LENT: Lent is an opportunity to be consciously present to each other and to our God. Go to the following link where you will find a Lenten reflection. http://www.worshiphousemedia.com/mini-movies/36231/Lent-A-Journey
We remember to support the poor through supporting project compassion. Boxes will be sent home today.

PARENT-TEACHER CONVERSATIONS
At the beginning of every year we provide the opportunity for parents to meet their child’s home group teacher. This year we have an information session for each year level. These sessions will be held on Monday, 2nd March.

TIME: 6.30pm Yr 1 and Yr 2 parents
7.45pm Yr 3 – 6 parents

PURPOSE: To engage parents in the learning that is important for their children this year.

Through attendance at these meetings parents will: 1) Identify with the staff team working with their children in 2015, inclusive of specialists/support staff; 2) Know the key priorities for student learning in this level; 3) Be more familiar with the way differentiated learning works in this level and how specific needs can be addressed; 4) Know their role with home learning and be made aware of any tools they should be using; 5) Have opportunity to have their questions addressed.

Families with children in both Yr 1 and 2 are asked to choose which session to attend on this occasion.

Parents who wish to speak further with teachers about their child will have another opportunity to do so at a 10 minute conversation on Thursday 5th March: 4.00pm–7.30pm. Online bookings will be made available after Monday’s information session. These follow up parent-teacher conversations are optional.

Please note that Amy Henderson (Yr 2 Home Group teacher) will be available for appointments on Wednesday, 4th March from 3.35 – 5.00pm.

PREP parents are invited to attend an information session and BBQ on Monday 16th March at 6.30pm. Children are welcome for this gathering.


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SWIMMING On Monday Feb 23 we will have a number of our students swimming in the District Inter-school Swimming Sports. We wish them well knowing they will do their best. Thanks to Lucas who has done all the organising for this.

YR 6 PARENTS: Enrolments at Catholic Secondary Colleges for 2016 close Friday 27th February. Information regarding enrolment at Thomas Carr College is available from our office until Wednesday.

YR 6 LEADERSHIP CELEBRATION: On Wednesday 4th March there is a Year 6 leadership mass and picnic for all Year 6 students and their families. This is being held at St James Church. Please return the reply slip by 27th February.

YR 5/6 CAMP: March 18-20th. All senior students are expected to participate in this important learning experience.

Information session for parents: Thursday 26th February @ 6.30pm. We strongly encourage parents to attend if possible.

SACRAMENTAL DATES 2015: Please note the dates for Sacraments this year. More details will be given at the parent information evenings. All sacraments are celebrated at St James the Apostle Parish, 332 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing North.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
- Sunday, 31st May at 2.00pm

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST
- Saturday 22nd August at 3pm OR
- Saturday 29th August at 12.30pm & 3.00pm.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION
- Thursday 12th November at 10.30am, 1.30pm or 7.00pm.
More details about selection of First Eucharist mass and Reconciliation service will be provided at the information meeting.

No 3 St Francis of Assisi

VOLUNTEER TRAINING
We invite all members of our school community who would like to volunteer in our learning spaces to join us for our Volunteer Training sessions. These session are for volunteers who have not completed the training previously at SFA. All volunteers will need to have a current 'Working With Children Card' and complete the training before working with children in the learning spaces.

If you are interested please join us for one of the following sessions:
- Thursday 5th March at 9:10am
- Monday 16th March at 2pm
Please see Emily or Andrea if you have any questions.

BOOKCLUB: Book club orders were due by today. No more orders can be made after today.

BYOD IPAD WORKSHOP: Susan will be running workshops for parents at school, focusing on setting up your accounts to have family sharing and to answer general questions about the iPads. Please come along with your devices and any questions.

Dates: Wed 25th February 9am-10am
Wed 4th March 6am-7am
Wed 4th March 9-10am

PARISH NEWS:
THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISH RAFFLE 2015:
Parish Raffle Tickets have been sent home today. There are 3 Toyota cars to be won and the raffle will be drawn on 22nd May. All sold ticket stubs and unsold tickets need to be back to school by Friday 16th March.

PRAYER & REFLECTION at ST JAMES PARISH: The Way of the Cross -
During Lent, time to reflect on the Stations of the Cross will be every Friday from February 20th at 7.30pm in the Church.

Lenten Faith Sharing Groups -
These will facilitated by Peter O’Toole over all Tuesdays of Lent starting 7.30pm in the Presbytery. Next date 24th February.

Mission 15 Mass: Sunday 1st March at 10.30am. At this mass a group of young parishioners and some staff from our primary schools (including Taryn) will be reflecting on their experience of their mission in the Philippines.