Dear Parents,

YEAR 6 AT CAMP MANYUNG
Our Year 6 campers thrived and survived – thank you to all the staff that gave of their time to make the camp possible, especially Brett McCarthy, Caithlin Power, Pam Meli, Veronica Spiteri, and Joanna Balliro who were there for the whole week. Although the weather was disappointing the children still managed to keep busy with the many activities Camp Manyung offers.
WINTER UNIFORM TIMELINE
As we are now halfway through Term 2 children are expected to be in full Winter school uniform. Parents however are invited to use their discretion as weather dictates over the next two weeks. All children are expected to be wearing their winter uniform by the end of May.

2017 PREP ENROLMENTS/INTERVIEWS
Last week Father Anthony and I began 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.

NAPLAN — YEARS 3 & 5
Last week the children in Years 3 & 5 took part in the NAPLAN testing. Results from these tests are expected to arrive in Term 3.

SICK CHILDREN COMING TO SCHOOL
I have noticed some students attending school who are ill. Could I please ask that if your child is not well to keep them at home. It is not fair to expect a child who is unwell to participate in learning activities and I am also conscious of them spreading their illness throughout the class.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM
Instrumental Music enrolments are now open for Semester 2 (Term 3 & 4) and will close at the end of this term. Only new students need apply as existing students already enrolled in Semester 1 will automatically be re-enrolled for Semester 2. Enrolment forms can be collected from the School Office or you can download the Instrumental Music enrolment form from our website. Prep enrolments for the Instrumental Music Program are now being accepted. Those already on a Waiting List will be processed and placed in the program. Please inform the office if you wish to cancel your existing child’s Instrumental Music lessons for Semester 2.

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.

KISS & DROP
As Winter is closing upon us, Kiss & Drop is busier than ever. To provide for the safety of our students and avoid congestion drivers are requested to observe the following:

- drivers to remain in vehicles at all times
- school bags to be stored in the car, not in the boot for safety reasons
- children to enter/exit the car from the left side passenger doors only
- observe the 5 KPH sign in the car park

Any drivers who are unable to comply with these guidelines will be asked to make alternate arrangements for the drop off/collection of their children.

ICT
Over the past twelve months we have expanded our ICT team and now have a full time technician on staff (Matthew McDonald) to assist us with the 600 laptops, 300 workstations, 200 iPads and 15 Mac computers we have at the school. We have realised that we cannot survive without him, given that all the students in Years 4-6 have laptops. He has particular expertise in the area of laptop repair where he is able to complete warranty repairs on site. His employment has freed up Miss Caithlin Power who has more time to work with the students developing their ICT skills.
GODSTART PARTY FOR 4-YEAR-OLDS

There will be a Birthday Party for all children in the parish who turn 4 this year, on Friday, 20th May, starting at 10 am in the Small Hall. All 3-4 year-old children and their families are invited. If you and your 4-Year old would like to come, please pick up an invitation at the School Office.

RSVP: Ruth 9407 6704.

God bless,

Mark Basile
Acting Principal

BADGES

Special Congratulations go to:
Lauren D. 6W
who has attained a Gold Badge.

Congratulations also to the following children who have recently been awarded Blue Badges:

Children’s Liturgy News

This week’s story teaches us about how to pray to 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 10.30 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 22nd May
May 16  Year 5 & 6 Assembly—Big Hall at 2.30 pm  (5S & 5T presenting)
May 17  Year 5K, 5O & 5T boys to Parade College
May 20  Interschool sport - 9 am to 11 am

May 23  Year 1 & 2 Assembly—Big Hall (1H & 1P presenting)
May 25  District Cross Country
May 26  Parish Education Board Meeting—7 pm
May 27  Year 6 Interschool Sport - 9 am to 11 am

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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. Commbank 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 $2.00 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

BOOKS FOR SALE $65 PER BOOK OR DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP
Books are available from the school office or you can order your digital membership online (IPhone and Android smartphone compatible).

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Prep B  Jerry G  for trying hard to make good choices in the classroom. Keep it up!
Prep J  Maeve S  for doing some great reading. Keep up the wonderful effort!
Prep M  Manwel M  for amazing story writing. Well done, Manwel!
Prep N  Zoe M  for her amazing persistence with her handwriting
Prep T  Alessia G  for working really hard on her reading and for attempting unfamiliar words
Year 1C  Christian H  for always helping others and being a kind and considerate class member
Year 1D  Nathaniel W  for making a tremendous effort in improving his handwriting. Well done!
Year 1F  Tiago M  for writing an engaging sizzling start in his weekend recount. Well done Tiago!
Year 1H  Ella R  for making great connections during reading sessions
Year 1O  Johansa F  for writing a beautiful descriptive piece about Pentecost
Year 1P  Dean M  for writing descriptive and interesting recounts about his weekend
Year 2B  Theo D  for writing a fantastic procedure on "How To Get Closer To God"
Year 2D  Antonio G  for using great mental strategies in solving mathematical problems. Well done!
Year 2R  Andrew C  for his thoughtful contributions to class discussions. Well done, Andrew!
Year 2U  Angelique R  for using great strategies to solve subtraction problems. Well done!
Year 2W  Luca B  for working hard during story writing. Well done Luca!
Year 3A  Beau R  for showing confidence and contributing during class discussions. Keep it up!
Year 3D  Salam J  for making a great effort in getting his homework tasks completed on time
Year 3M  Latisha F  for always working hard and helping others. Well done!
Year 3P  Isabella D  for her positive attitude towards her work and for always listening attentively
Year 3R  Vanessa F  for showing confidence in class discussions
Year 3T  Jacob G  for always working hard and doing his best!
Year 4A  Jovan J  for displaying growing maturity and an outstanding piece of home learning
Year 4B  Joseph I  for his enthusiasm and hard work in the mathematics classroom
Year 4C  Damian N  for contributing to class discussions
Year 4L  Amelia F  for her constant contribution to class discussions. Keep it up!
Year 4J  Elisha F  for the effort she put into her Maths home learning
Year 4M  Siena V  for working hard with telling the time to the nearest minute
Year 5K  Joseph C  for always being conscientious and hard working
Year 5M  Anthony F  for consistently completing home learning tasks to a high standard
Year 5O  Michele P  for following instructions promptly and doing her work well
Year 5R  Bianca T  for always demonstrating confidence when sharing her learning. Well done!
Year 5S  Oscar F  for showing eagerness to share his stories
Year 5T  Marcus G  for consistency in completing outstanding home learning. Fantastic work Marcus, keep it up!
Year 6B  Raphael C  for his persistence and style shown on the Tree Top Challenge
Year 6D  Xavier B  for demonstrating confidence when participating in class discussions
Year 6H  Kiara B  for challenging herself in all her camp activities
Year 6M  Francesco D  for making more appropriate choices in the classroom
Year 6S  Luke F  for having a go and challenging himself at camp
Year 6W  Mark R  for using his initiative and being responsible for his learning

Pupil of the Week

Prep  Joseph S (Prep N)
Year 1  Ruby N (1C)
Year 2  Amber P (2F)
Year 3  Maia B (3M)
Year 4  Noah A (4J)
Year 5  Samuel D (5S)
Year 6  Mya A (6S)

Keys To Life Award

Prep  Mia F (Prep T) for Resilience
Year 1  Chaize B (1C) for Organisation
Year 2  Mason K (2F) for Confidence
Year 3  Mark K (3M) for Persistence
Year 4  Tahlia A (4J) for Confidence
Year 5  Claudio R (5S) for Persistence
Year 6  Francis P (6S) for Confidence