**PENTECOST SUNDAY:*** This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. It is one of the most important feast days in the Christian calendar. It marks the day, nearly 2,000 years ago, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, who had been living in fear for 50 days following the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. This Pentecost may each one of us be filled with the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, to live our lives with faith and trust in God’s plan for us.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Tonight our Yr 3 students will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. We congratulate them on making this next step in their journey of faith. May they experience God’s everlasting love and peace.

**PREPS IN PYJAMAS:** A letter was sent home to Prep families last Monday, asking for your attendance to our first Preps in Pyjamas workshop. The reply slip needs to be returned by tomorrow, Friday, May 17. The Preps in PJs workshop is on Thursday, May 23 at 6.30pm.

**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 this week. The pack will contain an Enrolment Form and details for arranging an interview time.

**UNIFORM:** All children should now be in winter uniform. Please ensure full uniform each day—with sports uniform once a week only. It is good to see children with jackets, hats & gloves for the cold weather. Please label all items of clothing clearly with your child’s name. Our lost property box is overflowing with clothing that have no names!

**BUNNINGS BBQ:** Our Bunnings BBQ was very successful. We raised $2,100.00 for our school. Thank you to our PIP fundraising group who managed the organisation of the BBQ. We also thank parents and staff who were available to run the BBQ on the day.

**MOTHERS’ DAY STALL:** Our Mother’s stall was very successful. Thank you to the 15 parents who came in to help us run the stall. Your support was marvellous. We have raised approximately $500.00 through this fundraising event.

**FUNDS RAISED** will support the grounds development currently being planned.

**OFFICIAL OPENING & BLESSING:** Many thanks to all those who were able to participate in any way on May 9th, as we celebrated our growing community. The support of parents in setting up, decorating & catering was greatly appreciated. Having so many present at the mass, assembly and forum was encouraging and the children & staff really enjoyed welcoming families into the learning spaces.

**PIP MEETING:** Our next PIP meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21. The times are: 2.00pm: Social Group 7.30pm: Community Arts, Grounds & Fundraising groups to meet. We look forward to your attendance and please encourage others to come along. Email: info@sfatarneit.catholic.edu.au if you are coming.
Make me a channel of your peace; Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

SPORTING NEWS:
On 9th May some of our senior students competed in the Zone Inter-school Cross Country Carnival. All students ran very well including Maluk who ran 6th in his division and Monique who ran 3rd in her division. Thanks also to Leesa who helped out as an official.

INFORMATION EVENING FOR THOMAS CARR COLLEGE:
On Monday 27th May there will be an information meeting for families of students in Yrs 4/5/6 to assist you in the process of considering a secondary college for your child. Venue: St James school hall @ 7.30 pm. The meeting will focus on Transition and Enrolment information.

EXCURSIONS/INCURSIONS:
On Monday Prep are off to visit the Werribee Mansion as part of their history learning.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
On Wednesday May 29, Home group and family portraits will be taken at school. The family portraits range from $19 to $30 and home group photos range from $22 to $42. The envelopes for ordering photographs will be sent home on Wednesday May 22.

NEW SCHOOL TRUGANINA: Centrum Architects have been appointed to design the new Catholic school at Truganina. Community consultations (POP UPs), facilitated by Codesign, are scheduled for May. All families are invited to participate in these. A flier will be sent to the families living in the catchment area of the new school. Please pass on the invitation to friends and community members to be involved in the process that will inform the master planning of the school.

SEASONS: GRIEF & LOSS: Seasons is a peer support program developed to help children and young people cope with the grief and feelings of loss resulting from separation, divorce or death. It provides the opportunity for children to share their story and support each other in a safe environment, facilitated by a trained counsellor. It is a 10 week program and will be offered at St. James for primary school age children over terms 2 & 3. Sessions will be held from 3.30pm-4.15pm on the following Thursdays: 16/5, 23/5, 30/5, 6/6, 20/6, 27/6, 18/7, 25/7, 1/8 & 8/8. Program costs $10 per session—paid up front or each session. If you believe your child could benefit from participating in the Seasons peer support program, please contact Karen George, Counsellor with Catholic Care on 0417 274 249. she will be happy to tell you more about the program.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults The Rite of Christian initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a program for anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, receiving the Sacraments or exploring the Catholic faith. Our season of Inquiry has now begun. If you or anyone you know is interested, please come along on Fridays at 7pm in the Parish Office. The invitation is also extended to any Catholics 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:
16 May: Sacrament of First Reconciliation
19 May: Pentecost Sunday
21 May: Prep Excursion to Werribee Mansion
21 May: PIP meeting 2pm & 7.30pm
23 May: Preps in PJs @ SFA
24 May: Our Lady Help of Christians
26 May: National Sorry Day
27 May: Information evening for TCC at St James school hall at 7.30pm
29 May: School Photo Day
29 May: New School POP-UP consultation @ SFA
30 May: Eucharist Workshop @ 7.30pm @SFA