ALL SAINTS DAY: Tomorrow, 1st November. The parish mass will be celebrated at school at 9.15am with all students attending. Families are most welcome to join us.

MONTH of REMEMBRANCE: At the mass we will present the school’s Remembrance Book. Any family who has lost a loved one during the year is invited to write their name and date of death in the book. We will remember them in our prayers throughout the month. Staff can help children write in the book or parents are most welcome to come in any time during November to add the names.

MASS of REMEMBRANCE: Thursday 21st November at St James Church. Families who have loved ones who have died this year are asked to bring a photo of their loved one to the mass. All parishioners are welcome to come and support the families of the deceased.

Congratulations to our Confirmation candidates who were confirmed last Sunday. This was a beautiful celebration for the parish community. May we continue to be filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit as we continue our journey in faith.

PIP - Walkathon Wednesday 22nd November. All children are encouraged to find sponsors for this activity. All funds raised will provide further resources for learning at St Francis of Assisi. Great prizes available for participants.

Calendar Fundraiser: Today the children participated in a family activity to create a piece of artwork that will be used for our school fundraiser. Families were able to order calendars, cards or diaries featuring their children’s wonderful artwork.

The entry gardens are complete and what a difference they make to our school. Many thanks to Peter & Graham (Professional Landscapes) who designed and undertook the works.

Let’s keep the grounds work going!
Wednesday November 6th 5.30-7.30pm
We need help to prepare sensory gardens area for planting.
Thursday November 7th 9.00am-3.00 pm
Parents to help students with planting.

We have 150 plants. There’s lots of great gardening to be done and we need the support of the community to make it happen! Return the slip from last week’s flier to let us know if you can help.

The ‘oval’ area will be levelled and planted this month—We look forward to making this space available for play early next year!

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Sing out your joy to all the earth
Make me a channel of your peace;
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

New Entry to School  fantastic new garden!

FUNDRAISER - MATTEL TICKETS
Tarneit Central Kindergarten is running a fundraiser selling tickets to the Mattel Toy Shop in Derrimut. Shopping Day is Thursday November 21st 10am until 1pm. Tickets are $10 each. Tickets will be on sale in the foyer near the office on Thursday 14th November at 9am or contact Toni on 0417 519 504.

ROAD SAFETY: A reminder that pick up time is very busy around the school. Parents who are illegally parking on the corner of Fairview Pde and Ribbon Gum Dve are creating unsafe conditions for other drivers and pedestrians. The road rule is: No parking within 10 metres of an intersection. Children are also crossing the road too close to the driveway into Fairview Pde. We have a supervised children’s crossing. All parents should be modelling the use of this crossing.

WELCOME to newly appointed staff:
We are growing! We currently have an enrolment of 274. In 2014 we will have 375 students. Next year we will have 14 home groups (we currently have 11). I’m delighted to announce that the following staff will join our team next year: Mr Lucas Mangani (Lucas already does a lot of work with us); Ms Alicia Borg (Alicia completed a placement with us last term); Ms Christil Haikal and Ms Taryn Darlow. We look forward to this group of young, enthusiastic teachers to our team.

Children not returning to St Francis Assisi school in 2014 (This does not apply to Yr 6 Students): If your child/children will not be returning to St Francis in 2014, could you please complete the slip that was sent home recently and return it to the office as soon as possible. This information will help us plan for next year.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
Nov 4: SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY : Cup Eve
Nov 5: MELBOURNE CUP HOLIDAY
Nov 6: School planting day preparation.
Nov 7: School Planting Day.
Nov 9: Yr 6 assessments @ TCC
Nov 13: Prep 2014 Orientation
Nov 13: Yr 2 excursion :You Yangs & Werribee Sth Beach
Nov 19: PIP meeting
Nov 22: Walkathon & Family Planting Activity