SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

is being celebrated this Sunday. We have 22 of our Year 6 students who will be confirmed by Bishop Vincent Long. They have been very well prepared and we continue to pray for them so that the Holy Spirit will inspire them and guide them in their lives.

‘Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love’

WE continue to pray for those who are sick especially Dora, mother of Mirjana (coeducator at SFA).

We also pray for the repose of the soul of John, father in law of Matt (Year 3/4 Home group teacher) who passed away on Monday afternoon. We keep Matt and his family in our prayers at this sad time.

EDUTECH CONFERENCE: Next Monday evening a team of teachers from SFA will be flying to Brisbane to attend the 2015 EduTECH conference. Last year Jan, Arthur, Lucy and Emily attended and were exposed to world renown Educational experts. The new learning and insights gained through this experience has had a lasting impact on the work that we have done as a staff around student engagement and why we need to think about student learning differently. This year Emily will be attending this conference again along with Susan, Andrea, Stella, Chris and Lucas. The team will be away from school Tuesday 2nd June to Thursday 4th June. They are very excited to be given this opportunity to extend their knowledge and understanding of education in the 21st Century and how technology can be used to transform what we do with students and our school community.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST:

Our Year 4 students will soon begin to prepare for this sacrament. It is very important that the children are supported in this preparation and that parents attend the workshop and presentation masses. Parents please take note of the following dates:

Parent/child workshop (take note of change of date): Tuesday, June 9 at 7.00pm at SFA. Please see the attached letter and complete the reply slip.

Immersion Day: Friday, June 12. This day provides the children with an opportunity to reflect on what it means to receive Jesus for the first time. This will take place at St James Primary School. Please sign and return the attached permission note.

Presentation masses: These masses will take place on the weekends of June 20/21 and June 27/28. Parents are asked to take their children to one of the parish masses over these weekends. The children will be presented to the parish community and will also receive a communion medal.

We look forward to working with you during this time of preparation for this sacrament.

SEASONS is a peer support program for children who are experiencing grief and loss in their lives. This loss may be the result of a death, separation or divorce. At St Francis we will be providing two information sessions for parents. Please see the attached letter and if you are interested in finding out more, complete the reply slip and return to the school office.

PIP UPDATE: Thanks to our parents to attended our PIP meetings last week.
The Fundraising Group are organising our current PIE drive, placed the order for the Walkathon prizes and have started planning the School Disco!!

The Social Group are already planning the Father’s Day breakfast and helping to organise a SUBWAY lunch for St James Feast day on July 24th.

The Grounds Group have planned the upcoming working bee. Work on the orchard needs to be completed: the roofing and the wire. We had 7 people attend this meeting and we really need this work on the orchard completed. It is hoped that the orchard will be ready by end of June so that it is ready for planting and we can put some chooks into our chicken coop!!

PIP Project Group were given the opportunity to visit another school as a part of their investigation into what home group structures SFA could adopt for 2016 and beyond. The team went to Our Lady of the Southern Cross Primary school in Wyndham Vale as they are a contemporary school that have similar open spaces to SFA. The team were curious to see how their structure of two learning centres of Prep to Year 3 and one learning centre of Years 4 - 6 looked in practice. The team were very impressed with what they observed and the way the children engaged with each other across different year levels. The team decided that it was important to do a learning walk at SFA as well to see what our own home groups structures look like and how our students are working with each other. In the next few weeks the team will be looking for input from both parents and students as well as sharing the team's findings so far.

DENTAL VAN: We have the opportunity to offer families dental checks and treatment here at school. There is no obligation for families to participate in this program but you are encouraged to consider it. Forms are due back to the school office by tomorrow.

CONGRATULATIONS to Caleb Yr 4 and Caitlin Yr 2 who were baptised at St James last weekend.