YEAR 3 students will be receiving the Sacrament of Penance next Thursday. We keep them in our prayers as they continue preparing to celebrate this sacrament. A letter was sent home to all parents yesterday with all the necessary details. Please contact Lucy if you have any questions regarding this.

PRAYERS for the SICK: We continue to 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.

REMEMBRANCE DAY Assembly was held yesterday. Thankyou for supporting this occasion through the purchase of poppies (funds raised will be donated to the RSL). A rose was planted in our memorial garden at the front gate. Students were highly respectful and they sang our national anthem with strength. Staff were very proud of them.

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.

PARISH MASS of REMEMBRANCE TONIGHT Thursday 12th 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. May all those who have died rest in God’s peace.

PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT CONVERSATIONS These continue tonight. Feedback from families who have already attended these has been highly positive. Staff have found them to be a most valuable way of highlighting student learning progress and challenges. All parents need to ensure that they do meet with their child's home-group teacher before the end of November. If you have not made an appointment yet teachers will be contacting you to arrange a time. A survey will be made available next week to seek formal feedback about the usefulness of this form of parent-teacher-student conversation.

FAMILY BBQ FOR PIP FAMILIES Thursday, 24th November 6.00pm To thank those families who have engaged in the PIP meetings across the year. Hope to see you at this celebration of another year of working in partnership. Email Lucy or the school office to notify us of your attendance.

PREP INFORMATION NIGHT 2016 next Wednesday evening 18th November at 7.00pm. Parents of next year's Prep students are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. Children are not required but if no other babysitting arrangements are possible please bring them along.
BOOK CLUB: This year we have introduced Book Club to our school community. It has been highly successful with $9500 in books purchased by our families. This means we have almost $2000 in rewards for our school. This money has been used to purchase more Library books for students to access at school and should arrive very soon. We would like to thank our wonderful team of parents who have supported the organisation and success of this fundraising for our school: Diane Healey, Silvana Lusi, Adriana Elbayeh, Tania Sammut, Sylvia Zammit, Paula Richards and Susan Fitzgerald.

CELEBRATION OF DANCE UPDATE: Please read the important information and details regarding the Celebration of Dance on the note that is attached this newsletter.

LOTE DAY: On Monday the 3-6 students will be experiencing a LOTE Day where they will participate in tasks related to Italian and Chinese. Keep an eye out for our reflections of the day.

LOST PROPERTY: Items of clothing are about to be sorted and given away. If your child has lost an item of clothing please check the box in the office during this coming week.

PARISH NEWS: “Thank you to everyone who supports our Parish through the Thanksgiving Program. The Parish remains financially viable through the generosity of those who are regularly supporting through the Thanksgiving. Just a friendly reminder to catch up on your Thanksgiving as we will be closing off for the year, after Sun 29 November 2015.

ADVENT is an important liturgical season. Commencing on Sunday 29th November. It is a time of anticipation and waiting for the great feast of Christmas. With Advent and Christmas fast approaching, we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents to encourage students to keep in mind the reason for the season. The excitement of the birth of Jesus is a joyous time of celebration. Let’s build that feeling of anticipation and waiting by limiting the giving of cards and other commercial practices to the last week of school.

HOME GROUP STRUCTURES 2016:
We recently sent home information about the way home groups will be structured for 2016. This structure will further support our approach to personalising learning. While Yr 3-6 will continue to operate in multi-age groupings (of Yr 3/4 & Yr 5/6) the children in the foundation years (Prep, Yr 1 & Yr 2) will now have teacher teams working together in groups of 3. Each learning community will plan independently while there will still be scope for Preps, Yr 1’s and Yr 2’s to be working together in their age levels where appropriate. It would be natural for parents to have questions about this change. Leaders are available to discuss our plans with you. On Friday 20th November you are invited for either morning or afternoon tea in the staffroom: 9.00-9.30am and 2.45-3.15pm.

HOME GROUP PLANNING 2016:
Teachers are currently working on the grouping of students for next year’s home groups. If any parent has specific concerns regarding their child’s learning needs and/or placement with other students and you have not already discussed this with your child’s current teacher or sent a letter / email to Jan you are invited to do so by Tuesday morning (17th Nov). We will not consider any preference for particular teachers but social-emotional/learning concerns will inform our decision making (info@sfatarneit.catholic.edu.au)

DATES
Nov 12: Parent Teacher Conversations
Nov 18: 2016 Prep Parent meeting
Nov 19: 1st Reconciliation celebrations
Nov 20: Parent Conversation with Leaders
Dec 3: Celebration of Dance
Dec 9: Graduation mass
Dec 10: End of Year mass & Volunteer thank you
Dec 16: Last day of school for 2015