TRINITY SUNDAY: We celebrate the mystery of God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Let us give glory to our God whose love for us is unending and who is always inviting us to share in this holy, loving relationship. May God hold us close in the oneness of the Trinity’s love. Our prayer this week is: Glory Be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

STUDENT LEADERS 2013: We are pleased to announce that all Yr 6 students have taken on leadership roles at St Francis. With input from students we have identified 4 action areas: Environment, Fundraising, Learning & Sport. We also have 2 students whose role will be to lead and support these action groups. Congratulations to Juliane & Monique on their appointment as Student Leaders 2013. Student badges will be presented at Assembly on Monday morning.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Congratulations to the children who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last week, and to their families. The ceremony was prayer-filled with a sense of gentleness and joy. Many thanks to Lucy and the teachers who prepared the children so well.

FIRST EUCHARIST: A letter regarding the details for First Eucharist this year is being sent home with today’s newsletter. Our First Eucharist workshop for parents, is being held next week: Thursday, May 30 at 7.30pm at St James Church. Replies are due back tomorrow please.

PREPS IN PYJAMAS: We are very excited about welcoming our Preps and their parents to an evening session of scripture tonight. This is an opportunity for the children, staff and parents to share our God story and encourage each other in our faith journey.

PIP REPORT: Thank you to the parents who were able to attend our PIP meetings on Tuesday. The following areas were covered. Community Arts Project Group discussed the suggestions made at the forums about our grounds master plan. Our architects also attended this meeting. They will now consider the suggestions that have been made and produce the final master plan for our grounds development.

Fundraising: Our next fundraiser is a pie drive. Tony’s Pies have been a supplier of quality pies for over 20 years. Their range of family size pies and quiches make an easy meal ready to eat in just 15 minutes. All you need to do is sell as many pies as you can to your friends and family. Order forms will be going home on Monday 3rd June. Forms and money are due back on Tuesday 18th June. Pies will then be delivered and ready to pick up on Friday 19th July. Please support this fundraiser as all funds go to providing more equipment and resources to our school.

Social: We considered the key events that are coming up in Terms 3 and 4 and how the social committee can best support these events. Some ideas regarding the celebration of our Feast Day on October 11th were discussed.

Grounds/maintenance: We have a number of parents who have volunteered to help out with certain duties around the school, to keep the school safe and looking clean. If you are able to offer any time in this area, please contact Arthur.

See the school website next week for detailed information.
TRAFFIC CONCERNS:
An update on procedures for student safety at pick up time (3.30-3.45):
• Use the pick up zone if you are not collecting your child from the learning spaces
• From next Monday, 5 cars at a time may load passengers and bags. Children may need to do this independently to manage the process
• Do not over-take in the pick-up area
• Do not allow children to get in or out of cars which are not legally parked (ie no double parking or stopping on roadway)
• If no car spaces are available in the car park, exit the area to find on-street parking
• Only park where it is legal to do so (ie not on the corners or over driveways or facing against the traffic)
• No U-Turns in Fairview Pde
• Use the school crossing to teach children how to cross the road safely
• Exit on to Fairview Parade is left turn only 3.30—4.00pm.

We look forward to the continued support of all families in ensuring that dismissal time is safe for pedestrians, especially young children, as well as other drivers. Courtesy and respect for the traffic guidelines is most important for our community.

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 photographer will be starting with Preps so we ask that all students be punctual. Please return your photo order envelopes to your child’s home group teacher as soon as possible before the day. We ask that the full winter uniform be worn; long hair tied back with blue or yellow ties/bands only.

PREP 2014 ENROLMENTS If you have a child at kinder this year please ensure you have completed an enrolment form and arranged an interview with Arthur. All children need to be enrolled by mid-June.

CROSS COUNTRY: Monique & Maluk (Yr 6) will be competing in the Regional Cross-country on Tuesday at Brimbank Park. We wish them well as they represent our school.

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. All parents who need information about enrolment at Secondary College are strongly encouraged to attend. A letter was sent out to Years 4, 5 & 6 families regarding the information evening. Please return the reply slip as soon as possible.

NEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUGANINA:
Residents of Truganina and all parishioners have the opportunity to become more informed about and to offer suggestions about the proposed new school over the coming week.
SUNDAY 26th May: 11.30am at St James Church; and 1.00pm at Wyndham Shopping Village.
WEDNESDAY 29th May: 2.45pm at St Francis school.
Hopefully you have a few minutes to participate in the community consultation process at one of these times.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
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
1/2 June: Eucharist Presentation Masses.
4 June: Prep visit to St James Church
5 June: Year 2 Excursion
8/9 June: Eucharist Presentation Masses.
10 June: Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday