ADVENT—WEEK 2
The theme for Week 2 of Advent is that of Peace. We are called to find opportunities to be makers of peace in our lives and to pray for peace in our hearts, homes, community and in our world.

We pray
Gracious God, prepare our hearts and minds to welcome Jesus as he comes to us in humble, simple and unexpected ways. Let us love each other and learn to live in peace and harmony. May we show your love and await him with joy. We ask this prayer in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Parents are welcome to attend our Advent prayer assembly on Monday, December 5. This is being led by staff and students from the Assisi Learning Community.

SFA GIVING TREE 2016
Our ‘Giving Tree’ is now up in our sacred space in the Pace Centre.

The school community is asked to bring in items for those who may need some assistance this coming Christmas season. When items are brought to school, students will be given a decoration and an opportunity to help decorate our school ‘Giving Tree’.

We ask that the items are
- non – perishable food items
- new toys (for birth-12 year olds)
- toiletries
- items that may help families decorate their homes and/or table.

We will donate all items to St Vincent de Paul for distribution.

Items can be brought into school until next Friday, December 9th.

We thank you in advance for your generosity.

SFA CHRISTMAS CAROLS
NEXT THURSDAY
8th December
6.30pm
ST JAMES GYM
Time of arrival: 6.00pm
Raffle tickets will be sold before and after school on Monday December 5 to Wednesday December 7, as well as on the night. Raffle tickets are $1.00 each.
We have a range of prizes to be won.

Sing out your joy to all the earth
2017 STAFFING UPDATE
We are not yet fully staffed but we are pleased to announce the following staffing for next year:

ASSISI Learning Community:
Prep - Em Vignes
Yr 1 - Taryn Darlow
Yr 2 - Leanne Borg

CHIARA Learning Community:
Prep - Nadine Barnes
Yr 1 - Ben Orams
Yr 2 - Danielle Cuthbert

FRANCESCO Learning Community:
Prep - Mel Pepi
Yr 1 - Felicia Folini (welcome to SFA)
Yr 2 - tbc

YR 3/4 MacKILLOP Learning Community:
Lucas Mangani
Jackie Pappalucca
Grace Evans (welcome to SFA)

YR 3/4 DAMIANO Learning Community:
Stella Lentini
Lana Oreto
Laura Milroy

YR 5/6 MARIAN Learning Community:
Dean Millard
Helen Spork
Lisa Morris (part time - 2.5 days)
Amy Weavell (returning part time - 3 days)
Krystin Ruff (welcome to SFA)
Brenton Payne (welcome to SFA)

We are excited about 2017. Children will have a 90 minute session with their new Learning Communities and teachers on Tuesday 6th December.

Applications for our teacher position closed yesterday. Hopefully we have an appointment in the coming week.

As Christmas looms large in the shopping centres, just a reminder that we ask that Christmas card giving is held off until children are finishing school for the year. The coming few weeks is a good time to prepare cards but part of the spirit of Advent is to WAIT. Please do not send candy canes or treats to school for giving out or sharing. Cards only.

Congratulations to Year 10 students Julie Lloyd and Zara Gibson who have been accepted into the Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program for 2017. This academic enrichment program is designed to support high achieving students and was named in honour of eminent scholar, leading educationalist and former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Melbourne, Professor Kwong Lee Dow.

Congratulations also to Year 12 student Caterina Sottile who was shortlisted for Top Designs 2016 for her folio in Textiles: Product Design and Technology. Caterina was one of 70 students in Victoria shortlisted and will be acknowledged for her achievements in the 2016 Top Design catalogue next year.

SFA DATES to REMEMBER:
6th Dec: Transition Day
8th Dec: Carols Presentation Night
13th Dec: Yr 6 Graduation
15th Dec: End of Year mass & morning tea
16th Dec: Last day for children—3.20 dismissal

School reports will be sent home with your child on Friday, December 9th.