Dear Parents,

**IPADATHON:**
All money for the Ipadathon needs to be returned to the school as soon as possible. For every $10 raised an entry will go into the draw to win (e.g. raise $40 and get 4 entries into the draw). 7 Prize Winners—1 from each Year Level. Prizes will be drawn the week beginning the 14th November.

**YEAR 5 CAMP**
What a fantastic Year 5 camp. The weather was perfect. The camp was extremely well organised and the children were great. Well done to the Year 5 students and teachers who attended the camp.

**HAMBURGER DAY / PLAIN CLOTHES**
The Parents’ Association will be running a Hot Food Day (Hamburger Day) this Friday 4th November. This will also be a Plain Clothes Day. (Gold Coin donation). The Parents’ Association could really do with some helpers on Friday. If you could spare some time it would be greatly appreciated. This is the last Hot Food Day for the year.

**2017 STATIONERY LISTS:**
Students will be bringing home their 2017 stationery lists today. If you would like to order stationery through the Parents Association stationery shop, please complete the order form and return it to the school with the correct payment enclosed by Friday November 4th, 2016. Please note that any orders placed after this date may be delayed.

**CHILDREN ARRIVING AT SCHOOL PRIOR TO 8.30 AM**
There has been an increase in children arriving prior to 8.30 am. Parents are advised that children who arrive before 8.30 am will be taken to Before School Care as teacher supervision does not commence until 8.30 am. The front gates are locked until this time.

**PLAYGROUND - AFTER SCHOOL**
We have had an increase of accidents after school in the playground. There are no teachers on yard duty after school other than at the exit gates. Parents are asked not to let their children play on the play equipment after school. Also, before and after school it is against school rules to play with balls. This is for everyone’s safety.

**SUMMER UNIFORM**
Students should now be in Summer Uniform. Our Uniform Shop is open each Monday and Wednesday from 8.30 am to 10.30 am. Uniforms can also be purchased directly from Academy Uniforms, 238 Wolseley Place, Thomastown.
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.

**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.
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 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.

SCHOOL FEES
Statements are currently being sent home to all parents with overdue fees. It is important that all fees are paid within the next few weeks particularly those families with a child in Year 6. 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
Laptop Hire invoices were sent home last week for students who will be in Year 4, 5 or 6 next year. Payment for Laptop Hire is due by 2nd December 2016.

COMMONWEALTH BANK—SCHOOL BANKING
The last day for school banking will be on Wednesday, 23rd November.

PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION AGM
We invite all parents to join us at the Annual General Meeting of our Parents Association which will be held on Friday November 25th at 9.15 am in the Community Room. It is a time to celebrate the achievements of this year’s team and plan for the coming year. PLEASE JOIN US!

FAMILIES NOT RETURNING TO ST. FRANCIS IN 2017
Notes were sent home earlier this term 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.

PREP, YEAR 1 & 2 CONCERT
Our Prep to Year 2 Concert will be on Monday, 5th December commencing at 6 pm on the synthetic grass. On this night the children will need to come dressed in Christmas clothes (e.g. Christmas t-shirts, tinsel, Santa hats etc.), comfortable pants or skirts/dresses and appropriate shoes as the children will be doing some dancing during the evening.

The Parents’ Association will be holding a Sausage Sizzle and also selling drinks. Parents are welcome to bring their own picnic tea to have either before or during the concert. You will need to bring folding chairs or picnic rugs to sit on.

We hope the weather will be kind to us and that we are all able to enjoy the picnic atmosphere and watch our children perform.

“THE SOUNDS OF SPRING” SCHOOL CHOIR AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PERFORMANCE NIGHT
Tuesday 22nd November commencing at 6 pm in the School Hall.
Choral Performances featuring our Year 1 — 2 Junior Choir and our Year 3-6 Senior Choir. This evening will also feature individual performances by all our Instrumental Music students.

SCHOOL BANDS AND ENSEMBLE (ST MONICA'S) - PERFORMANCE NIGHT
Wednesday 25th November commencing at 6 pm.
Featuring performances by our Middle and Senior school bands together with the ensemble program students (St. Monica’s).
PARENT HELPER THANK YOU AFTERNOON TEA

On Thursday, 8th December we will be having an afternoon tea to say thank you to all the parents that have assisted with school activities throughout the 2016 school year. Afternoon Tea will be held in the Small Hall at 2 pm. An invitation will be sent home soon.

UPCOMING DATES

**Prep to Year 2 Concert**  **Monday 5th December 6 pm**
Come and join us for a fun evening. Bring along dinner and sit back and enjoy. The PA will be selling BBQ sausages and drinks before and during the performance. Let’s pray for a fine evening.

**Billy Cart Derby Day**  **Thursday 1st December**
Mr. Ron Hee and Mr. Ivo Lucic and their band of billy cart enthusiasts are well underway. A number of billy carts are nearly finished and they will be taking over the staff car park for the big race day. **Teachers and parents will not be permitted to park in the staff car park on this day.**

**Year 6 Mystery Tour**  **Friday 9th December**
Where will they go this year? Always great fun – students turn up on the day not knowing what is in store!

**Year 6 Graduation Mass**  **Monday 12th December**
This is the final farewell for our Year 6 students. This is an opportunity for families to come together to give thanks for the 7 years that the children have been with us at St Francis (Year 6 parents are encouraged to attend).

**Year 6 Graduation Dinner**  **Tuesday 13th December, 2016**
On Monday, 21st to Wednesday 23rd November the tickets will be available at Mrs. Lucic’s office. Tickets can be collected at 8.30 am each morning and 3.15 pm each afternoon. Only 3 tickets are available for each family. Please arrange your table when tickets are collected. Each table seats a maximum of 12 people (4 families).

**Final Day for Year 6 Students**  –  **Tuesday 13th December 3.30 pm**
Year 6 students will be dismissed at 3.30 pm on Tuesday 13th December. This will be the final day of school for our Year 6 students.

**Final Day for Students (Prep to Year 5)**  –  **Thursday 15th December 1 pm**
The end of school year Mass for children in Prep to Year 5 will be celebrated at 10.30 am on 15th December. Children will be dismissed at 1 pm on Thursday, 15th December. This will be the final day of school for students.

BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR—2017 - ASSESSMENTS

We will again follow a similar routine as this year, in that we will conduct testing with students on the first two days of the school year (Year 1 to Year 6). **Students from Year 1 — 6 will begin their first formal day of school on Thursday, 2nd February, 2017.** Please note that the Prep grades will commence on Friday 3rd February but will finish at 12.30 pm.

- Year 1 students one hour testing on either Tuesday 31st January or Wednesday 1st February
- Year 2 students 30 minutes testing on either Tuesday 31st January or Wednesday 1st February
- Year 3 — 6 students half day of testing from 9 am — 11:30 am on either Tuesday 31st January or Wednesday 1st February.

We will again use the online booking system. Instructions for this will be sent home later in the term.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER

Preparation for our Year 6 Graduation is well underway. Tickets will be available for collection at Mrs. Lucic’s office from Monday, 21st to Wednesday 23rd November. Tickets can be collected at 8.30 am each morning and 3.15 pm each afternoon. Only 3 tickets are available for each family. Please arrange your table when tickets are collected. Each table seats a maximum of 12 people (4 families).

Costs for the evening have been included in the fees and levies for this year. Prior to the collection of tickets please ensure that all school fees are paid in full. On this evening we can only accommodate the Year 6 child and his/her parents. Only 3 tickets can be made available for each family.
God bless,

Mark Basile
Principal

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BADGES

Special Congratulations go to:
Olivia J. (3D) and Theresa F. (6D),
who have attained a Gold Badge.

Congratulations also to the following children who have recently been awarded Blue Badges:
Zachary Y. (Prep N), Sebastian D (1F), Lucas P. (Prep N), Lana S. (Prep M),
Chelsea C. (Prep U), Johansa F. (1O), Steffanie B. (3M), Sereana S. (1H),
Jesse A. (3P), Caitlin S. (Prep J), Angelique M. (4A), Lela S. (2G), Aydin R. (Prep M),
Jacob D. (Prep N), Phoenix C. (2R), Jonathan Y (2W), Angeline Y. (Prep M),
Jovinna L. (3D), Marla A. (Prep U), Alyssa F. (1D), Romeo M. (1C), James L. (2F),
Dominic K. (2F), Philip F. (3D), Ashling M. (1O).

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Children’s Liturgy News

In this week's lesson we will be learning about Peter and how he denied being Jesus friend. 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 10.30 am 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 6th November
Monday 31st October  School Closure Day
Tuesday 1st November  Public Holiday—Melbourne Cup Day
Wednesday 2nd November  Ipadathon money to be returned
Friday 4th November  Hot Food & Plain Clothes Day (Hamburgers & Icy Poles)

Monday 7th November  Prep Orientation 9.30 am - 10.45 am (Prep M, Prep N & Prep W)
Monday 7th November  Prep, Year 1 & 2 Assembly  2.30 pm in the Hall  (Years 1D, 1F & 1H presenting)  Parents welcome
Monday 7th November  Year 6 Financial Literacy Course  (CBA Incursion)
Tuesday 8th November  Year 6 Dancing
Tuesday 8th November  Year 6 Financial Literacy Course  (CBA Incursion)
Tuesday 8th November  Stables Kindergarten AGM - 7 pm
Wednesday 9th November  Prep Orientation 9.30 am - 10.45 am (Prep B, Prep G & Prep U)
Wednesday 9th November  ‘Turn SFOA Orange Day’ - Year 4
Friday 11th November  Remembrance Day Service - Whole School  10.30 am under the Shade Sails

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LAMONT BOOK FAIR

7th - 11th Nov.
COMING SOON!
DON’T MISS IT!
8:30am - 4 pm

proceeds go back into the Library

www.lamontbooks.com.au
URGENT HELPERS NEEDED !!!! Burger and Icypole Day: To be held this Friday 4th November 2016. Please contact Maria Tolani on 0412583828 if you are available to help.

Ipadathon: Reminder to hand in all collected monies. 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. The draw will be held on Monday 14th November.

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.

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.
The last day for school banking this year will be Wednesday, 23rd November.

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 Ilievski on 0407 481 494 or via email papres@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au
PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Prep B  Joel B  for a fabulous recount of our marine animal incursion. Keep it up!
Prep J  Michael C  for making sure his writing is placed correctly on dotted-thirds
Prep M  Samuel Y  for working hard during story writing time and for trying to improve his handwriting.
You're a star, Samuel!
Prep N  Zoe M  for writing interesting facts about the Savanna habitat
Prep T  Sammy M  for his enthusiastic dancing and singing
Prep U  Leonard G  for working hard to listen to and follow instructions
Year 1C  Xander R  for listening attentively and his great work in oral counting
Year 1D  Alexis A  for always being on task and working well with others
Year 1F  Angelica M  for confidently sharing her learning with fellow members of the class. Well done!
Year 1H  Matthew B  for being a great friend to others and always speaking with kindness
Year 1O  Kiara D  for always coming to school with a positive and persistent attitude. Well done!
Year 1P  Grace S  for reading with fluency and phrasing. Keep it up Grace!
Year 2B  Ethan E  for working hard to improve his writing and for writing a great persuasive piece
Year 2F  Olivia D  for expressing her ideas creatively in her writing. Well done!
Year 2G  Ella-Jane G  for working hard and helping others
Year 2R  Luigi A  for being a helpful and considerate class member. Well done, Luigi!
Year 2U  Tessa N  for great listening skills and participating in all class discussions
Year 2W  Adrian M  for writing a great persuasive piece. Well done, Adrian!
Year 3A  Milun F  for being an attentive listener during class discussions
Year 3D  Justin R  for trying hard with his fraction work
Year 3M  Ava D  for sharing her belonging with others
Year 3P  Katelyn G  for always being polite, respectful and cooperative
Year 3R  Marcus T  for showing resilience
Year 3T  Lachlan R  for being a very cooperative member of the class
Year 4A  Giulia C  for always showing maturity and dedication to her learning
Year 4B  Mia C  for putting her hand up to read in front of the parish
Year 4C  Connor D  for being organised and contributing to class discussions
Year 4I  Caleb T  for always being a friendly and active member of class. Well done!
Year 4J  Noah A  for making connections to his life experiences
Year 4M  Stella D  for working hard in Maths by asking questions and sharing her ideas
Year 4M  Kyara R  for always being thoughtful, helpful and amazing!
Year 5M  Costa A  for working hard during Maths lessons
Year 5O  Ruby M  for being a caring friend and looking out for others
Year 5R  Broc C  for always applying himself to learning
Year 5S  Giuliana D  for excellent budgeting skills
Year 5T  Cadence C  for excellent home learning for Term 4. Keep it up!
Year 6B  Matthew M  for his positive attitude when editing his narrative
Year 6D  Charbel P  for the fantastic narrative he wrote and for incorporating techniques learnt in class. Well done and keep it up!
Year 6H  Stephanie I  for excellent use of complex sentences in her narrative
Year 6M  Adrian G  for a fabulous graph on Google Sheets. Wow!
Year 6S  Tyrone C  for writing a descriptive narrative about St. Francis
Year 6W  Dion B  for his efforts and ideas and group work in the STEM challenge

Pupil of the Week

Prep  Bianca N (Prep U)
Year 1  Alyssia F (1C)
Year 2  Oruoma E (2R)
Year 3  Nicholas C (3T)
Year 4  Tahlia N (4A)
Year 5  Bianca T (5R)
Year 6  Bradley M (6W)

Keys To Life Award

Prep  Noah B (Prep B)  for Getting Along
Year 1  Marcus A (1C)  for Getting Along
Year 2  Jonathan Y (2R)  for Getting Along
Year 3  Lucia K (3T)  for Organisation
Year 4  Jovan J (4A)  for Resilience
Year 5  Taylar E (5R)  for Organisation
Year 6  Mark R (6W)  for Getting Along