STATUE OF OUR LADY is being held at St Francis for the month of October. October is traditionally known as the month of Mary. The statue will be placed in our sacred space and in our learning spaces. Parents and children will have the opportunity to pray to Mary for their own intentions. Our Lady, pray for us.

PRAYERS & SUPPORT: We offer our condolences to Phil, Joanne & Lauren (Prep Nadine) after the sudden loss of Phil’s father, Kevin, last Sunday. May he rest in peace.

We continue to pray for Arn (mother of Eddie in Yr 4 & grandmother of Zo’Arn in Yr 2) who continues to be in need of our prayers at this time. Arn is now out of intensive care and is making good progress. We would like to thank families and staff who have been able to contribute to a meals roster. We are still in need of a number of volunteers to provide meals for this family so that we can finalise a roster. Please contact the office on 9731 6004 if you can help.

OUR ST FRANCIS FEAST DAY celebration last Friday was truly a positive experience for our community. Many thanks to all who attended our mass and supported the Maker Faire. Our Year 3—6s did an outstanding job with the variety of items that were for sale as well as the provision of delicious food and drink. We are proud to announce that $2509.25 was raised for Catholic Mission from the Makers Faire. Check out the attached flyer with reflections from students and pictures from our Maker Faire.

ST JAMES PARISH FETE
Saturday 17th October
Come and join in the fun!
10am—4pm

WRIST BANDS will be available for sale at St Francis TOMORROW 8.30am—9.00am. $30 before the Fete or $35 on Fete Day. These wrist bands get you unlimited rides on the Bad Boys, Giant Slide, Chair-o Plane, Mini Ferris Wheel and Jungle Combo along with a sausage, drink and a donut.

WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH: We are encouraging our students to walk to school during the month of October. Our whole community walk to school day will be next Friday—please see the information sheet attached to this newsletter.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: We are happy to announce that Salli Engelander will be based at SFA from late next week. If any family would like to make use of counselling services, please contact Arthur to begin the process. We are very happy to have this service as part of our community.

CELEBRATION OF DANCE: Please see the attached flyer with information about this important school community celebration of learning. More details to follow next week.
Lleyton (pictured above) made the billy cart with his father and donated it as a prize for our raffle. Funds raised from this raffle also go to Catholic mission.

**PREP ORIENTATION:** It will be very exciting to welcome our 2016 preps to school on Monday. We have 3 sessions during the day with a total of 65 preps for next year. Please refer to the home page of the school website for more details if your child is involved in this program.

**RECONCILIATION IMMERSION DAY** is being held on Thursday, October 29 at St James primary school. All year 3 students will be receiving a permission note regarding this excursion on Monday. Please return the permission slip by Monday, October 26.

This year the PIP Project group have put forth a recommendation for home group structures in 2016 to the staff at SFA. They are now putting together a video that will share their learning and journey towards formulating a recommendation that will be ready by the end of November.

**NETBALL CLINICS:** Through the Sporting Schools grant we received last term, the Yr.3-6 students will be participating in a netball program this term. The NetSetGo program will be coached by Tennille who is a Netball accredited coach. The program will run for four weeks and will allow the student to build their netball skills through fun games and drills.

**DATES:**
- Oct 17: Parish Fete
- Oct 19: Prep Orientation—Session 1
- 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

**WORKING BEE**

**Saturday, October 24th**
9am—12noon

The GROUNDS group had a productive meeting last night. They have organised a working bee which will be to develop garden beds along the driveway and to distribute mulch. **We will need you to bring wheel barrows and shovels.** Please email Chrissy at: cedwards@sfatarneit.catholic.edu.au if you have any questions.

**ASSISTANCE FOR GROUND MAINTENANCE:**

The Grounds team & the Environmental team are looking for help. We are looking for people who would be happy to be part of a roster system to let the chooks out over the weekend and lock them up at night. ALSO, We need people who are able to help out in the garden to do various jobs including weeding, whipper snipping, mowing and planting. We have a few major projects that need to be completed by the end of this term and are looking for helpers.

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**HELP WANTED**

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