STATUE OF OUR LADY: The month of October is traditionally the month when we remember Mary, the Mother of God. We currently have the statue of Our Lady of Fatima in our spaces. We take this time to focus our RE learning around the prayers we can pray to Mary, especially to pray the Rosary. Follow the link to find out how to pray the Rosary: http://www.cam.org.au/Catholic-Faith/Prayers/The-Rosary/The-Rosary/Article/768/how-do-i-pray-the-rosary

We encourage you to take a moment to pray the Hail Mary with your child/ren for any special intentions you may have. Our Lady, faithful disciple, pray for us.

We remember Juan, grandfather of Jarvis (Yr 2) who passed away last night. We keep his family in our prayers.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: We continue to pray for our Year 3 children who will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation next week. The children have been well prepared and are looking forward to this next step of their faith journey.

SCHOOL REVIEW: We have started the formal process of reflection with the staff and will be holding student conversations to inform our review of current practices and programs. We encourage as many parents as possible to attend our next parent conversation with leaders. This is on Friday, November 14 at 9.00am. At this meeting we will have a conversation around the relative strengths and challenges of our school according to the Parent Opinion Report. Your voice in this process is very important to us, so please save the date!

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 this Tuesday, 28th October. You are strongly encouraged to attend one of the sessions if at all possible. Please return the reply slip indicating your attendance.

9.15am or 7.00pm Come and see our senior students in action!

YEAR 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

Students who travel through TCC This is a reminder to all the students who travel through TCC to come to school. If you are walking from the main gate and footpath that is on the oval side of the gates. This is the safest way to get to SFA. Please don’t walk on the roadway or through the car park, it is not safe to do so.

SUN SMART: Children need to wear hats while they are outside during term 4. Hats are available through the uniform shop or from the school office. The new hats are legionnaire style. $10.00
Make me a channel of your peace; Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

**PIP:** Our PIP groups continue to reflect and plan together around our social, fundraising and project planning. Please save the dates for a number of school events that are being organised for this term. The **Fundraising team** reflected on the success of the Father’s Day Stall and school disco. Planning was completed around the details of the upcoming Christmas raffle. The **Project team** reflected on the parent survey that focused on the curriculum being offered here at SFA. We had 16 parents complete the survey. The results reflected an overall satisfaction with the curriculum being offered and the feedback being provided around student learning. Issues that will be further investigated with staff is our home learning policy, our sport and music program and the provision of a LOTE.

**SUMMER UNIFORM** is to be worn by all students from next week. Either our old or new summer uniform is acceptable. If your child has the new summer shorts/skort these can be worn every day. Girls also have the choice of wearing the summer dress—this remains the same. If children are wearing the summer dress or grey shorts, black leather shoes must be worn. If they are wearing the sports/sporty uniform then joggers (as plain as possible in mainly black or white) is the requirement. Remember that long hair should be tied back (with yellow or blue ribbons) and no jewellery (other than studs/sleepers or watches) should be worn.

**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.

**PLANTER BOXES:**

We thank Jourdan (father of Bailey & Tyrece) for making our third planter box for our outdoor learning area. We love the look being created in this part of our playground.

**WE WELCOME BACK** Andrea from long service leave. We hope you have had a well earned break and look forward to having you back in our spaces!!

**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**

28th Oct: Cyber safety workshop
Yr 5 TCC Experience
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: Christmas presentation —evening
9th Dec: Yr 6 Graduation
11th Dec: Thankyou morning tea for volunteers
17th Dec: End of year mass 9.15am
Students last day. Dismissal 3.30pm