OUR FIRST FUNDRAISER:  
A Living Fundraiser. A flier was sent home last week. We are seeking every family’s support of this activity. As a new school, there are so many resources and ground works required that any contribution you can make will be highly valuable. Supporting the parents who are organizing this fundraiser is another way of building our community. You can choose to purchase herbs or vegetable seedlings (Packs of 10/$6 each—sell what you can and return what you do not sell. Or you may offer a donation of $20 to the school if you are unable to sell the seedlings.  
Please RETURN your slips by TOMORROW.

STAGE 2 of BUILDING:  
Temporary fencing will be erected next week as melbcon builders prepare for commencement of the building program. Please be aware of some changes to our vehicle and pedestrian access. At all times during construction follow the directions of signage and/or Melbcon and St Francis of Assisi staff.
Some changes to note:
- Gate in Fairview Pde will be open all day except during playing times. Parents are requested not to drive and park in drop off/pick up zones except between 8.30 to 8.50 am and 3.20 to 3.45 pm.
- The Thomas Carr College Pedestrian access gate will need to be moved at some stage. As soon as that happens it will be relocated to the end of the car park footpath at the Manna Gum Drive end of school.
- Parents of prep students, access to prep area will now be through Yr 3 to 6 home rooms or through the front door of the school.

Your cooperation over the coming months will be appreciated. It is an exciting time for our community to be seeing new learning spaces for students.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION:  
The Feast of the Assumption of Mary, is a Holy day of obligation when the Church recalls when Mary’s body and soul was assumed into heaven several years after the death of her Son. We remember Mary as a woman of great faith and trust in God, who was courageous throughout her life.
We will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption through a liturgy at school. The Year 3/4s will attend mass at St James on this feast day.

PERFORMING ARTS:  
This term our students have been learning the steps to a few cultural dances, such as the Heel & Toe Polka, The Mexican Hat Dance and The Conga.
If there are any parents in our community who would happy to teach us their cultural dance, please see Lucy to work out a time when you can offer your talents! Performing Arts is taught on Tuesdays!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:  
Just a reminder to parents that children have their birthdays acknowledged in their home groups and at assemblies. Please do not send treats to be given out at school.

ILLNESS:  
We have had a large number of children affected by a range of viruses over the last few weeks. Just a few things to note:
*Keep children at home while they are unwell.
*Remind children to cover their mouth when coughing.
*Remind children of the need to wash their hands well after coughing, after using the toilet and before eating.
*Staff will be also be giving these reminders.
*Together we may be able to reduce the spread of infection.
100 DAYS OF PREP:
Last Thursday the Preps celebrated 100 days. Here are some comments from some of our Preps, about the day, as well as some exciting photos!!

Last Thursday the Preps celebrated 100 days. The cupcakes were very yummy. We made Fruit Loops necklaces. It was very fun.    Czarina

Last Thursday we had a celebration in Prep. The fence popped the balloons and we made Fruit Loops necklaces. We watched the balloons flying in the sky.    Enzo

The Preps had a celebration. It was exciting because we played pass the parcel.    Teague

Last Thursday we made cupcakes with chocolate topping and with sprinkles. We got to pop balloons. We put our stuff on the wall.    Brandon

On Thursday we made cupcakes. Merle put my head into the crown.    Matthew

Last Thursday the preps celebrated 100 days in prep with Merle and Andrea. We popped the balloons and we made the fruit loops necklaces. Mine took long, Aryan’s fruit loops necklace did not take long.    Meg

THOMAS CARR COLLEGE MUSICAL:
Some of our senior students have begun rehearsal for the Thomas Carr College musical “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat”. Performances will be on 23, 24 and 25 August at 7.30pm at the Wyndham Cultural Centre, 177 Watton Street Werribee. Adult: $15 Students/Concession:$10 Family:$40 (2 Adults 2 Children)

DATES TO REMEMBER:
Aug 10: Preps visit to St James Church
Aug 15: Feast of the Assumption Mass at 10am for Yr 3/4s
Aug 15: First Communion practice for Yr 4s
Aug 18: First Communions 1pm & 3pm

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