WELCOME to Mrs Mirjana Sawyer and Mrs Gemma Thomas who have joined the staff of St Francis. Mirjana and Gemma will support student learning in their role as coeducators.

PREP 2014 ENROLMENTS If you have a child who turns 5 by 30th April 2014 it is time to begin the enrolment process. Please collect an information pack from the school office from Tuesday 30 April. The pack will contain an Enrolment Form and details on arranging an interview time.  

For new families: 
School tours:
Tuesday 30th April 11.45am - 1.15pm.

Parent Information Meeting:
Wednesday 1st May 7.30-9.00pm

RECONCILIATION: Our Yr 3 students are preparing to celebrate their first Reconciliation - a beautiful sacrament of the love and steadfastness of our God. The children will be presented to the community at the parish masses over the next two weekends. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they take this next step in their faith journey.

UNIFORM: All children must be in winter uniform by Monday 6th May. Hats are not required in terms 2 & 3. Jewellery should not be worn except for studs/sleeper/watch. Long hair needs to be tied back with plain yellow or blue ties. Black leather shoes except with sports uniform.

OPENING & CELEBRATION of our new LEARNING SPACES Thursday 9th May
All families welcome either morning or evening
9.15am: School Mass & blessing of the new learning spaces.
10.30am: Morning tea
11.15am—1.00pm: Demonstration of student learning; Tour the school and participation in a forum to contribute your ideas about school grounds development
6.00-7.30pm: Supper; Tour the school; Display of student learning; and participation in a forum to contribute your ideas about school grounds development

BUNNINGS BBQ (Hoppers Crossing) to be held on Saturday 4th May 9.00am-4.00pm.
Volunteers needed! If you can give an hour of your time to support this fundraiser please add your name to the roster at the office or email: lvassallo@sfatarneit.catholic.edu.au

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL: Wednesday 8th May. Gifts $1- $5 will be available. Stay tuned for the details. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, April 30 @ 9am—10am in the staffroom, to finalise the details and organisation of the Mother’s Day stall and Bunnings BBQ. All are welcome.
SPORTING NEWS:
On 9th May four of our senior students will compete in the Inter-school Cross Country Racing. Trials with eager participants will be held this week at Thomas Carr College. We look forward to having students compete and represent St Francis for the first time.

On 7th April Ella Roberts (Yr 5) received her blue belt three stripe in taekwondo. She was the only girl including seniors to do so and she came first in her rank. We congratulate Ella on her 3rd place in the overall grading champion across three clubs. She will be competing in the national titles in May. Good luck Ella!

YEAR 1 & 2 HISTORY BOX INCURSION
On Monday 29th April, Years One and Two will be participating in an incursion from The History Box from Ballarat. Children will be exploring different aspects of the past, with workshops based around ‘Life then and now’ and ‘Toy Box - toys through history’ to compliment their Inquiry learning about the past during this term.

EXCURSIONS/INCURSIONS:
Monday 29th April: Yr 1 & 2 will have a ‘History Box” incursion.
Friday 3rd May: Yr 4 & 5 students & a group of Yr 6 students will attend the International Market Garden Show at the state Research Farm, Werribee.

STAGE 2 BUILDING: It is a delight to be working in our new learning spaces. With the extra space staff and students are able to participate in a wider range of learning activities. The fish tank is looking good—take a look when you can! Hopefully the temporary pathways will be done on Saturday so that we can move around the grounds without stepping in the mud.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Program @ St James Parish
St James the Apostle Parish invites anyone living within the parish zone interested in becoming a Catholic, receiving the Sacraments and exploring the Catholic Faith to the next season of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. There will be an information session tonight Fri 26 Apr at 7:00pm in the Parish Office. The invitation is also extended to any Catholics in the Parish who may want to become more informed about the various aspects of our Faith. For more details please ring Chris on 9742 4000

DATES TO REMEMBER
27-28 Apr & 4-5 May: Reconciliation Presentation masses.
30 April: School Tours for prospective families
1 May: Prep 2014 Info meeting @ 7.30pm
4 May: Bunnings Fundraiser
8 May: Mothers’ Day stall
9 May: Opening & Blessing of new spaces
14 May: NAPLAN Testing
16 May: Sacrament of First Reconciliation
19 May: Pentecost Sunday
21 May: PIP meeting 2pm & 7.30pm
23 May: Preps in PJs @ SFA
24 May: Our Lady Help of Christians feast day
26 May: National Sorry Day
29 May: School Photo Day
30 May: Eucharist Workshop @ 7.30pm @SFA