We pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Pirotta who died on Monday night. Fr Jude is in our prayers and thoughts as he and his family grieve the death of their beloved mother. Ann’s funeral was on Tuesday at Sacred Heart Morwell and it was a wonderful celebration of a life lived full.

In this Easter season, we are reminded of the promise of the risen Christ: that all who believe in him will have life and have it to the full. We are a people of hope: that in our dying we enter into the fullness of life with our God.

**Sacrament of First Reconciliation**

**Reconciliation Parent Workshop**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 16th  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Where:** St James the Apostle

*Please return your reply slips by Friday, May 11.*

**Reconciliation Ceremony will be held:**

**When:** Wednesday, June 13.  
**Time:** 7.00pm  
**Where:** St James the Apostle Church

**Preps in Pyjamas - Thursday, May 31.**

Our prep children, along with their parents are asked to attend the first of three evenings, to experience an insight to Religious Education as taught through our Prep RE curriculum.

**When:** Thursday, May 31

**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Where:** St Francis of Assisi School.

Children, parents and staff are invited to wear their pyjamas to this parent night!! A separate letter about this night will be sent home with next week’s newsletter.

**Date for Diary**

**Official Opening & Blessing of the school:** Thursday 19th July 4.00pm

**Curriculum Levies & School Fees**

Invoices were sent home last week. There are a large number of families who have as yet made no payments. This is proving very difficult for school budgeting and payment of all incoming invoices. Payments need to be made immediately or an appointment made with Jan to discuss payment options. You can contact the office between 8.30am-4.00pm to arrange an appointment time.

**Naplan Testing**

The annual assessments conducted on Literacy and Numeracy will be occurring on May 15—17 for our Year 3 and 5 students. If any parent from those year levels has and concerns or questions regarding Naplan testing, please speak to Jan or Emily prior to the testing week.

**Earn and Learn**

St Francis of Assisi is participating in the Earn and Learn program being conducted by Woolworths. It requires each family, when shopping at Woolworths, to collect stamps and put them on a sheet...
Make me a channel of your peace; Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

Student Wellbeing
With the cooler days we are now experiencing, please remember to ensure your child will be warm during the day. When the students go outside for breaks it is important that they have a jacket or a jumper to put on. The learning spaces are warm but there is a need to rug up when going out to play. If your child is unwell, please keep them home so they can recover. That is preferred to sending the child to school when they are not well and running the risk of making other students ill as well. We ask parents cooperation in this matter.

Parents in Partnership (PIP) – Garden Maintenance
As a result of our PIP meetings last week, there has already been a start with the cleaning up of our grounds. Our initial task is to do the weeding around the school, as well as weeding and levelling the nature strips outside the school. We want to have our school looking great for our Opening and Blessing, on July 19.

If you are available to help out with this task, please send an email with your contact details to info@sfatarneit.catholic.edu.au and mark it attention to Lucy – Parents in Partnership. We will then, pass on your details to Lenke Routley and Aaron Fitzgerald, so that they will make contact with you, to arrange times to work together on this task.

Visit by Maria Forde (singer/song writer)
Maria will work with us on Monday morning to introduce and teach us our school song. Very exciting!!!

CDF Banking
Student Banking is available at the school. Application forms are available from the School Office. Please Complete the form and return it to the office with the money you would like to deposit. Banking day is every Friday.

Year Prep on a Nature Walk
As part of our Enquiry and Religious Education Unit, we walked to Skeleton creek to observe God’s creation. Merle & Andrea

We went on a walk. I saw a dog. Natasha
I can’t believe how much rubbish I picked up. Ruby

I saw water and flowers. God’s creation is beautiful. Sony

We need to look after God’s creation. Daniel

God’s creation is colourful. Meg

God’s creation is awesome. Sebastian

Jan Keogh
Principal