END of TERM 3: Exciting learning has been taking place across the levels throughout this term. It was wonderful to have many parents come to the Prep-Yr 1 showcase of learning earlier in the week and we are all waiting for the Makers Faire which Yr 3-6 have been preparing for. The disco last night was a huge success with many of our students participating in this PIP event. The building and grounds development have kept us busy during the term—It is exciting to see so many students playing in and exploring both the indigenous and kitchen gardens. I commend the hard work of our staff and the high level engagement of our families as we continue to build community together.

Prep & 1 Inquiry Showcase of Learning

On Monday the Prep & 1 Inquiry Showcase was attended by over 50 parents/grandparents. The children were so proud of their learning and confidently spoke of what they had discovered. It was great to see the Prep & Yr 1 children working collaboratively in their learning. All families are invited to visit the Prep & Yr 1 Blog to view some photos of this event.

PRAYERS: Sadly, Thomas (grandfather of Alden and Shaun) passed away early this week. Our prayers and sympathy are with the family at this time. May he rest in peace.

Please pray for Joanna (great grandmother of Leah in Yr 2) and Arn (mother of Eddie in Yr 4 & grandmother of Zo’Arn in Yr 2) who is also in need of our prayers at this time.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) IPAD 2016: St Francis will be continuing with the voluntary BYOD iPad program for Yr 3-6 in 2016. If your child is going to be in Yr 3-6 in 2016 come to an ICT information evening on Wednesday 7th October at 7-8pm.

ST FRANCIS FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS FRIDAY OCTOBER 9

9.30am mass at SFA
12.00—3.00pm Maker Faire

Yr 3-6 students will be selling their own products and services at the Maker Faire! All students will have a chance to buy—they are invited to bring spending money for this event. Profits will be donated to a charity—This is SOCIAL JUSTICE in ACTION — very Franciscan!!

PARENT / GRANDPARENT volunteers needed to help on the day. Please see the attached Feast day invitation.

SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIME: 8.30-.50am.

Any drop off before this time requires a booking with Camp Australia. We have had two accidents recently between 8.10-8.29am because we have over 30 unsupervised children in the drop-off area. Parents are asked to attend to this matter—no drop off before staff are scheduled for duty at 8.30. The website for Camp Australia is www.campaustralia.com.au and enter our school name for details.

STEPTEMBER 4th—29th September is a fundraising initiative for children and adults living with Cerebral Palsy. One of our parents is participating in the program and is inviting the St Francis school community to sponsor her team. Go to steptember.org.au and press donate. Look for Ashlie Ryan’s name—she is part of team ‘JaxonRules’.

PIP: We would like to thank our PIP parents who worked so hard to organise our school disco. We raised $2900. What great partnership with our parents.
SCHOOL PHOTO'S will be sent home today.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION:
Thank you to our families who attended last week’s Reconciliation Workshop. It was very well attended. Parents are reminded to book in a time for your child’s First Reconciliation. You may go to the school website for further information about booking a time for Reconciliation.

HOOP TIME: Last Friday 16 students represented St Francis at the Truganina District Hoop Time Tournament. Hoop Time is a basketball tournament where teams have to play 6 games during the day. This was the first time our school had entered Hoop Time. We sent 2 teams from Year 5 and 6. The 2 teams we sent were nicknamed the Spurs and the Stars. We were very proud of the way the students represented our school with great pride and skill. Out of the 10 schools in our division our teams, the Spurs and the Stars, finished 1st and 3rd. It is a great achievement for our school to finish 1st and 3rd and we congratulate both teams on the great preparation they put into the lunchtime training sessions and at the tournament. We wish the St Francis Spurs team all the best for when they compete in the HoopTime Regional Finals that will be held on November 13th. Many thanks to Lucas for his leadership and enthusiasm in this area!

TCC Experience: Please read the reflections from our students on the attached flyer.

CK DJ and MC entertainment provided the music for our disco last night. We would like to thank Chris for offering his time and providing great music at our disco at no cost to the school. If you are in need of a DJ or MC for your own private function, check out Chris’ website: facebook.com/eightentertainment or contact him on his mobile: 0430 160 228.

WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH: We are encouraging children to walk to school during the month of October. Please see the flyer being sent home with today’s newsletter.

WESTERN FRUIT AND VEGETABLES located in Tarneit Village donated the apples and oranges for our school disco. We thank them very much for their donation. Again we see the generosity of people in our local community who support our school events.

PARISH FETE: - Saturday 17th October
Thankyou for your donations towards the fete. This is our fete—please consider how you can contribute further. Notes were sent home last week about cake making and/or helping on the day of the fete. Return your sold raffle tickets after the holidays. Many thanks

Wyndham City will once again host its annual Pet & Animal Expo on Sunday 27 September 2015 to be held at the Civic Centre in Werribee from 10am to 3pm. The Pet & Animal Expo is a fun, ‘family and pet’ friendly day where all activities and entertainment are FREE; this event is one not to be missed. Come along and enjoy the many activities!

DATES:
Sep 19 & 20: Reconciliation Presentation Mass
Oct 6: Term 4 begins for students
Oct 7: BYOD workshop—Yr 2-5 parents
Oct 9: SFA Feast Day celebrations & Maker Faire
Oct 13 & 14: PIP meetings
Oct 17: Parish Fete
Oct 19: Prep Orientation
Nov 2: CLOSURE DAY
Nov 3: CUP DAY HOLIDAY
Nov 10: Prep Orientation & PIP meetings
Nov 18: 2016 Prep Parent meeting
Nov 19: 1st Reconciliation celebrations