SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
Friday, July 29th at 7pm
St James Gym
We remember in our prayers the children who are being confirmed and congratulate them on becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church. These children are: Patrick, Mari, Aleena, Aidan, Alden, Skye, Ruby, Alam, Spencer, Moses, Ann, Nyakoth, Jason, Stefania, Rez, Alicia, Clark and Chenelle.
We pray: ‘Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love’.

FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS
A wonderful day was celebrated by the community on Monday. Many thanks to our parents who attended the liturgy in the afternoon. We also thank our PIP team who organised and helped out with the Subway lunch. Your gold coin donations will support the work of the parish fete committee as they prepare for our major social/fundraising event in October.

WE PRAY FOR the soul of Fr Paul Kierce mssp and for Lazar (grandfather of Sienna 3/4 Lana) who both passed away recently. May they rest in peace. We pray for John (grandfather of Leah 3/4 Em & Elly P Danielle) who is ill at this time. May we continue to support one another in our prayer as a community.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5
Women of Faith Community Mass
Damiano Centre
at 9.30am
11.30am: Launch of Olympic Games on the asphalt
11.55am: SCHOOL WALKATHON begins
Children are walking in their learning communities.
Please see the attached flyer for more details

VICTORIAN CAPITAL GRANT: We received notification earlier this week that our application for a $750,000 grant has been approved! This will mean that we can now proceed with plans to build the 6 additional learning spaces we require to cater for our 2017 and future enrolments. As a community and with the support of Catholic Education Melbourne we contribute a like amount to finance the $1,500,000 project.
SFA Netball Development Squads:
During the second half of Term 2, over 60 girls participated in our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 SFA Netball Development Squads. The girls gave up one lunchtime a week to learn about the game, develop their skills and play games of netball. The girls brought a great attitude each week and our experienced netballers were great peer mentors for those new to the game. It was fantastic to see so many girls willing to try something new and they were a pleasure to coach. There will be another lunchtime Development Squad for a different sport in Term 4...watch this space!

Netball Victoria Schools Championship:
On Monday, 25th July, twelve girls from Year 5/6 represented SFA at the Netball Victoria Schools Championships at the State Netball and Hockey Centre in Parkville. It is a fantastic event and throughout the day the girls played with great determination and teamwork, encouraging each other and celebrating every good play, every turnover and every goal they scored. Their netball improved with every game and using the skills learned during Term 2 in the SFA Netball Development Squad, they proved to be tough and frustrating competition for all of the teams they played, making the opposition work hard at all times. Most importantly, they never gave up and had a great experience. We received impressive feedback on their skills and attitude from the umpires as well as opposition coaches and the girls should be very proud of how they performed and how far they have come with their netball in such a short amount of time. During one of their breaks on the day, the girls also had the opportunity to meet and have a chat with Melbourne Vixens and Australian Diamonds player Tegan Philip!

FEEDBACK from an umpire on the day:
‘. Some play to win and that’s fine but some play to have fun and experience new things and that’s what I’d encourage and definitely saw with TEAM St Francis of Assisi. Matt Smith should be congratulated too for the great sportsmanship shown by all of your participating students on the day.
Although St Francis of Assisi didn’t have any success on the leader board, to me they had the most success in the life experiences achieved. Congratulations and keep up the good work’. 

BOOKCLUB orders for Term 3 have been processed. Collectively, our school purchased $2243.00 in books. This gives us $445 in rewards for our school! We expect that orders will arrive by next week.

Many thanks to the parents who came to Monday evening’s conversation about how SFA could develop the sexuality component of the Personal Development curriculum. The 40 parents present would have been a good representation of the varying views across the community. Details of next steps in coming newsletters.

SAVE THE DATES
PREPS IN PJS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23rd at 6.30pm
PARENT MEETING: HUMAN SEXUALITY facilitated by Open Doors
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th at 7.00pm

A letter regarding these family evenings will be sent home with next week’s newsletter.