FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST
Friday 30th August 7.30—8.30am
In the staffroom & Prep areas at St Francis
Please park in neighbouring streets.

We take this opportunity to wish the fathers, grandfathers and special male persons of our school community a very happy Fathers Day. You are such important people in the lives of children and you have contributed greatly to the development of a positive community spirit here at St Francis. May each of you be blessed with the peace, wisdom and courage needed to live in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS:
Organised by the Catholic Education Office Melbourne and Insight SRC, these surveys will be available from Monday 2 - Friday 13 September. We will send home the surveys to randomly selected parents. If you receive a survey, please make every effort to complete it. The main aim of the survey is to identify factors that contribute to the organisational health of our school and provide valuable information about what is going well and not so well and the ways in which this may be improved and built upon. We strongly believe that parent voice is important to help shape the ongoing improvement of our school.

Fathers' Reading Challenge 2013
To all children participating in this year’s Challenge, this a reminder to enter the books you’ve read on your online record. There is only 13 days to go! The competition ends on the 12th September but you need to have all your books verified by Emily before you have completed the Challenge. This means that all books need to be entered online by the 11th September. Congratulations to the children who have already completed the challenge. See Emily if you have any questions. Happy reading Challengers!

FATHERS' DAY STALL: Thanks to our PIP fundraising group for the great organisation of our Father’s Day stall. We had a good number of parent helpers who made sure everything went smoothly. The children were very excited about buying a gift for their dad or special person.

MATHS MANIA
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: TONIGHT!!
Time: 6.30—8.00pm
Tea and coffee will be available

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OSHC: If you need care for your child on Friday 20 September, Monday 7th October and/or during the holidays see Zeyna or contact her: 0431 252 748 or stfrancistarneit@oshccampaustralia.com.au Bookings need to be made by 13 Sept to determine if the school closure days programs will run.

TERM 3 ends for children on Thursday 19th September. Dismissal is at usual time: 3.30pm. As part of the Parish Fair fundraising children are invited to wear their footy colours on this day in exchange for items that are needed for the fair. Each year level will be requested to bring a specific item. More information in next week’s newsletter.

Let’s get Techie’ parent night: Thanks to our parents who were able to attend the ICT night last Thursday. They engaged in learning about the technologies that are available and being used by our students. It was a great way to help parents strengthen their understanding in this area and connect with their child’s learning.

Preps in PJs We have our second Preps in PJs night next Thursday. We strongly encourage you to come along and share with your child further experiences around prayer and their faith life. Please return your reply slips by Tuesday, September 3.

ACADEMY UNIFORMS: If your child has a discoloured jumper, Academy uniforms are willing to exchange these jumpers for new jumpers of the same size. Please see Ingrid on Tuesday mornings between 8am—10.00am.

UNIFORM REVIEW: Parents who indicated on the recent surveys that they would be willing to be involved in a steering committee to consider whether, as a parish we make any changes to current school uniform have been invited to a meeting next Wednesday to evaluate the survey responses.

PARENT SEMINAR 3 September at Thomas Carr College HOW TO STAY in TOUCH on the ADOLESCENT ROLLER COASTER
Presenter: Bill Jennings
Building positive communication skills for parenting adolescents.

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 Mossfield Reserve Clubrooms, Heaths Rd, Hoppers Crossing. For more information please contact Mark Croswell 0433 273 779

Dates to Remember:
Aug 30: Fathers’ Day breakfast
Sep 3: 3-6 Active Kids netball clinics
Sep 4: Yr 6 Excursion to Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre
Sep 5: Yr 3-6 Trattoria
Preps in PJs @ 6.30pm
Sep 6: Prep Incursion—Craft Power
Oct 12: Confirmation workshop at SFA
Oct 13: Choir at St Patrick’s Cathedral
3-6 Active Kids football clinics
Aug 14/15: Confirmation presentation masses
Sep 17: PIP meetings
Sep 18: 3-6 Market day
Sep 19: Last day for children term 3
Sponsor & Candidate mass @ SJA
FOOTY COLOURS DAY
Sep 20: OSHC program available if needed
Sep 21/22: Confirmation presentation masses