orlando F. 2W, Chelsea B. 3C, Nikita S. 2W, Theresa Q. 3D, Luca D. 2W,
Jordan P. 5M, Allegra P. 2W, Sienna N. 4M.

Children’s Liturgy News
This week’s story is about a man called Zacchaeus and how he tried to hide from Jesus in a tree. 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 10.30 am 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 24th April
# CALENDAR DATES FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

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- **April 18**
  - Excursion—Collingwood Children’s Farm  Years 2B, 2W & 2F
  - Prep PMP—12 noon to 2 pm
  - Year 5 & 6 Assembly at 2.30 pm in Big Hall (Year 5K & 50 presenting)

- **April 19**
  - Excursion—Collingwood Children’s Farm  Years 2G, 2R & 2U
  - Prep—Year 6 Buddy Day
  - Year 3 Eucharist Evening 7 pm

- **April 20**
  - Wonder of Living Family Enrichment Program (Years 5 & 6) 5.30 pm & 7 pm

- **April 22**
  - Year 4 Excursion to Scienceworks
  - Year 6 Interschool Sport  9 am—11 am
  - Year 5 Incursion 2 pm to 3 pm
  - Middle and Senior School Band Eisteddfod
  - Hot Food Day / Plain Clothes Day
  - Year 6 Interschool Sport  9 am—11 am

- **April 29**
  - Working Bee 9 am — 12.30 pm

- **April 30**
  - Open Day for 2017 Preps  9.30 am — 12.30 pm

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Print this page and place it on your fridge
Sausage Sizzle / Treat Day: Flyers went home last week for the Sausage Sizzle and Treat Day. If your child did not receive it please contact the School Office.

**Forms and money were due last Friday 15th April 2016.**

Mother’s Day Stall: Flyers have been sent home for the Mother’s Day Stall (to be held on Tuesday 3rd May). If your child does not receive it please request one from the classroom teacher or from the School Office.

Forms and money must be returned to the classroom teacher by **Friday 29th April.**

**Helpers Wanted:** We are seeking 14 volunteers to help run the Mothers Day Stall on Tuesday 3rd May. We are looking for people to help all day 9am – 3pm, morning shift 9am – 12 noon and afternoon shift 12 noon – 3pm. If you are available to help and have a current WWC please text Pauline Vidos on 0405 459 847 with your availability.

**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. Commmbank 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.

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

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**Community News**

**ST MONICA’S COLLEGE—EPPING - MORNING TEA WITH THE PRINCIPAL**
Friday 6 May, commencing at 9.30am from the Theatre of All Nations.

Bookings for Morning Tea with the Principal are done online.
PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Prep B  Marcus D  for trying so hard with all his learning. Well done!
Prep J  Mark A  for always trying his best and being a kind member of Prep J
Prep M  Emily T  for making connections between the letter names and sounds. Keep up the great work, Emily!
Prep N  Lucas P  for always having a smile on his face and being a positive member of Prep N
Prep T  Luca P  for displaying such lovely manners and thoughtfulness
Prep U  Amy L  for working hard to learn all her letters and sounds
Year 1C  Vivan P  for being a responsible and respectful member of the class
Year 1D  James Q  for writing a more detailed and informative holiday recount
Year 1F  Romeo F  for being a respectful and kind member of the class
Year 1H  Gwendalyn J  for a fabulous recount detailing the events of Holy Week
Year 1O  Chrislyn J  for sequencing and illustrating the events of Holy Week
Year 1P  Brandon R  for being an attentive listener and contributing to class discussions
Year 2B  Alexander B  for using lots of expression in the Easter Play. Well done!
Year 2F  Sienna A  for putting a lot of effort into making her writing interesting. Well done!
Year 2G  Harry B  for being a terrific worker
Year 2R  George P  for working hard to use the strategies he knows when reading. Well done, George!
Year 2U  Campbell B  for his positive classroom behaviour and amazing handwriting. Well done!
Year 2W  Agnes C  for trying her best to speak aloud and with expression. Well done!
Year 3A  Allegra A  for always completing set work tasks on time. Keep it up!
Year 3D  Olivia J  for always showing good focus when working on set tasks
Year 3M  Katrina P  for always helping others in the class. Well done!
Year 3P  Jon A  for actively participating in whole class discussion
Year 3R  Nicholas H  for having a go when counting in thousands and not giving up. Well done!
Year 3T  Stella S  for excellent listening skills and sharing her valuable thoughts and understandings with others
Year 4A  Ethan M  for an excellent start to Term 2. Keep it up!
Year 4B  Lucas A  for his enthusiasm in the mathematics classroom
Year 4C  Chelsea B  for participating more in class discussions
Year 4I  Tahlia B  for being a helpful member of class who shows compassion to others
Year 4J  Michael N  for contribution to class discussions
Year 4M  Ryan C  for a positive attitude towards Maths
Year 5K  Elana B  for doing a great job with "Showing and Not Telling" an exciting event from her holiday
Year 5M  Jason R  for getting straight back into the classroom routine and focussing on his learning
Year 5O  Elena N  for a positive and productive start to Term 2. Keep up the great work!
Year 5R  Broc C  for always demonstrating patience
Year 5S  Angela F  for working hard on her organisational skills
Year 5T  Ajay P  for a very settled and focussed return to school. Keep it up!
Year 6B  Caitlin D  for her organisational skills and effort in the presentation of her 'Belonging' video
Year 6D  Danielle B  for her efforts in bat tennis tryouts. Well done, Danielle!
Year 6H  Stephanie I  for her great focus and investigation skills in collating a fantastic ANZAC presentation
Year 6M  Kosta K  for consistently working to complete his research about Barack Obama
Year 6S  Alana C  for presenting her learning creatively
Year 6W  Mathew S  for his descriptive, engaging and inspiring biography

Pupil of the Week

Prep   Christian M (Prep U)
Year 1  Sereana S (1H)
Year 2  Julia P (2U)
Year 3  Anthony M (3R)
Year 4  Giulia C (4A)
Year 5  Carla F (5M)
Year 6  Julie P (6W)

Keys To Life Award

Prep   Isabella Z (Prep B)  for Resilience
Year 1  Amelia M (1H)  for Organisation
Year 2  Sophie S (2O)  for Resilience
Year 3  Marcus T (3R)  for Getting Along
Year 4  Jarrod M (4A)  for Confidence
Year 5  Madison H (5M)  for Organisation
Year 6  Matthew C (6W)  for Getting Along