WELCOME to Term 2. Children and staff have returned with enthusiasm, ready for another term of great learning. May the blessings of the risen Christ be with all families during this Easter season.

TOMORROW, Friday 25th April is a public holiday. There is NO SCHOOL for children as our community commemorates ANZAC Day.

MARGARET MANGANI will be away for several weeks this term due to ill health. I’m sure that the community will provide prayer support during this time.

Marthese Turner will be managing the office while Margaret is away. Please be patient if we can’t immediately respond to your enquiries. We are interested in hearing from any parent who may have office experience and who could provide support for a few hours a week over the time Margaret is away. If you think you could help please email: info@sfatarneit.catholic.edu.au

We PRAY for Matthew Cutajar, Margaret Mangani and all those who are sick. May the Easter gift of hope and peace be with them and their families.

WINTER UNIFORM: It is time to change from summer to winter uniform. All children should be wearing winter uniform by week 3 of term.

For St Francis there is no change to the current uniform and all items are available from the uniform shop each Tuesday during term time.
For St Clare’s all items are now available for winter uniform (including jumper) and winter sports track suit.

2015 PREP ENROLMENTS for existing families are now open. Please pick up an enrolment pack as soon as possible. In the pack is the Enrolment Application form and instructions for booking an online interview. Interviews will be held in May & June with offers being made by the end of term 2. Any family with children already attending St Francis will be offered a place for your Prep child but you must make application now—Otherwise, places will be taken by new families as demand is high.

FUNDRAISER SURVEY: A survey was sent home at the end of term regarding our fundraising activities for this year. We would like your input around the fundraisers organised for this year. Please return the survey by Monday 28th April.

MAINTENANCE ROSTER
The sign up sheet for a range of jobs that could be done at a time that suits you is available in the office foyer. You are encouraged to consider ways in which you can support the community.

WORKING BEE
Saturday 3rd May
8.30 – 11.30am
We need your help! COME ALONG to give a hand.

PIP: Our next PIP meeting is on Tuesday, April 29. All are welcome.
ENHANCING CATHOLIC SCHOOL IDENTITY PROJECT: Across the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Catholic schools are invited to participate in a process of reflection to better understand how Catholic Identity is expressed in work and practice at their school. The Catholic University in Leuven, (Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven) was commissioned by the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV) to design a process and tools, based on sound research, to accomplish the goal of understanding our current Catholic identity and where the school community might like to see it in the future. The Enhancing Catholic School Identity (ECSI) Survey is a key element in this process and is undertaken every four years. This year St Francis is participating in this project and over the coming weeks staff, Yr 5 & 6 children and parents will be invited to complete an on-line survey. Hopefully, many of you will take up this invitation.

PARENT CONVERSATIONS: During each term this year there is an opportunity for parents to meet with Jan and members of the leadership team for coffee and a chat. It is an opportunity to meet without an agenda and for any general issues about school life /community to be raised and discussed. Each term we have scheduled this for a different day and time so that any parent wishing to accept our invitation is able to do so.
Term 2: Wednesday 14th May at 6.30pm
Term 3: Thurs 7th August at 9.00am
Term 4: Wed 22nd October at 6.30pm

NAPLAN: Each year Yr 3 and Yr 5 students across Australia participate in national testing for Literacy and Numeracy. This year’s dates are 13th—15th May. Across these three days students will complete the set assessment tasks. All children should be available to attend school on these days. If any parent has concerns or questions regarding their child’s participation in this national testing you should discuss these with your child’s teacher, Emily or Jan.

DATES TO REMEMBER April/May:
26/27th April: Confirmation Presentation masses
29th April: PIP
30th April: Confirmation workshop
2nd May: Confirmation Reflection Day—Yr 6
3rd May: Working Bee
3/4 May: Confirmation Presentation masses
5th May Yr 2/3 excursion to Melbourne Zoo
6th May: School tours
6th May: 2:30pm Volunteer Training
8th May: Mothers’ Day Stall
12th May: 9:30am Volunteer Training
13-15th May: NAPLAN for Yr 3 & 5
14th May: Parent conversation 6.30pm
15th May: 2:30pm Volunteer Training
18th May: Sacrament of Confirmation 2.00pm
20th May: Eucharist Immersion Day
23rd May: Yr 1 excursion to Melbourne Zoo
26th May: Yr 6 excursion
27th May: PIP
29th May: Parish Healing Mass 11.00am