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ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ST JAMES FEAST DAY TOMORROW

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.

2.30pm: Liturgy Prep—Year 6.

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.

Welcome: We welcome Mary Abbott as the new Principal of St James Primary School replacing Martin Enright who retired at the end of Term 2. Mary comes from Holy Spirit Primary School Manifold Heights in Geelong. She has had a very broad range of experience in education including time in the Northern Territory and Papua New Guinea. We look forward to working closely with Mary in our work in education across the Parish of St James.

New Traffic Information Signs: We have installed some new traffic and information signs this week. Parents are asked to follow these signs including the speed advice on the driveway and the No Left Turn sign coming out of the driveway gate.

Prep and Year 1 Cultural Immersion Day: Last Thursday the Prep and Year 1 students had their Cultural Immersion Day. We had the opportunity to share many things about our cultures and ourselves. Students shared stories from their families and artefacts from their countries of origin as well as the every day practices at home that forms their culture. We learnt a lot about each other and enjoyed hearing how different we all are.

The children worked with Chrissy, Mirjana and Zeyna learning about the history of fried rice and how to make it and then enjoyed eating it. It was hard to keep Arthur away!

With Mel and Merle, the children learnt Bollywood dance steps. It was hard to keep Arthur away from here too!

Nadine and Danielle explored Aboriginal art with the children and they were able to use these art symbols to create their own pieces of art.

Andrea and Lucas shared their soccer skills with the children and spent some time practising their newfound skills. Arthur was nowhere to be seen here…maybe he liked the food and dancing instead!

WE WELCOME BACK Jan on Monday and we look forward to having her back with us. It will be great to hear about her experience overseas.

Flyer: An Autism, Health and Wellbeing Expo is on this weekend in Preston—more info on poster in school foyer.
Make me a channel of your peace;
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

Donating 5c Coins: The Environmental Group are raising money for an endangered species, the Eastern Barred Bandicoot. We are encouraging our school community to donate 5 cents (the same size as a newborn baby bandicoot) to support Zoos Victoria Eastern Barred Bandicoot Program to help save them from extinction. It’s important for us to think about the future of all life, plants, humans and animals to make sure that we all have a place to live now and for a long time to come. Please help by donating 5 cent coins, the more we raise the better! A member of the environmental group coming around to collect money every morning.

Building Update: Preliminary ground work has begun with our Stage 3 building. The builders, Bowden Corporation, have established a works compound and have fenced off the whole site. The impact of the building will be minimised and our students still have plenty of area for play. Our students have moved well into the practice of moving in and out of the homeroom doors and using the appropriate toilets during the break times.

Orchard update: A big thank you to Rob O’Connor for lending us some scaffolding to help with the installation of the wire and to Theo Pikoulas who worked with Wayne last Saturday finishing off the orchard enclosure.

Insight SRC Survey: On Monday every family should have received an envelope containing a survey. You can complete a paper copy or complete the survey online using the username and password provided. We do have surveys in Tagalog, Arabic, Singhalese and Cantonese if required. We strongly encourage you to complete this survey as the results from this survey is important to us as we plan for 2016. Please return by July 29.

Office Hours During School Terms
8:30am—4:30pm

Uniform Shop: Tuesdays
8am—10am

PREPS IN PYJAMAS: July 28 at 6.30pm at St Francis. This night gives parents the opportunity to hear about how Religious education is taught at SFA with a particular focus on the Prep level. Parent/s will also be involved in some hands on activities with their child as part of this evening. Please ensure that reply slips are returned as soon as possible. You can find a copy of the letter and reply slip for this session on the home page of our school website: www.sfatarneit.catholic.edu.au

TERM 3 DATES:
Jul 24: St James Feast Day
Jul 27: Jan back from leave—Dental Van at SFA
Jul 28: Dental Van at SFA
Aug 4: 100 Days of Prep
Aug 7: Women of Faith Liturgy at SFA
Aug 8: Feast of Mary Mackillop
Aug 11: Feast of St Clare of Assisi
Aug 15: Feast of the Assumption
Aug 22: SFA First Eucharist
Aug 25: School Photo Day
Aug 29: SFA First Eucharist
Sep 2: District Athletics Sports Day
Sep 3: Father’s Day Stall
Sep 4: Father’s Day Mass at TCC
Father’s Day Breakfast at SFA
Sep 9: Year 5 TCC Experience
Sep 11: Hoop Time for Year 5/6 students & Year 6 Maths Challenge Day
Sep 12 & 13: Reconciliation Presentation Masses
Sep 16: School Disco
Sept 17: End of Term for Students
Sep 19 & 20: Reconciliation Presentation Masses
Oct 6: Term 4 begins for students

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Book Club: Term 3 magazines were sent home last Friday. Orders need to be made online or sent back to school by Thursday July 30th.

Late Arrival: This cold spell makes it very hard to get going in the morning and we have noticed a rise in children arriving late. We would just like to remind parents that they need to sign their child in the late book if you are arriving at school after 8:50am. This process ensures that we can account for all children in the case of an emergency. If your child has been marked absent by the teacher and not recorded in the late book they could go unaccounted for.