SECOND WEEK OF LENT

REFLECTION

Luke 9:28-36 The Transfiguration

The privileged disciples are given a glimpse of the future, beyond suffering and death, when they experience Jesus’ transfiguration while praying. For the disciples, ‘it all gets too much’, and they misunderstand what is happening. Peter thinks “This is it! The kingdom is here and we have arrived! So, let’s build tents to make this great experience a permanent feature!”. It provides encouragement to keep going, but it is not the destination. Now, they must follow Jesus back down the mountain to the valley where the people need them and the way is not easy.

To give them courage and a future vision, the disciples must remember the mountain experiences, and the promises they contain. Jesus’ destiny, and theirs is wonderful beyond imagining. For now, they must roll up their sleeves and work together, shoulder to shoulder. This Lent, let us do the same, following him in serving each other with respect and encouragement.

Traffic Management

The traffic on Fairview Pde at pick up time is very busy. In the narrow street when cars park on both sides and we have two way traffic the congestion is great. It is quite dangerous for pedestrians (especially our little ones) and it is hard for drivers turning into the traffic to see if the road is clear.

We have already asked that all traffic turn left from the driveway. We are now asking parents to make Fairview Pde a one way street—with all traffic moving south. This is only for the period 3.30—3.45pm.

The council will be approached to do a traffic management study and to erect the appropriate signs.

In the meantime, if school families could just drive one way it would be a great assistance to safety.

EASTER RAFFLE AT SFA

We have received a number of Easter Eggs already from some of our families. Please keep the donations coming. We have moved the box inside the learning space, so that the donations are visible to the children.

Raffle tickets will be available shortly.

Stage 2 Building Program

Another few weeks! The learning spaces in the new building are looking great. The rain has postponed the pour of the paths around the school—hopefully this can go ahead soon. There’s a slight hold up with the installation of the mechanical chair to be fitted to the stairway. We do expect to take part possession of the new learning spaces before the end of term.

Punctuality: Learning formally begins at 8.50am. All children should be present in the learning spaces at this time. Late arrival interrupts other learners and does not allow your child time to get organised for the day. Please make every effort to be at school by 8.50 each day. If, for any reason, your child is late he/she needs to sign in the late arrival book in the school foyer.
**Make me a channel of your peace;**

Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: YEAR 3s**

Children in Year 3 will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on May 17th this year. Parents are asked to attend a Reconciliation Workshop on Tuesday, March 12th @ 7.30pm @ St James. A note regarding this workshop is being sent home with the newsletter today.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION WORKSHOPS—LENT: WHO IS JESUS OF NAZARATH?**

Thank you to the 13 families who attended our first Adult Faith Workshop on Tuesday night. Although, it was a small number who attended, these parents found the evening very valuable. A question from one of our parents was: *Who is Jesus for my child?* Fr Jude replied: *When you go home tonight, go and ask your child that very question.* Quite a number of parents still have not indicated which workshop they will attend. Replies from all Yr 1, 2 & 5 parents were due on Friday, February 22\(^{nd}\). Please return your reply slip as soon as possible. Letters are available on the school website.

**PARENT VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

In order to volunteer in our spaces we require parents to complete 2 one hour sessions. This term the sessions will be held on:

- Session 1: Wednesday 13th March, 9:15am
- Session 2: Wednesday 20th March, 9:15am

Looking forward to seeing some new faces in our spaces.

Email: info@sfatarneit.catholic.edu.au or contact Emily if you plan to attend.

**Yr 1-2 INCURSION**

Yesterday, the Year 1 and 2 children enjoyed a visit from Melinda from the Drama Toolbox. She led the children on a full body investigation. Through play, children learned about the heart, lungs, stomach and brain and the importance of a healthy lifestyle to ensure a healthy body. This has been a big topic for the children at St Francis who have been learning about the various ways to stay healthy. There were many discoveries made and through dress ups, physical movement, dance and drama. The children enjoyed being FBI agents – Full Body Investigators! Thanks Brendan from Yr 4, for filming this for our children. We look forward to seeing these and reflecting on the learning that took place.

**LOST & FOUND**

There are a number of items in our Lost & Found Box. If your child has lost any uniform or other items please check at the office.

Also if you have lost a car key, please contact the office.

**HOCKEY VICTORIA CLINICS Yr 2-4**

Tomorrow we are very lucky to have Hockey Victoria visiting our school to provide a fun and safe hockey workshop for Year 2’s-Year 6’s. The workshop aims to provide the students with a fun and engaging hockey experience. The children will also be provided with information about the sport, local clubs and programs. The students and staff are really looking forward to this visit.

**OTHER NOTICES:**

Director’s newsletter
Reconciliation Workshop note for Yr 3 parents
Excursion permission note for 10 of our Yr 6 students attending Catholic Education Week Mass
Parent Engagement Newsletter.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Mar 1: Yr 7 Enrolments for Catholic Secondary Colleges close
- Mar 2: Hockey Workshop for Yrs. 2 – 4
- Mar 3: World Day of Prayer Service @ St James @ 7pm
- Mar 5: Prep Information evening 2014
- Mar 7: Prep Healthy Eating Incursion
- Mar 11: Labour Day Holiday
- Mar 12: Parent Volunteer Training 9.00am
- Mar 19: PIP 2.00pm & 7.30pm
- Mar 27: End of Term 1