Visit by the Hon Julia Gillard PM: We are delighted to welcome the prime minister to our school next Thursday, 25th October. The honorable Julia Gillard is a strong supporter of education for our children. She has committed to supporting Australian students to be among the top achievers in the world.

Staff and students will be proud to demonstrate their high level engagement in learning when the prime minister visits: 10.15—11.00am.

The focus of the visit will be on students however, if parents would like to attend they would be welcome. You must notify the office if you do intend to come as we need to ensure only invited guests are present.

Either email: ino@sfatarneit.catholic.edu.au
Or ring the school: 9731 6004 by Tuesday morning, 23rd October.

Grounds: Calling for volunteers who may be able to tidy the entrance area to our school before next Thursday. Some weeding and sweeping are required. If you can help between 8.15am-5.30pm Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday next week just call into the office. We’d love any help you can give even if it is just a short time.

Prep Orientation: On Monday we will welcome our 2013 preps to their first orientation session. How exciting to be starting our second intake of students at St Francis! During the two sessions, our current Preps will experience working in the Yr 1/2 spaces and our Yr 2’s will join the Yr 3-6 children. Transition has begun!

Parish Fete: St James Parish Annual Community Fete is on this Saturday 20 October!!
10am-4 pm, 330 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing. Hope to see you there!!

Wrist bands will be sold at St Francis tomorrow 8.30-9.00am if you still need one: $27.
Stalls will include crafts, cakes, books, mini mart, pick a box, spinning wheel, Devonshire tea, a variety of food and much more. We will have the Bad Boys ride, Giant slide, Rock Climbing, cup and saucer and jumping castle to keep the kids both young and old amused.
There will also be an auction at 1.15pm for the following items: SCA 117 piece tool kit, compressor, gernie, hamper and a cordless drill.

So come along and join us for a day of fun.

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Hats during term 4: Some children still have not brought their hat to school. Part of the SunSmart policy is that all students must wear a hat during outdoor activities in term 4. Please ensure that a new hat is purchased on Tuesday if your child’s hat has been lost.

Community Friendly Day Yr 6 students will be joining with St James and St Peters Yr 6 students on Tuesday 23rd October at St James school. The aim of this day is to give the students an opportunity to meet with other students as part of their transition program to secondary college. Many of the students will be attending Thomas Carr College in 2013. Those who are not have an opportunity to experience joining in activities with other children of their age— this prepares them to take the initiate to engage with unfamiliar peers.

Children not returning to St Francis of Assisi school in 2013 (This does not apply to Yr 6 Students): If your child/children will not be returning to St Francis 2013, could you please contact the office as soon as possible.

Commemorative CD: As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, we will be producing a commemorative CD of our first year as a school community. Please complete the letter attached with today’s newsletter. By completing this letter you will give permission for St Francis of Assisi School to use photograph/s or video-clips of your child/ren in the commemorative CD. Please return this letter no later than TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23rd.

CAMP AUSTRALIA: A program will be offered on our closure days: 19th & 20th November. See Bethany (program coordinator) for details. NB No program will be offered on Melbourne Cup eve: 5th November. Families will need to make their own arrangements for care on this day.

Our sympathy is extended to Pauline and Hilton Harper our school cleaners. Pauline’s mother passed away yesterday. May she rest in peace.

HOMEWORK POLICY: We are developing a homework policy that will guide our practice 2013-2015. After consultation at a PIP meeting, a survey will be sent home tomorrow. All parents are encouraged to fill it in and return it to ensure our policy is informed by community opinion.

TERM OVERVIEWS: Term overviews will be sent out tomorrow.

PREP THE BUILDERS:
This term the Preps will be focusing on materials, properties and uses. Today an Architect came to speak to the Preps about our new building. We would like to invite any parents who are in the construction industry who would like to come and talk to the Preps about choosing the right materials for a specific purpose in their jobs. Please see Merle, Andrea or Emily.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
Oct 20:  St James Parish Fete
Oct 22, 29 Nov 9  Prep 2013 Orientation
Oct 25:  Hon. Julia Gillard PM to visit St Francis of Assisi
Oct 26:  International Teacher’s Day
Oct 28:  Sacrament of Confirmation
Oct 31:  Year 5 ‘Mary’ Mass @ SJA
Nov 5:  Closure Day (Cup eve)
Nov 6:  Melb Cup (public holiday)
Nov 19,20:  Closure Days
Nov 21:  Prep 2013 Information meeting @SFA
Nov 28-30:  Yr 5/6 Camp

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