Parents are welcome into the learning spaces on **Friday 16th March**. See your children at work 2.30 - 3.30 in our wonderful learning spaces. Please note that the picnic that we were planning to have, won’t be taking place due to the artificial turf not completed. Children need to be picked up at the normal time. OSHC will still be available for those who require this.

**Prep 2013 Enrolments**
We had a wonderful attendance of new families for the 2013 Prep Enrolment Information Evening last night at St. James Primary School. They received information regarding the two schools, the Parish involvement and the personalised learning process. We will be growing as a school in our second year.

**Prep 2013 applications for families with children already attending St Francis** open on Thursday 15th March. Please collect an application form from the school office. Interviews will be scheduled for term 2. Offers of places will be made at the end of term 2.

**On Thursday 15th March** 2,000 students from Catholic schools across Melbourne are gathering at St Patrick’s cathedral to celebrate the Annual Mass as part of Catholic Education Week.

Ten of our Yr 5/6 students will represent us at this celebration. We will be carrying our school banner for the first time at a public event!

**Year 2 ‘Keep the Flame Alive’**
To all of our Year 2 parents, we ask that you complete the tear off slip and return to school as soon as possible.

**Parent Helper Training program**
Our Parent Helper Training program will be taking place on Monday 19 March at 2.30pm to 3.30pm and Friday 23 March at 9.15am to 10.15am. It is being offered to the parents who were able to attend the first session. There will be further programs later in the year.

**Traffic Management Issues**
The pick up and drop off process is working very well. We need to remind parents that there is no parking in the driveway during Pick Up and Drop Off time. Please also remember that traffic travels one way only in our driveway and that is from North to South. Some parents are wanting to turn right into the school gate from Fairview Drive in the morning and afternoon. Please remember you are only able to turn left into the driveway. It keeps the traffic flowing safely which is what we want to maintain. A parent has asked to be aware of others when parking in the street and...
Make me a channel of your peace; Where there is darkness, let me bring light.

School Song
Maria Forde, an internationally recognised composer and singer will be visiting our school on Monday. She has been commissioned to write our school song and she is coming to meet our students and staff to help with the process.

Sports Uniform: This is worn on the following days -
Year 1 - 6: Tuesday
Prep: Thursday only
Today we had all of our Prep students wearing their Sports Uniform and they looked fantastic. Well done everybody.

School Holidays
Term 1 finishes on Friday 30th March at 2.30pm.
Term 2 commences on Monday 16th April.

Student Banking
Student Banking is now available.
Banking day is every Friday.
If your child has a CDF bank book and you would like to deposit money into it, you may do so on Fridays. If you would like to open a bank book for your child, forms are available at the Office. Many thanks to Donna & Lenke who have volunteered to manage the student banking for the school.

Lost Items
We have a Lost Items box in the office. If your child has lost any items, please come to the office. We have two scooters that have been left at school. If you are missing a scooter, please see Margaret in the Office.

Combined Parish Raffle
Thank you to all families for your support to the Annual Combined Parish Raffle. Your help in selling the Tickets given to you results in support for the Parish which in turn allows the Parish to support St James Primary and St Francis Primary. A reminder that all Raffle Tickets, Money Collected, Ticket Stubs and Unsold Tickets are to be returned to the School Office no later than Fri 16 Mar for processing. This allows us to have the opportunity to sell any Unsold Tickets to the Parishioners after Weekend Masses.

Jan Keogh
Principal