FEAST OF PENTECOST: This week we celebrated the Feast of Pentecost with home groups taking part in a liturgy. The Year 2/3s provided us with some meaningful reflections about the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The children also described the spirit-filled people in their lives who demonstrate the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The Year 2/3s also invited two of the Young Paulists, Myla & Simone from St James Parish to talk how they live as Spirit-filled people. It was great to have them share their thoughts with us.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE: Lucy will begin 5 weeks of leave from Monday. We wish her all the best as she enjoys some travelling and quality family time. We look forward to her report about visiting Assisi, Italy.

SICK LEAVE: Unfortunately, Tarryn has had to take further time off for health reasons. Hopefully she will be back by the end of term.

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

PARISH NEWS: 25th anniversary celebrations. See the attached flier.

Thanks to our families who have already completed the Catholic Identity Survey. We just need 11 more parents to complete this survey. We are hoping this will be done by this Friday!! You can find instructions for logging on and completing this survey on the homepage of the school website.

EDUTECH CONFERENCE

The leadership team were impressed by the quality of speakers presenting at the conference. Of international standing, Sir Ken Robinson, Sugata Mitra, Dan Haesler & Ewan McIntosh were especially inspiring. It was amazing to be surrounded by 5000 other educators who shared a vision for powerful, relevant and inclusive education for all. We were exposed to experts in the field of education who are passionate about education today and the possibilities for the future. We were glad that many of our practices here at St Francis were affirmed and we were challenged enough to come away with further questions to consider about how we can make best impact on the learning community here.

PIP: Our next PIP meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 17th. Please note that there will not be a Social group meeting on this day.
Make me a channel of your peace; Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS:
Tuesday 24th: 4.00—8.00pm & Wednesday 25th June: 4.00—7.00pm. Remember to make your appointments on-line. Contact the school office if you require any assistance.

SCHOOL FEES: Invoices are being sent out. Many thanks to those families who are up to date with payments and/or have set up payment plans. Any families who are currently behind in their payments are asked to attend to this before the end of this term. Many thanks.

4-6 BLOG Please visit the 4-6 Learning Blog at: http://sfa456learning2014.global2.vic.edu.au/
You will find all about our learning and see some photos of what we have been focusing on. Please leave us some comments and questions and we will reply to you. 19 visitors so far! Spread the word as we love to share our learning.

DATES TO REMEMBER
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
15th July: Term 3 begins

CHICKS ARE HATCHING!
On Tuesday morning, the Prep/1 learning space was buzzing with excitement with the delivery of 20 living eggs. The very next day, the students arrived at school to find 3 chicks had hatched overnight. The chicks emerged wet and exhausted. This authentic opportunity has provided the students with a rich learning experience allowing them to witness the life cycle of one of God’s creatures.

There are four chicks that have hatched. All of them are yellow. Lachlann Joel (1 Chrissy)

The chicks are different colours. One of the chicks is tired, it had to work hard to crack the egg. Swedal (1 Alicia)

The chicks are fluffy. They are in the incubator, the temperature is 37 degrees. Hans (1 Matt)

The eggs go in the incubator, then the chicks go to the brooder box. Eliam (Prep Merle)

I like the chicks tweeting. We have to be quiet to hear them. Olivia (Prep Lucas)

The chick hatched when I was sleeping. Egg number 1 hatched first. Denzel (Prep Danielle)