The third Sunday of Advent is known as “Joyful Sunday” “Rejoice in the Lord always” This theme connects so well with our school motto, ‘Sing out your joy to all the earth!’ May we share the gift of joy with one another as we move closer to the great celebration of Christ's birth.

STUDENT REPORTS will be sent home on Monday. Our recent assessments of students show very good learning progress across the school. Hopefully your child’s report reflects what you already knew about his/her learning. Feel free to contact the home-group teacher if you have any queries.

SFA YEARBOOK: Over the last three months a team of parents have worked with Lucy, Tarryn and Jan to produce our school’s first Year Book. This eBook is a record of the highlights of our year. We hope that you enjoy reading the reflections and sharing this book with your families. The eBook will be available on the SFA website on Monday! We thank Annie, Felix, Gilvertt and Peu for their expertise in photography and graphic design and their many hours of work. We thank the staff and children for their reflections and photos. We thank Tarryn for her contributions while she’s been away and Lucy for ensuring the project was completed.

NEW DAILY TIMETABLE
Beginning in the first Term of 2015, we will be using a new daily schedule that will involve a new dismissal time for students. We need to align our learning time to the 5 hours per day required (currently we are 15 minutes over). The new time table will be:

- 8.40: Open Doors
- 8.50: Homeroom admin time
- 9.00: Teaching
- 10.55: Eating
- 11.10: Recess
- 11.30: Teaching
- 1.25: Eating
- 1.40: Lunch Play
- 2.20: Teaching
- 3.20: Dismissal

We understand that the earlier dismissal time may be problematic for some parents. Initially, while everyone adjusts to the new routine we will arrange extra duty at dismissal time to supervise students. Any student not being picked up within 15 minutes of dismissal time would need to be booked into OSHC program.

SFA CHOIR have been invited to sing Christmas Carols for the local community Tuesday, December 16th at 1pm. They will sing at Woolworths, Tarneit Road Service Ln, Tarneit Gardens. We encourage you to attend and offer them your support.

Parish Giving Tree: St James Parish are putting together Christmas Hampers for the needy families in our community. They can only do this successfully through your generosity. Your donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and new toys can be left in the Narthex of the church underneath the St James Giving Tree this weekend (preferred) or at school by tomorrow 12th December. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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END OF YEAR MASS
Wednesday 17th December
2.30pm
Please note the new time for this celebration on the last day of term. Children will be dismissed immediately after mass at 3.30pm.
We farewell many families from our community at the celebration.
Join us if you can.
YR 6 GRADUATION: On Tuesday night we celebrated the Graduation of our Year 6 students. What a wonderful celebration! Fr. Jude and Deacon Joel celebrated the Eucharist and afterwards we had award giving and student presentations. We were very proud to distribute Graduation certificates to all students. Three awards were presented to honour the work, sporting achievements and commitment to learning our students have displayed this year. The Julia Gillard award, presented by the MHR for Lalor Ms Joanne Ryan, was given to Alexis Long for her outstanding contribution to SFA across a range of areas including ICT, school community service and consistent dedication to her education. The Joseph di Piro award for commitment to school, community and parish was given to Christian Mendoza for his outstanding contributions in these areas. Ella Roberts was awarded a Victorian Schools Sports Award for her achievements in school sport, interschool sport competitions and her outstanding results in Tae Kwon Do at a state and national level.

2015 SCHOOL FEES
2015 Financial commitment letter will be sent home with eldest child on Monday 15 December. This letter will outline the fee structure and payment methods. Thank you for your ongoing commitment.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF
A big thankyou to all the parents who have used the drop off and pick up program this year. The continued success of the process is due to all parents being cooperative and patient. We all can work together to continue to make the system work well in all conditions.

DATES TO REMEMBER
2015
2nd Feb: First day for all students