ALL SAINTS’ and ALL SOULS’ DAY are two significant celebrations in our Church calendar. All Saints’ Day (Nov 1) calls us to remember the saints of the Church. The saints are the heroes of our faith who lived spirit-filled lives and have been recognised as extraordinary, holy people.

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

All Souls’ Day (Nov 2) is a day of remembrance and prayer for those who have died. This is a day in the Catholic Church that reminds us that although our loved ones are no longer with us, we can unite with them in prayer. We remember all members in our community who have lost a loved one, especially in the past year. May our prayers give them comfort and peace.

We pray: Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

PRAYERS for the SICK: We pray for Arn (mother of Eddie Yr 4 & grandmother of Zo’Arn Yr 2), Edmond (who lives in Poland and is grandfather of Pola Yr 3 & Hannah Prep) and Tarryn McRae who are ill at this time.

WALK TO SCHOOL: Congratulations to all the families who have been walking to school during this month. On Friday 188 students walked to school accompanied by teachers and families. It was great to see so many happy and active students proudly wearing their ‘I walked to school’ stickers.

REMEMBRANCE BOOK
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 2 shared space. Please come in or send the details (name and date of death) to your eldest child’s home group teacher.

NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN
Monday & Tuesday Nov 2nd & 3rd

Monday is staff preparation day for the Parent-Student-Teacher Conversations (reporting).

Tuesday Melbourne Cup Holiday.

PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT CONVERSATIONS
Begin on Wednesday 5th Nov and continue on Monday 9th & Thursday 12th Nov. Parents need to make on-line appointments with their child/ren’s teachers. Call the school office if you need help with this. Meetings will be for 15 minutes and conversations will focus on samples of children’s work and what these are demonstrating in relation to their learning growth and the expected standard.
PREP ORIENTATION & YR 6 TRANSITION:
On Tuesday 10th November our 2016 Prep children return for their 2nd orientation session at St Francis. On the same day our Yr 6 students participate in a Community Friendly day at Thomas Carr College with Yr 6 students from other local Catholic primary schools. Both experiences are an important part of the process of moving into the next major stage of schooling.

CELEBRATION of DANCE:
See the attached flier for information and please return the reply slip as soon as possible. This is our end of year community celebration. Please make every effort to attend.

THOMAS CARR 2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
The Parents and Friends of Thomas Carr run a Second Hand Uniform Shop on a volunteer basis. The shop is open during term time only, each Thursday from 3.00pm to 4.00pm and is located in D3, in the Year 9 Centre. We have a large variety of second hand uniforms that can be purchased.

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Saturday 7th November from 9.30am to 11.30am.
Good condition current uniform styles only can be left on consignment. All items must be clean and in good condition.

Please note we only accept cash and cheque (no EFTPOS available). For all enquiries please contact the P&F on 0419 115 115 or parentsandfriends@thomascarr.vic.edu.au

PARISH NEWS:
We are proud to announce that we have now established the Church Building Extension Committee. This Committee will be tasked with exploring what needs to occur to extend and provide extra space for our worshipping community within the Church. Thank you to Fr Mario Zammit, Geralyn McCarthy, Andrew Watson, Michael Piacentini, Mary Abbott and Darren Hili who have formed this Committee and will assist Fr Jude in the process. Let us keep them and their work in our prayers.

DATES
Nov 1: All Saints Day
Nov 2: CLOSURE DAY
All Souls Day
Nov 3: CUP DAY HOLIDAY
Nov 4: Parent Teacher Conversations
Nov 5: Year 2 Incursion
Nov 9: Parent Teacher Conversations
Nov 10: Prep Orientation & PIP meetings
Nov 11: Remembrance Day
Nov 12: Parent Teacher Conversations
Nov 18: 2016 Prep Parent meeting
Nov 19: 1st Reconciliation celebrations

GROUND & BUILDING:
Our front gardens are looking wonderful! Such great work by the PIP team and the families who joined in the working bee on Saturday. Paving has been completed in the kitchen garden and now we are ready to top dress the soil and grow grass! We are currently looking at tables/seating as well as extra playground equipment to add further opportunities for play and learning in that area. Our new buildings continue to develop. The bright green is eye catching and the covered outdoor area can now be seen. Plastering is about to happen. We look forward to our new learning spaces being ready by Christmas.

BRING YOUR OWN IPAD YR 3-6 PROGRAM 2016:
All families with children in Yr 3-6 next year should now have a booklet with information regarding our optional iPad program for Yr 3-6 in 2016. Please read this booklet carefully and if you have any questions you can email Susan: smillard@sfatarneit.catholic.edu.au or call the school to request a call back or appointment.