ENHANCEING CATHOLIC IDENTITY
PROJECT

It is time for Yr 5/6 students, parents and staff to complete the surveys for this project. Please see attached information. **All parents are encouraged to participate!**

We continue to pray for Matthew Cutajar, Margaret Mangani and all those who are sick. May they experience God’s healing and peace.

Margaret will be returning to work on Monday, with restricted duties for a while.

**WELCOME** Jacqueline Pappaluca. Jackie will be joining our staff team on a part-time basis from next week. Some of you may know Jackie as she was a teacher at St James for a number of years. Jackie will be working in the Yr 4-6 level, releasing Susan for her ICT leadership responsibilities.

**CONFIRMATION**

We continue to pray for our Yr 6 Confirmation candidates who will be celebrating the sacrament on Sunday. May the Holy Spirit be with them at this special time. **All candidates should have returned the permission slip for our rehearsal at St James tomorrow**

**NAPLAN:** Yr 3 & 5 students have now completed this annual national assessment. Reports to parents and the school should be received by the end of term 3. We have found that these reports generally closely reflect what we already know about a child’s achievement levels. The test experience can be an anxious one for the children however, they all participated well during the sessions. **Congratulations children!**

**THANK YOU** to the five families who supported last Saturday’s working bee. The work you did alongside staff was wonderful. Hopefully people have noticed the new planting and the clean up of weeds. We also cleaned external walls/windows and checked/treated the Adventure Playground.

This important work of maintaining and improving our wonderful facilities & grounds is critical. However, with the small numbers attending the working bees we cannot sustain what we have been doing. Over the coming months we will be reconsidering our approach & seeking your feedback. This is a challenge for all of us to resolve.

**2015 PREP ENROLMENTS:** If you have a child ready to start school next year, now is the time to enrol. Please pick up an enrolment pack as soon as possible.
**WALKING SCHOOL BUS**

Friday May 23 is Walk Safely to School Day being celebrated all over Australia. We encourage all students to walk with their families, if possible, to enjoy the conversation and the views along the way. Some staff will be meeting families at **Seasons Park** which is on **Seasons Boulevard** at 8.00 am for a 15 minute walk to school. Families are welcome to join us as well.

Please see the flyer attached to the newsletter.

**EXCURSIONS:** Off site experiences are an important part of student learning. Having parent volunteers to support staff is an important aspect of organising effective and safe excursions—and we couldn’t go on excursions without you. It is most important however that parent involvement is coordinated. Parents are requested to ensure that they speak with home-group teachers prior to the excursion day about whether their participation would add value to the learning experience.

**PIP:** We had an excellent response to both our Mother’s Day stall and Mother’s Day afternoon tea. We raised $1400.00 from the Mother’s Day stall. These funds will go towards learning resources for our school. We had 120 mums attend our afternoon tea and also spend time with their child/ren in the learning spaces. Both these events were made possible with the support of our PIP Fundraising and Social groups. We encourage your attendance at our PIP meetings so that we can continue to make meaningful things happen for our children. **Our next PIP meeting is on Tuesday, May 27. All are welcome.**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 18th May: Sacrament of Confirmation 2.00pm
- 19th May: 9.30am Volunteer Training
- 20th May: Eucharist Immersion Day
- 21st May: Catholic Identity survey parent session: 7.00pm
- 23rd May: Yr 1 excursion to Melbourne Zoo
- 26th May: Yr 6 excursion Catholic Identity survey parent session: 9.00am
- 27th May: PIP meetings
- 30th May: Prep excursion
- 9th June: Public Holiday
- 12th June: Eucharist Parent Workshop @ 7.30pm
- 17th June: PIP meetings
- 21st-22nd June: Eucharist Presentation masses
- 24th-25th June: Parent Teacher Interviews
- 26th June: Term 2 ends
- 28th-29th June: Eucharist Presentation masses