REMEMBRANCE DAY
This year 11 November marks the 96th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). Each year on this day we observe one minute’s silence at 11am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. As a school community we shall gather at 10.50am to take part in this ritual of remembrance. We are fortunate to live in a country that enjoys peace in our days. Let us remember them.

Poppies for sale 20 cents each from tomorrow

MONTH of REMEMBRANCE
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.

PARISH MASS of REMEMBRANCE
Friday 14th November at St James Church 7.30pm. Families who have lost family members or close friends during the year are invited to bring a photo of their loved one and join in this Eucharistic celebration of remembrance. All parishioners are invited to come and support these families.

WORKING BEE
Attention all handymen and handywomen – later in this Term we will be building the enclosure for our orchard and constructing some timber vegie gardens—if you are skilled in this sort of work we need your assistance. Please see Arthur at school or contact the office if you are able to help—the date is yet to be finalised but it will be within the next few weeks. We will have a BBQ lunch on completion.

TRANSITION: Yr 5 & 6 Parents
For all parents who have children moving to secondary college in the next two years, a Transition Information Evening will be held on Thursday 13th November at 7.30pm at St. Peter Apostle Primary School. This is a joint presentation by Thomas Carr College and the 3 primary schools in the area: St Francis, St James and St Peter’s. It will feature presentations from the primary school and the secondary school perspective. A flyer about the evening is going home tomorrow.

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 us if possible.

PIP—CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Tickets will be sent home next Thursday with every family for the Christmas Raffle. Tickets $1 each. Four various sized Hamper prizes. Will be drawn December 3rd after the Christmas Presentation (approx. 7.45pm)
Make me a channel of your peace;
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

PLANNING for the END of YEAR
There are several opportunities for parents to be involved in the life of the school in December. We hope to see each of you at one or more of these events.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS—End of Year School Presentation: We are looking forward to our end of year school presentation: Wednesday 3rd December 6.30pm. Please see attached flier for details of this event.

YR 6 GRADUATION: Mass & Graduation Ceremony on Tuesday 9th December 7.30-9.30pm.

VOLUNTEER THANK YOU: An opportunity for students and staff to thank the many volunteers who have added value to our learning community this year. Thursday 11th December 9.00-10.00am.

END OF YEAR MASS: Our final whole school liturgy will take place at 9:15am on Wednesday, 17th December. At this Mass, we will celebrate and give thanks for our third year as a school community and acknowledge the families who are leaving St Francis. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

DATES TO REMEMBER
12th Nov: Yr 6 Friendly Communities Day TCC
13th Nov: Yr 5/6 Parent Workshop re Transition 7.00
14th Nov: Parent Conversation with leaders -9.00
SFA’s Got Talent—student fundraiser
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 —6.30pm
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.

SFA’s Got Talent
Aleena Hinso & Jason Ghidan

On Friday, 14th 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.