Dear Parents,

Welcome back!

After a very relaxing term break I am sure we are all very keen to tackle the fun and challenges that Term 4 will undoubtedly provide. It is an exciting time for all as we extend upon the learnings from the first 3 terms and prepare for the new school year ahead – can you believe 2017 will soon be upon us!

My thoughts are with our Year 6 students this term, as they are in the final throws of their preparation for moving on to secondary school. This term the Year 6 students will be working very hard consolidating their skills whilst at the same time engaging in a variety of enjoyable activities. Some of these activities will include Ballroom dancing that begins this week, interschool sport finals, electives (including billy-cart making), mystery tour and more.

**YEAR 4 BASKET SUPPER**

We had a great night. The children were absolutely magnificent as they showed off their dance moves and it was good to see the parents joining in and participating too. I would like to thank Brian Hanley, Principal at St. Monica’s for the use of their hall and I would also like to thank the staff from St. Francis who set up and decorated the hall. Last but not least I must commend the year 4 teachers and Ken Marshall for the effort they put in to ensure the children were well rehearsed for the night.

**MULTICULTURAL DAY**

On Wednesday and Thursday of the last week of Term 3 the students participated in a Multicultural Day. The children partook in lots of fun activities, including: Bocce, Soccer Clinic, Karate, Cooking and an Italian Incursion. Thank you to the PA for organising a Hot Food Day pizza lunch for the children over the two days. The children devoured approximately 400 pizzas! A big thank you must go to Ms. Teresa Di Giulio and Mrs. May Park who put in endless hours of work to organize the day.
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS
As a school community we will gather to celebrate St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day on Tuesday, 4th October. Prep – Year 2 classes will have mass at 9:15 am and our Year 3 – 6 classes will attend mass at 12 pm.

We have nominated two days to celebrate our Patron Saint – Wednesday, 5th October (Years 2, 3, 4 & 6) and Tuesday, 11th October (Years Prep, 1 & 5). The children may wear plain clothes on their allocated day as they will be participating in activities at Redleap Reserve.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI FEAST DAY – SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER
10:30 am  Mass in St Francis Church
12 pm  Family Lunch in the School Courtyard with Musical Entertainment and Activities for the children (Including a jumping castle)
2:00 pm  Blessing of the Animals (see attached flyer)

SENIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – FRIDAY, 7TH OCTOBER
On Friday, 7th October all Year 3-6 students will be attending Meadowglen Athletics track. Students will participate in athletic and novelty events throughout the day. Parents are most welcome to join us. Please note that the canteen at the athletics track will not be open on the day.

2017 PREP ORIENTATION
Letters will be mailed to parents setting out the orientation days and times for our 2017 Prep children in the next week. These orientation sessions begin at the end of October.

PREP TEACHERS FOR 2017
Our Prep Teachers for 2017 will be Mary Mellor, Elena Beers, Bridget Green, Michelle James, Natalie Marciniec and Katherine Uccellini. The Orientation dates are as follows:

Mary Mellor (Prep M), Natalie Marciniec (Prep N) & Michelle James (Prep J)
Monday 7th November  9.30 am - 10.45 am
Monday 14th November  9.30 am - 10.45 am

Elena Beers (Prep B), Katherine Uccellini (Prep U) & Bridget Green (Prep G)
Wednesday 9th November  9.30 am - 10.45 am
Wednesday 16th November  9.30 am - 10.45 am

IPADATHON:
Forms went out at the end of last term for our annual Ipadathon. The Ipadathon will be held the week beginning Monday, 17th October. There is an IPAD to be won for each year level — (7 to be given away as prizes!). For every $10 raised—your child’s name will be placed on a raffle ticket in this draw, so get busy collecting sponsors. All proceeds will go to a playground behind the Year 6 building.

YEAR 6 DANCING
Ken Marshall has returned this term to take Ballroom Dancing classes with our Year 6 students. These lessons will culminate at the Graduation Dinner on Tuesday, December 13th.

SCHOOL CLOSURE
Please note that Monday 31st October is a school closure day. Tuesday 1st November is Melbourne Cup Day (Public Holiday).

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

SUMMER UNIFORM
Children are now permitted to wear either their Summer or Winter uniform. All children are expected to be in full summer uniform by Wednesday, 2nd November. Parents are reminded that in Terms 1 & 4 our Sunsmart Policy ‘No Hat / No Play’ is in place which means that the children are required to wear their school hat at lunchtime and recess.
TERM 4 OVERVIEW NEWSLETTERS
The Term Overview newsletter contains the learning intentions and the focus for learning for each year level. These will be sent home via the school app this week. If you would like a hard copy of the overview they are available at the school office from Thursday 6th October.

FAMILIES NOT RETURNING TO ST. FRANCIS IN 2017
I have had many enquiries from families who wish to enrol into St. Francis in 2017. If your family is not planning to return to us in 2017 could you please let the office know in writing as soon as possible.

YEAR 6 END OF YEAR - SOME EARLY DATES
The Year 6 Graduation Mass will be on Monday, 12th December (Due to a clash with Loyola’s Orientation Day we could not have it on Tuesday, 13th December). The Year 6 children will be dismissed after the Mass. The Graduation Dinner will be at Casa D’Abruzzo on Tuesday 13th December. I will provide further details of events for our Year 6 children when they are finalised.

PARISH EDUCATION BOARD
Current members on the Parish Education Board have a three year tenure. At the end of this year we will have openings for people to join our Parish Education Board. If you are interested please come and have a chat.

God bless,

Mark Basile
Principal

BADGES
Special Congratulations go to:
Christian C. (3M), Catherine S. (3D) and Stephanie C. (3R)
who have attained a Gold Badge.

Congratulations also to the following children who have recently been awarded Blue Badges:
Emily D. (2G), Sophia D. (Prep U), Mia K. (2R), Zac B. (Prep J), Amelia T. (Prep B),
Angelique (2U), Sienna G. (6S), Blake T. (2W), Joel M. (1O), Mia F. (Prep T),
Jonathan A. (2R), Luca B. (2U), Dion S. (2F), Lucas P. (3T), Antoine G. (2F),
Chloe M. (6M), Peter L. (2F), Campbell B. (2U), Ava A. (2R), Christian A. (1H),
Noah B. (Prep B), Rianna J. (2F), Ava C. (2B), Harry B. (2G), Oruoma E. (2R),
Ethan E. (2B), Collin E. (2B), Paul L. (2G), Damien F. (1H), Isabel J. (2B), Enrico M. (2F),
Kevin C. (1P), Amelia P. (Prep B)
### CALENDAR DATES FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

#### Monday 3rd October
- Beginning of Term 4

#### Monday 3rd October
- Years 3–6 Divisional Athletics

#### Tuesday 4th October
- St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day
  - Mass: 9.15 am (Years Prep–2), 12 noon (Years 3–6)

#### Wednesday 5th October
- St. Francis Feast Day Celebrations (Years 2, 3, 4 & 6)

#### Thursday 6th October
- Year 6 Dancing

#### Friday 7th October
- Athletics Carnival at Meadowglen (Years 3–6)

#### Sunday 9th October
- St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day Parish Celebration

#### Monday 10th October
- Prep, Year 1 & 2 Assembly - Big Hall - 2.30 pm (Year 1C, 1O & 1P presenting)
  - Parents welcome

#### Tuesday 11th October
- St. Francis Feast Day Celebrations - Prep (Year 1 & Year 5)

#### Wednesday 12th October
- Regional Athletics

#### Thursday 13th October
- Year 6 Dancing

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### ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

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Print this page and place it on your fridge
ST FRANCIS FEAST DAY

Sunday, 9 October

10.30 am  Mass in St Francis Church
12.00 pm  Family Lunch in the School Courtyard with Musical Entertainment

Activities for the Children:

Enjoy the Jumping Castle!

2.00 pm  Blessing of the Animals

Come & Celebrate
All Welcome!
OLD PARADIANS / ST. FRANCIS CRICKET CLUB INC.
GARVEY OVAL, 1436 PLENTY ROAD, BUNDOORA

SESSION TIME: TUESDAY 6pm – 7pm
START DATE: 8th NOVEMBER 2016
LAST SESSION BEFORE CHRISTMAS 20th DEC
STARTS AFTER HOLIDAYS ON 31st JAN
LAST DAY: 14th FEBRUARY 2017
10 WEEK PROGRAM COST IS $75
includes a Milo In2Cricket participant pack

TO REGISTER VISIT playcricket.com.au
SELECT where can I play?
Enter Old Paradians then CLICK SEARCH
Click next, choose your program
Click REGISTER to complete registration & payment

OPSFCC Contact: Karen 0417 522595
**AWARDS**

**PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**

Prep B  Godwin A  for always encouraging others. Well done!
Prep J  Andrea D  for improving his good behaviour
Prep M  Aydin R  for maintaining a focused approach during listening times and learning activities. Great work, Ayden!
Prep N  Dion P  for making good choices in the classroom. Keep it up, Dion!
Prep T  Kiara C  for making great learning choices in the classroom
Prep U  Ethan S  for working hard to add detail to his writing
Year 1C  Ruby N  for making good choices to assist her in her learning
Year 1D  Emilie N  for building confidence throughout her school day and for wearing a smile
Year 1F  Tommaso M  for making an effort to use punctuation appropriately in his writing
Year 1H  Anya S  for a descriptive recount about her weekend
Year 1O  Ashling P  for always being ready to learn. Well done!
Year 1P  Matteo G  for taking pride in all learning tasks!
Year 2B  Jayden I  for a great effort in his spelling test. Well done!
Year 2F  Olivia D  for writing an interesting story on “The Two Sides”. Well done!
Year 2G  Jacob H  for being an excellent group leader in his Inquiry Investigation on The Medieval Ages
Year 2R  Aiden M  for using great comprehension skills to understand what he reads. Well done, Ayden!
Year 2U  Sophie S  for working hard to make her writing more descriptive and including more adverbs. Well done, Sophie!
Year 2W  Bianca A  for trying her best to make her writing more interesting and detailed. Well done, Bianca!
Year 3A  Amelia A  for a magnificent illustration about an Indigenous Dreamtime story
Year 3D  Maya I  for writing an amazing historical narrative. Well done!
Year 3M  Sebastian M  for always being friendly and helping others in the class
Year 3P  Stacey A  for her enthusiasm and active participation at the recent Expo. Thank you Stacey for being so welcoming on the day
Year 3R  Gemma D  for her amazing powerpoint on butterflies
Year 3T  Siena M  for always doing her personal best
Year 4A  Alyssa C  for consistently working hard
Year 4B  Aaliyah B  for her efforts in dancing this term
Year 4C  Ebonae F  for running class meetings in a fair and responsible manner
Year 4I  Deacon B  for participating in all class discussions and activities
Year 4J  Lauren O  for her historical narrative. Well done, Lauren!
Year 4M  Anthony V  for working hard with the writing process. Well done!
Year 5K  Ellis P  for his wonderful contributions to our religious lessons
Year 5M  Anthony M  for being a great friend and making positive decisions
Year 5O  Rameka W  for trying his best and composing a fantastic report on the Vietnam War
Year 5R  Andre F  for his successful transition into St. Francis of Assisi and becoming a valued member of our community
Year 5S  Oscar F  for enhancing group discussions with insightful comments
Year 5T  Zachary M  for excellent organisation and leadership during our morning prayer routine
Year 6B  Julian R  for his positive attitude and effort in working on his passion project homework
Year 6D  Andre M  for his friendly mannerism and bubbly personality he brings to the class. Well done and keep it up!
Year 6H  Stephanie A  for her work on her Personalised Passion Project on Styles of Art
Year 6M  Julian T  for showing enthusiasm with his creative costume on multicultural day
Year 6S  Alexia T  for being organised, punctual and eager to learn!
Year 6W  Jacob K  for persisting with continuously revising and editing his explanation. Keep it up!

**Pupil of the Week**

- Prep  Sarah S  (Prep J)
- Year 1  Nina P  (1F)
- Year 2  Alexander B  (2B)
- Year 3  Chloe S  (3A)
- Year 4  Mercy G  (4M)
- Year 5  Emma O  (5S)
- Year 6  Tiesha-Marie M  (6W)

**Keys To Life Award**

- Prep  Isabella R (Prep M)  for Confidence & Resilience
- Year 1  Elisa L (1F)  for Confidence
- Year 2  Lily B (2B)  for Getting Along
- Year 3  Alana K (3A)  for Organisation
- Year 4  Mathew K (4M)  for Persistence
- Year 5  Thomas G (5S)  for Persistence
- Year 6  Lauren D (6W)  for Confidence