ST JAMES PARISH FETE
Saturday 18th October 10am-4pm.

Hope you’re coming! Lots of fun for the children and a great community builder as well as fund raiser!

See the St Francis staff at the face painting stall!!!

Wrist bands still available at school tomorrow morning: unlimited rides, sausage, donut and drink for $27.

RECONCILIATION: A reminder to Yr 3 parents that reply slips for the 10.30 session for First Reconciliation are due back tomorrow.

PREP ORIENTATION: Monday 20th October. We are looking forward to welcoming 2015 Prep children and their parents to St Francis. How exciting to think of a whole new cohort getting ready to be part of our school community. Three sessions are being held on Monday:

- Group 1 9.20am-10.40am
- Group 2 11.40am-1.00pm
- Group 3 2.00pm-3.20pm

PARENT SURVEY developed by the PIP Project Group is now available. We are seeking feedback about the curriculum being offered at St Francis. Please follow the link to complete the short survey by tomorrow, Friday 17th October: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8HGFP36

More people responding please! It will only take a few minutes to complete and it will inform our planning.

SCHOOL REVIEW: All Catholic Primary schools operate on a cycle of a four year improvement plan. As we approach our fourth year of operation we are preparing for the process of External School Review. This involves reflection by the community of areas of the school that are highly effective and those areas that require a focus for improvement. The surveys that staff, children and parents complete are used to guide this reflection. Your participation in this process is encouraged. Please continue to complete any surveys we make available and participate in the leader conversations and workshops that are offered. An external reviewer will then come to the school in 2015 to read our self-reflection report, examine our data and meet representatives of the community. He/She will then provide the leadership team with recommendations for school improvement. This will both validate and add value to our School Improvement plan. Together we will identify how we can continue to build a vibrant Catholic learning community of peace, justice, respect and excellence.

YR 5 PARENTS: It is time to be making decisions about Secondary education for your child. Hopefully you will make the choice of Thomas Carr College for Yr 7. Applications for enrolment at Catholic Colleges need to be made in March next year. Please check the College web sites for information about the enrolment process. Yr 5 students will spend time at Thomas Carr College on Tuesday 28th October 10.00am-2.00pm. The purpose of the activity is to give them an idea of the nature of a Secondary College.

SUN SMART: A reminder that children need to wear hats while they are outside during term 4. Hats are available through the uniform shop or from the school office.
**PARENT CONVERSATIONS** have been held during the year. Another one is scheduled for next week: Wednesday 22nd October 6.30-7.30pm. This one hour evening session is being offered for those parents unable to attend school functions during the day. You are encouraged to take this opportunity to meet informally with the leadership team of the school. There is no agenda—You are free to discuss or ask questions about any issues related to the school.

**PIP**: Our next meeting is Tuesday (21st October). All parents are most welcome to be involved in our meetings. We have a focus on Fundraising, Social Activities, Grounds Development and a Project Group (currently: the scope of curriculum offered at St Francis). We meet for 1.5 hours at 2.00pm and 7.30pm. Come to whichever time is most suitable for you.

**CYBER SAFETY** is an important well-being issue for our children. They need to be skilled in using technology while at the same time learning how to keep themselves safe on-line. As guardians, it is hard to keep up to date with all the opportunities and the dangers of technologies. A workshop for parents is being offered on Tuesday, 28th October. See the attached flier with the details. You are strongly encouraged to attend one of the sessions if at all possible.

**LOST PROPERTY**: There are many items in the lost property box (all without names). 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. This box will be emptied shortly and lost items will be offered to families for their use or be used in sick bay for emergencies.

**VICTORIAN WELSH CHOIR CONCERT**: Sunday 2nd November 2.00-4.00pm St James Community Hall Tickets: $20 Adults & $10 Children Contact: Gayle Murphy 9749 7713 murphy.oski@bigpond.com

**DATES TO REMEMBER**
- 20th Oct: Prep Orientation
- 21st Oct: PIP meeting
- 22nd Oct: Parent Conversation with leaders – 6.30
- 28th Oct: Cyber safety workshop
- 29th Oct: First Reconciliation celebration
- 30th Oct: Yr 2/3 excursion—Scienceworks
- 3rd Nov: School Closure Day
- 4th Nov: Melbourne Cup Day - holiday
- 12th Nov: Yr 6 Friendly Communities Day TCC
- 14th Nov: Parent Conversation with leaders - 9.00
- 18th Nov: St Clare’s 2015 Prep Orientation
- 18th Nov: PIP
- 19th Nov: St Francis 2015 Prep Orientation
- 25th Nov: St Francis 2015 Prep Parent Info Night
- 26th Nov: St Clare’s 2015 Prep Parent Info Night
- 2nd Dec: Transition Day—SFA, SC & TCC
- 3rd Dec: End of Year School Activity—evening
- 9th Dec: Yr 6 Graduation
- 11th Dec: Thankyou morning tea for volunteers
- 17th Dec: Students last day. Dismissal 3.30pm

**FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS**