August 28, 2015

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The children in Year 3 will soon begin preparing for the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation). This sacrament of healing is an important part of the children’s learning about the meaning of giving and receiving forgiveness from each other and from God. Part of this preparation involves your participation and support in the following faith opportunities.

RECONCILIATION WORKSHOP - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 7PM
Please see the attached letter regarding the importance of this workshop and when to return reply slips.

PARISH PRESENTATION MASSES
Your family is asked to attend one mass, so that your child may be presented to the Parish community as a person preparing for the Sacrament of Penance. At mass, Fr. Jude will present your child with a Reconciliation medal which symbolises that they are preparing for this sacrament. Your family will also be prayed for at this mass.

The Parish mass details are:
- Dates are: Saturday, 12th and Sunday, 13th September
  Saturday 19th and Sunday, 20th September
- Mass times are: Saturday @ 6pm, Sunday @ 8.30am, 10.30am and 5.00pm.
- Where: St James the Apostle Church, Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing North.

RECONCILIATION IMMERSION DAY
All Year 3 children will engage in a variety of activities to deepen their understanding of the Sacrament of Penance. This will take place at St James.

- Date: Thursday, October 29.
- Time: 9.00am – 2.45pm
- Where: St James Primary School

**An excursion form with further details about the Immersion Day will be sent closer to the date.**
Please be advised that the Sacrament of Penance celebrations for Saint Francis and St Clare’s have been changed from Thursday 12 November to Thursday 19 November. We apologise for any inconvenience that this change of date causes.

Times for the Sacrament of Penance are as follows:
- 10:30am Thursday 19 November
- 1:30pm Thursday 19 November
- 7pm Thursday 19 November

Please see the attached sheet with instructions on how to make an online booking for when you would like to celebrate your child’s Sacrament of Penance.

We are sharing these times with families from St Clare’s.

If you choose a daytime session it is important to let us know if you can transport your child to and from the celebration at St James Church. A parent or family member is strongly encouraged to be with each child for this sacramental celebration. However, if this is not possible then school staff will ensure that transport is arranged and the children are supported during the ceremony. Please indicate on the form below your availability if you are choosing either of the daytime sessions.

Thank you for your support of the Sacramental Program of the Saint James the Apostle Parish.

Warm Regards,

Lucy
Religious Education Leader.

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**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION) TIME**

*Please return to Lucy via your child’s home group teacher or the school office*

Child’s Name: ___________________________________________

Home group: ___________________________________________

(Please circle)

**TRANSPORT**

- I am able to transport my child between Saint Francis Catholic Primary School and Saint James to Apostle Church (330 Derrimut Road)

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Parent/Carer’s signature: ____________________________________