Sing out your joy to all the earth

MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA was declared a saint last Sunday. How amazing! Pope Francis highlighted the qualities of St Teresa of Calcutta as a humble woman who reached out to the poor and was a ‘tireless worker of mercy’. St Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us.

VISIT BY LOCAL MP
JOANNE RYAN

Ms Joanne Ryan MP presented our school with two new flags. Joanne was taken on a school tour and was very impressed with our spaces and the high quality learning that is taking place here at SFA.

VISITORS: Parent Opinion Surveys were sent home last week. Please complete and return the hard copy or do the survey online. Every parent’s opinion counts so you are strongly encouraged to make time in the coming week to complete it.
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT  We have had a call from a neighbour in Fairview Parade about the traffic difficulties at the end of each school day. The line of cars coming in for pick up is stretching back up Fairview Parade and some parents are blocking the roundabout. This severely impacts on other drivers travelling through the roundabout and in surrounding streets. The council has been notified and traffic officers will be attending to remind drivers of the expectations to keep roundabouts clear.

PUNCTUALITY:  As Term 3 moves to a close, we are experiencing a rise in students arriving late in the morning. The beginning of the school day in the learning spaces is a critical time with organisational matters and the set up for the day being discussed. Students missing this session are starting the day behind the others and the impact can last through the day. Parents are reminded to be good role models for their children in this matter.

SCHOOL CROSSING is to be used by families to encourage safe practices for all children. SFA Policies are put in place for the benefit of the community and parents are asked to follow these policies. In this way we keep everyone safe.

Make me a channel of your peace;
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2016
PARISH FETE
This is an important event for our parish community. We encourage your support.

Last week we sent home with the newsletter:
- A request for donations of items for the fete.
- Raffle Tickets
- Cake stall volunteer form

We also sent home a volunteer form for helping on the day. Please respond in as generous a way as possible.

Your help will make a big difference!

Eucharist as the Sacrament of Real Presence
Tuesday 13th September 2016
7.30pm
Guest Speaker
Fr Elio Capra sdb

St James the Apostle parish is delighted to announce our next adult faith formation session. During this session, Fr Elio will help participants to rediscover the presence of God truly with us in Eucharist, and the opportunity to offer gratitude. This is an ideal time for us to renew our understanding and our sense of the importance of the Eucharist in our lives today.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE workshops for Year 3 parents and students are being held in October. A letter is being sent home with today’s newsletter.

Care For Creation Day
On Thursday, September 1st, the Environmental Leaders presented to all the learning communities about World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. We spoke about how and why we can be Stewards of God’s creation. We were nervous at first, but then we became more confident as we presented to the other communities. Overall it was a great day and we are really happy we were able to celebrate the day with the school.

The Environmental Leaders
FATHERS'/SPECIAL PERSONS’ STALL & ACTIVITIES
Many thanks to our PIP parents who spent last Thursday, running the Fathers’ day stall & sausage sizzle. We raised around $380.00 from the stall and we ate over 600 sausages! Thanks to staff who helped with our activities. A well attended event with lots of happy dads, special people and children!

FOOTY COLOURS DAY
Many thanks for your donations. All the funds will be sent to Catholic Mission Australia who reach out to those who need our prayers and financial support. We raised $380.00!

SPORTS NEWS
Truganina District Athletics Carnival
On Friday, 2nd September, 37 students from Years 3-6 represented St Francis at the Truganina District Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to each of our students. You all gave your best as competitors and team members. You were terrific ambassadors for our school. Many thanks to Chris, Tanya and Paris, as well as all of the parents who joined us as parent volunteers or spectators on the day. Your support was highly appreciated. We extend special congratulations to Achouth, Baar and Callum who have been selected to represent the Truganina District at the Division Carnival on Tuesday, 13th September. What a great achievement and recognition of your efforts, boys!

Hoop Time
Today twenty students from Year 5/6 are representing our school in basketball at the Truganina District Hoop Time Tournament, organised by Basketball Victoria. We wish them all the best and know that they will be great representatives for our school.

Werribee Little Athletics
The Werribee Little Athletics Summer Season will begin on Sunday October 2nd. Would you or someone you know between the ages of 5 and 15 like to get involved in athletics? Werribee Little Athletics are holding a 'Come and Try' and Registration Day at the Victoria University Sports and Athletics Complex on Saturday September 17, between 10am - 12pm. Little Athletics is a great place to have fun, learn new skills and make friends along the way. For more information, visit http://www.wlac.com.au.

Werribee Giants Baseball Club
‘Come and Try Days’
Here is a great opportunity to have a go at the exciting sport of baseball!

T-Ball ‘Come and Try Days’ for boys and girls 4-10 years old are being held on Saturday 10th September from 10:30am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-2:30pm, as well as Sunday 11th Sept from 11:00am-12.30 pm.

Baseball ‘Come and Try Days’ for boys and girls 8-13 years old are running at the moment and you can join in on Saturday mornings through to Saturday, 24th September from 9:30am-11:00am (arrive at 9:15am)