EASTER: Pope Francis emphasizes the certainty of Christ's presence in the world today, noting how his resurrection invites us to open ourselves to joy and hope. He says, "In these days we celebrate with joy the great mystery of the Resurrection of Christ. With the resurrection, all has been made new and fresh hope has been poured out upon our world."

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CONFIRMATION
We pray for our Yr 6 Confirmation candidates who are preparing to celebrate the sacrament on Sunday 18th May. May the Holy Spirit be with them at this special time.

PRESENTATION MASSES: All confirmation candidates need to attend one of the parish masses either last weekend 26/27th April or on 3/4 May.
Sat: 6.00pm
Sun: 8.30am; 10.30am; 5.00pm

REFLECTION DAY: Tomorrow, Friday 2nd May at Thomas Carr College

MOTHERS’ DAY: See the flier that has been sent home today. We hope all children are able to buy a gift at the Mothers’ Day stall and that many of our mums can come along on Friday afternoon.

WINTER UNIFORM: It is time to change from summer to winter uniform. All children should be wearing winter uniform next week.

PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE
It's great to see so many children reading and entering their books online. Please see Emily or your Home Group teacher if you are having trouble doing this at home. Congratulations to Krishelle Abyesundra
Pranavi Nichenametla
Mari Aninon
Ethan D'Souza
Megdelawit Yohanns
who have already successfully completed the Challenge.

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.

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ACTIVE APRIL
Thank you to all the families who participated in the Premier’s Active April Challenge! As a team we completed 362 hours and 44 minutes of activity during the month of April.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING
This term we will offer two more sessions that people from our community can attend in order to work with the children in the learning spaces. We have had to cancel the session offered on Monday 12th May. The sessions available this term will be Thursday 15th May at 2pm and Monday 19th May at 9:30am. Please see the flier for more information.

CROSS COUNTRY: A number of our 4/5/6 students will be competing in the Truganina Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday May 6 at Presidents Park. They have been training each morning at school and at home and are ready to give their best effort on Tuesday. Thanks to Lisa Goricanec for helping us out.

WORKING BEE: Saturday 3rd May 8.30 – 11.30am
We need your help! COME ALONG to give a hand. Jobs to do include tidying sandpit, cobweb removal, whipper snipping, hole digging with machine, mowing (please bring mower, whipper snipper) footpath tidying and washing, checking playground bolts. If weather is inclement, working bee will be postponed and will be on MAY 10.

NAPLAN: 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.

PIP: Please refer to the school community section on the website for information about the meeting held this week.

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

Patch Theatre Company is bringing Pamela Allen’s much awaited National Helpmann Award for Best Children’s Production for 4 – 8 year olds Mr McGee & the Biting Flea to the Wyndham Cultural Centre. On Monday 12 May at 6:30pm book now for the Family Show to see this charming funny and frenetic production touring nationally across Australia and coming to Wyndham. Tickets are $10 (child) $15 (adult) less than the cost of going to the cinema! Six whimsical stories brought brilliantly to the stage by three amazing actors. Book on-line at www.wyncc.com.au or call 8734 6000 now.

DATES TO REMEMBER April/May:
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 / Cross Country
6th May: 2:00pm Volunteer Training
8th May: Mothers’ Day Stall
9th May: 2.00pm Mother’s Day afternoon tea & activity
13-15th May: NAPLAN for Yr 3 & 5
14th May: Parent conversation 6.30pm
15th May: 2:00pm Volunteer Training
18th May: Sacrament of Confirmation 2.00pm
19th May: 9.30am Volunteer Training
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