FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

OUR ANZAC LEGACY
I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend. To highlight our connection with the Anzac story we will continue holding Anzac Day Paraliturgies throughout the week in the classrooms.

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

PREP BUDDY DAY
What a beautiful day! The weather was perfect and the children had lots of fun. It was great to see all the year 6 students mothering their prep buddies. I would like to thank Brett McCarthy, the Prep and Year 6 teachers for organizing the smooth running of the day. I would also like to thank the parents who attended. I must commend Veronica Spiteri, Mary Kirkopoulos, Angela Gianfriddo and Joanna Balliro for the delicious sausages in bread which were cooked on the day (They were even better than the ones I normally cook).

EUCHARIST PARENT/CHILD REFLECTION EVENING
We began our formal preparation last week for the Year 3 students to receive their First Holy Eucharist. During the evening, parents and children had 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. I would like to thank Father Anthony for his time and inspirational words. I would also like to thank John Dwyer and the Year Three team for their organisation of the night.

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.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM
Our congratulations are extended to Angela Sicari and all the staff of the Out of School Hours Care Program. The Program received “Exceeding” in the National Quality Standard Assessment and Rating. Well done to everyone.

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.

HOT FOOD DAY / PLAIN CLOTHES DAY
The next Hot Food Day / Plain Clothes Day will be Thursday 28th April.

WORKING BEE
Our next Working Bee for this year will take place this 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 be sent home today. HOPE TO 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.

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.

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.

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 this week to all families who have not set up a payment plan.

YEAR 6 CAMP
In two weeks 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:
Camp 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.
God bless,

Mark Basile
Acting Principal

BADGES

Special Congratulations go to:
Bianca C (3T)
who has attained a Gold Badge.

Congratulations also to the following children who have recently been awarded Blue Badges:
Alana C. 6S, Ebonae F. 4C, Jonathon Y. 2R, Christian B. 4C, Jesse M. 5K, Zoe P. 5K,
Angelo D. 4C, Olivia J. 3D, Sienna R. 3R, James R. 1F, Rita W. 6M

Children’s Liturgy News

This week’s story is about going fishing with Peter and 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 1st May.
### CALENDAR DATES FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

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Print this page and place it on your fridge
The Importance of Literacy

Literacy is the basis of your child’s learning. Your child is literate if they know how to use language (speaking, listening, reading and writing) with confidence.

Literacy skills begin in the pre-school years and are built on throughout the school years. Parents are their child’s most influential teacher and can encourage children in many ways to enjoy speaking, listening, reading and writing.

You can help your child develop listening and speaking skills in many ways. Some suggestions include:

- encourage conversations with your child.
- role model how to listen and take turns speaking.
- take the time to listen to your child’s stories without interrupting, correcting or judging.
- include your child in family discussions and decision making.
- explain and model social etiquettes of conversation, such as not to interrupt when someone is talking.

You can help your child develop listening and speaking skills in many ways. Some suggestions include:

- lead by example and allow your child to see you regularly reading newspapers, books and magazines. Take your child to the library.
- have plenty of books appropriate to your child’s reading level available in the house.
- read stories together.
- encourage your child’s reading by showing them how to find information that is of interest to them (may include catalogues, dictionaries, cookbooks, sports pages).
- play word-orientated games.
- have discussions about books with your child.

Make connections (what does the story remind you of? . . . Another book, a movie or an event in your life?)


Question (what was the problem? Who was the main character? Tell me what happened in the story in the correct order. How did the character feel when...? I wonder why the author?).

Predict (what do you think will happen in this story? What do you think will happen next? How do you think the problem will be solved?).

Make inferences (reading between the lines. Children use their background knowledge and evidence from the text to infer what the author means but has not stated).

Synthesize (Changing their thinking as they read...I used to think___ but now I think__).

You can help your child develop listening and speaking skills in many ways. Some suggestions include:

- lead by example. Allow your child to see you regularly writing for different reasons - letters, cards, lists, filling in forms, notes etc.
- make sure your child has writing materials they can readily use.
- encourage your child to start their own journal to record their activities, thoughts and special occasions.
- give your child time to write using a computer.
Over the weekend many Australians, attended the dawn service to commemorate ANZAC Day and respectfully remember those who sacrificed their lives in the pursuit of peace. ANZAC Day is always a rich opportunity to acknowledge the link between Christ’s sacrifice and the sacrifices made by those in our armed services. It is a time when we can all reflect on the way we can, and need to, work for peace in our hearts, homes and communities.

During the month of May we celebrate the unparalleled faith and devotion of Mary - Jesus' mother. Mary is the ultimate model of discipleship and we look to her inspiration, guidance and strength in our lives. May is also an exciting month as we give thanks for our own mothers and carers and celebrate our love for them at our annual Mother’s Day breakfasts on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th May.

May and June will be very exciting months, especially for the Year Three students who will be preparing to receive their First Holy Eucharist. This coming weekend, on Saturday 30th April & Sunday 1st May our Sacramental Smartphone program (previously known as the Passport program) will commence for all those preparing to receive Eucharist for the first time in June. The program invites the candidates and their families to attend mass weekly over a five-week period as a rich source of preparation and formation. This week students will receive their “Sacramental Smartphone”. They will also receive a photo order envelope which is to be handed to the photographers on the day of your child’s first Eucharist and not handed into the office prior to the event. We thank you for your assistance in this matter. We are still attempting to finalise details regarding our ability to film the ceremonies and will communicate the outcome to parents as soon as a decision has been reached.

Towards the end of the term we will again be inviting teachers, students and their families to respond to social justice issues and work in partnership with our local St Vincent de Paul conference to support those in need. We will be gathering to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart on Friday 3rd June at 9.15 am for Prep - Year 2 classes and again at 12 noon for Year 3 - 6 classes. Instead of holding a winter appeal for St Vincent de Paul in which families donate foods and goods, we have been asked to make a monetary donation to assist St Vincent de Paul to meet the range of needs in the community. More details will follow as the term unfolds.

2016 The Year of Mercy - Family reflection

When recently asked by a reporter ‘How can mercy be taught to children’, Pope Francis replied, “ By getting them used to the stories of the Gospel and to the parables. By talking with them, and above all by having them experience mercy. By helping them understand that in life we sometimes make mistakes and fall but the important thing is to always get back up. It (the family) is the first school of mercy, because it is there that we have been loved and learned to love, have been forgiven and learned to forgive”.

Personal reflection:

In what ways have you shown compassion or mercy to others today?
How have you experienced mercy today?

God Bless.

John Dwyer

Time to Pray:

Dear Lord,
Renew us with your mercy,
and enable the power of your love to transform our lives.
Help us to become agents of your divine mercy, spreading love and forgiveness through our thoughts, words and deeds.
Amen

Making Time for Jesus Awards

Well done to the following children for filling in their Making Time for Jesus cards:
Gwendalyn J (1H) and Mirelle L (Prep N)
Sausage Sizzle / Treat Day: To be held this Thursday 28th April 2016.
*** Don’t forget to dress in plain clothes and bring a gold coin donation***

Mother’s Day Stall: Flyers went home last week for the Mother’s Day Stall (to be held on Tuesday 3rd May). If your child did 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 this Friday 29th April.

Helpers Needed - Envelope Opening/Money Counting: The PA will be opening envelopes and counting money on Wednesday 27th April at 1pm and Friday 29th April at 9am. Please ask for location at the office when signing in. For those new to the PA, babies/toddlers can be brought to this activity if need be.

If you are available to help on either of these days please contact Daniella Galati on 0418 100 190.

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 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).

Any Enquires contact Angela- 0409930432 or email hakouts@gmail.com
WEEKEND MASS TIMES:
SATURDAY VIGIL: 5.00 PM;
SUNDAY: 9 AM, 10.30 AM & 5.00 PM.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:
Monday – Friday 9.15 am
Wednesday 7.30 pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

RECONCILIATION:
Saturday 9.45 am
Wednesday evening after Mass & Novena

ADORATION:
Saturday 9.45 am – 11 am concluding
with Benediction.
Wednesday 7.30 am – 7.30 pm

MARRIAGES:
By appointment with a Priest.
Contact Parish Office.

BAPTISMS:
Every Sunday except 2nd Sunday of the
month at midday and by appointment.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING:
1st Thursday of the month in the School
staffroom at 7.30 pm.

LEGION OF MARY:
Every Tuesday in the Parish Youth Nook at
7.30 pm.

WORD OF PRAYER GROUP:
Praise and worship every Thursday 7.30
pm in the Chapel followed by fellowship
in the Youth Nook.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE
WORD:
Sundays 10.30 am Mass during term

VIGIL MASS:
1st Friday of the month 7 pm to 1 am.

FILIPINO MASS:
2nd Sunday of the month at 12 noon.

ITALIAN MASS:
2nd Tuesday of the month 11.30 am.

MALTESE MASS:
3rd Sat. of the month at 4pm (chapel).
Confessions: 3.30 pm;
Rosary: 3.40 pm.

PASSEIONIST FAMILY GROUP:
Contact Alfons & Helen Glatzel: 9404 2050

LIFETEEN:
Sunday after 5:00 pm Mass.
Contact Theresa: 0447 690 501

ALPHA CONTINES THIS THURSDAY!

It’s not too late to join!
Explore questions of life and faith and make new
friendships at Alpha! Alpha is an exciting refresher
Course in the Christian faith.
The third session of the Alpha Course is on this
Thursday 28th April, in St Francis Hall, starting at
7 pm - 9.30 pm. Enquiries: Ruth - 9407 6704.

The Diocesan Committee of the Guild of St Stephen warmly invites
all Altar Servers to participate in the
ANNUAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS
at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Melbourne, at 7:30pm on Friday 27th May
2016.
During the Mass Archbishop Hart will admit new members into the
Guild. For enquiries contact Fr George Feliciouz.

On Friday 8th April 2016, Pope Francis published a new papal
document called, Amoris Laetitia, ‘The Joy of Love: On Love in the
Family’ at the Vatican in Rome. It is about marriage and family
life. The papal document is also known as an ‘Apostolic
Exhortation’. It is available to read and download on the Australian
Catholic Bishops Conference website:
If you don’t have time to read all 256 pages of the Exhortation,
you can access a summary on the bishops conference website.

CHILDRENS LITURGY
We are looking for Parents to be involved in the Children’s
Liturgy on Sundays @ 10:30 mass during the school year. If
you are interested or would like to learn more about what is
needed please contact Roslyn Borg on 0402 425 109.

ROSARY WITH CHILDREN
At the Chapel every Saturday at 11.00 am under adult
supervision. All children are invited and encouraged to
learn how to say the Rosary.
PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Prep B  Roman I  for using word lists to help him with his writing
Prep J  Andrea D  for making a great improvement in classroom work and behaviour
Prep M  Imogen B  for answering questions and contributing to class discussions. Keep it up, Imogen!
Prep N  Sienna L  for always trying her best in everything she does
Prep T  Christopher I  for being incredibly resilient
Prep U  Sophia D  for using the Word Wall to help her with her writing. Well done!
Year 1C  Stephanie B  for remaining focused and completing set tasks independently
Year 1D  Miriam M  for a great attempt at writing with a sizzling start!
Year 1F  Isabella D  for being a resilient and enthusiastic learner. Keep it up Isabella!
Year 1H  Analise M  for looking at all of the sounds within words and trying her hardest to read familiar stories
Year 1O  Jhon S  for working hard on his reading in teaching groups
Year 1P  Mia A  for her love of learning and positive approach to all tasks
Year 2B  Lincoln H  for working really hard in Maths. Well done!
Year 2F  Dion S  for being an active member in class discussions. Well done!
Year 2G  Maxwell P  for always working hard
Year 2R  Eva A  for trying her best in all she does. Well done, Eva!
Year 2U  Igor J  for displaying positive classroom behaviours and working hard to complete tasks. Well done, Igor!
Year 2W  Orlando F  for reading with expression during the readers theatre. Well done!
Year 3A  Sienna R  for her great efforts in mathematics with addition strategies
Year 3D  Amy G  for being an organised, hardworking and helpful member of the classroom
Year 3M  Christian C  for his great work during mathematics to understand the jump strategy. Good job!
Year 3P  Amelia P  for always being hardworking and conscientious. Well done and keep up the great work!
Year 3R  Emily B  for participating with enthusiasm in class discussions
Year 3T  Elvin P  for excellent listening and doing his best across all learning areas. Well done, Elvin!
Year 4A  Jack R  for always being confident and engaged in class
Year 4B  Giorgio P  for his efforts and enthusiasm in inquiry
Year 4C  Jiovanna B  for organising her time better and completing her work
Year 4I  Kiara D  for working really hard to present her Godly play
Year 4J  Rita M  for her participation in class discussions. Keep it up!
Year 4M  Nathan M  for beginning to participate in class discussions
Year 5K  Christian V  for always being an active participant in class discussions providing insightful responses
Year 5R  Olivia C  for being an excellent classroom helper!
Year 5S  Alessia K  for fantastic home learning
Year 5T  Josh N  for outstanding home learning. Keep it up!
Year 6B  Ethan C  for the creativity displayed in his Bill Gates presentation
Year 6D  Nikita M  for the great effort she placed into completing her biography. Well done and keep it up!
Year 6H  Dilucksha R  for the excellent effort she put into her presentation for the Year 6 "Night of the Notables"
Year 6M  Luca M  for showing creativity when preparing and presenting his “Night of the Notables” about Walt Disney
Year 6S  Natarsha G  for her creative presentation on Mother Teresa
Year 6W  Bradley M  for his enthusiasm and contributions to the fractions topic

Pupil of the Week

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