TERM 3 ends for children next **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@oshccampaustralia.com.au

Bookings need to be made by **tomorrow** to determine if the school closure days programs will run.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** workshop **TONIGHT** at 7.00pm at St Francis. All Yr 6 candidates and parent/s are expected to attend this workshop.

**Presentation masses** are being held over the next two weekends. At these masses children preparing for Confirmation will be presented to the parish community. We continue to keep these young people in our prayers.

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS:**
If you received a survey last Thursday please complete it and return in the sealed envelope as soon as possible but no later than **Wednesday 18th September**. If you require assistance in completing the survey please come to the Yr 3-6 area tomorrow morning, 13th September. Jan will be available to assist with the reading of the survey questions.

**PIP** meeting next Tuesday. We would love to see a few more parents come along. Please make every effort to attend.

**SCHOOL NURSE** will be visiting the school next Wednesday to provide an assessment for all Preps. Thank you for returning the required forms.

**ST FRANCIS FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS**
**FRIDAY OCTOBER 11, 2013**

Our Feast day is shaping up to be a wonderful day of celebration. Please see the attached flyer for further details and complete the reply slip indicating which part(s) of the day you will be attending.

**PARISH FETE**

**FOOTY COLOURS DAY** is being held on **Thursday**. As part of the Parish Fete fundraising children are invited to wear their **footy colours** in exchange for items that are needed for the parish fair being held in October. Many families have already sent in their donation: many thanks. Others are asked to send the requested item any time up to next Thursday.

**PARISH RAFFLE TICKETS** have been sent home today. Please support the parish by buying/selling as many tickets as possible. Raffle tickets are $1.00 each and need to be returned to school by Thursday, October 17. Please return raffle tickets in an envelope with child’s name and home group.

**VOLUNTEERS** to help with baking and/or to be available on the day of the fete are required. Reply forms have been sent home today—Please consider your availability and return as soon as possible.

_The parish fete is a community celebration day and your involvement in any way is appreciated and encouraged._

Premiers’ Reading Challenge 2013
Congratulations to all the children who participated in this program. Every book is a new adventure and developing a love for reading provides a great avenue for learning. Many thanks to Emily, our wonderful learning & teacher leader, for providing the children with access to this opportunity.
Make me a channel of your peace; Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

3-6 MARKET DAY: Wednesday Sept 18
Children P-2 are invited to bring $5-$10 and parents are encourage to come, browse & buy.
Yr 3-6 students are providing cupcakes, toffee apples, student’s own canvas works, face painting, arts & crafts. The profit made will go to charities.

Come & buy
11.30—1.30 P-2
1.30-3.00 Parents

Everyone is looking forward to our Yr 3-6 students demonstrating their skills next Wednesday. Yr 1 have shared their writing with us:

Our visit to the seniors
On Tuesday, the year 1 children were invited to the senior’s space to talk about the design process for the items they were making to sell at the market.

We saw:
• Paintings
• Pottery items
• Toffee apples
• Origami crafts
• Jewellery
• Face Painting
• Cupcakes
• Slime
• Space drawings

We feel happy about going to the market because we can see and buy different things.

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TRUGANINA COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY: 20th September. Any child entering the colouring competition should return their form to school by Wednesday.

ST JAMES YOUNG PAULISTS are hosting a Trivia night on Saturday, September 21st. Please see attached flyer for further details.

Mount St Joseph Girls College Open Day – Sunday 13th October 2013: Enrolment application forms can be obtained from the website www.msj.vic.edu.au

LOST PROPERTY: If your child has lost an item of clothing, please come to the office and have a look in the lost property box as there are many items in it.

SFA MAINTENANCE DAY & WORKING BEE : Oct 12
Please see the attached flyer for further details and complete the reply slip.

PARISH SCHOOLS UNIFORM REVIEW UPDATE
150 parents across the 2 schools in our parish responded to the survey which was conducted recently. There was agreement that using the parish colours across the 3 parish primary schools had merit (62% either saw some or high value in the proposal); while the cost associated with possible change was seen as the biggest concern. If change goes ahead, the St James community would experience the greatest change while St Francis may see some change. Any change would be introduced over a 2-5 year period.

After the Steering Committee meeting last week with those parents who indicated an interest in being involved, a Working party has now been formed. This group’s mandate is to drive the consultation process with the community. You are all encouraged to stay tuned for further opportunity to have your say as the process continues.

FILMING for CEOM VIDEO: Next Wednesday we will have a film crew at the school to interview and shoot film for a video which will feature at an upcoming conference as well as on Channel 31: “Today’s Schools”. The focus of the film is on how flexible learning spaces and technology within schools can be effectively used to enhance learning for all. Four schools across Melbourne will be featured in this episode. At St Francis, the focus will be in Yr 1 where we have introduced some sound & vision technologies. Yr 1 parents please return permission slips by Tuesday.

Dates to Remember:
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 4: Feast of St Francis of Assisi
Oct 8: Term 3 begins
Oct 11: Feast day celebrations
Oct 12: SFA Maintenance Day & Working Bee