SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS
There is NO SCHOOL for students
- 26th June (TOMORROW)
- 13th July

Students will return to school for Term 3 on Tuesday July 14th.

Today brings us to the end of a very busy term of learning. Across the home group spaces there have been many examples of shared learning, developing new skills and working together for all of our students. I thank all the staff for their efforts, expertise and the passion that they bring to SFA and the positive impact they are having on the students. Our prayer for the staff and students is that we all enjoy the break, take time to refresh ourselves and return with new energy and renewed enthusiasm and excitement for learning. WE continue to pray for those who are sick especially Dora, mother of Mirjana (coeducator at SFA).

“Lord, make me an instrument of your Peace”

We wish Amy and Brad a wonderful day for their Wedding this Friday. May joy and love be with them on their special day and into their married life together.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Thank you to all the parents who came to the parent teacher interviews over Monday and Tuesday afternoons and evenings. As a staff we value the opportunity to share your child’s learning successes and challenges and how we are going to continue the learning in the second part of the year. Teachers will contact parents who have not had their interviews to make a new appointment in Term 3. We have a legal requirement to meet with parents to discuss student achievement.

CRAZY HAIR DAY FUNDRAISER
We raised almost $400 last Friday. These funds will be used to purchase items for the St James Parish Fete. Thank you to all the families that participated. There were some very creative and crazy hairstyles.

Working Bee—July 11
As preparation for the new term, a working bee will be held at SFA from 8.00 until 11.00am on July 11th. The jobs to be done include sandpit tidying, playground checking and raking softfall, sweeping around the verandah and some vacuuming of the artificial turf. We look forward to having families help us out for a short time on the day.

FEAST OF ST JAMES is being celebrated on Friday, July 24. On this day the Year 6 students will be attending the Feast day mass at St James Primary School. At SFA children will be completing activities about St James the Apostle. We are also organising a Subway lunch for the children. Order forms are being sent home with today’s newsletter. Please ensure that orders and exact money are placed in an envelope with the child’s name and home group. Orders are due back by Thursday, July 16th.

PARENT INFORMATION FLYERS: Please find attached to the newsletter some information regarding regular attendance at school. “Every Day Counts” has some very valuable information about regular school attendance and the responsibilities that parents have in this regard. There is a link to more information on the brochure. There is also attached some information about a program that helps with parenting after separation and helping children to thrive. All information is provided on the notice.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF): This fund is to assist eligible families to cover the costs of camps, sports and excursions/incursions held through school. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card you may be eligible for CSEF. The annual CSEF amount per eligible student is $125. If you are eligible, please contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form. This form will need to be completed and returned to the school office by TOMORROW.
Make me a channel of your peace;
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
This term the Prep and Year 1 students have been involved in a Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) which aims to assist students to acquire efficient movement, to promote and improve sensory function and to develop a positive self image.

PMP develops the child’s perceptions and understandings of himself or herself in relation to her/his world, through movement and motor experiences. It aims to develop perceptions of height and space, the pattern and order of the child's natural world, the laws and limitations that govern the human body. Above all it aims to give the child confidence to manipulate him/herself in their world to suit her or his own best interests. PMP is seen as part of the program of total experiences. It is not a physical education program alone, or music, or fitness, or dance, or gymnastics. It is a program that uses facets of all of the above in order to develop children’s perceptions. The perceptions and judgments that are formed over time help determine how children react to their environment, to others, and to new ideas.

In short, refining perceptual judgments prepare the brain for learning.
(Moving Smart 2015)

This program relies on volunteer support. An adult is required at each station to assist students in the movement/activity. We are hoping to create a roster where parents volunteer on a rotational basis rather than having to commit weekly. We are also looking for volunteers from across the school. You don’t need to be a parent/grandparent of a Prep or Year 1 child to be involved. This term PMP has taken place on Wednesday and Friday mornings 9 to 11am. This will continue only if we get more volunteers. If you would like to be a part of this program please see Lucas or email lmangani@sfatarmeit.catholic.edu.au

We would also like to thank our current PMP volunteers for their support throughout this term and we hope to work with you again in Term 3.

PARISH DINNER DANCE INFORMATION
The Annual Parish Dinner Dance is now approaching and we would love you to join us on Saturday 18th July at 6:45pm at the Grand Star Reception Centre. There will be a 3 course meal, live band and Manny the Wizard for the children. Tickets will be available for purchase after each of the weekend Masses until the July 5th and at the Parish Office during the week. Tickets prices are $65 for adults and $20 for children 10 years and younger. Please join us and your Parish Community to make this a fantastic evening.

If anyone would like to make a donation for door prizes, please contact the Parish Office. All donations would be greatly appreciated.

VICTORIAN PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE
Congratulations to all the students who have already completed the challenge. We have displayed the names of students to celebrate those that have completed the challenge for 2015. Students participating need to reach the target number of books by September 14th. Further information can be found on our school website and http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/parents.aspx

OFFICE HOURS DURING SCHOOL TERMS
8:30am — 4:30pm

Other Dates for Term 2:
25 June: End of Term
27/28 June: Presentation masses

Upcoming dates for Term 3
14 July: School resumes for Term 3
24 July: St James Feast Day
28 July: Preps in PJS