Congratulations to the children who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last night. It was a privilege to gather with their families and teachers to share in this significant step in their faith journey.

Parent Workshop: Staying Safe Online
TONIGHT!!
Thursday 14th June at 7:30pm: A workshop to support parents and carers to ensure students are keeping themselves safe while using contemporary learning tools. Hope you can come!!

Working Bee
Saturday 16th June 9.00—1.00.
We will be planting, weeding, cleaning up the grounds followed by BBQ lunch. Many thanks to the 3 parents who came yesterday for a couple of hours and stayed for the day! Thanks also to Thomas Carr College grounds staff. Together they prepared the garden beds for the planting. The holes are dug! We are waiting for more of your replies if you are able to help but haven’t yet replied, please let us know. We really need your help and support on this day.

Parent Teacher Interviews: Tuesday 26th June and Wednesday 27th June. Appointment times have been sent home today. We look forward to reporting to you about your child’s progress during our first semester.

Official Opening & Blessing
Planning and preparation for our official opening is well underway. We need your help to make this occasion significant. If you are able to assist with setting up or with catering, please fill in your details on the reply slip that was sent home and return to school by Monday 18th of June. We also need to know which children and parents will be able to attend the celebration of our Official Opening & Blessing. Please respond to your invitation by next Friday 22nd June.

Also as part of our preparation for our School Official Opening and Blessing, we would like to create a display that celebrates our diversity and community. Tomorrow a template will be sent home that we would like to invite families to complete and return to school to assist us in creating a display that reflects the members of the St Francis of Assisi School community. The template will ask you to share the flag and a translation of the word ‘Welcome’ in the language of your family’s cultural background. If your family has more than one cultural background please do not hesitate in asking for more than one template. We would appreciate if these templates were return to school by the Friday 22nd June.

First Eucharist—Reminders
The levy for the Sacrament of First Eucharist is $50.00 and can be paid to Marthe directly at the school office. Due by Friday, the 20th of July.
Make me a channel of your peace; Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

Presentation Masses dates for First Eucharist.
Saturday July 14th or Sunday July 15th
Saturday July 21st or Sunday July 22nd.
Mass times are:
Saturday @ 6pm, Sunday @ 8.30am, 10.30am and 5.00pm.
Where: St James the Apostle Church, Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing North.

Your child will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist on:
Date: Saturday, August 18th.
Time: 1.00pm or 3.00pm.
Where: St James the Apostle.
Next week you will be notified about which mass your child will be attending for their First Eucharist.

2012 Family Quilt
There’s great excitement as the panels with family names are returned. Sewing the panels together begins on Saturday. Many thanks to the staff, parents and friends who are involved in this work.

Parent Training Sessions
There are two sessions that need to be attended in order to volunteer in the Learning Spaces.
Session 1: Tuesday 19th June at 9:15am
Session 2: Tuesday 26th June at 9:15am
The 5:30pm meetings have been cancelled due to lack of expression of interest. If you would like to participate in the Parent Training Sessions and these dates don’t suit please contact Emily.

Parents in Partnership (PIP)
The next parent meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th June at 2.30 and 7.30.
Please let Marthese know which session you will be coming to. For our last meeting it was difficult to gauge parent numbers for these meetings as only a small number of parents informed the school of their attendance.

To date only one parent has indicated that they will be attending. Either email: info@sfatarneit.catholic.edu.au or phone: 9731 6004 or call by the office in person.

Earn and Learn: We are participating in the Earn and Learn program being conducted by Woolworths. If you shop at Woolworths please collect the stamps and put them on a sheet which is to be returned to the school when completed.

EMA—Second Instalment
The EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance) is provided to assist low income families with the payment of school fees.

Applications for second instalment closes on 3 August 2012. If you have completed an application form at the beginning of the year, and still hold a current Commonwealth Pensioner Card, Health Care Card or Health Benefits Card on or during 16 July 2012, you are not required to complete another form, but you are required to present your card to the school office for confirmation.

If you were not eligible at the beginning of the year but are eligible for the second instalment, please come to the school office to collect an application form.

Unfortunately late applications cannot be processed.

School Fees
Reminder that the second instalment of school fees ($425) is due on June 22nd. Payment can be made via cash, cheque, credit/debit card at the office.

STAGE 2 of BUILDING: We are making good progress with our preparations for more learning spaces to be available for our growing enrolments. We went to tender today!

TERM 3 CLOSURE DAY: Please note that there will be no school for children on Monday 23rd July.

Jan Keogh
Principal