Term 2 ends tomorrow:
Friday 29 June at 2.30pm
Please arrange for your children to be picked up at this earlier finish time.

Term 3 begins on Monday 16th July.

Many thanks to Mrs Heidi Chapman-Foehn for her amazing work with us over the last six weeks. We wish her all the best as she takes up her new position at another of our Catholic schools.

Parent-Teacher Interviews: It was wonderful to see so many parents take the opportunity to formally speak with teachers about student progress during the week. We look forward to continuing to support your child’s learning with a focus on the directions identified in the report and/or in discussion with you.

If, for any reason, you have not yet had an interview with your child’s teacher it is most important to arrange a time for early next term. Our partnership will be strongly supported through attendance at a mid-year interview.

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

DATES to Remember:
July 14,15,21,22 : Presentation Masses for First Eucharist candidates
20 July: First Eucharist $50.00 levy due
23 July: Term 3 Closure Day—no school for children
Aug 18: Celebration of First Eucharist

PARISH DINNER DANCE
 TICKETS ON SALE NOW

St James Dinner dance is to be held in the Community Hall next to the Church on Sat 21 July. Featuring band: Dean and Curruthers and appearance by Manny the Wizard. Doors open at 7.00pm with dinner served from 7.30pm. Tickets on sale after Masses until Sun 8 July. Adults: $40, Children 4-14: $18. BYO drinks, glasses will be supplied. Hope St Francis families are represented at this social fund raising event of the parish. For more information call Kathy on 0407 887 125.

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.

Attachments:
Bulletin about the Official Opening & Blessing on 19th July.
Report of the soup making in Yr 1/2 as part of the Italian program.
OSHC update.
Make me a channel of your peace; Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

We have reached another milestone as a school community, having completed a whole semester of learning and growing together as a community.

The sacrament of Reconciliation was celebrated for the first time by a group of our students during this last term and the preparation program for first Eucharist has commenced.

Excursions to Ecolink and CERES were very exciting and stimulated much quality learning across the term.

We have sent offers to 80 families for Prep 2013. Next year will see us grow to approximately 260 students with four more home groups than we currently have.

Tenders for the building of Stage 2 of our school close on 12th July so we expect to see building works during term 3. These works will be done with us working hard to minimise impact on our current learning environment.

We now have 30 parents who have completed the volunteer training program! We are most grateful to the group of parents who have attended our monthly PIP meetings. All these parents have provided direct support to children, teachers and leaders which is adding value to who we are as a community and to the learning environment in which our children are working.

A heartfelt thank you to all who have been actively involved in programs and events; the staff who have worked tirelessly to create a highly positive learning environment; and the parents who have supported our policies and procedures and kept up to date with school information. Many thanks too to Fr Jude and the wider St James faith community—Support and encouragement flows through to us from our fellow parishioners.

I encourage you all to keep our vision in your minds & hearts and to continue your good work of living this vision:

St Francis of Assisi: A vibrant Catholic learning community of peace, justice, respect and excellence.

Enjoy the next two weeks of school holidays. Stay safe and happy. God bless each of you in your efforts to live the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Jan Keogh Principal