ANZAC DAY 100 Year Remembrance Ceremony
Friday, 24th April, 2015
9.00am

As a school community we will remember the ANZACS by gathering as a school community to participate in an ANZAC day Remembrance ceremony. During this ceremony students will share their learning around the ANZACS, lead us in prayer and song. We will also be planting a Spirit of ANZAC grevillea and lavender. All parents/carers are welcome.

Thomas Carr College are celebrating mass on Friday, 24th April at 8.00am. St Francis’ families are welcome to attend in the College chapel.

WE PRAY: We were saddened to hear the news of Jan’s mother, Pat, who passed away early Wednesday morning. Pat passed away peacefully with all her children gathered by her side. We keep Jan and her family in our prayers as we support them during this difficult time. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

We continue to pray for Tarryn McRae, Glenda O’Shea and Glenda’s mum Marie who are experiencing illness at this time.

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A vibrant Catholic learning community of peace justice respect and excellence.

MONDAY, 27TH APRIL, 2015

This will be a great day for the community. We encourage parents to come support and walk with their children. Home groups will be walking at the following times.

- 11.15—11.45: Year 2s
- 11.50—12.20: Year 3/4s
- 12.25—12.45: Preps
- 12.50—1.10: Year 1s
- 2.30 — 3.00: Years 4—6

From 3.30pm to 5.00pm there will be a SAUSAGE SIZZLE, ZOOPER DOOPER & ORGANISED GAMES!

Sponsor forms and money are due back on Thursday, 30th April. Please note that the online sponsor option is not available. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

PIP Social & Fundraising groups have organised the walkathon and are organising the Mother’s day stall and afternoon tea. Tony’s Pie drive will be taking place later in this term.

Project Group are investigating the possibilities around Home Group structures at SFA for 2016 and beyond. The team is made up of 6 parents and 7 staff members. We are looking at the possibilities for grouping students and will make a recommendation to the school community. The team has looked at what the research is saying and are planning to visit and engage with schools that have different home groups structures. In this way we will be able to decide which approach is going to best suit our school community.

FRIDAY, 8TH MAY

Mother’s day stall and Mother’s day afternoon tea will be held on this day. More details to come!
Make me a channel of your peace;
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

Grounds & maintenance group have been working on the construction of the orchard enclosure, looking at the types of fruit trees we will plant and planning the most recent working bee. Our next meetings will be around the completion of the orchard and enclosure, deciding on plantings around the new rotunda and more work on the sensory garden. We are getting around 10 people per meeting now but more parents would be made most welcome. Our next PIP meeting is on TUESDAY 19th May and WEDNESDAY 20th May at 7:30pm

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL: Many of our families have family overseas and quite a number of families choose to take overseas or interstate holidays during term time. We understand that this is often just a one-off arrangement but we do draw parents attention to the fact that any absence from school has a detrimental effect on student learning. All families are encouraged to seriously consider the impact when making their plans. Children are required to undertake regular reading and to maintain a diary while they are absent but nothing can replace the learning that comes from attendance at school. Other children have a larger than normal absenteeism due to staying away from school when it is not absolutely necessary. Again, parents are asked to monitor their children’s health—ensuring they have a good balance of exercise, healthy diet and sufficient sleep. If children do present with repeated symptoms that keep them away from school please speak to the home group teacher to ensure the appropriate level of support is provided. Whenever there is an absence from school a written explanation needs to be provided by a parent—either hand written note or email message

CLOSURE DAY: THURSDAY 21st MAY.
On this day there is no school for children.

WYNDHAM CITY ANZAC CEREMONY:
Thank you to Kynan, Teague, Loredana and Liana who walked in the Anzac march last Sunday at Werribee. They laid a wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of the SFA community.

DONATIONS WANTED: We are calling for any families that have good quality books or novels that they no longer want and would be happy to donate to the school to help us build up our school resources. We are looking for books that are suitable for primary aged children in good condition to put on our shelves for students to use at school and eventually borrow as library books. If you have books that you would like to donate please see Emily or Janice.

BOOK CLUB: All children should have received Term 2’s Book Club magazine last week. There are lots of great books for children to choose from and part of the funds raised goes to the school. Book Club orders can be made online or by returning the order form to school by MONDAY 27th APRIL 2015.

PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE: It’s great to see the number for books that children have already read and entered online. If you are looking for books for your child to read, our local library will be able to help you find titles that are on the Challenge booklists. Please see Emily if you are having any trouble with the login details that have been provided to the children who have been registered.

NEW SHELTER AT PICK UP AND DROP OFF: You may have noticed the shelter at the drop-off and pickup area is now in use. We ask that parents who are dropping off and picking up only let children in or out of the car in the zone between the witches hats. It is the safest place and it is supervised. Parents are asked not to let students from Thomas Carr College leave the car unless they are in this zone. It gives our students an inappropriate example of behaviour. It will take a little while for us to get back into the good habits we had earlier. Since the shelter is now complete we ask parents to wait outside the home rooms before and after school. Prep parents can gather in the playground area. Please only go to the office if you are making an inquiry. We appreciate your help with this.

PREP 2016 ENROLMENTS—EXISTING FAMILIES: Enrolment forms, along with all relevant certificates are to be returned before your interview date. If you have not made an interview time, please do so now as interviews have already begun.