FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

100 DAYS FOR OUR PREP STUDENTS

It was wonderful to see our Preps hobbling in with their walking frames and grey hair to celebrate their 100 Day achievement. My thanks to parents who took the time to dress their children up and make it memorable. A big thank you to our Prep Teachers for organizing such a fun day.

PREP MEETINGS 2017

We have started our Prep 2017 meetings. During these meetings we try to get to know the 2017 Prep students. The information obtained from these meetings assists our planning for the level as well as ensuring that the students begin a successful transition from kindergarten to school. Existing families are to make a booking for this meeting online. Instructions were mailed to families. If you have not made an appointment for you and your child to meet please do so immediately.

YEAR 6 CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be celebrated at the end of Week 6 this term (August 19th and 21st). Preparations are well underway with the students beginning their ‘Sacramental Access Program’.
EARLY NOTICE—SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY IN TERM 3
The School will have a school closure day, next week, **Monday 8th August**. The Out of School Hours Care Program will be operating on this day. If you are interested in using this service on the school closure day please contact the OSHC Office on 9407 3107.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS
Invoices have been sent home for Semester 2 Music lessons. These invoices should be paid by Friday 5th August. If you have any questions relating to these invoices, please contact Anne Coleiro via email: accounts@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au or by phone 9407 3100.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY DISCO
Wow what a night! The students had an absolute ball, kicking up their heels and dancing to the music. Once again, the Parent’s Association were super organized, making for a fun night. My thanks to all the parents who helped on the night, especially Nicole Meyer and Dani Galati who put in endless hours of working to ensure the night’s success.

PATRICE WISEMAN
Parents were invited to attend a Positive Parenting session which was held on Thursday 28th July. The session was presented by Patrice Wiseman from Catholic Education Melbourne. Patrice shared the schools plan of rules/rewards/consequences and the importance of parents as role models in their children’s lives. She made it clear that we should not be afraid to say ‘no’ to our children and set clear boundaries for them to feel safe within. It was pleasing to see so many parents attend the session. I am sure those who attended would have left with a greater awareness of the importance of building positive relationships.

MOIRA KELLY VISIT
We were once again graced with the presence of the wonderful Moira Kelly over two Assemblies last Friday. Moira was absolutely blown away with the generosity of the families within our school. I would like to thank you all for your donations – they will certainly go a long way to support her work. I would also like to thank the Year 5 students and staff for ‘taking action’ in such a significant way.

VACATION CARE (HOLIDAY PROGRAM) PROPOSAL
The Out of School Hours Care Program are looking into running a Vacation Care Program (Holiday Program). If you are interested in St Francis OSHC running such a program please give them your feedback by completing the short survey online at:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vacationcareproposal
Your feedback will be greatly appreciated.

FOOTY DRESS UP DAY—HOT DOG DAY
The PA will be cooking hot dogs for the children on Thursday, 11th August. Don’t forget to dress up in your favourite team colours and bring a gold coin donation (per family).

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 as soon as possible.

HEAD LICE CHECKS
Whittlesea Council Nurses will be attending the school to conduct head lice checks on the 9th, 10th and 11th August, 2016. More information will be sent home in the future.

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

Mark Basile
Acting Principal

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**BADGES**

Special Congratulations go to:
Julie P. 6W.
who has attained a Gold Badge.

Congratulations also to the following children who have recently been awarded Blue Badges:
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MATHEMATICS

Mathematics is more than just memorising number facts and remembering rules and formulae. In mathematics classes today students need to ‘know, understand and do’, to be able to talk about their maths through the use of language, symbols and vocabulary, and to be able to explain their methods and offer reasons for their choices. The methods students are taught are based on giving them an understanding of mathematics and helping them to articulate that through explaining, discussing their work with each other and involving them in solving problems that apply to everyday life.

One example of these is Maths Games. Activities in this program support and extend the learning happening in the classrooms. Over fifty students, from Years 5 and 6, are currently participating in Maths Games. This competition is run yearly for students in schools throughout Australia and Asia.

Here are some reflections from students participating this year:

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<td><strong>WHAT IS IT?:</strong> The Australian Maths Olympiad (a.k.a. APMO) is where each school who is participating, gets together a group of people who practise maths problems and do tests.</td>
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<td>During our lessons with Mrs. Hall the year 5’s have been testing ourselves and our knowledge to prepare us for even the hardest equations. We have been doing an Olympiad test to prepare and train our perception. We have been participating in these lessons to work on practising skills to figure out sophisticated but enjoyable equations and worded problems and to actually advance ourselves due to our level of intelligence.</td>
<td><strong>WHAT DO WE DO?:</strong> Every second Monday, we go to the Year Six building to work out problems and learn new maths skills. I have enjoyed ‘Maths Games’ because you practise and learn maths related problems.</td>
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This year, some selected students from Year 5 and 6 classes in schools throughout Australia and Asia have been participating in the APSMO Maths Games. APSMO stands for Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads. In these games, we try and work out different worded problems using our mathematical skills. We are made to challenge ourselves and think all we can. Every time we do this it helps us to extend ourselves in our learning.

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Why not have a go at these problems with your family:
- Suppose five days before the day after tomorrow was Friday. What day was yesterday?
- How many 2-digit numbers have an odd number as the sum of their digits?

**Alison Hall**

**Year 5 and 6 Maths Leader**
**SFOA Social Justice Initiatives**

‘Making faith real’

Last term our school was thrilled to be visited by Moira Kelly and her family. Moira spoke to the Year Five students, parents and staff about the great gift of God’s love and how we are all called to use our gifts in response to the needs of others.

In response to Moira’s last visit, the Year Five Social Justice team have been busy looking for ways to support Moira and her team who work tirelessly caring for those in need of love and security. The Year Five team decided that one practical way the community of St Francis of Assisi could support Moira in her mission was to provide some everyday items that would help her care for her ‘family’. School families were invited to donate goods needed by Moira and over the past two weeks the generosity of St Francis’ families has again be evident for all to see - with hundreds of donations pouring in from all classes throughout the school.

Due to the wonderful response from her last visit and the overwhelming generosity shown by families, Moira was invited to return and speak to all students and staff about sharing God's love with others. Last week we were again excited to see Moira, Shahad and Angel as they visited to speak with all students and staff. On behalf of Moira, I would like to thank all those who contributed so generously to this social justice initiative which resulted in over 1000 everyday items being collected for Moira to use in her life-giving ministry.

**Feast of the Assumption Mass**

As August is just around the corner we will be preparing to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption on Monday 15th August. The Prep-Year 2 classes will gather with our Parish faith community at 9.15 am and a second service will be held at 12 noon for staff and students in Years 3-6. As this feast day is a holy day of obligation, which requires all members of the Catholic family to gather and celebrate as one, we warmly invite parents to join with us to celebrate this central event in our faith story.

**Confirmation 2016**

Over the past three weeks the students have been involved in a variety of activities to prepare them to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. They have participated in a reflection evening, attended a reflection day at Holy Cross Centre in Templestowe and started to practise rituals associated with the reception of the sacrament. In the coming weeks, the candidates will be reconciled to Christ through the sacrament of Penance and meet Bishop Terry Curtin who will be visiting our school on Thursday, 11th August.

Below are some important reminders for the Year Six candidates and their families regarding Confirmation.

**Confirmation Masses**

Our three Confirmation Masses will be held at our parish church and **all candidates and sponsors are asked to be at the school hall one hour prior to the ceremony commencing.** Parking may be difficult so I suggest families allocate additional time to find a car park. **Half an hour before each ceremony commences I will gather all sponsors in the small hall and remind them of their important role and answer any additional questions they may have.** As soon as the group photo has been taken, all candidates and their sponsors will be asked to move to the church where they will take their allocated seats in the first five pews. There will be seating allocated for approximately 6-8 members of each family.

**Sponsors:**

Sponsors are asked to arrive an hour prior to the ceremony beginning in order to allow our photos and briefing session to run smoothly. **As soon as the candidates arrive at the hall, they are asked to collect their ‘Confirmation Detail Card’ from their class teacher and then hand this card to their sponsor.** The sponsors will have allocated seating beside their Confirmation candidate at the front of the church. **All the sponsor needs to do is present the candidate to the Bishop by placing their right hand on your child’s right shoulder as the candidate kneels and hand the Confirmation Card to the Assisting Priest.** This will be explained to them in more detail on the day. There will be numerous staff available to assist candidates and sponsors during the Confirmation Rite.

**Photographs**

An official photographer has been organized and all families have received an order envelope. We ask that any families wishing to purchase photos hand the envelope to the photographers/ teachers in the hall as they arrive. We also remind families that they must include the exact amount as there will be no change given on the day. Any queries and concerns regarding the official photos need to be directed to the photo company. Please read the following points carefully:

- Photos will begin an hour prior to each ceremony commencing. There will be two photographers.
- The photographers will be set up inside the large hall. Teachers will be ushering families to photographers.
• Please make sure that you have your photo order envelope with you and hand it to the photographers prior to having your photo taken.

Please note: To maintain the reverence of our celebrations we wish to remind parents that the taking of private photographs and videos during Mass is not permitted. There will be photo opportunities at the completion of Mass. Only the two assigned photographers and the staff member filming the ceremony have been granted permission to take photos and footage during our ceremonies.

DVD
Due to the prohibitive cost of enlisting a professional production company to film our celebration we have needed to make alternative arrangements. This year a staff member will film the ceremony so parents will have a digital memento of this important event. A letter will be sent home after the ceremonies to allow any parents who would like a DVD copy to register their interest. There will be no cost for the DVD of the ceremony.

Stole and Confirmation Pin
Candidates are expected to wear a stole on the day of the Confirmation. The students can use the stole they wore at their Reconciliation and Eucharist or their baptismal stole. Candidates will receive a Confirmation Pin at one of the upcoming weekend masses. The pin can be worn on an item of clothing on the day of Confirmation or on their stole.

Dress Code
Some parents have asked about the dress code for Confirmation. Obviously, this is a religious celebration so the children will need to dress accordingly-this is an opportunity for parents to assist their child to select attire which is both tasteful and elegant. The beautiful marble floor within our church can be very slippery, so we suggest that the candidates avoid wearing high heels in order to prevent unnecessary falls.

Seating and Parking
There will be reserved seating for the Confirmation candidates and their sponsors near the front of the church. One pew (seats around 6-8 people) will be reserved for immediate family members but there will be only limited additional seating for other family members around the perimeter of the church. If family members find themselves standing in the gathering space at the rear of the church, we ask that they observe a respectful silence during the celebration as excessive talking in clearly audible throughout the church and impacts significantly upon the sacredness of the celebration.

Liturgical protocols
We ask for the support of all candidates and family members to help make these celebrations uplifting, inspiring and memorable liturgical events. The consumption of food and drink—especially chewing gum, unnecessary movement during the mass or speaking during prayers and hymns is highly inappropriate and diminishes the sanctity of the celebration. We ask for you to ensure your participation is both reverent and respectful at all times.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to celebrating this Sacrament with your families.

Time to Pray
At this time, when we are all being inundated with stories of terrorism, unspeakable violence, oppression and social unrest every time we turn on the television or radio, we turn to our Patron Saint - Saint Francis of Assisi to lead us toward a peaceful and just world.

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy

O, Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Making Time for Jesus Awards
Well done to the following children for filling in their Making Time for Jesus cards:
Martin N. 3M
Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

Our names are Cherry, Francis, Shalini and Max and we are the School Captains and Vice-Captains for 2016.

We welcome you to the first Captain’s Corner of 2016. As the elected school leaders, We are proud to introduce you to this new addition to our school newsletter that will inform you about the important events at our school and provide families with reflections and insights from a student’s perspective.

Within ‘Captain’s Corner’, there will be a range of topics discussed; reports about special sporting events, information about sacramental programs and reminders of upcoming liturgical celebrations. We will also aim to include student’s reflections on their learning, interviews with teachers and perhaps even a ‘Gratitude Grab’- a chance for students to publicly express thanks to their parents, teachers or friends. Each fortnight we have asked different student leaders to contribute to the Captain’s Corner article.

UNIFORM REMINDERS

Just to remind all parents that students must be wearing winter uniform by now and should not be wearing black socks with their sport uniforms. Students are expected to be wearing their correct uniform with correct shoes. Sport shoes on sports day only, unless advised by the class teacher. If you want your child to wear sport shoes on a non-sport day, parents are required to provide a signed, written note to advise the classroom teacher of the particular circumstances.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This term the Year Sixes have been learning about and preparing to receive our Confirmation. During the preparation we have been asked to choose a sponsor, learn the Apostles Creed and select a saint name. We recently travelled to Templestowe for a reflection day and spent the day thinking about the rewards and obligations of being a full member of the Church. We all enjoyed the day. All the Year Six candidates are very excited and looking forward to their big day in August!

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Wishing you all wonderful a week,

Theresa, Jacob, Rita, Lachlan, Phillip, Joel
Cherry, Francis, Shalini and Max
**SPORT NEWS**

**T-Ball**
Earlier this term we had the T-Ball Girls represent our school at the Whittlesea Division T-Ball Finals. The Girls had a great game and the scores were tied after the first 2 innings. In the third innings the girls set up the win by getting three out for no runs and then batted beautifully bringing 7 runners home and then it was out of reach!! Well done Girls.
They will now move onto the Northern Region Finals, which will be held on the 18th August. If they win this tournament they will progress to the state finals!
We wish them all good luck. Go Falcons!

**Hooptime Basketball**
We are Looking forward to sending our 5/6 Basketball teams to the Hooptime Basketball Tournament taking place at the Mill Park Basketball Stadium this Friday 5th August 2016.
Trials for the team took place last week and squads have been selected to represent our school at the tournament. Good Luck to all our teams.

**Athletics**
We are starting to look at developing our school Athletics team over the next few weeks. Students that wish to trial for the Aths team will have to fill out the nomination form sent to them via email last week by Tuesday the 2nd August (this week) so that trial lists can be generated.
Students may nominate to trial for a maximum of 2 Track events and 2 field events.
Due to building works over the last couple of years we are limited in how we trial some events eg, we have no sand pit for Long Jump and Triple Jump. Some of these events will be invitation only.

The BDSSA Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday the 24th August.
I wish everyone good luck and look forward to seeing many faces trialing for the Aths Team.

*Brett McCarthy*

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**Children’s Liturgy News**
This week’s story is about a kind man from Samaria who was the only one to stop and help a badly injured man on the side of the road. 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 7th August
Enrolments are finalised for Semester Two 2016. We now begin to look towards to 2017.

**ENSEMBLE PROGRAM ENROLMENTS 2017**

We are now asking for students currently in Years 3, 4 & 5 who would like to learn a musical instrument in 2017, to collect a form from the front office, fill it out and return it to school.

Enrolments for our NEW ENSEMBLE PROGRAM will be confirmed during Term 4 so we encourage students who would like to learn any of the following instruments to hand their enrolments in soon.

**Instruments on offer for 2017 ENSEMBLE PROGRAM**

Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Violin or Cello.

We have a large number of students already enrolled, therefore we have limited places available.

**Ensemble Program - Instrument Hire / Purchase**

All students who enrol to learn as part of the Ensemble Program (listed above) will need to hire or purchase their instruments. Instrument hire is $120 per semester or you chose to purchase an instrument (costs will vary). I encourage parents looking to purchase an instrument to contact me.

**CONCERT BAND & STRING ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCES**

On Friday 22nd July, our school concert band performed at the Year 3 & 4 school assembly and will again for the Year 5 & 6 assembly on Friday 5th August. There, our concert band performed and promoted the new Ensemble Program and how it allows students to learn a musical instrument. Well done to our Concert Band students on their excellent performances.

Last Friday 29th July, our String Orchestra performed for Moira Kelly, as part of the fantastic Moira Kelly Assemblies hosted by our Year 5’s. There our String Orchestra performed “Bright Future’ a piece of music composed by a number of our Year 5 students: Gabrielle L., Julia N., Sydney L. and Eleanor D. I would like to congratulate the girls on such a fantastic composition and our String Orchestra for participating in such a special occasion.

*Mrs Theresa Egglezos*  
*Music Coordinator*
Head lice checks will be attended by the Council of Whittlesea nurses for the whole school from the 9th - 11th August.

Head Lice

Head lice infestations are a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools.

- anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is
- head lice crawl from one person's head to another they do not jump or hop
- head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head
- head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding or carpet
- head lice have built up some resistance to chemical head lice treatments

Notification of head lice

- Inform the school via admin if your child has headlice - your child’s identity will be kept confidential. A notification will then be sent out to the parents of all students in the classroom.

Treatment

There are many treatments on the market for head lice. The school recommends the following:

- Apply plain white conditioner liberally to dry hair covering the entire head.
- Leave on for 30 minutes minimum – this will stun the lice and slow them down.
- Using a good quality nit comb – comb the hair through thoroughly in sections. Pay particular attention to the nape of the neck, behind the ears and the hair line. Remember, most eggs will be firmly attached to the first couple of centimetres of the hair shaft from the base of the head.
- Repeat this process every second day until you are completely sure that all live lice and nits have been removed. Usually this is a 10 day process. Note; it is relatively easy to kill live lice, it is much more difficult to remove all eggs.
- After this, commence weekly checks.

Remember not to make a fuss as head lice is, unfortunately, a part of school life.

For more detailed information please visit www2.health.vic.gov.au and search under head lice.

Helen Donegan RN Div1
School Nurse
“Recycle the Warmth”
for people in need

It’s that time of year again. The harsh winter cold is here and families doing it tough really need our support. On a cold night, not much beats a warm blanket!

Each year, thousands of generous donors search their linen closets, wallets and hearts to supply the Society of St. Vincent de Paul with new and gently used blankets.

The Society’s blanket drive annually collects donations of several thousand new and gently used blankets, as well as other bedding, that St. Vincent de Paul then gives away all year long to low-income households lacking these items.

If you have any donations of new or gently used blankets they can be taken to the office for collection. If you would like to make a donation, once again blankets are being made and each one costs $10 in fabric. Last collection in 2015 gathered 70 blankets from the families of SFOA, we are hoping to exceed that amount and reach 100 blankets in 2016. Donations will be collected until the end of Term 3. All donations will be given to people in our local community who are in need of these items.

If you would like to make a donation big or small please place in an envelope marked with ‘Recycle the Warmth 2016’ and hand into the office or your classroom teacher.

Thank you again for your generosity and support.
Parents’ Association News

Christmas in July Disco Success!!! We would like to take this opportunity to thank Nicole Meyer & Danni Galati together with their awesome team of volunteers who helped out on Friday night. All the children had a wonderful night of fun and dancing. Also a special thank you goes out to Mark and Grace together with their wonderful team of helpers who cooked the sausage sizzle on the night. The night was a great success due to the dedication and hard work of all involved.

Hot Dog / Treat Day: to be held on Thursday 11th August 2016. Flyers were sent home last week. All orders and money were due back last Friday. We are seeking volunteers to help out on the day, if you are available please contact Maria Tolani on 0412 583 828.

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.

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

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
OLD PARADIANS/ST. FRANCIS CRICKET CLUB

REGISTRATION DAYS

SUNDAY 14th AUGUST
10am - 12pm
FRIDAY 2nd September
5pm - 7pm

GARVEY OVAL
1436 PLENTY RD, BUNDOORA
PARADE COLLEGE GROUNDS

Juniors are invited to register for

Milo In2Cricket Program
For boys and girls aged 5 to 8 years, learn a range of cricket skills.
10 week program starting mid November and continuing through to end February with a break over the Christmas period

Competitive Under 10 (Joeys)
Also u/12, u/14 & u/16
Home & away games
Traditional competition for boys & girls
Training is held one night per week
Games start mid October and continue through to March with a break over the Christmas period

SENIOR PLAYERS ALSO WELCOME TO REGISTER

For further information → Gary Hill: 0457 509644
... → Judy Kennett: 0412 409040

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AWARDS

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Prep B  Daniel B  for contributing more to discussions.  Well done!
Prep J  Thomas R  for knowing how to count by 1’s, 2’s, 5’s & 10’s
Prep M  Isabella R  for listening attentively and writing a fantastic recount about the weekend.  Great work, Isabella!
Prep N  Dion P  for his thoughtful contributions to classroom discussions
Prep T  Annen C  for settling back into Prep T after a long holiday
Prep U  Anki R  for always giving her best effort in every activity
Year 1C  Marcus A  for being a good listener and following instructions promptly
Year 1D  Renae J  for working hard and completing her work on time
Year 1F  Liana M  for being a great listener and always following instructions
Year 1H  Jade F  for working hard to project her voice in front of an audience
Year 1O  Harry D  for contributing to class discussions by always putting his hand up.  Excellent work!
Year 1P  Laura B  for always taking her learning further
Year 2B  Ethan E  for working hard to improve his maths skills.  Keep up the good work!
Year 2F  Julian D  for showing persistence in completing his tasks.  Well done!
Year 2G  Jakob P  for always taking care with his work presentation
Year 2R  Dario G  for his fabulous sizzling starts.  Well done, Dario!
Year 2U  Stiphne K  for participating confidently in class discussions and completing work neatly.  Well done!
Year 2W  Alexia S  for working hard in Maths and learning to make ‘groups of’ confidently.  Well done!
Year 3A  William D  for trying very hard to work productively during class time.  Keep it up!
Year 3D  Theresa Q  for always being a cooperative, hard working and helpful student
Year 3M  Sienna G  for always putting her hand up and contributing to class discussion.  Well done!
Year 3P  Aleisha M  for participating with enthusiasm in classroom activities and discussions
Year 3R  Tayissa M  for answering questions well during Maths
Year 3T  Christine J  for excellent listening and trying her best.  Keep it up!
Year 4A  Ricky M  for an excellent start to Term 3!
Year 4B  Mina F  for an excellent start to school at St. Francis of Assisi!
Year 4C  Joshua S  for putting effort into all areas of his learning
Year 4I  Thomas K  for always being a positive member of class.  Well done!
Year 4J  Ramiro E  for the effort he is putting into ballroom dancing lessons
Year 4M  Erin G  for participating in dancing with a positive attitude
Year 5K  Tristan D  for always striving to do his best.  Keep it up!
Year 5M  Natalie G  for her dedication and enthusiasm on Moira Kelly Day!
Year 5O  Maylin L  for applying herself to all learning tasks.  Well done!
Year 5R  Riley M  for being an excellent helper
Year 5S  Noah N  for fantastic enthusiasm in all classroom activities.  Well done!
Year 5T  Elias R  for fantastic collaboration and cooperation shown during class.  Keep it up!
Year 6B  Elias E  for himself in the mornings
Year 6D  Grace C  for her polite manners in class.  Well done and keep it up!
Year 6H  James K  for great efforts in completing his Inquiry proposal and asking clarifying questions
Year 6M  Faith P  for showing persistence when attempting new learning activities.  Well done!
Year 6S  Isaac K  for participating in teacher groups enthusiastically
Year 6W  Izabella B  for her contribution to the class discussion on discipleship

Pupil of the Week

Prep  Leon U  (Prep M)
Year 1  Alessandro F  (1D)
Year 2  Mia K  (2R)
Year 3  Dean T  (3R)
Year 4  Blessy A  (4B)
Year 5  Carmen K  (5R)
Year 6  Julian R  (6B)

Keys To Life Award

Prep  Christian M (Prep U)  for Confidence
Year 1  Alyssa F (1D)  for Organisation
Year 2  Jasmina M (2R)  for Confidence
Year 3  Jasmine C (3R)  for Persistence
Year 4  Caitlyn A (4B)  for Getting Along
Year 5  Olivia C (5R)  for Persistence
Year 6  Andy O (6B)  for Organisation & Confidence