Dear Parents,

**IPADATHON**
Forms went out at the end of last term for our annual Ipadathon. The Ipadathons will be held this week. 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.

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Children are permitted to wear their sports uniform on their Ipadathon day. These times may be changed if the weather conditions are not suitable (e.g. Too hot or raining).

Once the children have completed the Ipadathon the teachers will return the forms to the children with the number of laps walked written upon the form. Students will then have a fortnight to collect and return money (Wednesday 2nd November) gained from sponsors before we have the draw for the IPADS on Monday, 14th November.

PS: All money should be returned after the children have completed the Ipadathon. The last day to have your money back by is Wednesday 2nd November.

All proceeds will go to a playground behind the Year 6 building.

**BLUE BADGES - THEY HAVE ARRIVED!**
Our Blue Badges have finally arrived. Children are welcome to bring in their 5 Gold Awards and collect their blue badges.

**YEAR 5 CAMP**
Next week our Year 5 students will head off to the Phillip Island Adventure Camp for 3 days. The students will leave on Wednesday, 26th October and return on Friday, 28th October.

**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).
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.

FAMILIES NOT RETURNING TO ST. FRANCIS IN 2017
Notes were sent home last week confirming your child’s enrolment at 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.

HAMBURGER DAY / PLAIN CLOTHES
The Parents’ Association will be running a Hot Food Day (Hamburger Day) on Friday 4th November. This will also be a Plain Clothes Day.

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.

SCHOOL FEES
If you are not paying via a payment plan, school fees are now overdue. Please arrange payment of all outstanding fees as soon as possible. If you are unable to come to the school, credit card payments may be made by calling the school office on 9407 3100 or direct transfer payments may be made to our school fee account (BSB 083 347 A/C 528755292). Please include your account number and 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 or email accounts@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au.

2017 LAPTOP PROGRAM
Current Grade 3, 4 and 5 families will receive information and an account this week for the 2017 Laptop Program. These invoices will be due for payment by 2nd December.

Please direct all enquiries regarding school fees to Anne Coleiro or Leanne Henwood on 9407 3100 or email accounts@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au.

God bless,

Mark Basile
Principal
### CALENDAR DATES FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

**Monday 17th October**  
**Ipadathon Week**

**Monday 17th October**  
Year 3 & 4 Assembly - Big Hall - 2.30 pm (3A & 3R presenting). Parents welcome

**Monday 17th October**  
Prep Marine Life Incursion

**Tuesday 18th October**  
Year 5M Excursion to Stables Kinder

**Wednesday 19th October**  
Prep Native Life Incursion

**Wednesday 19th October**  
Year 4 Incursion

**Wednesday 19th October**  
Year 3A & 3R Excursion - Hurstbridge & Kinglake

**Thursday 20th October**  
‘Hit the Target’ Maths Tournament

**Thursday 20th October**  
Year 6 Dancing

**Thursday 20th October**  
Parish Education Board Meeting - 7 pm

**Monday 24th October**  
Parish Group - Legion of Mary (Praying the Rosary) Year 3 & 4 - Big Hall

**Tuesday 25th October**  
Year 5 & 6 Assembly - Big Hall - 2.30 pm (5M & 5R Presenting). Parents welcome

**Wednesday 26th October**  
Year 5 students to Camp - Phillip Island

**Wednesday 26th October**  
Year 3M & 3P Excursion - Hurstbridge & Kinglake

**Wednesday 26th October**  
Prep to Year 2 Maths Night 5 pm to 6 pm (Year 1 Building)

**Thursday 27th October**  
Year 6 Dancing

**Friday 28th October**  
Year 5 students return from Camp. (Approx. 2.30 pm return)

### ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

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Print this page and place it on your fridge
Special Congratulations go to: Amelia R. (5T) and Ethan H. (5S) who have attained a Gold Badge. 

Congratulations also to the following children who have recently been awarded Blue Badges: Salvatore M. 2G, Siena M. 3T, Charlotte H. 1C, Aiden C. Prep B, Nikita B. 2R, Ryan L. 3T

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**P-2 FAMILY MATHS NIGHT**

*How and why is the teaching of mathematics changing? What can parents do to support their children’s learning of mathematics?*

If you’re interested in finding out some answers to these questions, please come along to the Family maths night on **Wednesday 26th October from 5-6pm** in the Grade 1 building.

The whole family is welcome and the activities will be targeted for Year P-2 students.

The session will begin with a brief discussion on the various factors around how and why school maths has changed from our own experiences of maths education. There will be some interesting discussion on the increased emphasis on mental computation and estimation and our openness to a variety of methods for solving problems.

Finally, we learn maths best by doing maths, so we’ll play some new maths games and share some simple and practical strategies for supporting children at home in a fun and engaging way.

If you have any questions or queries about the evening, please feel free to contact me.

*Teresa De Bono*
*P-4 Numeracy Leader*
*tstratto@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au*

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**Children’s Liturgy News**

In this week’s lesson we will be learning about how God’s word keeps you safe just like the armour a soldier wears. 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 23rd October
Burger and Icypole Day: To be held on Friday 4th November 2016. Order forms will be sent home today. Orders must be returned to the classroom teacher by Friday 21st October 2016. If your child does not receive it, please request one from the classroom teacher or from the school office. No late orders will be accepted.

Annual General Meeting:
The Parents’ Association AGM will be held at 9.15 am on Friday 25th November in the Community Room. All parents are welcome to attend.

Please also consider joining the PA so that our children can continue to receive the benefits from the funds raised by PA activities.

Year 6 Graduation Bears & Soccer Balls: Forms were sent home last week. All orders and money are due in by Friday 28th October 2016. If your child does not receive an order form please ask the classroom teacher or contact the office.

Ipadathon: Reminder to collect sponsors for this event. There is an Ipad to be won for each year level, every $10 raised your child will receive one entry to go into the draw.

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
MAKE YOUR MOVE TO OUR TWILIGHT OPEN EVENINGS
See the amazing educational opportunities that await young men of the future.

City of Whittlesea

Rockin@Redleap
Sunday 23 October 2016 12pm – 3pm
Redleap Reserve, Redleap Avenue, Mill Park (Melway 9k4)
Join us in celebrating Children's Week at this fun, free event featuring:
Interactive Stage Program
Karaoke for Kids
A range of art experiences
Storytelling tent
Photo booth
Animal petting farm
Information on local early years services and programs

Rockin@Redleap is a sugary drink free event
Animals of Oz display

Free Telephone Interpreter Service
العربية 96799873 Italiano 96799874
Bosnian 96799875简体中文 96799877
Türkçe 96799877

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PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Prep B  Michael D  for trying hard to break up words when reading!
Prep J  Mark A  for doing his best handwriting for his holiday recount!
Prep M  Jacob M  for amazing reading. Keep up the great work, Jacob!
Prep N  Katia D  for having a go at spelling unknown words in her writing!
Prep T  Luca D  for adding a great amount of detail to his writing
Prep U  Chelsea C  for using blends she knows when reading and writing
Year 1C  Adrian J  for being a responsible member of our class and for always lending a helping hand
Year 1D  Alyssa R  for always wearing a smile and having a positive attitude to learning
Year 1F  Andrew T  for trying his best to read unfamiliar words. Keep up the great learning!
Year 1H  Chesna F  for making clever connections during reading groups
Year 1O  Angelina S  for thoughtful responses during classroom discussions
Year 1P  Clare J  for raising her hand to contribute to class discussions
Year 2B  Daisy P  for coming up with great new invention ideas. Well done!
Year 2F  James L  for being responsible with his learning and making appropriate choices. Well done!
Year 2G  Jakob P  for always being a neat worker
Year 2R  Toby K  for being a thoughtful and caring friend to the new student in our class. Toby you are a star!
Year 2U  Carla Maree M  for a great holiday recount with amazing punctuation. Well done!
Year 2W  Alexia S  for working hard in her writing. Well done!
Year 3A  Luca C  for settling into Term 4 cooperatively
Year 3D  Chantelle M  for being a cooperative, focused and hardworking student. Well done!
Year 3M  Andre L  for working hard to avoid distractions and concentrate on his writing. Good work!
Year 3P  Emma H  for her in-depth comments and opinions about different topics
Year 3R  Sienna R  for eagerly giving her opinions after reading our class novel "Charlotte's Web"
Year 3T  David B  for fantastic listening and trying his best across all learning areas
Year 4A  Christian M  for being a focused and engaged learner. Keep it up!
Year 4B  Daniel C  for his fantastic contributions in writing focus groups
Year 4C  Daniel D  for being organised for the school day
Year 4I  Kiara D  for consistently working hard in class. Well done!
Year 4J  Rita M  for the effort she puts into her home learning
Year 4M  Ryan C  for positive contributions to the Maths Breakout Box
Year 5K  Maddison W  for conducting herself maturely, being courteous and always showing good manners
Year 5M  Isabella L  for working so well to complete her blackout poem. Great job, Isabella!
Year 5O  Marc M  for trying his hardest with all learning tasks and being a positive class member
Year 5R  Riley M  for an excellent poem about St. Francis
Year 5S  Alexander B  for great budgeting!
Year 5T  Elias R  for fantastic contributions to class discussions
Year 6B  Rien H  for demonstrating focus and persistence in his independent learning activities
Year 6D  Jamie G  for always using class time effectively. Well done and keep it up!
Year 6H  Laura D  for excellent responses during Literacy activities
Year 6M  Julian J  for making positive choices and maintaining focus in the classroom. Wow!
Year 6S  Romina C  for being persistent and motivated
Year 6W  Renee S  for taking initiative with her home learning

Pupil of the Week

Prep  Sienna L  (Prep N)
Year 1  Olivia B  (1P)
Year 2  Rianna J  (2F)
Year 3  Noah F  (3D)
Year 4  Michael N  (4J)
Year 5  Elena N  (5O)
Year 6  Joshua L  (6B)

Keys To Life Award

Prep  Jayden G (Prep T)  for Resilience
Year 1  Grace S (1P)  for Resilience
Year 2  Isaac K (2F)  for Confidence
Year 3  Catherine S (3D)  for Organisation
Year 4  Isabel C (4J)  for Organisation
Year 5  Kristian S (5O)  for Confidence
Year 6  Alessandra S (6B)  for Getting Along