SYMPATHY is extended to Gina Akeri (Yr 4) and her family on the death of her grandfather Tako Frederik who passed away on November 14th. May he rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tsige Halefom & Luel Hailu on the birth of their new son Joseph a baby brother for Senay in year 1.

CLOSURE DAYS: Monday and Tuesday 19th & 20th November are professional learning days for staff. We will be drafting our 2013 Annual Action Plan and planning for home groups 2013. There is no school for children on these days. Camp Australia will be conducting a program for all children requiring care but bookings are essential.

Commemorative tea towel & DVD: Orders must be placed and paid for by tomorrow Friday 16th November. We encourage all families to support this fundraising activity organized by PIP. The items for sale will be a lovely memento of our first year as a school community.

SEEKING YOUR FEEDBACK: As part of the evaluation of our practice in 2012 and planning for future improvement we would appreciate your feedback. A survey sheet has been sent home today that you are asked to complete and return to the school next week. We really appreciated the 66 returns we received to inform the development of our homework policy and are hoping that even more families can respond to this survey. It will help us to validate our School Improvement Plan and 2013 Annual Action Plan.

Prep 2013 Parent Information Session: 7.30 pm Wednesday 21st November. We look forward to this final session with our 2013 Prep families. Prep 2013 Home groups will be announced at this meeting.

TRANSITION DAY: Tuesday 4th December. Students in Yr 6 who will be attending Thomas Carr College in 2013 will have a transition day at the college. All other students Prep—Yr 5 will have a session (11.30—1.40) with their 2013 home group teacher. Staff are currently working on organizing these groupings.

STAGE 2 BUILDING PROGRAM: An amazing amount of work on the frame has been completed. We can actually see the shape of our new spaces beginning to emerge.

Parish News - Mass of Remembrance: 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.

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: Wed November 21 at 7.00pm in the Old Hall at St. James.