ST CLARE’S PS

Turning of the Sod

Ceremony

Fr Jude and the Parish Council invite the Parish Community to a special ceremony this Sunday 02 Mar to turn the First Sod and Break Ground on the site of our Parish’s third Primary School, St Clare’s. We will begin with 10:30am Mass at St James, during which our new Principal, Mr Andrew Leighton will be present. After Mass we will then proceed to 130 Marquands Rd, Truganina for the ‘Ceremony to mark the Breaking of the Ground’ at Noon. All Parishioners are invited and welcome to attend.

Hopefully we see many of our families there. Could children enrolled for St Clare’s please wear their school uniform for this special occasion.

Catholic Education Week: ‘Entrust Yourselves to God and Dare to Dream’

Open Evening at St Francis of Assisi, Monday, 17th March, from 5:00pm-7:30pm. Thank you to all the families who have sent in their responses regarding the open evening. Please keep these coming in to help us in organising this event. You will be able to visit the learning spaces to view the students' learning and teachers will be available in the spaces to answer your questions. Parents in Partnership will be running a sausage sizzle and we will have some Irish dancing to mark St Patrick’s Day! If you missed out on the flyer, please ask your child’s home group teacher.

Ash Wednesday & Lent

The season of Lent begins next Wednesday 5th March. We will be having a 9.15am mass at St Francis. You are invited to attend along with any parishioners who may like to join us.

When Yr 2/3 were wondering about God and what God is like, Quinton wrote: God is like...everything He created because He is watching us. If there wasn’t any water what would we drink? If there wasn’t any coal what would we get electricity from? If there wasn’t any rocks what would we build with?

We pray for Matthew Cutajar (father of Isabella—Prep Danielle) who is critically ill and for Tarryn McRae. May they be blessed with the peace & strength of the Holy Spirit and find support from the love of family and school/parish community.

Yr 6 PARENTS: Application to Thomas Carr College for Year 7 2015 will close TOMORROW on Friday, February 28, 2014. It is most important to complete the application forms. For further enquiries please contact The Registrar on 8734 2409.

ENROLMENTS for 2015: Any family not already attending one of the parish schools who is seeking enrolment for next year is invited to the Parish Enrolment Information session on Tuesday 11th March @ 7.30pm at St James Church

336 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing

Children do not need to attend.

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VOLUNTEER TRAINING for Parents & Friends of St Francis: There will be two opportunities for participating in the volunteer training. Wednesday 12th March 2pm –3:30pm or Monday 17th March 9:15am—10:45. Please see the flyer for more information.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT: We are currently speaking with children about how to be safe as they leave the school grounds. Let’s make sure they are hearing the same messages from both school and home.

Hot Cross Buns FUNDRAISER: Don’t forget to put in your orders. Check family & friends for sales. An easy but very much needed fundraiser for which we seek your support.

SCHOOL OFFICE NOTICES
Curriculum Levy: This levy is now due and should be paid as soon as possible.
School Fees: Statements were sent home on Friday 21 February, 2014.
EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance): Applications for term 1 payment are due at school office by tomorrow (Friday 28th February). If you are a holder of a health care card please contact the school office.

FAMILY CONTACT DETAILS:
We have to ensure that family information is updated and accurate. If any of the following details have changed in the last 6-12 months, please contact the office to change these details as soon as possible.

Parents Contact details:
Name, address, & Telephone Nos.
Emergency Contact details:
Name & Telephone Nos. (2 are required)
The following information, is required for school funding. Our school funding is affected by this. These questions are for both parents: Occupation & Employer. Any changes in education qualifications.

ASIAN PERSPECTIVES & LOTE: Over the next 5 weeks students will be immersed in various cultural experiences. Students will work in mixed groups from P-6 every Tuesday from 11.40—12.40. They will explore aspects unique to specific cultures – India, China, Italy, the Philippines and East Africa. Photos of the intercultural experiences will be on the school website. We ask that you encourage your child to share what they have learnt about these cultures with you.

COMBINED PARISH RAFFLE:
This raffle is a major fundraiser for our parish. There are 3 cars, & Coles/Myer Gift Cards to be won. Any support you can give by buying &/or selling these raffle tickets is greatly appreciated.

YR 5/6 CAMP was enjoyed immensely by students. The high level of participation, cooperation and team building will be beneficial for the year of learning they will undertake together. Photos have been uploaded on the school app and will be available on the website with reflections from our students and staff.

YR 6 LEADERSHIP: Developing strong leadership skills is an important part of learning at St Francis. Each Yr 6 student is appointed to a Leadership Action Group, with 2 students taking on the formal role of SFA Student Leader. Next week several students (representatives from each Action Group) will attend a students’ leadership training day. This will be followed by the formal presentation of Yr 6 leadership badges to all Yr 6 students at Assembly on Tuesday 11th March. This will be a simple ceremony but parents are most welcome to be present at 8.55-9.15am.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
5th Mar: Ash Wed School mass 9.15am
6th Mar: Opening of Yr 7/8 building TCC
Yr 6 leadership day for selected students
10th Mar: Labour Day holiday
11th Mar: Parish Enrolment Information meeting
12th Mar: Preps at school full time
17th Mar: Parent Evening 5.00-7.30pm
Feast of St Patrick
Hot Cross Bun orders due
Volunteer Training session
21st Mar: Parents & Leaders morning tea 9am
25th Mar: PIP 2.30pm – 7.30pm
27th Mar: School Photos