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FIRST EUCHARIST : Congratulations to the children who celebrated their First Communion last Saturday. The families and staff who gathered as community were very proud to see these young people participate fully in the Eucharist.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: The children in Year 6 will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation, on Sunday October 27th. Preparation for this sacrament has already begun in the learning spaces. A letter to parents will be sent home tomorrow about the important details regarding your involvement and preparation for this important celebration.

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO: Winter Uniform please!
Next Tuesday, August 27th, we will be having our Annual Whole School Photo. We expect all students to be in the full Winter uniform even if your child is having PE on the day. The photo will be taken from 9.00—9.30 in the morning.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: Thankyou, we had a healthy 39 responses to the survey. This has provided us with a real spread of feedback to inform the planning for St Clare’s school uniform. More information about the feedback and next steps in next week’s newsletter.

MATHS MANIA
All families are invited to come along to the Family Maths Night, Maths Mania to celebrate National Literacy and Numeracy Week. We encourage all families to join us in discovering the fun and enjoyment that mathematical learning can bring. Come and see what your children are learning in Maths and learn along side them as you join in the exciting Maths activities we have planned.

Where: SFA learning spaces
When: 29th August
Time: 6.30—8.00pm
Tea and coffee will be available

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Year 3-6 Trattoria: On 5th September Yr 3-6 students will be providing a Trattoria (Italian restaurant) experience for all students in the school. Students will be provided with lunch on this day. We ask that you provide a gold coin donation for your child to raise money for the Catholic Mission.
OSHC: The end of term 3 is fast approaching and the school will be conducting a curriculum day on the last day of term 3 (20 September 2013) and the first day of term 4 (7 October 2013). Subject to interest, Camp Australia will be running an OSHC program on those days. Bookings need to be made by 13 September 2013 to determine if the programs will run. If you are interested in sending your children and have not used our service before, you can register and make a booking for the curriculum day at - https://www.campaustralia.com.au/parents/create-account.aspx.

Camp Australia will also be running holiday clubs at Baden Powell College – Tarneit and at Westbourne Grammar. Programs for both of the holiday clubs are on the wall in the OSHC space. Alternatively, they can be viewed on the Camp Australia website at www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs. I will be co-ordinating the program at Baden Powell – Tarneit and we are looking forward to an exciting and fun-filled program, including excursions to Kryal Castle, the Chinese Museum and Task works.

Feel free to come down to the space before or after school should you have any questions about OSHC or the holiday program. Alternatively feel free to email or call me at stfrancistarneit@oshccampaustralia.com.au or 0431 252 748 (Zeyna)

BELLBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB are currently seeking players for their U11 and U13 along with participants for MILO IN2 CRICKET. We will be holding our registration days on Friday Sept 13 6-8pm & Sept 14 10-12pm At Mossfiel Reserve Clubrooms, Heaths Rd, Hoppers Crossing. For more information please contact Mark Croswell 0433 273 779

PARENT SEMINAR 3 September at Thomas Carr College HOW TO STAY in TOUCH on the ADOLESCENT ROLLER COASTER

Presenter: Bill Jennings
Ages: Secondary

Whether you are already living in the ‘teenage laboratory’ or you’re in the queue for the ride alongside your child on the adolescent rollercoaster, this seminar will provide:

• the opportunity to practice a skill that will help keep communication strong whether your child is an adolescent now, or will be one day
• the knowledge for each parent role: mother-son; father-son; mother-daughter and father-daughter
• young people’s words and insights
• key ingredients (from Bill’s research) to assist your child in a healthy transition to young adulthood
• practical material to readily begin the practice of strengthening communication with your child

Dates to Remember:
Aug 22: ICT workshop for parents
Aug 26-30: Numeracy Week
Aug 27: Whole school photo
Aug 28: Fathers’ Day stall
Aug 29: 6.30pm: Family Maths night
Aug 30: Fathers’ Day breakfast
Sept 4: Yr 6 Excursion to Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre
Sept 5: Yr 3-6 Trattoria
Sept 12: Confirmation workshop
Sept 13: Choir at St Patrick’s Cathedral
Sept 14/15: Confirmation presentation masses
Sept 17: PIP meeting
Sept 19: Last day for children term 3 Sponsor & Candidate mass
Sept 20: OSHC program available if needed
Sept 21/22: Confirmation presentation masses

Make me a channel of your peace;
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.