ST JAMES FEAST DAY: 900 students, staff and parishioners gathered for the celebration of Eucharist yesterday followed by a shared lunch. Children enjoyed catching up with friends from our sister school and also playing in the spacious grounds of St James. A special treat back at St Francis was the sharing of the ceremonial cake from our opening & blessing celebration. It was a wonderful day for all involved.

May we walk in the way of St James who as an apostle of Jesus listened to His word, loved Him as a friend and shared His message with others.

*St James—pray for us.*

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY: On Monday the staff worked with a Maths Consultant, Colleen Monaghan. We articulated our Mathematics Vision and developed shared understandings about one specific area of maths Prep to Yr 6: division. As level teams we developed the rich assessment task which will be used to identify children’s current understandings and to drive focussed teaching. Over the term, Colleen will work with staff and students several times as we further develop our understandings of best practice in mathematics.

OUR FIRST FUNDRAISER: - A Living Fundraiser. You will notice posters around the school, promoting our very first fundraiser. The fundraising will be done through asking families to sell a herb growing or vegetable kit. Next week, we will send home a separate letter explain how you are able support this fundraiser.

YR 5 PARENTS it is time to be thinking of transition to secondary college for your children. Over the coming semester stay tuned for information from a range of colleges about open days and enrolment opportunities. Our key partner college is Thomas Carr College. On Thursday 9th August the Yr 5’s will have the opportunity to visit the college. This is to give all Yr 5 students an opportunity to experience some aspects of a secondary college—it is not just for those who may be intending to enrol at the college.

EMA—Second Instalment: The EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance) is provided to assist low income families with the payment of school fees. Applications for second instalment closes on **3 August 2012**. We have several families who were eligible in February who have not yet contacted the office for the second round of assistance. If you still hold a current Commonwealth Pensioner Card, Health Care Card or Health Benefits Card, please present your card to the school office **tomorrow**. If you were not eligible at the beginning of the year but are eligible for the second instalment, please come to the school office to collect an application form. Unfortunately late applications cannot be processed.

UNIFORM : Rain Jackets are now available for $75 each from Academy Uniforms.

DATES to Remember:
8 Aug: PIP meetings 2.30 & 7.30
9 Aug: Yr 5’s visit Thomas Carr College
18 Aug: Celebration of First Eucharist

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