**MID-YEAR REPORTS** will be sent home on Monday. All parents are then expected at the **PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS** being held on Wednesday & Thursday, 26th & 27th June. Please book an appointment online by Monday. If you need support please contact the school office.

**PIE DRIVE:**
Pie orders are due on Tuesday, June 25th. Get your orders in and enjoy some lovely pies during winter, whilst supporting the school!

**END of TERM:** Last day of Term 2 is **Thursday 27th June**. Formal dismissal is at 3.30pm however, any parent who can pick their child up at 1.15pm is encouraged to do so. We will supervise children who are not able to be picked up until 3.30pm. Out of School Hours Care is available on Friday 28th June for anyone who requires this service. Please book on-line with Camp Australia.

**TERM 3** commences on Tuesday 16th July. Staff are working together on professional learning on Monday 15th. Out of School Hours Care is available this Monday for anyone who requires the service. Please book on-line with Camp Australia.

**PREP 2014 ENROLMENTS** We are now closing applications and assume that all current school families with a child ready for school next year have submitted their application for enrolment and attended an interview. Placement letters will be sent out next week.

**DRAINAGE WORKS:** Thank you for the good will that has accompanied these works. Please stay alert as you move in and out of the school until works are complete.

**WORKING BEE:** **Saturday 13th July 8.00—11.00am.** This is the weekend before returning to school for term 3. Thank you very much to those who have indicated their availability to help. We can use more helpers: Please return your reply slip if you have not done so already.

**PIP:** We had a good number of parents who attended our PIP meetings this week. Decisions have been made about St James Feast Day, further fundraisers have been organised, arrangements for our next working bee have been made and further actions have been decided in our Community Arts group. Please refer to the school website for more details.

**ST JAMES FEAST DAY 25th JULY:** We will celebrate this day together with the whole parish of St James. As part of our celebrations we are organising a **SUBWAY** lunch for the children. An order form has been sent home with today’s newsletter. Orders can be handed in to your child’s teacher, from tomorrow Friday, June 21 and must be returned by Wednesday, July 17th (day 2 of next term).

**ST JAMES DINNER DANCE 20th July:** Grand Star Receptions, Altona North
St Francis staff are organising a table for this event. We’d love to see many of our school families at this parish function. You may like to organise your own table of ten through the parish or contact the school office to indicate your interest.

A four course meal, beer, wine and soft drink. Entertainment: Lex Pirotta & Stan; Manny the Wizard.
Tickets: $60 per person (children under 10 - $20). Tickets can be purchased from the parish office (9748 6800) and after weekend masses.
EXCURSIONS: Yr 2 Nature Walk;
On Tuesday morning the Year 2’s went out for a local nature walk to explore the beauty of God’s creation. The sun was shining, the birds were singing and we were able to identify many wonderful aspects of God’s creation.

“Make me a channel of your peace;
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.”

“The trees are part of God’s creation and so is the river. I like the trees because they help us breathe and they look very big.” - Pascal (2 Chris)

“I was looking at the water through the cracks in the bridge. It sounded like a waterfall. The water was created by God.” – Hayden (2 Tarryn)

“The flowers look like cherries. It looks really pretty and it is very colourful. God made this for us.” – Krishelle (2 Tegan)

SHOWCASE of LEARNING: Today YR 3-6 students were demonstrating their learning about Australian history —the students have worked collaboratively, independently and with family support to make presentations of their learning. This afternoon children from Prep-2 visited the living museum in the Yr 3-6 learning space. What an amazing experience.

Yr 3-6 Incursion: Short Statured Professional Athletes in 3-6
On Monday students in year 3-6 were lucky to be visited by short statured professional athletes who are headed to the Dwarf games later this year. They shared with the students the importance of goal setting and perseverance to reach their goals. Each week students set their own goals to strive for excellence in their learning and it was fantastic to hear professional athletes sharing how doing that has made them successful.

Active Kids
This term year 3-6 have been involved in the Active Kids Program. The Active Kids program is an initiative by the Wyndham Shire to promote healthy behaviour through eating and exercise. The students have been given a bike trail map, healthy cookbook and passport book. They have also been fortunate enough to have a touch footy clinic. We are also looking forward to basketball, dance, badminton and other possible local sports clubs visiting this term and next.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Community Arts excursion: Early next term a group of parents, students and staff will take an excursion to other school playgrounds to gain further inspiration for the development of our sensory garden. We’ll book the Thomas Carr College bus and visit 3 or 4 sites. Email info@sfatarneit.catholic.edu.au if you would be interested in attending. We will then arrange a date to suit.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
25 June: Pie orders due
26 & 27 June: Parent-teacher interviews
28 June: Closure Day-No school for children
Camp Australia is operating on this day
15 July: Closure Day-No school for children
Camp Australia is operating on this day
16 July: Term 3 begins
PIP Meeting @ 7:30 only
17 July: PIP Meeting @ 2pm—Social Group
SUBWAY ORDERS due today.
20 July: Parish dinner dance
25 July: Feast of St James.

EARN ‘N’ LEARN STICKERS: Could you please return any stickers that you may have by Monday 24th June.