LENT: It is the second week of Lent. This Sunday we hear the story of the Transfiguration from the Gospel of Luke (9:28-36):
And a voice came from the cloud saying: ‘This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.’
How will you listen to Jesus in your life this week? Find time to meditate or pray.
Go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c1pIxzGxzzy to watch a video of the Transfiguration.

We pray for all those who are ill especially Joan, Paul, Roger Olenik, Arn Raj, Lesley and Anna.

The school’s Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday evening with 30 parents in attendance. Many thanks to those who were able to arrange to be present as leaders presented a report on the achievements of 2015 and set the directions for 2016. The formal written report will be available on the website mid-year for your information.

For 2016 our key priorities for improvement include:

YEAR 5/6 CATCH UP
Parent Information session
Friday, 19th February
@ 2.30pm
in the Staffroom
If you missed last week’s meeting please come along tomorrow afternoon.
Year Level expectations/opportunities and camp information will be shared at this meeting.

This will be done within a context where our Lived experiences reflect Gospel Values and every community member is enabled to Sing out their joy!

YR 4 PARENTS!

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST
Please ensure that you have enrolled for the Eucharist workshop being held next week. There is a choice of two dates for the workshop: February 23rd or 24th. Go to the home page of the school website to access the log in instructions or call the office and they will help you. We have 35 parents who have enrolled out of 67 parents. Every family with a child preparing to celebrate this sacrament this year is expected to attend. Contact Lucy if there is any reason why you cannot attend one of these two sessions.

YR 6 PARENTS

Thomas Carr College
Enrolments for Year 7, 2017 are being taken now and close at the end of February 2016. Please contact the Registrar Mrs Lucy Banks on 8734 2409 if you have any questions. An enrolment pack can be obtained from the Administration Office at the College, 35 Thomas Carr Drive, Tarneit.
SOFTFALL FOR PLAY EQUIPMENT:
Saturday, 20th February
8.00-10.00am.
Bring: wheel barrow, shovel & rake.
We need some volunteers to help spread softfall (mulch) under and around our new play equipment. Children will be able to use the equipment on Monday if you can help for an hour or so on Saturday.

A Secondary School Guide is available at the school office. Yr 5/6 parents may be interested in having a look.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF): This fund is to assist eligible families to cover the costs of camps, sports and excursions/incursions held through school. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card you may be eligible for CSEF. The annual CSEF amount per eligible student is $125. If you are eligible, please contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form. This form will need to be completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible.

NO DOGS are to be brought onto the school property. This has become a safety issue. Apologies to anyone who has used drop-off or pick-up as a walk time for their dog.

There is a NO PARKING sign in Fairview Pde just outside our pedestrian gate. Please take note of the signs around the school and ensure that clearways are being left for pedestrian safety.

YEAR 6 Student Leaders mass is being held on Wednesday, 2nd March. This is an opportunity to combine as three parish schools and pray for all our Year 6 students as we commission them as leaders in our schools. We strongly encourage you to attend the picnic followed by mass. Please see the letter with reply slip that is being sent home tomorrow.

PIP (Parents in Partnership) sign up for 2016 is now open.
Our PIP groups include:
Social & Fundraising group (now combined)
Project group
which will focus on Reporting this year
Grounds & Maintenance group.
GO to our school website to the School Community section and click on Parents in Partnership. Follow the link that says PIP 2016 to sign up for PIP. If you are already a PIP member, we also need you to sign up again so we can have a good idea of who is involved in PIP this year. Please spread the word and join PIP!!

is about to start. Tomorrow our Yr 5/6 students participate in the first round of the summer competition of our district. We play Al Taqwa College in a range of sports: tennis, cricket, volleyball and basketball. All sports are modified for this competition. We wish them well in their participation. Parents are welcome—Hopefully a few could support staff as volunteers. See Matt if you are able to assist— We play Friday mornings.

Make me a channel of your peace;
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.
IPADS/ E-Learning Workshop

Tuesday 22nd February
9am-10am

Come along for a session with Susan to guide you through setting up the iPad and also asking any questions you have about digital technologies.

Incursion Coming Up:
On Friday 26th February, the Year 3/4 students in the Marian and MacKillop learning communities will be having a Mindfulness Incursion run by the Melbourne Kids Meditate group. Through this wellbeing incursion, students will learn what it means to be a mindful person, explore ideas of being mindful to self and others and gain skills to assist them to have control over their concentration and focus. We hope that this session provides a positive experience to guide the students thinking and learning this term.

Volunteer Training Workshops

We would like to invite all parents, grandparents or significant others that would like to volunteer in our learning spaces to join one of the offered training workshops. You only need to attend one training workshop but if the offered dates do not suit please see Emily or Andrea.

Dates for Volunteer Training Workshops

- Friday, 26th February
  2:15 – 3:15pm
- Thursday 3rd March
  2:15 – 3:15pm
- Tuesday 8th March
  9am – 10am

Parents and volunteers that have already completed the training do not have to attend again but we will be looking for support across all year levels very soon.

Families should have received this term’s Book Club magazine last week. This year they have one magazine that covers all year levels rather than separate magazines for juniors, middles and seniors. Extra copies are available at school if needed. Last year we were able to raise significant funds for the school through families supporting this fundraiser. We continue to encourage you to consider the offers made available through Book Club. Orders can be placed online or by returning the order form with the correct money to school by Tuesday 23rd February 2016.