Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone, it is hard to believe that we are over half way through the year.

This term promises to be another busy one with many events. Some of these events include Confirmation for our Year 6 students, Year 4 Basket Supper, Book Week, Italian Day and our Father’s Day Breakfast just to name a few.

These extra curricula achievements balance the academic endeavours of the students throughout the term exceptionally well.

**SCHOOL CLOSURE – WEDNESDAY 22ND JUNE**

"Highly engaging! So many useful strategies and ideas to engage all levels of writers".

On Wednesday, 22nd June the staff at St Francis were involved in the second instalment of the Seven Steps to Writing workshop. Pina Sernio returned to present and involve the staff in purposeful, practical and fun strategies and activities to engage all levels of writers in the classroom. The quote above depicts just how much our teachers gained from this workshop. They now feel more confident and equipped with greater techniques to encourage all children in the classroom to flourish as writers.

**YEAR 5 & 6 PASSION PROJECT EXPOS**

Last term we had the Year 5 & 6 Passion Project Expos which were a great celebration of this new initiative. The engagement levels of students and the body of work presented was outstanding! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers who have been involved in these projects. The extra time and commitment both teachers and students have put in has been beyond all expectations.

**YEAR 6 CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation will be celebrated at the end of Week 6 this term (August 19th and 21st). Preparations are well underway with the students beginning their ‘Sacramental Access Program’ on the 16th/17th July. A Confirmation Retreat Day is scheduled for Thursday, 21st July. Year 6 Students and their teachers will travel to the Holy Cross Centre in Templestowe for a day of reflection and activity associated with Confirmation. A letter outlining the excursion and a permission slip was sent home last term. Could you please ensure that the permission slip is returned by the end of this week.

**YEAR LEVEL ASSEMBLIES:**

A new assembly roster has been finalised. Please peruse the Assembly Timetable as we are now spreading assemblies over a three week period on a Friday afternoon. I invite all families to celebrate the achievements and share in the learning of our students. Assemblies are led by the students and it is a great opportunity for them to practise leadership and public speaking skills.

**YEAR 4 BASKET SUPPER**

The Year 4 students have begun their dance lessons with Ken Marshall from Absolutely Ballroom this week. They will be actively practising these dances throughout this term in readiness for the Basket Supper Dance Night which is scheduled for Thursday 15th September. The evening will be held at St Monica’s Secondary College. More information will follow regarding this evening later in the term.
EARLY NOTICE—SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY IN TERM 3
The School will have a school closure day on Monday 8th August. The Out of School Hours will be operating on the day. More details to follow.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS
Invoices will be sent home next week for Semester 2 Music lessons. These invoices should be paid by Friday 5th August. If you have any questions relating to these invoices, please contact Anne Coleiro via email: acoleiro@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au or by phone 9407 3100.

HEAD LICE CHECKS
Whittlesea Council Nurses will be attending the school to conduct head lice checks on the 9th, 10th and 11th August. More information will be sent home shortly.

UNIFORM
Many parents have approached me regarding the loss of their child’s uniform. Please clearly label all items of uniform. Could I also ask that parents check the labels on their child’s current uniforms to make sure that they have not accidently brought home the wrong uniform. If you are looking for items of lost clothing please check the Lost and Found in Salter House.

God bless

Mark Basile
Acting Principal

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


PE NEWS

T-Ball
On Tuesday 19th July the T-Ball Girls will Represent our school at the Whittlesea Division T-Ball Finals. The Girls had a great season and we wish them luck next week. If they are successful they will move onto the Northern Region Finals. Go Falcons!

Hooptime Basketball
We are Looking forward to sending our 5/6 Basketball teams to the Hooptime Basketball Tournament taking place at the Mill Park Basketball Stadium on Friday 5th August 2016. Trials for the team will take place over the next two weeks at Lunchtimes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The team will be selected in Week 3 and those who make the team will represent our school at the tournament. Good Luck to all who try out.

Mr Brett McCarthy
Positive Parenting Workshop

Thursday 28th July at 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm

Parents are warmly invited to attend a Positive Parenting session to be held on Thursday the 28th July from 2.30 pm—3.30 pm in the School Hall. The session will be presented by Patrice Wiseman from Catholic Education Melbourne. Patrice has recently worked with the staff on the implementation of a positive approach to supporting and managing student behaviour. Patrice is a highly credentialed authority in this field and her strategies for promoting positive behaviours when dealing with young children are both practical and effective. I highly recommend this workshop to all parents as its content will be applicable to children of all ages and all personality types.

This session encourages parents to reflect on their own parenting style, learn some great simple strategies and understand the behavioural support processes that are being implemented within the school environment. It will also provide another valuable opportunity for the home and school to work together in partnership for the benefit of your child.

If you would like to attend this session, please complete the expression of interest slip below and return to the school office by Friday the 22nd July.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE
BY FRIDAY 22ND JULY, 2016

I would like to attend the Positive Parenting Workshop to be held on Thursday 28th July at 2.30 pm. 

Name: ________________________________
## CALENDAR DATES FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

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### ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

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Print this page and place it on your fridge
Children’s Liturgy News

In this week's lesson we will be looking at a story about a sick lady who reached out and touched Jesus’ clothes and was healed! 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 17th July

Parents’ Association News

Christmas in July Disco: The PA is hosting a Christmas in July Disco Night for grades 1-6 on Friday 29th July, 2016. Forms will be sent home today. All money is due back in by this Friday 15th July 2016.

VISION PORTRAITS PHOTO FUNDRAISER - 23rd and 24th July 2016
We have a great photo offer for our families this year! $15 for two (2) prints and a frame! (See attached flyer for details)
We also have a prize giveaway for one lucky family - you could win a $200 voucher towards your photo package!
Book in early to avoid disappointment and to be in the running for the voucher prize!
Enquiries: Angela Pougiooukas (Coordinator) Mob: 0411 646 398

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).
Any Enquirers contact Angela on 0409930432 or email hakouts@gmail.com

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 a week. Any queries please contact Trish on 0412 344 813.

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.

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
Contact Vision Portraits
Enquiries?
03 9596 9400

www.trybookings.com/LMSB

Book online now at:

Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th July

Photography date:

St Francis of Assisi School

 Raises funds for:

for our photo fundraising event

LAST CHANCE to book

Just $15 for your 10" x 13"

Special 2 x prints & 1 frame $215

Bookings close soon...
PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Prep B  Kaisha T  for a great second term in Prep and for working hard to learn new things
Prep J  Zac B  for trying extra hard with his writing. Well done!
Prep M  Katherine C  for being so positive about all aspects of school. Keep it up Katherine!
Prep N  Mia P  for trying to use letter sounds when writing new words
Prep T  Belinda P  for always using her manners and helping those in need
Prep U  Xavier P  for sharing his ideas with more confidence. Well done!
Year 1C  Anagha S  for adding more detail to written pieces and always listening attentively
Year 1D  Miriam M  for being an enthusiastic and independent member of Year 1D
Year 1F  Allie K  for being enthusiastic about her writing and taking care in the presentation of her work
Year 1H  Alexander H  for trying his best to re-read his work and make necessary improvements. Well done!
Year 1O  Aidan M  for listening attentively during discussions and asking questions to confirm his understanding of expectations
Year 1P  Keira D  for trying her best to use full stops correctly
Year 2B  Siena E  for writing two creative narratives. Well done!
Year 2F  Nathan R  for being a good listener and a cheerful helper in the classroom
Year 2G  Matthew K  for working hard with his story writing
Year 2R  Olivia D  for being a thoughtful and caring class member. Well done, Olivia!
Year 2U  Judd S  for his incredible growth mindset and team work in the classroom. Keep it up Judd!
Year 2W  Shaun M  for working hard on his story writing. Well done Shaun!
Year 3A  Amelia A  for always being a positive role model in Year 3A. Well done!
Year 3D  Jayden J  for being focused when completing his scientific procedure
Year 3M  Michael H  for helping out others in class. Good work!
Year 3P  Maya G  for her active participation in class discussions
Year 3R  Jasmine C  for always listening to the teacher and accepting feedback. Well done!
Year 3T  Christian C  for always listening and doing his best. Well done Christian!
Year 4A  Sebastian M  for an excellent first Semester in Year 4. Well done!
Year 4B  Jessica W  for her hard work and efforts with her joined handwriting
Year 4C  Anastashiya F  for creating specific and detailed Term 3 learning goals
Year 4I  Deacon B  for contributing to class and group discussions. Well done!
Year 4J  Matthew B  for his participation during the music performance
Year 4M  Jaiden J  for working hard in his reading rotations
Year 5K  Olivia M  for taking pride in all her work
Year 5M  Luella R  for seeking assistance when it was needed. Well done Luella!
Year 5O  Maylin L  for being an engaged learner during inquiry sessions
Year 5R  Jason M  for his excellent efforts in writing. Well done!
Year 5S  Alex B  for being a hard working student who strives to produce work of a high standard. Well done!
Year 5T  Natalie P  for consistency with Mathletics homework in the classroom. Well done Nat!
Year 6B  Shalini P  for presenting a detailed and enthusiastic speech about her chosen Saint
Year 6D  Isabelle K  for trying her best to understand fractions, decimals and percentage. Well done and keep it up!
Year 6H  Shante P  for an excellent presentation on global issues
Year 6M  Marcus A  for a fantastic stencil art piece about St. Mark. Wow!
Year 6S  Ruby-Jade R  for making appropriate choices and using her initiative
Year 6W  Lauren D  for her improvements in her writing. Well done!

Pupil of the Week

Prep  Francis J  (Prep N)
Year 1  Siena M  (1C)
Year 2  Eva L  (2F)
Year 3  Cara S  (3M)
Year 4  Isabella I  (4B)
Year 5  Julia N  (5S)
Year 6  Renee S  (6W)

Keys To Life Award

Prep  Isabella P (Prep T)  for Persistence
Year 1  Jordan T (1C)  for Persistence
Year 2  Matilda T (2F)  for Persistence
Year 3  Steffanie B (3M)  for Organisation
Year 4  Chloe B (4B)  for Getting Along
Year 5  Sydney L (5S)  for Organisation
Year 6  Mathew S (6W)  for Persistence