PENTECOST is the birthday of the Church. It is about the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. We can pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance and for the gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Reverence, Courage, Right Judgement and Wonder and Awe. Go to the following link to find out more about this Feast of Pentecost. 
https://goo.gl/oW0Ey1

We pray—‘Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love’

NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN TOMORROW
THURSDAY 21ST MAY

Staff will be offsite as they work with 3 other schools and Mr Michael Ymer on Mathematics.

WE PRAY for those who are sick especially Dora, mother of Mirjana (coeducator at SFA) for Tarryn McRae and Arne Raj.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FUNDRAISER:
This fundraiser is running until the end of June. Check out the sample book in the school foyer. Order forms can be picked up from the school office.

PREP 2016 ENROLMENTS— All existing families of St Francis with children ready to start school next year should have returned enrolment forms by now. We are currently finalising our Prep numbers for 2016 and certainly hope that all existing families have reserved their places by returning completed Application for Enrolment forms. Contact the office immediately to finalise this if necessary.

JAN will be on NINE WEEKS LEAVE commencing next Monday, 25th May. This leave is a combination of Long Service leave and Principal Enrichment leave. The Catholic Education Office Melbourne is supporting the study program which is a part of my leave. The program is comprised of three parts: 1) A study tour of Assisi and the surrounding areas that were important sites in the life and ministry of St Francis and St Clare. With direction, participants will not only develop an appreciation of the sites themselves but will gain insights into the spirituality of St Francis. 2) A guided retreat in Assisi. The opportunity for contemplation and spiritual direction will be both personally renewing and will also enrich me for the ongoing spiritual leadership of the school community. 3) Attendance at the 2015 ICOT (International Conference on Thinking) in Bilbao, Spain. The theme of the conference is ‘Thinking for Constructive Communities’. Many of the themes we are addressing in our curriculum and pedagogy development are being focussed on: teaching for all the intelligences, integration of thinking skills, schools based on the culture of thinking, communication skills based on thinking tools, leadership education, the family engaged in learning processes. With an education of excellence being promoted here at St Francis I strongly believe that the challenges that emerge from this conference will positively influence my leadership into our next stage of improvement planning.

Arthur will be Acting Principal in Jan’s absence.

Lucy will join Jan later in the term for the retreat in Assisi and to attend the ICOT conference.
Make me a channel of your peace; Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

DENTAL VAN: We have the opportunity to offer families dental checks and treatment here at school. Details will be sent home on Friday. There is no obligation for families to participate in this program but you are encouraged to consider it and to return the forms if you are interested.

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 are being sent home with today’s newsletter. Order forms and money are due back in an envelope with your money on Tuesday 9th June. Pies will then be delivered and ready for pick up on Wednesday 17th June. Please support this fundraiser as all funds go to providing more equipment and resources to our school.

CONGRATULATIONS to Caleb Yr 4 and Caitlin Yr 2 who are being baptised at St James this weekend. We pray for them as they are welcomed into God’s family, through the Sacrament of Baptism.

St Peters Basketball Club Girls Under 12’s

If you’re a girl aged 9-12 and interested in playing basketball come along and try it out.

Training is Thursdays 5pm.

Games Saturday afternoons.

Please contact Amanda on 0432 208 410 or Toni on 0417 591 504 for more information.

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Year 1 Learning Clouds:
By Alex, Deng, Mary, Kristian, Mikayla, Hayden, Riley and Leila in Year 1

Clouds are made out of water. You can see the clouds during the day. When clouds get heavy, the rain falls down. The more the clouds have warm air, the higher they are in the sky. Some clouds make thunderstorms. Wind makes the clouds move. Clouds are grey and white. A cloud on the ground is fog.

Other Dates for Term 2:
20 May:   PIP: Grounds & Maintenance
21 May:   SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
22 May:   Pentecost Assembly 9am
25 May:   Jan on leave (til 27 July)
31 May:   Confirmation
8 June:   Public Holiday—Queen’s Birthday
9 June:   Eucharist workshop 7.00pm
16 June:  PIP
17 June:  Lucy on leave (til 20th July)
22/23 June:  Parent Teacher interviews
25 June:  End of Term