SACRAMENTAL NEWS
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.

TALKING WITH CHILDREN ABOUT GRIEF AND LOSS: At assembly on Tuesday we spoke about children’s experiences of illness, death and our Christian understanding of everlasting life. Children had many questions and connected with their own personal experiences of illness and loss. Children were encouraged to talk with their parents or teachers in regard to any questions or wonderings that they may have. Please find attached to this newsletter a flier that may support parents as they respond to their children’s questions. Parents are welcome to speak to any of the teachers and leaders about concerns in this regard.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS
We had an amazing response from parents with 100 surveys being returned. Your participation will provide valuable feedback to inform future planning.

PIP: Once again thank you to our parents who continue to support PIP. The Social group have organised the details for the Father’s Day breakfast (to be held next Friday Sept 5th between 7.30-8.30am). We need a few more helpers on the day. If you are able to help you would need to be at school at 7.00am to set up. We will finish by about 9.30am. Please contact Lucy if you are able to help.

The Project group have been reflecting on the scope of the curriculum offered at SFA. An online survey is being developed and will be sent out shortly. We highly encourage all parents to take part in the survey and have the opportunity to have a further say in the directions of our school. The information will be more detailed than that available through the school improvement surveys which you recently completed.

The Fathers’ Day stall has been the focus of the PIP fundraising group.

We pray for Matthew Cutajar who is in the palliative care stage of his illness. As a community we continue our prayer for Matt, Joanne & family. Our daily prayer at 8.55am is being offered for Matthew. Parents are welcome to join us in this simple ritual of prayerful support.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE program will be available on Friday 19th September and Monday 6th October. Parents are able to book online or with Zeyna now.
WORKING BEE: Our next working Bee will be on Saturday September 20th beginning at 8.00 am. We are being supported by the Young Paulists from St James Parish so we want to make this working bee a big community activity. More news next week with a form to return.

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.

LOST PROPERTY: There are many items in the lost property box (all without names) including a couple of winter jackets that are not uniform items. It is important that items that are likely to be taken off, have names written on them. If your child has lost an item of clothing, please come and check the lost property box, which is located in the office.

FUNDRAISER: Dante, one of our Yr 5 students has been recognised as a Step-a-thon star. He is raising money for the Murdoch Children’s Research Institute. He has already raised over $1500.00! Dante's link is: 
https://stepathon.everydayhero.com/au/dante-dimarco
His step-a-thon starts Sept 1st-7th, and donations can be collected now till October (details in the link). As a community, let’s continue to support Dante’s initiative. Have a look at his page and, if you are able, make a donation.

SCHOOL YEAR BOOK: Thank you to the several parents who have volunteered to support us in creating our Year book. We look forward to working together to produce a great reflection of our year together.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES: Our athletes are busy training and getting ready for the Interschool Athletic Carnival next Thursday. We need some extra parent helpers so if you are able to assist on the day, please see Lucas and let him know.

WALK to SCHOOL—TOMORROW!
Looking forward to seeing all families walk with us tomorrow. We are leaving from the park in Sundial Park in Sundial Boulevard and the park near the roundabout on Rose Grange Boulevard and Baden Powell Drive—we are looking to leave both places at 8.10 am.

SUMMER UNIFORM: The change to summer uniform can happen from week 1 to week 3 of Term 4 (dependent on the weather). Families requiring new items will be purchasing the new uniform. Details will be sent home next week.

SCHOOL DISCO
Wednesday
17th September
Help Wanted: Face Painter (See Emily)

DATES TO REMEMBER
29th Aug: Spring into Spring - Walk to school.
30th Aug: First Eucharist celebration
4th Sept: Fathers’ Day stall
Reconciliation workshop
Tarnet District Athletics.
5th Sept: Fathers’ Day Breakfast
9th Sept: Reconciliation Immersion Day Yr 3
10th Sept: Science Expo Yr 4-6
Prep visit to St James Church
12th Sept: Premier’s Reading Challenge ends
13th Sept: Deacon Minh’s Ordination
16th Sept: Parent conversation with leaders
17th Sept: School disco
18th Sept: End of term for children
19th Sept: School Closure Day

TERM 4
Oct 6th: School Closure day
Oct 7th: Term 4 begins
Oct 10th: St Francis Feast Day Celebrations
9.15 mass & PE showcase