Sing out your joy to all the earth

**CELEBRATING ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS’ DAYS**  
**November 1st & 2nd**

During the month of November we remember our loved ones who have died and have joined with the saints in eternal life.

We invite families who have lost a loved one over the past 12 months to write their name in our St Francis Remembrance Book so that the whole community can pray for them during this month of remembrance.

_You will find the book on the prayer table in the Pace Plaza._

We begin the month with whole school prayer on Wednesday, 2nd November at 9.15am.

Children are invited to bring a flower to place in our sacred space.

**SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS**
**Monday, October 31st & Tuesday, November 1st**

Monday: staff will be preparing for the Parent-Student -Teacher Conversations (reporting).

Tuesday: Melbourne Cup Day.

**OPEN DOORS:** Parents who attended either the Parent Only information session and/or the Yr 5/6 Parent-Child workshop are invited to pass on their feedback about the sessions via the online survey:  
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MBF7TF3

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM**
**Wednesday 2nd November**
9.30-10.30am & 7.30-8.30pm

Come to one of these sessions to renew your commitment to the life of the parish.

**BYOD:** Students in Yr 3-6 are invited to participate in a _Bring Your Own Device_ program. In preparation for 2017, parents of current Yr 2 –5 children are welcome at an information session on Monday 14th November: 7.00-7.45pm. Please mark this date in your diary.

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**VISION**

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

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**LEARNING CONVERSATIONS**
**Tonight and 7th & 9th November**

Parents/Carers of Prep-Yr 6 children should now have an appointment. It is most important that every family is involved in this reporting session. Children are to come to the meetings as they have been reflecting on their learning and have reflections to share.

If you have not already done so, use the event code 3ne58 to make a booking online at: www.schoolinterviews.com.au

If you need support to make the booking please contact the school office: 9731 6004.

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**THOMAS CARR COLLEGE**

**Year 5**
**Parent Information Night**
**Thursday, November 3rd**
7.00pm— 8.30pm
**PIP REPORTS**

**Social and Fundraising Group** was attended by seven parents who have planned the Christmas raffle for 2016. The PIP team are now approaching businesses for donations to this raffle. If there are any families who own a business and would like to donate a prize for the Christmas raffle, please call Lucy at the school or send an email to: lvassallo@sfatarneit.catholic.edu.au.

**Gardens & Maintenance Group:** At our last meeting, attended by six dads with Chrissy and Arthur, we had a walk around the grounds to celebrate the work already done and to look at upcoming jobs. We looked at seating that could be put into the MacKillop Plaza area and some seating designs for around the new tree. We have planned two working bees to get these jobs done as well as planting in the new garden area. The dates for the next two working bees are December 10, 2016 and 29 January 2017.

**Project Group:** At our last meeting we drafted the documentation that will become available to the community later this term. By strengthening our reporting processes we believe that there will be a significantly positive impact on student learning at SFA.

**WE HAVE A BUDDY BENCH!!**

The Year 6 Wellbeing Leadership Team have been working on a project to get a Buddy Bench for the school. The Buddy Bench is a place where students can go to and sit down if they are lonely or need a friend. Other students who may see a student sitting on the Buddy Bench will know that they need a friend. We wrote a letter to Bunnings to ask if they would like to donate the Buddy Bench to our school—and they did!!! With the help of Bunnings we put the bench together and painted it! Thank you Bunnings! The Buddy Bench will be ready for use next week.

The Year 6 Wellbeing Leadership Team really want to make a positive impact with the Buddy Bench and hope that the Bench will be able to make school a more comfortable environment for all students. To reach this goal we need your cooperation, so please use the bench for what it is designed for—making friends and welcoming others. *Aidan, Elizabeth, Mari & Stef*

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**POETRY**

**Your Imagination**

Your imagination is part of your creation!
It can spread across an entire nation.
It can also create a combination.
I have desperation for imagination.
It turns life into a celebration.
It's something you can't conquer,
It can really make you wonder.
It shows characterisation,
It treats you with a vacation.
It's one thing you can take,
Then you can't ever escape.
It takes you to a new destination,
Prepare for a unique creation.
This is a part of your imagination!
*Written by Alyssa.G—Year 5 Jackie*