Dear Parents,

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who celebrated their Confirmation over the weekend. I would like to thank everyone involved in the ceremonies especially Mr John Dwyer, our Religious Education Leader, and our teaching staff who came along and supported the Confirmation Candidates. A special thanks must go to Mrs. Theresa Egglezos and the children in the Choir. They sang beautifully at all three ceremonies. I would also like to thank the congregation for ensuring that the celebration was prayerful and reverent.

CLASS LISTS 2017

Teachers are in the process of organising classes for 2017. Teachers need to take a broad view and consider the needs of all students. It is our intention to provide well-balanced class groupings for 2017. To achieve this we must consider all academic, emotional, social and behavioural needs of all students.

Teachers will draw upon their collective knowledge of the students to arrange the classes. Individual requests made by parents compromises this process and inevitably inhibits our capacity to deliver balanced classes. Each year we receive a myriad of requests, some of the scenarios often relate to the following:

- to be placed with a certain teacher
- not to be placed with a particular teacher
- to be placed with particular students and not with others
- not to be in a particular classroom space
- not to be placed in a shared class
- to be placed with another student as it assists pick ups and drop offs
- for students to be placed together because parents are good friends

I ask parents to consider how impossible the task of arranging classes would be if we were to act on these types of requests from parents. Therefore, I ask parents NOT to send messages in relation to the placement of students for 2017. All teachers and leadership personnel have been directed not to accept requests. Please rely on the professionalism of staff to meet the needs of all students.

This is a worthwhile lesson for our students. We need to foster resilience and positivity. Your support in this process is very much appreciated.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY - FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST

On Friday, 26th August we will be hosting Jeans for Genes Day. Students are permitted to wear jeans to school with their school shirt and jumper along with appropriate footwear. Prep students are allowed to wear jeans with their sports top and jacket for PE that day. EACH child is asked to bring a gold coin donation. Money raised goes towards research into genetic diseases such as Epilepsy, Leukaemia and Muscular Dystrophy.

Items will be sold before school outside the office on this Friday. Limited stocks available. Please support this very worthwhile cause. Thank you.

Jeans Pin $2 each  Pen $2 & $3 each
2016 NAPLAN RESULTS (YEARS 3 & 5)
The results for this year’s NAPLAN have been received and will be sent home at the end of the week.

Please Note: It is important that families keep these results as most secondary schools ask for copies of the NAPLAN results when enrolling into Year 7.

SCHOOL FEES
Term 3 fees were due on Friday 19th August. Please pay as soon as possible. If you are unable to come to the school, credit card payments may be made by phoning the school office on 9407 3100 or direct transfer payments may be made to our school fee account (BSB 083 347 A/C 52875 5292). Please include your child’s surname in the reference. If you have any queries or are unable to pay in full, please contact Anne Coleiro or Leanne Henwood at the school office.

NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP
Next week, beginning Monday, 29th August, we will be trialling a new pick-up regime for after school. Parents will not be able to collect children from the front of the Church. Instead we will use the staff carpark as the main thoroughfare for after school pick-up. We will trial this for one week, and if we find it runs more efficiently than the two pick-up areas open, we will continue with this arrangement. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Please note:
• There will be three teachers at the staff carpark for pick-up to ensure that it moves quickly.
• This will only be in place for pick-up at the end of the school day. Drop off in the morning will still operate as normal.
• There will still be a teacher on duty at the front of the Church supervising the children who are being picked up by parents walking in from the Stables Shopping Centre.
• If you normally use the Church pick-up please ensure that your child is aware of this new arrangement to avoid confusion.

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

Friday, 2nd September
7 am to 8.30 am in the Hall

For those Dads who have to eat and run the children will be supervised by teachers on the school playgrounds or if the weather is poor, in the Middle Areas.
VACATION CARE (HOLIDAY PROGRAM) - ‘IT’S HAPPENING’
I am delighted to announce that a fully Accredited Vacation Care program will be up and running here at St. Francis of Assisi School during the September holidays from Monday 19th September until Thursday 29th September (30th September is a Public Holiday). If you are interested in using this program parents need to collect a Vacation Care Package from the School Office or the OSHC Program. Please note that they are only able to accept 30 children per day.

OSHC PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS FROM STABLES KINDERGARTEN
We are investigating the possibility of offering before and after kinder care for siblings of students at St. Francis, who attend the 4 year old kinder program at the Stables. If you are interested please contact Angela Sicari on 9407 3170.

YEAR 4 BASKET SUPPER
The Year 4 Basket Supper will be held at St. Monica’s on Thursday, 15th September. This is an enjoyable evening for Mum and Dad and the Year 4 child who has been participating in these lessons. Please note we do ask that other arrangements be made for siblings on this evening if possible. A note has been sent home to all Year 4 families today. There is a $20 per family fee for this evening.

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.

UNIFORM
As the year passes the students can become complacent about wearing the correct uniform. We ask that you support us and ensure that your child arrives at school each day in the correct attire. Please note: The children should be wearing the correct socks and shoes specific to our uniform.

YEAR 5 CAMP DATES
Our Year 5 students will be going to Phillip Island Adventure Resort for camp on 26th October—28th October, 2016.

LAST WEEK OF TERM 3 NEWS
On Wednesday, 14th September we will be having a Multicultural Day. On this day the children will be encouraged to dress up. A timetable explaining all events will be issued in coming weeks. On this day, the PA will be organizing a pizza lunch for Years Prep, 1, 3 and 4. On Thursday, 15th September Years 2, 5 and 6 will have a pizza lunch.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS
School will finish on Friday 16th September at 1 pm for the term break. Term 4 commences at 8.45 am on Monday 3rd October.

Key enrolment dates for Year 7 – 2018 (our current Year 5 students)

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God bless,

Mark Basile
Acting Principal

Children’s Liturgy News

This week’s story is about 2 builders. One builder built his house upon a rock and the other built his house on sand. 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 28th August
August 22  Year 1D & 1F—Excursion to Marine Sanctuary & Williamstown Beach
August 24  Years 3 to 6 District Athletics
August 25  Year 4’s to Loyola
August 26  Jeans for Genes Day
August 26  Year 5 & 6 Assembly - Big Hall - 2.30 pm (6M & 6S presenting). Parents welcome
August 30  Father’s Day Stall
August 31  Prep Assembly - Big Hall - 2.30 pm (Prep N & Prep T presenting). Parents welcome
         ** PARENTS PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE **
September 2 Father’s Day Breakfast

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BOOK WEEK PERFORMANCES

It’s been a wonderful week for the Years Prep, One and Two students this week as the library is full of their creativity and new book displays. They have enjoyed a performance about Mr Huff, a book written by Anna Walker and musical entertainment from Craig Smith, the author of the Wonky Donkey. Their enthusiasm for books and characters sets the tone for this Book Term not just a Book Week! Students in Years Three to Six will be meeting authors later this term.

Colette Hickey

Father’s Day Stall- We need helpers!!! To be held on Tuesday 30th August. Flyers were sent home last week, however for the day to run successfully we need helpers. If you have a current WWC and are available to help out on the day please contact Sandra on 0407 535 850. If you have not helped before, put your name down to experience the excitement of seeing the children choose a gift for their special person.

Forms and money must be returned to the classroom teacher by Friday 26th August.

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.

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
REGISTRATION DAY
Registrations are now open
and can be done at training

The 2016-2017 Little Athletics Season is starting soon.

We welcome girls & boys from 5 years to 15 years to join our Club and participate in a healthy outdoor sport, in a fun and family friendly environment.

- Weekly competition commences on Saturday, 8th October, 2016
- Club Training is on Tuesday nights, commencing 6th September, 2016 from 5pm-6pm at Meadowglen International Athletics Stadium, McDonalds Road, Epping
  - Birth Certificate is required for new athlete registrations

Contact: Tony Newstead, President-0431 665 350 Sharon Willingham, Secretary-0434 075 855

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PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Prep B
Erica C
for being so reverent during Mass. Well done!

Prep J
Hayley W
for showing great independence

Prep M
Oliver L
for always listening to the teacher’s instructions and showing respect to others in the class

Prep N
Jacob A
for adding detail to his recount about his weekend!

Prep T
Sammy M
for writing a detailed recount about his weekend

Year 1C
Michael C
for using strategies, such as related sums, to solve addition problems

Year 1D
Zara A
for displaying confidence with sharing and contributing to class discussion

Year 1F
Elisa L
for taking care in the presentation of her sea creature information poster

Year 1H
Sienna P
for working cooperatively with others. Well done!

Year 1O
Charlie N
for working hard throughout our unit on money

Year 1P
Nathan F
for trying his best to use his inside voice

Year 2B
Isabel J
for always trying her best. Well done!

Year 2F
Dominic K
for putting a lot of effort into completing his tasks

Year 2G
Duy N
for working hard and trying his best

Year 2R
Jasmina M
for being able to correctly draw groups and arrays to represent multiplication problems. Well done, Jasmina!

Year 2U
Max C
for applying efficient written and mental strategies when solving multiplication problems

Year 2W
Luca C
for trying his best in all his work. Well done, Luca!

Year 3A
Alana K
for being an attentive, consistent and helpful member of the class

Year 3D
Rafal Y
for being a helpful and considerate classmate and for her amazing translating skills!

Year 3M
Nicolas S
for working hard to complete his historical narrative. Well done!

Year 3P
Emma H
for always being responsible, trustworthy and dependable

Year 3R
Aaron C
for asking great wondering questions during class discussions

Year 3T
Tena S
for great thinking during reading activities. Well done!

Year 4A
Ethan M
for excellent behaviour and effort in class. Keep it up!

Year 4B
Andrew K
for being a great role model and engaging in the Feast of the Assumption mass

Year 4I
Jacinta L
for showing interest in her learning

Year 4J
Stephanie A
for her enthusiastic participation during ballroom dancing lessons

Year 4M
Giselle C
for an excellent effort in class. Well done Giselle!

Year 5K
Christian V
for his amazing information report on the Gold Rush and using his time wisely

Year 5M
Isabella A
for putting enormous effort into all areas of her learning. Fantastic Isabella!

Year 5O
Alessi F
for being an active contributor to class and small group discussions

Year 5R
Andre F
for a great start to school!

Year 5S
Nathan T
for using initiative

Year 5T
Caitlin S
for contributing to classroom discussions with insightful questions and reflections

Year 6B
Isabella R
for her excellent detail in her Natural Disasters Explanation

Year 6D
Theresa F
for her polite manners and always bringing a smile and positive attitude to school. Well done and keep it up!

Year 6H
Brandon M
for excellent answers in mathematics lessons about geometry and measurement

Year 6M
Thomas A
for writing an excellent explanation about Tsunamis. Wow!

Year 6S
Luke F
for his attention to detail while completing literacy tasks. Well done Luke!

Year 6W
Bradley M
for his contribution to class discussions around angles

Pupil of the Week

Prep
Claudia-Rose M
(Prep N)

Year 1
Petros C
(1P)

Year 2
Sera M
(2F)

Year 3
Shenaya R
(3P)

Year 4
Matthew B
(4J)

Year 5
Stephanie E
(5K)

Year 6
Raphael C
(6B)

Keys To Life Award

Prep
Deanna A
(Prep T)
for Confidence

Year 1
Arianna A
(1P)
for Confidence

Year 2
Peter L
(2F)
for Confidence

Year 3
Kaitlyn V
(3P)
for Organisation

Year 4
Chris B
(4J)
for Organisation

Year 5
Ellis P
(5K)
for Confidence

Year 6
Ethan C
(6B)
for Organisation