FEAST of the ASSUMPTION is tomorrow, 15th August. This is a holy day of the Church and mass is being celebrated in the parish at 9.30am & 7.30pm.

Joseph De Piro, founder of the Paulist Missionaries chose ‘Mary Assumed into Heaven’ as the Patroness of the Order. He emphasised the wholistic approach of our lives to that of Mary the perfect disciple. He described Mary’s faith after the Ascension of Jesus, as the one “who like a torch, kept alive the faith in the heart of the Apostles.”

May we be like Mary and keep the torch alive in our lives. Where Mary has gone we hope to follow.

We pray for Matthew Cutajar who is in the palliative care stage of his illness. As a community we join together in prayer for Matt, Joanne & family.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING
Andrea will be running a parent/volunteer training session for anyone interested in coming to support student learning at SFA. The session will be held on Tuesday August 26th at 9am. If you are interested please come along and join in.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS
Please complete either the hard copy or online version of the surveys for parents. We have had a number of families who have already done this— THANKYOU! Everyone’s opinion counts so do it now if you haven’t already done so. Your input is very important to us.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT:
1. It is hard to believe, but the crossing supervisor is concerned that quite a few parents are not waiting until everyone is safely across the crossing before continuing to drive through. It is not legal to drive across the crossing until the supervisor has completely moved off it. It is an expectation that all parents will be cautious and respectful around the school at pick up time and that road rules will be followed.

2. Turn left as you exit the drop off/pick up area.

3. If the traffic is lined up at drop off time and you cannot turn into the school from Fairview Pde please find a park on a near by street. When traffic banks up along Fairview Pde it is dangerous and other drivers are not able to continue their journey.

4. If you use the school car park do not try to enter/exit against the traffic. The driveway is not wide enough for this at peak times; and pedestrians are difficult to see/anticipate.

5. If you arrive at 3.35pm you will find that a lot of traffic has moved off and there is ample parking. You are encouraged to try it.

BOOK WEEK 2014
ART EXHIBITION
Tuesday 19th August

SCHOOL DISCO
Wednesday 17th September
See the flyers for more
SCHOOL YEAR BOOK: This year we are planning to produce a year book to celebrate and record the quality learning and community building that is part of 2015. We are calling for any parents who may be able to help us with photography, layout, and production of this book. Please contact the school office if you are able to assist—phone or email.

FUNDRAISER: Dante, one of our Yr 5 students has decided to participate in the Step-a-thon to raise money for the Murdoch Children’s Research Institute. This institute helps children with illnesses that can be cured with a little help. Although the institute can’t help Dante (who suffers from Tourettes Syndrome, ASD and a slight blindness), he’s decided on his own terms to help others instead. Dante’s link is: [https://stepathon.everydayhero.com/au/dante-dimarco](https://stepathon.everydayhero.com/au/dante-dimarco) His step-a-thon starts Sept 1st-7th, but donations can be collected now till October (details in the link). As a community we could support Dante’s initiative. Have a look at his page and, if you are able, make a donation.

FATHERS’ DAY is approaching and we are planning to celebrate our dads and other special men in our lives. There will be a breakfast as well as an opportunity for children to buy a small gift. Please see the attached invitation to the Breakfast. Last year there was a great turn up of fathers, grandfathers and other special people. If you are able to attend this year, please complete and return the reply slip by Monday 25th August.

DATES TO REMEMBER

15th Aug: Feast of the Assumption
18th Aug: Book Week begins
19th Aug: Book Week Art Exhibition
25th Aug: Literacy & Numeracy Week
29th Aug: Spring into Spring - Walk to school.
30th Aug: First Eucharist celebration
4th Sept: Fathers’ Day stall
5th Sept: Reconciliation workshop
5th Sept: Fathers’ Day Breakfast
9th Sept: Reconciliation Immersion Day Yr 3
10th Sept: Science Expo Yr 4-6
12th Sept: Premier’s Reading Challenge ends

LAVERTON SOFTBALL CLUB OPEN DAY SEASON 2014-15:

When: Sunday August 24th
Time: 10am
Where: Laverton Softball Club
Lawrie Emmins Reserve
Old Geelong Road
Laverton VIC

Under 12’s, 15’s & 17’s—Mixed

BBQ lunch in the afternoon for everyone, soft drinks will be provided.

THEY’RE CALLING ON YOU

We need your help!

If you have any mobile phones that are no longer being used, please bring them in. There is a box in the foyer, as well as one in each of the spaces. By bringing in your phones, you are helping to save the gorillas and their habitats. Staff members from The Melbourne Zoo will personally come out and pick up the phones if we collect enough of them! You may have seen in the local paper that there are two brothers who have already collected 50 phones and their goal is 1000 phones. We’re hoping to collect at least one phone from every family. We think it can be done. We already have 23 phones. Will you help us?

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Vonn & Isabel