REMREMBRANCE DAY: On Monday Nov 12 at 10.45am, we will be having our first Remembrance Day ceremony. We are having a guest speaker from the Werribee RSL and our ceremony will include The Last Post, The Ode, In Flanders Field, The Rouse and our National Anthem. All parents are welcome to be part of this ceremony. We expect to have the ceremony near our flagpoles but if the weather is inclement, the ceremony will take place in our assembly space.

During the month of November we pray for those who have died. A REMEMBRANCE BOOK has been created. This is a perpetual book and will be used each November. All families who have lost family members, especially during the last 12 months, are invited to write their names in the book. You will find the book in the shared learning area throughout November. (A Commemoration Book is also available in the Narthex of St James Church. You can place the names of your departed loved ones in this book which will be a part of our liturgy at all masses in November).

Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Thurs 22nd November at St James church at 7.30pm. This is for all parishioners who have loved ones who have died this year. Families are asked to bring a photo of their loved one to this mass. All parishioners are invited to come and support the families of the deceased.

Prep Orientation: Tomorrow, Friday 9th Nov is our last Prep orientation session for this year.

Big Issue excursion for Yr 6 students is being held tomorrow, Friday 9th November. Students will travel to St James school to join other Yr 6’s and will engage in activities focused on heightening their awareness of social issues. This is a continuation of their work around Confirmation and living as spirit filled people.

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 complete the slip that has been sent home today and return it to the office as soon as possible. This information will help us plan for next year.

Parking around the school: In a recent memo from Wyndham City regarding parking around schools, the following points are important for parents who park outside the school when dropping off or picking up students:
- All signage must be followed in regard to parking
- Parking is not permitted on or across a driveway or lane, on a nature strip or footpath and the car must not be facing against the flow of traffic
- Disabled parking is only for people with the appropriate parking permit.

Parking officers will be patrolling the streets around St Francis to ensure all regulations are followed or infringement notices will be issued. The safety of our students is our prime concern and we ask that parents be mindful of their responsibilities. There is plenty of parking available within our boundaries and the drop off and pick up procedure works very well.
Term 4 Fundraiser: An order form for the commemorative tea towel and DVD has been sent home today. Please note that all orders need to be placed and paid for by Friday 16th November. We encourage all families to support this fundraising activity organized by PIP. The items for sale will be a lovely momento of our first year as a school community.

PIP: Thankyou to the parents who attended our last PIP meeting for the year. Your support and contribution to building community here at St Francis is greatly appreciated. An annual report will be made available to all families at a later stage and will contain a summary of the wonderful work done by our inaugural PIP group.

Closure Days Camp Australia Programs: Camp Australia will be conducting a program on Monday and Tuesday, 19th & 20th November for all children requiring care on our school closure days. Please make a booking as soon as possible to ensure the program operates. Contact the school or speak to Bethany, our program coordinator.

Stage 2 Building Program: A crane will be on site shortly to do some serious work in erecting our steel frame!

Parish News - Meeting for Parishioners who are separated or divorced. When a marriage or long term relationship has ended, there are so many issues to work through and emotions to deal with before one can move on with life. As a parish, we are providing a space where people who are separated or divorced can come together and prayerfully reflect on the many emotions of their journey. We will be meeting on Wednesday November 21 at 7.00pm in the Old Hall at St. James.