We pray for Matthew Cutajar who is in the palliative care stage of his illness. He has now moved from home to hospital. As a community we continue our 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
Thank you to all the families who have completed the surveys either online or used the paper copy. Your comments about our strengths and challenges are very important to us and help us in our future directions. 34% of families and 100% of Yr 5/6 students have completed the survey. Staff will complete theirs by Friday. Parents need to return their hard copy survey tomorrow or complete it on line by Friday if you want to be included in the final data.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS
Our Year 3 students are currently preparing to celebrate their First Reconciliation. Information for parents regarding your participation and helping your child prepare for this sacrament has been sent home with today’s newsletter.

We keep our Year 4 students in our prayers as they prepare to receive their First Eucharist on August 30. This is a very important celebration for our children and their families as they prepare to share in the table of the Lord.

PIP: Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 26th. The Social group is currently working on the organisation of the Father’s Day breakfast. The fundraising group is working on the preparation of the school disco. The project team is discussing the creation of a Year book and the generation of a community consultation process to inform our School Improvement Planning. The Grounds Maintenance group are planning the details of our next working bee. Any parent is welcome to be part of our PIP groups. It does not matter if you have not been to a meeting before. We need more representation of parents to continue to support us in creating a vibrant school community. Just a reminder that the Social group meets at 2.00pm and the other groups meet at 7.30pm. We hope to see some new faces!!

BOOK WEEK/ART EXHIBITION: Thank you to all the families who came to support the Book Week Art Exhibition on Tuesday. There was a buzz around the school as parents and families wandered our spaces with students sharing the fantastic artwork and reflections. We had a number of parents who attended the parent workshop on how we differentiate learning for students in Literacy. There will be information about this on the website soon. The money raised through the gold coin donations will be used to purchase resources for the student use.
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT:
1. Drivers are to wait until the crossing supervisor has moved completely off the crossing before proceeding.
2. Children and adults crossing Fairview Pde must use the crossing.
3. No cars are to be parked close to corners or the crossing.
4. 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.
5. When using the drop off in the mornings please ensure that children leave the car within the supervised area between the cones.

SCHOOL FEES: All school fee payments should be finalised by the last week of this term, unless you have made other arrangements with Margaret at the office. Just a reminder to contact the office if you need to negotiate a later time. Otherwise, we are expecting all fee payments to be made.

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. Although the institute can’t help Dante (who suffers from Tourettes Syndrome, ASD and a slight blindness), he’s decided to help others instead. Dante’s link is: 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.

IMPETIGO: There has been one case of Impetigo (School Sores) reported to us today. Parents need to be vigilant. Please refer to the following link for symptoms and treatment of this condition. http://ideas.health.vic.gov.au/bluebook/impetigo.asp

SCHOOL YEAR BOOK: 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.

FATHERS’ DAY STALL: Thursday 4th September. There will be a variety of gifts for children to choose from at different prices. There will be gifts available ranging from $1.50 to $5. Children will need to bring their money on Thursday in order to buy a gift from the Father’s Day stall. Please ensure that money is placed in an envelope with the child’s name and home group clearly written. The stall will run from 9.15am to 12.00pm.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES:
Cameron in Prep continues his competitions in schools BMX riding. Last Wednesday he competed in 4 races resulting in two 3rds and two 1st. Excellent skills Cameron!
A group of 49 Yr 3-6 students will be competing in the Tarneit District Athletics carnival on 4th September. We are very pleased to have such a large group of students participating this year.

WALK to SCHOOL: Next Friday we will again be walking to school to celebrate Spring—please see the attached flyer for all the details.

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SCHOOL DISCO
Wednesday
17th September

DATES TO REMEMBER
26th Aug: Volunteer Training
29th Aug: Spring into Spring - Walk to school.
30th Aug: First Eucharist celebration
4th Sept: Fathers’ Day stall
6th Sept: Reconciliation workshop
8th Sept: Tarneit District Athletics.
10th Sept: Fathers’ Day Breakfast
12th Sept: Reconciliation Immersion Day Yr 3
15th Sept: Science Expo Yr 4-6
17th Sept: Premier’s Reading Challenge ends

LAVERTON SOFTBALL CLUB OPEN DAY SEASON 2014-15:
When: Sunday August 24th @ 10.00
Where: Laverton Softball Club
Lawrie Emmins Reserve
Old Geelong Road, Laverton VIC