REFUGEE WEEK
June 19—June 25
Pope Francis urges us to welcome all who seek a new home and a new life of hope.

‘Dear brothers and sisters, migrants and refugees! At the heart of the Gospel of mercy the encounter and acceptance of others are intertwined with the encounter and acceptance of God himself. Welcoming others means welcoming God in person!’

Pope Francis
Message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2016

REFUGEE SUPPORT EDUCATION PROJECT
St Francis staff has been successful in becoming part of a new project, which aims to deepen our understandings of the refugee experience. It will also help staff to identify and implement strategies to support achievement, wellbeing and engagement in learning of students from refugee backgrounds. We are working with organisations such as Foundation House and the Centre for Multicultural Youth in partnership with the Department of Education and Training and Catholic Education Melbourne. We look forward to sharing the actions of this project over the next 18 months.

PIP Meeting Updates!

THE PROJECT GROUP continued to discuss the Reporting process at SFA in light of the reports being sent home last week. The group have developed a short survey to obtain feedback from parents about reporting on children’s progress. This survey will be available to complete at the Learning conversations or it will be available online via our school website. Please make every effort to complete this survey as your feedback is important in developing effective reporting processes at SFA.

THE SOCIAL/FUNDRAISING GROUP have organised a Subway lunch for Monday, July 25th as part of celebrating St James Feast day. Subway order forms will be sent home with next week’s newsletter. Also please SAVE THE DATE—Friday, August 5th for our school WALKATHON. More details about this will be available next term.

THE GROUNDS GROUP had a productive meeting this week, planning what needs to be done next within the school grounds. It’s so reassuring to see such a great attendance on a regular basis at our meetings. This month we welcomed a new member, Job and look forward to working with him also.

SAVE THE DATE - WORKING BEE
Saturday, 16th July
Please see Chrissy or Arthur if you can help!
LEARNING CONVERSATIONS begin tonight for students in Prep to Year 4 and the Year 5 and 6 begin week 1 of Term 3. To make a booking online go to: www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code – x56ez Alternatively call the office & we can enter the booking for you. It is most important that all parents make arrangements to meet with their child/ren’s teacher during this time to ensure best learning for all our students.

PREP 2017: Offers of places will be sent out next week. We have received a large number of applications and look forward to another group of families joining our SFA family.

DENTAL CHECKS have started this week and will continue until next Thursday for those families who have completed the booking form.

TERMS 2 ENDS
Next Thursday, 23rd June is children’s last day until Tuesday 12th July. We hope all families have time for some rest, fun and quality time together over the coming weeks.

CAMP AUSTRALIA PROGRAM is available on Friday 24th June and Monday 11th July. Book your child in if you wish to access this program.

BABY NEWS: Congratulations to Natania (Yr 3/4 Laura) and Hermione (Yr 1 Danielle) who have welcomed a new baby brother named, Daniel.

We also congratulate Tegan & Sam on the safe arrival of Indie Lorraine Hatfield. Both Mum & baby are doing very well.

Young Paulist Event: MOVIE NIGHT
THE PRINCE OF EGYPT (RatedPG)
The St. James Young Paulists invite you to a DRESS UP FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT Friday 17th June 2016 7pm St. James Gym
Tickets: $2.00 each from St James Parish Office or at Sunday Masses
Dress Code (Optional): Anything Egyptian or Biblically Religious
Popcorn, Drinks, Sweets & Choc Tops will be provided. Prizes will be given out to the "Best Dressed" child, adult and family. Chairs will be provided, BYO bean bags, camp chairs, pillow, rug etc. Please note: children under 18 years must be accompanied by an adult.

PIP FUNDRAISER: We are selling Entertainment Books this year for $65. The book contains over $20,000 value for the best restaurants, arts, attractions, hotels, travel & shopping. We receive 20% from every book sold. Books can either be purchased in digital form or hard copy. Go to the link: www.entbook.com.au/91u8506 or contact Kellie at kelliedelaney@live.com for further information!

TRAFFIC SAFETY: A reminder to all parents/carers to follow the procedures which have been set up for the drop-off /pick-up zone. We have single lane traffic and follow staff direction at all times. If issues arise, it is expected that all adults behave respectfully and with the safety of others in mind.

SCHOOL FEES: A reminder that all families are required to keep their commitment to timely payment of school fees. If you are not up to date please arrange an appointment with Margaret.

Indie Lorraine