CELEBRATION OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY: The month of November is dedicated to remembrance and prayer for all those who have died, especially loved ones we have lost during the past year. Within our Catholic Tradition we believe strongly in the Communion of Saints—those people who have been formally declared as saints and those who have died having lived in the spirit of the Gospel. We are all called to be saints: people who love God with all our heart and soul and who love one another. The month begins with All Saints Day (Saturday) and All Souls Day (Sunday). We give thanks for those people we have loved who have died and we pray that they may rest in eternal peace. May we model our lives on the lives of the saints.

St Francis: Pray for us.
St James: Pray for us.
St Clare: Pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop: Pray for us.
All holy men and women: Pray for us.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY: Monday, November 3
MELBOURNE CUP DAY: Tuesday November 4
There is no school for children on these days next week.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION: Congratulations to all the children who participated in the preparation program for Reconciliation. Yesterday’s celebrations of the Sacrament were both prayerful and joyful. Many thanks to the Yr 2/3 staff and Lucy who ensured that the children were very well prepared.

SCHOOL REVIEW: 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 join the leaders if possible.

Students who travel through TCC: If you are walking from the main gates, you need to use the small gate and footpath that is on the oval side of the gates. This is the safest way to get to SFA. It is not safe to walk on the roadway or through the car park.

PIP—CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: In the near future tickets will be sent home with every family for the Christmas Raffle. We have lots of exciting prizes that have been donated. More information will be sent home next week.

DATES TO REMEMBER
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
4th Dec: SFA Choir Carol singing at Woolworths
9th Dec: Yr 6 Graduation 7.30pm
11th Dec: Thankyou morning tea for volunteers
17th Dec: End of year mass 9.15am
Students last day. Dismissal 3.30pm

All families who have a family member or friend who has died during the year are invited to write that person’s name in our school’s Book of Remembrance. It is on the prayer table in the Yr 4-6 shared space.

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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.

VICTORIAN WELSH CHOIR CONCERT
Sunday 2nd November
2.00-4.00pm
St James Community Hall
Tickets: $20 Adults
& $10 Children
Contact: Gayle Murphy
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SFA’s Got Talent
Aleena Hinso & Jason Ghidan
On Friday, the 14th of November, Yr. 4-6 is hosting SFA’s Got Talent. We are a part of the promotion team and we would like to tell you that there will be many excellent acts and performances which will include dancing, singing, musical talents and much more. Children from P-3 are invited to come and watch.

All children who are coming are asked to bring a gold coin donation. We will use the donations to help us send ‘shoeboxes’ to children in another country who are less fortunate than us. These shoeboxes have been provided to us by Operation Christmas Child which is run by Samaritan’s Purse. We have been filling our shoe boxes with letters that we wrote, a book we produced, musical instruments we created, some loom bands we made and puppets we designed.

So, by providing your child with a gold coin on this day you will also be contributing to our mission work and your children will be entertained. We’re hoping lots of students will come along. They will be entering a world of creativity, imagination, skills and talent. They won’t want to miss it.