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.

PREP ORIENTATION: We have had two sessions now to introduce the 2014 Preps to our learning spaces and the staff. Parents have engaged with school leaders to develop a deeper understanding of our culture. Information Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 20th November at St Francis.

VISION
A vibrant Catholic learning community of peace, justice, respect and excellence.

SPECIAL FUNDRAISING EVENT for the victims of super typhoon Haiyan.

WHEN: Sunday November 17
WHERE: Werribee Park Mansion
        (Gate 2, K Rd, Werribee)
        10.00am—4.00pm

Activities during the event
- Facepainting (children)
- Balloon on stick/bubble corner (children)
- Acoustic session
- Mini boot camp
- BBQ sizzle
- 10 minute massage
For further information please contact Rodalyn on 0432 542 556.

COME ALONG TO SUPPORT THIS FUNDRAISER for those suffering devastation and loss in the Philippines.

PIP: Final meeting for the year!
TUESDAY 19th November
2.00pm & 7.30pm
Review of year and celebration of 2013
All are welcome—to have input into our reflections.

THOMAS CARR COLLEGE: Travelling Art & Technology Exhibition: Display of student works will be on show at St Francis on Monday & Tuesday next week. Prep-6 students will have an opportunity to view the works. Parents are most welcome to come to the Yr 3-6 area.

UNIFORM REVIEW: A display of the proposed new uniform for our school will be in the foyer next week. Do come in, have a look and provide your feedback.
Some parents have expressed concern about the possible costs of the change. The introduction of any changes will be from term 4, 2014 til the end of 2017—ensuring no extra costs are incurred by any family.

Walkathon Friday 22nd November. All children are encouraged to find sponsors for this activity. Funds raised will provide further resources for learning at St Francis of Assisi. Great prizes available for participants. Children are to wear their sports uniform and hat; and have a drink bottle for the activity.
Lunch will be provided: a hot dog, super dooper and a drink (Thanks PIP).
Walking and sports activities will be held on Thomas Carr College oval.
Come and support the activity: 9.00—12.00.

CONGRATULATIONS to Natania, 1 Matt and her parents Hana & Mayimer on the arrival of a new addition to their family, Michael born on 26 September.
Make me a channel of your peace; Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

ROAD SAFETY: There are serious concerns about parents still parking illegally across and close to corners. Also, crossing Fairview Pde outside our entry gate instead of at the crossing will lead to poor road use by children. If parents can use the drive through and pick children up inside the grounds we could easily improve safety for our children at the end of the day. Please consider this option.

MONEY/FORMS: When returning money and forms please give them to the child’s homegroup teacher, not the office, clearly marked with the child’s name, homegroup, what the money is for and the amount enclosed. Many thanks — this will assist greatly in the processing of returns.

Our planned family planting day on Friday 22nd November has been postponed until Autumn. When planting the indigenous plants we found that we need to do further soil preparation. Hope you can join in when we plant our orchard and trees across our grounds early next year.

GROUND: Hopefully the rain is providing our sensory garden with the right amount of water for them to establish well. Many thanks to the parents and grandparents who worked so hard last week to prepare for the student planting day. Special thanks to Jourdan Camille for your beautiful work with the planter boxes—we now have two! The landscapers are now working on establishing an extra play space outside Yr 3-6. It’s good to see the work begun.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION & FAMILY NIGHT
Thursday 5th December
6.00pm—8.00pm
Children presenting the Christmas story in drama & song.
BYO picnic

Put this date in your diary!

ST CLARE’S INFORMATION MEETING:
Wednesday 27th November 7.30pm at St Francis Come along to hear what has been happening regarding the planning for this new school. See the plans, hear about the educational philosophy and meet others who are interested in this new venture of our parish. Register your intention to attend: info@sfatarneit.catholic.edu.au

PARISH NEWS:
HEALING MASS for the community will be celebrated on Wednesday 20th November at 4.00pm. Our Yr 6 students have been invited to attend to assist with hospitality at this mass. Hopefully, many of those recently confirmed are able to provide this service.

VICTORIAN WELSH MALE CHOIR & the Werribee Concert Band can be heard at the St James Gym on Sunday 24th November @ 2.00pm: $20 adult; $10 child. For more information or to get tickets to this great family event, contact Gayle Murphy on 9749 7713 or murphy.oski@bigpond.com

DATES TO REMEMBER:
Nov 19: PIP meeting & Yr 2 excursion
Nov 22: Walkathon
Nov 26 & 28: Uniform sale days 8.00—3.00
Nov 27: St Clare’s community information night
Dec 1: Advent begins
Dec 3: Yr 7 Orientation and Yr 1-6 Transition session
Dec 5: Christmas presentation & family night