A very warm welcome back to all our students and families as we begin a new term of learning. I hope that everyone had a refreshing and restful break. I have heard from lots of students who did all sorts of exciting activities over the holidays and from other students spent time at home resting and relaxing. With the weather being cool and wet, we may be spending some of our new term days inside.

You will have noticed that our builders have put the fence around our building site. Our third stage is being constructed and we are planning to move into the new building early in December. There has been a slight change in the movement of students in and out at break times. We are also constructing a path that will link our car park gate and the playground—more information on this soon.

WE continue to pray for those who are sick especially Dora, mother of Mirjana and Janice’s father recently out of hospital.

Welcomed additions to our community:
Olive in Prep Danielle has a new brother, Krystal and Carlos from Year 1 have a new sister and Jenisse and Vanessa have a new brother. We warmly welcome our new members of our community and look forward to seeing them in our spaces.

We also welcome the seven members of the Chol family who began with us this term.

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ST JAMES FEAST DAY
FRIDAY JULY 24

We celebrate this Feast day as a parish community and families are welcome to the mass or liturgy.
The outline of the day is:
9.30am: Year 6 students from SFA attending Mass at St James.
1.00pm: Subway lunch for children who have placed orders.
2.40pm: Liturgy Prep—Year 5s.
Lucy will be leading home groups in a Walking Meditation throughout the day. Home groups will be participating in activities about St James.
We hope you are able to be part of this important day in the life of our parish.

Parish Dinner Dance Cancelled: Due to the low number of ticket sales, the Parish Dinner Dance that was for this Saturday night has been cancelled. Fr. Jude is disappointed to have to cancel considering the success of last years function.

Working Bee: Thank you to the small band of helpers that came to the Working Bee last Saturday morning. In very cold conditions, we were able to prepare the playground and sandpit for Term 3 and do some general tidying up. There was also further work done on the orchard enclosure which is getting closer to completion. It is disappointing to have such small numbers at our Working Bees. More participants would mean more work done in a shorter time. Please look out for the date of our next Working Bee next holidays.
TERM OVERVIEWS: All of our year levels will be sending the Term 3 overview tomorrow. Please look at the learning that will be happening across the spaces so you can keep connected with what your children are discovering.

Preps in PJs: A note to Prep parents was sent home this week and the RSVP is due back Friday July 24th. Each parent and child is encouraged to wear their pyjamas.

Book Club: Tomorrow Term 3 magazines will be sent home. Purchases can be made online or by returning an order form to school by the due date.

NCCD Data Collection: Please find attached a note about a collection of data that the Commonwealth Government has asked all schools to do. We participated in a pilot collection of data two years ago and now it is being rolled out for all schools across Australia. All the information you may need is on the form or at the website mentioned. If you have any other questions, please see Arthur.

Australian Early Development Census (AEDC): A letter was sent home to all Prep parents this week. The census is completed on every Prep child and takes approximately 40 minutes per child. Danielle, Lucas and Nadine will be release to complete these survey over the next week or so. Please see Arthur if you have any questions about this.

Returning Permission Notes: There will be a number of permission notes coming home this term for excursions and other events. We ask that all notes are return by the required date to allow for planning and preparation. Returning notes on the day of excursion or event will no longer be accepted as this has impacts on office and teaching staff. If notes are not returned on time your child will miss out and remain at school.

TERM 3 DATES:
July 20—PSG meetings—Lucy back
July 22—Prep 2016 Acceptance Letter due today
July 23—Parent information for Seasons program with Andrea
July 24—St James Feast Day with Subway lunch—Liturgy at 2.40 for Prep—5
July 27—Jan back from leave—Dental Van at SFA
July 28—Dental Van at SFA
August 4— 100 Days of Prep
August 7—Women of Faith Liturgy at SFA
August 8—Feast of Mary Mackillop
August 11—Feast of St Clare of Assisi
August 15—Feast of the Assumption
August 22—SFA First Eucharist
August 25—School Photo Day
August 29—SFA First Eucharist
September 2—District Athletics Sports Day
September 3—Father’s Day Stall
September 4—Father’s Day Mass at TCC
September 9—Year 5 TCC Experience
September 11—Hoop Time for Year 5/6 students & Year 6 Maths Challenge Day
September 12 & 13—Reconciliation Presentation Masses
September 16—School Disco
September 17—End of Term for Students
September 19 & 20—Reconciliation Presentation Masses
October 6—Term 4 begins for students

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

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS: Tuesdays
8am—10am