Parents/ Carers should be mindful that with an increase of 100 in our student enrolment this year traffic management around the school will be an issue. If we all cooperate with the procedures put in place then student safety can be improved:

- Always follow the directions of staff
- Drive at 40km in surrounding streets at drop off & pick up times
- Make left hand turns only into and out of the entry & exit gates in Fairview Pde
- Park legally - with no double parking and no parking at the corners of streets
- There are ‘No Standing” signs either side of the school crossing
- Use the pedestrian crossing to cross the road in Fairview Pde - even if this means walking an extra distance
- Walk or ride to school whenever this is possible
- Use the drop off / pick up zone if your child is not in Prep and you are not intending to catch up with staff or other parents
- In the drop off / pick up zone staff will assist children into & out of cars and no overtaking is permitted
- If no parking is available immediately around the school, park one or two blocks away and walk
- If parking in the school car park off Manna Gum there is no exit permitted between 8.40 - 8.50am and no entry permitted between 3.30 - 3.40pm
- Be careful of asking children to wait for you off the school premises – Strangers can approach unaccompanied children. Ensure your child knows how to keep safe and what to do if there is an unusual circumstance.

All adults responsible for dropping off or picking up children are asked to cooperate with our community protocols. We all need to be assured that movement around the school is safe for all.

Parking Officers will patrol the area over the coming months and parents can be fined for parking illegally.
Tarryn McCrae is unwell at the moment and will be away for two weeks. Please keep her in your prayers as she gets well. The Yr 2/3 team are continuing the planned program with all students.

**IMPORTANT EVENTS/DATES:**

Parent-Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Monday 17th & Thursday 20th February from 4.00pm. Please make your appointment(s) on line as soon as possible. Call the office if you require assistance.

Yr 7 Enrolments at Catholic Secondary Colleges for 2015 are due by the end of February. All Yr 6 parents need to consider their college of choice and enrol their child during February.

**SCHOOL OFFICE NOTICES**

Tomorrow, (Friday 14 February) Office Staff will not be available to accept school levies/fees. There will be other staff members answering general enquiries only. The payment of Curriculum Levies can be made on Monday 17 February.

Curriculum Levy: This levy is now due and should be paid by Friday 14th February. (extended to Monday 17 February).

School Fees: $1,190 per family, 1st instalment of $450 due by 21 March. Other options of payment are available, please see Margaret at the school office.

EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance): Applications for term 1 payment are due at school office by Thursday 28th February.

**TERM 1 FUNDRAISING:** This term we will be promoting two fundraising events. We encourage our school community to support the Parish raffle that provides financial support to the life of the Parish. The second will be a fundraiser for the school that goes towards purchasing resources for the students. This fundraiser will be a Hot Cross Bun drive. More information will be sent home with next week.

**PARENT HELPER TRAINING:** Parent helper training will be taking place again this term for parents wanting to support learning in the spaces. More information about this will be coming soon.

**HEALTHY FOOD** Just a reminder that we have a healthy eating and no nuts policy at St Francis. Children should bring drink bottles that can be refilled during the day as well as healthy snacks and lunches. To encourage all children to be eating healthily, please restrict any 'treats' to home snacks - it is difficult to develop healthy eating habits if some children are bringing chips, chocolates or other foods we should only eat occasionally. At school therefore children should have foods such as fruit, sultanas, cheese, vegetable sticks, sandwiches, muffins, rice or pasta that can be eaten cold.

Nuts and any food containing nuts are not appropriate and are **not permitted** at St Francis.

Due to our food policy and the fact that each child works with a large number of other children across their level, parents are requested not to send cake or other treats to school to celebrate birthdays. Staff ensure each child's birthday is recognised and celebrated through simple home group rituals and assemblies.

**OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER:**

24-26th Feb: Yr 5/6 camp
27th Feb: Burning of the Palms
5th March: Ash Wed—School mass 9.15am
6th March: Opening of Yr 7/8 TCC
10th March: Labor Day holiday
12th March: Preps at school full time