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FEAST of the ASSUMPTION: Saturday, 15th August
The Church honours Mary as we venerate her journey into heaven.

St Francis embraced Our Lady with inexpressible love, since she made Jesus a brother to us. He honoured her with his own praises, poured out prayers to her, and offered her his love. May we too pray to Mary for her protection and guidance and recognise that she loves and cares for us with a mother’s love. Mary assumed into heaven – Pray for us.

The feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation and will be celebrated with a vigil mass at St James tomorrow 14th August at 7.30pm and with mass on Saturday 15 August at 9.00am. Tomorrow, some students from Year 5 will be attending 11.15am mass at Thomas Carr College as the College celebrates this significant feast of Mary.

The ENVIRONMENTALISTS
It was a hype of activity outside on Tuesday with the planting of our fruit trees in the orchard. With all the trees in now, we just need to sit and wait for nature to take its course and bear some wonderful fruit. We know this is the beginning of a huge project and look forward to see it all unravel. A special thanks to our hard working grounds and maintenance team who do all the ground work and to our volunteers who help in making it happen. Maureen loves imparting her knowledge, and Nicholas and Alex take on all the advice given. We are still looking for ‘gumboots’ and ‘croc’ shoes for donations if anyone has any.

Chrissy and the Environmental team

PROGRAM ACHIEVE PARENT SESSION:
Thursday 20th August
7.30pm
All parents are invited to an information session about Program Achieve—You Can Do It.

You Can Do It is a Prep to Year 6 program that develops our students skills in 5 key areas of wellbeing. Building skills in

- Confidence
- Persistence
- Organisation
- Getting Along
- Resilience

gives our students great support in their learning and daily school experiences. Please see the attached flyer for information about the session.

We hope to see many parents at this workshop for Student WellBeing.

BOOK WEEK this year is from 21st —28th August and the theme is ‘Books light up our world’. The children have already started exploring some of the shortlisted books during Visual Arts and English. We will be setting up a display around some of this great work in the coming weeks. Please find attached a flyer from the Wyndham Council around what is happening locally to celebrate Book Week 2015.

BOOK CLUB: We have had another successful term with lots of families order books and supporting our school. Thank you to these families and the money raised this term will go towards purchasing more library books for our school.
BOOK DONATIONS: Thank you to all the families who have donated books to our school. We have now purchased a stamp that says ‘Donated by...’ so we can acknowledge your support when names appear inside the book and don’t accidentally get sent home again. We would also like to invite any other families that have books at home they would like to donate to bring them in to Emily or Janice. We encourage you to mention this to relatives and friends of family that are also looking to clean out their bookshelves. Your donations are very much appreciated and are used by the Prep—2 students as a part of their daily reading at school.

PIP SOCIAL GROUP met this week and have planned the details for Fathers’ Day/Special person breakfast which is being held on Friday, September 4th from 7.30 am – 8.30am. A flier is being sent home with today’s newsletter. Please return the reply slip by August 24, so that we can organise catering for this special occasion.

PIP FUNDRAISING GROUP is looking for helpers for our school disco which is being held on Wednesday, September 16 from 4.30pm – 6.00pm for Years Prep – 2 and 7.00pm – 8.30pm for Years 3-6. If you are able to help with: face-painting, selling glow-sticks and setting up for the disco please email Lucy:
vassallo@sfatarmeit.catholic.edu.au.

Our school events can only be successful if we have help and support from the community.

FATHERS’ DAY STALL: The Fundraising committee will be holding a Fathers’ day stall on Thursday 3rd September. Children are invited to bring $5 to purchase a gift for Father’s Day.

LOST PROPERTY: There are many jumpers & windcheaters in lost property which don’t have names on them. It is important to write your child’s name on items likely to be taken off so that they can be returned to them.

SCHOOL PHOTO day
Tuesday 25 August
All children will be included in the whole school photo and home group photos. Families have an opportunity to order individual and family group photos. All children need to be in full winter uniform inclusive of school jumper on this day (no sports uniforms or runners). Photo envelopes have been sent home and should be returned to school with correct money by Friday 21 August. Online ordering can be placed with Arthur Reed Photos.

Insight-SRC survey
Thank you to all families who returned surveys or completed the survey online. Your feedback is greatly appreciated as part of our future planning.

ARRIVAL at SCHOOL: Just a reminder that students should be arriving at school between 8.30-8.50am. Earlier than this creates safety issues as there is no teacher supervision. No child should be at school prior to 8.30am unless they are involved in the Camp Australia program. Later than 8.50am means that students are missing out on the important organisational routines of the day. Please continue to make every effort to have children at school between 8.30 –8.50am.

TERM 3 DATES:
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:       Fathers’ Day Stall
Sep 4:       Fathers’ Day Mass at TCC
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 Mass
Sep 16:      School Disco
Sept 17:     End of Term for Students
Sep 19 & 20: Reconciliation Presentation Mass
Oct 6:       Term 4 begins for students
Oct 9:       SFA Feast Day celebrations