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 tonight at 7.30pm at St. Peter Apostle Primary School: Guinane Avenue, Hoppers Crossing. 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.

WORKING BEE !!
Attention all handymen and handywomen – soon 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. See Arthur at school or contact the office as soon as possible if you are able to help—the date is yet to be finalised but it will be within the next few weeks at a time that suits the volunteers.

SCHOOL REVIEW
We encourage as many parents as possible to attend tomorrow’s parent conversation with leaders @ 9.00am. 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.

COSTUME HELP: If there is a parent who can support Dilani with creating costumes for our 5 actors for our Christmas presentation, please contact Lucy on 9731 6004. You would need to be available on Monday 17 & 24th November anytime between 11.30am-1.30pm.

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.

WE REMEMBER in our prayers Andrew Leighton’s brother, Michael who passed away last Saturday and Dau, the Uncle of Susan (2/3 Tegan) and John (Prep Danielle) who also died recently. May they rest in peace.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: Have been sent home today.

SFA’s Got Talent
Friday, 14th November
TOMORROW
A gold coin donation from children in Prep-Yr 3 Yr. 4-6 is hosting—with many excellent acts and performances which include dancing, singing, musical talents and much more.
INFORMATION MEETING
Monday, November 24 at 7pm
HomeGroup Structures for 2015 & Proposed BYOD program.
All parents welcome.
Yr 2-5 parents encouraged to attend.
See the flier for details.

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.

THERE IS NO CHRISTMAS WITHOUT CHRIST — End of Year School Presentation: We are looking forward to our end of year school presentation: Wednesday 3rd December 6.30pm. Reply slips for this event need to be returned by Friday, November 21.

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

VOLUNTEER THANK YOU: Personal Invitations are being sent home with the newsletter today. This is 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.

We say goodbye and thankyou to Shikha who has been working in our spaces for the past 70 days. She is studying Social Work and has been doing her first practical experience at SFA. We all wish her well with her future studies.

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PIP
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26th Nov: St Care’s 2015 prep Parent Info Night
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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

Make me a channel of your peace;
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy .

CHRISTMAS RAFLE

Four prizes: Various sized hampers.
Raffle tickets have been sent home today to every family.
Tickets: $1 each.
Please return tickets with your name, contact number and money in an envelope. The raffle will be drawn on 3rd December after the Christmas Presentation @7.45pm

PIP: Final meeting for the year next Tuesday, November 18. We would like to see as many of you as possible at this last meeting so we can have the opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved this year and consider some suggestions for 2015. Email Lucy: lvassallo@sfatarneit.catholic.edu.au or contact the office to let us know if you will be attending this meeting.

Yr 2/3 Incursion: Monday 8th December
196 Below Ice Cream
It’s a liquid nitrogen ice cream freezing company. Perfectly suited to our science inquiry unit.
A yummy incursion!!!

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