The Honourable Julia Gillard PM school visit Thursday October 25th
We will be welcoming our local member and Prime Minister, Ms Julia Gillard, on October 25th. Her visit will begin at 9.30 and she and her party will be with us for around 45 minutes. We are looking to welcoming Ms Gillard to St Francis of Assisi Primary School with songs and great excitement.

Farewell to the STRONG family
We bid a fond farewell to one of our Foundation Families this week. Tanisha from Prep Merle and her family are heading to new adventures. We wish Greg and Elisabeth and the family God’s blessing on their future journey.

Naplan results
This week the Year 3 and Year 5 students who completed Naplan received their results. We are very proud of all their efforts and the results they achieved. Congratulations to the students, teachers and those that supported them during this time. If you would like to discuss your child’s Naplan results, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s Home Group teacher or the office.

St Francis Feast Day—October 9th
Please read the flyer that is attached to today’s newsletter. It has a few reminders about the organisation of the Feast Day, as well as information for parent helpers.

Parents in Partnership: Our Living Fundraiser has been a great success. We have managed to raise $2064.60. What a wonderful effort from this community! A huge thanks to our PIP team, who helped to organise this fundraiser, count money, pack bags etc.!! We still have some packets of seeds left, so if you wish to buy anymore, please see Margaret or Marthese at the office.
Seeds are $6.00/packet.

Summer Uniform and Hats
Please remember that school hats are compulsory for Terms 1 and 4. Summer uniform is also to be worn but, it is weather dependent. We will have a two week phasing in for the uniform but hats will be compulsory from our first day back.

Footy Colours Day— Gold Coin donation please.
To celebrate the end of Term 3 and the upcoming footy Grand Final, all students are able to wear the colours of their favourite team on Friday. All students wearing red and blue for the Melbourne Demons will receive a special prize. The cost of this will be a gold coin and all money raised will go to the Catholic Missions.

SPONSOR/CANDIDATE MASS was very well attended last night. We continue to pray for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Term 3 ends tomorrow, Friday, 21st September. Children will be dismissed at 2.30pm.

Term 4 commences on Monday 8th October. We look forward to welcoming all of our students back on Monday October 8th ready for a final term of learning.
STAGE 2 of BUILDING:
We are beginning to notice changes to the building site now. It is expected that the slabs will be poured while we are on holidays and then the steelwork and framing will begin. It is almost the same time as last year that the wonderful buildings we now have were being built.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Caruana family, on the birth of their son, Nicholas. Nicholas is the new baby brother of Sienna & Isaac.

Fostering your child’s independence
A key task of parenting is raising independent, self-motivated children who are able to appropriately use the support of parents and friends as they grow. Independence is an important aspect of your child’s development. From the age of two, children strive for more independence. From this age, you should encourage your child to make simple choices about their lives.

(From [http://www.kidscount.com.au/english/chapter19.asp](http://www.kidscount.com.au/english/chapter19.asp) ) At school we are also trying to develop independent children who are responsible, organised and self-motivated. It is important to allow your child to carry, unpack or pack their own school bag. This is part of the routine of preparing themselves for the start and end of each day. Each year at school, your child will build upon these skills at being independent so it is really important that your child has opportunities to develop these skills from Prep onwards.

School drop off & pick up
Just a reminder to the parents and adults dropping off and picking up children from school that there is no parking on the grassed nature strip along the school fence. Some cars are dropping children off at the pedestrian gate by either stopping on the road or pulling up on the grass area. This is illegal and unsafe for the children getting out of these cars. Please assist us in keeping everyone safe and proactive in avoiding accidents by using the school’s parking areas or the drop off zone through the school driveway.

Wyncity Bowling - With today’s newsletter, you will receive a flyer, from Wyncity Bowling Club. This has discounts for families over the holidays.

STEERING COMMITTEE REQUIRED:
We are seeking families living east of Skeleton Waterholes Creek and between Leakes Road and the Federation Trail, who are willing to be part of the process for a Steering Committee for the new school due to open in 2015. If you can help please contact Jan Keogh on 9731 6004 or Fr. Jude on 9748 6800. Thank you, and together we can continue to grow and shape our vibrant community. Fr. Jude Pirotta mssp

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