ST FRANCIS FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS
FRIDAY OCTOBER 11, 2013
Once again we are about to celebrate our Feast day. This day will highlight who we are as a Franciscan community and we will also have the opportunity to showcase the learning that has taken place throughout our PE program this term. We will share lunch together as a community on this day. Come along to another occasion to engage in worship, learning and community.

PREPS IN PJS TONIGHT! 6.30pm

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS:
Organised by the Catholic Education Office Melbourne and Insight SRC, these surveys have been sent home today 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 and thank you in advance for your participation.

The surveys are late in being sent out due to an error at the printers. The return date has been extended to Wednesday 18th September. If you receive a survey and require assistance in completing it please come to the Yr 3-6 area tomorrow or on Friday morning, 13th September. Jan & Arthur will be available to assist with the reading of the survey questions.

Premiers’ 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 are only 7 days to go! The competition ends on 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!

SFA SCHOOL APP: We are very excited to announce that we now have a School Mobile App. This App is available for FREE from the App Store or Google Play for parents who have smart phones (iPhone, Samsung etc.). If you have trouble locating the App there are links available on the website. Please make sure you allow notifications when prompted as we will keep you up to date with reminders and up and coming events through this. We would love to hear what you think about our School App. Simply email the school or come and chat to one of the leaders. For parents who do not have smart phones you will still have the access to the same information through the website, newsletter and other items sent home with the children.

SMS Communication Reminder: If you have not already returned the reply slip which was due yesterday, please do so shortly.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY:
As part of the Parish Fair Fundraising children are invited to wear their footy colours on Thursday 19th September (last day of term for students) in exchange for items that are needed for the parish fair being held in October. Each year level is requested to bring a specific item. See the attached flier for specific information.
MATHS MANIA: We were delighted that so many of our families joined in this family activity last Thursday. Developing a shared understanding of what quality maths activities and learning looks like adds value to student outcomes.

FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST: What a terrific response to the Father’s day breakfast! We had 72 dads, grandads, special friends, siblings as well as over 100 of our school children attend this event. Thank you so much to our PIP group who were able to make it such a success.

Many thanks to all those who supported the Yr 3-6 learning today by sending a gold coin donation for the missions. We raised $385. All students P-6 were delighted to visit Trattoria Assisi: ordering their lunch and being served by the Trattoria’s staff!

3-6 MARKET DAY
As part of our Inquiry, on the 18th September, the 3-6’s will participate in a market where they have been working towards creating a product or a service. P-2 will attend from 11.30-1.30 and parents are invited to come and purchase the wonderful wares made by the students from 1.30-3.00. P-2 students are asked to bring $5-$10. Items being sold, or services being provided, will include cupcakes, toffee apples, student’s own canvas works, face painting, arts & crafts. The profit made will go to charities which the students have been researching. We hope you are able to attend on the day.

TRUGANINA COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY:
See the attached for details. Any child entering the colouring competition should return their form to school by Wednesday 18th September.

SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS: School Fee Invoices were sent out last week. All school fee payments should be finalised by 20th September, unless you have made other arrangements with Margaret at the office.

TERM 3 ends for children on Thursday 19th September. Dismissal is at usual time: 3.30pm.

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@oshccampaaustralia.com.au
Bookings need to be made by 13th September to determine if the school closure days programs will run.

SUMMER UNIFORM: We change to the summer uniform at the beginning of term 4. Unless the forecast weather is above 22 ° please keep children in their winter uniform until then.

JEWELLERY & SHOES: A number of children are wearing jewellery other than studs, sleepers and wrist watches; and hair ties other than blue or yellow. Please ensure that bracelets, necklaces, colourful hair bands are not worn with the school uniform. Some children are also wearing brightly coloured shoes. They should be in black school shoes; with either white or black joggers with their sports uniform (coloured strips on the sports shoes are acceptable). Track suit jackets should only be worn as part of the sports uniform. Otherwise school jumpers are the appropriate item to be worn.

ACADEMY UNIFORMS: If your child has a pink tinged 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.

Dates to Remember:
Sept 6: Prep Incursion—Craft Power
Sept 12: Confirmation workshop at SFA
Sept 13: Choir at St Patrick’s Cathedral
3-6 Active Kids football clinics
Sept 14/15: Confirmation presentation masses
Sept 17: PIP meeting
Sept 18: 3-6 Market day
Sept 19: Last day for children term 3
Sponsor & Candidate mass @ SJA
FOOTY COLOURS DAY
Sept 20: OSHC program available if needed
Sept 21/22: Confirmation presentation masses
Oct 12: SFA Maintenance Day & Working Bee