LENT: Our third week of Lent and we have raised just over $500.00 for Project Compassion. This amount can train health care staff to help communities learn about nutrition. Families and students are showing great generosity and we still have 13 school days left! Maeve in Year 5 created a poster asking from donations for Project Compassion from her family: she raised $274.00. Children have been coming to school with full boxes and every cent counts. Project Compassion have a Lent calendar. Go to http://goo.gl/5MnugB to download the app.

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

Message of thanks: Thank you St Francis of Assisi School Community for coming forward in the time of intense difficulty in our family. With all the love, care and especially concern over these last 6 months we are grateful and feel strongly dedicated towards our faith and spirituality towards our wonderful Families, School, it's leaders and Parish. - Arn Raj Family

PREPS start full time school next week. Congratulations Prep! We'll see you at school every day next week!

YR 5/6 CAMP is next week. Staff and students head off to Anglesea on Wednesday morning for this 3-day experience. This is a very important part of our senior students’ program of learning as they experience team and individual challenges; explore the coastal environment and living systems; and build positive peer relationships.

Learning Conversations
This term we will be holding Learning Conversations for students in Prep to Yr 4 in week 8 with further times for families of students in Yr 3/4 in week 9. Parents of students in Yr 5/6 will have times available to them early in Term 2. The purpose of these learning conversations is for families to develop relationships with their child’s home group teacher, share information that is important for the staff to know about your child, teachers to discuss how your child has settled into the new year and sharing any areas of growth and learning goals for this semester. It is important for all families to make an online appointment with their child’s home group teacher.

2017 PREP ENROLMENTS!
Parish Information Evening
7.00pm Wednesday 16th March
St James Church
For families not yet enrolled at one of our parish schools, this meeting is designed to provide parents with general information about our three Parish Primary Schools, the process of enrolling & the zoning requirements.

Families with children already enrolled at St Francis do not need to attend this meeting and can collect enrolment forms from the office from 15th April.
Catholic Education Week  
March 15—18, 2016  
Be the Face of Mercy  
All Catholic schools across Victoria celebrates this week!  

March 15th at 8.55am: Assembly and a cuppa with leaders. Parents/Carers most welcome!  
March 17th: St Patrick’s Day  
Students can wear green!!  
Ten Year 6 students will attend mass at the Cathedral to represent St Francis at the annual celebration of Catholic Education across the Archdiocese.

Weekends and Holidays  
We need your help! If you are available to go on our Chook Roster, we would value any time you give to let out and lock up the chickens over the weekends and during school holidays. Please contact Chrissy or the office.

Garden Helpers Needed!  
Our grounds are looking great but they could look even better with a bit of extra help. If you have an hour to spare during the week, come early to pick up the kids or are keen to take part in our program, please contact Chrissy or the office to let us know. We especially need help watering, weeding, pruning, tidying etc. There will be a list of jobs on the blackboard at the orchard so you can come and go as you please.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Yr 6 students who celebrated a student leaders mass with the parish last night. We were very proud of student leaders from across the three parish primary schools as they actively participated in the celebration of Eucharist and committed to being positive role models and leaders within their school communities during 2016.

AFL Community Camp 2016: Last Thursday the Yr 2 students participated in a football clinic with players from the North Melbourne Football Club as part of the AFL’s Community Camp program. We welcomed Daniel Wells, Robin Nahas and Aaron Mullett who passed on their tips for kicking, marking and handballing, as well as answering questions from the students about football and life as an AFL player. The players enjoyed their time with the students as much as the students enjoyed meeting the players!

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT UPDATE: Round 2 of the Truganina District Inter-School Sport Summer Season was played on Friday. We played teams from Tarneit P-9 College. Wins were recorded on the day by Red Ball Tennis A and VolleyStars A. All students are thoroughly enjoying the competition and are looking forward forward to Round 3 against Truganina South PS tomorrow.

Auskick 2016: Auskick is the AFL’s introductory program for primary school students: fun and friendship while learning the skills. Registrations are now open. Here in Tarneit, Wyndham Suns Auskick operates at Goddard Street Reserve on Friday nights from 6:15-7:15, while Tarneit Auskick operates at Wootten Road Reserve on Sunday mornings at 10:30. If you are looking for a Saturday morning Auskick centre, there are a number of these in the Hoppers Crossing and Werribee area. To find an Auskick centre visit www.aflauskick.com.au and type ‘3029’ into the Centre Locator. Then, just follow the links to register and pay on-line. If you have any questions, please ask Matt, our PE teacher.

Volunteer Training Workshop  
Tuesday 8th March  
9am – 10am  
Thankyou to all those who have trained as volunteers at our school. Come on Tuesday if you are a parent, grandparent or significant other who would like to volunteer in our learning spaces.
**PIP REPORT**

**Project Group:** 14 parents and staff came together to begin the process of reviewing the Reporting process in place at St Francis. Our purpose is: That SFA has a reporting process that effectively informs parents of their children’s learning progress and engages parents as partners in educating our children.

**Grounds & Maintenance Group:** In our first get together for 2016 we looked at what had been accomplished in 2015 and made a list of projects that will be undertaken this year. We have agreed to meet on Tuesday nights that PIP meet but the time will be 5.45pm-6.45pm. Anyone interested in working on garden & maintenance projects is free to join us. Leave your contact email address at the office and Chrissy or Arthur will be in touch.

**Social & Fundraising Group** had a very productive meeting working together to decide on fundraisers and events for this year. We have 18 members in this group who are excited and energised to keep building community and engaging families to make a difference at SFA. We raised just over $10,000 last year which added value to the learning and teaching opportunities at SFA. These fundraisers and events will be advertised in the school newsletter, website and school app shortly. Looking forward to YOUR support of this PIP group and our children throughout this year.

**PARISH NEWS:** The new website was launched last weekend. You’ll find a wealth of information about parish life: http://www.stjamesapostlehcn.com.au Take a look!

This year the Parish will be running its own **Raffle**. We are looking for support from people who would like to donate the 3rd, 4th and 5th Prizes. What we are looking for are vouchers to the value of $800 Bunnings, $500 Coles/Myer and $100 petrol vouchers. If you know of any people in business who can support us in this endeavour, please contact Fr Jude at the Parish Office on 9748 6800.

**NEXT DOOR PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE** will begin operating from St Francis of Assisi on Fridays beginning March 10. Emma Burrows will be the psychologist and she brings a range of experience in child and family therapy to help assist your child in improving functioning and quality of life. Please see Arthur for the appropriate forms if you wish to access this service.

**ICE-CREAM CONTAINER & EMPTY MATCH BOX DONATIONS PLEASE:** To assist with art and creating Math kits we are hoping that you can please donate any washed 2, 4 and 5 litre ice-cream containers with lids and empty matchboxes that you have. Please place your containers and boxes into the provided cardboard box in the Galleria (kitchen closest to the office). Thank you.

**STUDENT SAFETY:** There have been several reports of inappropriate incidents when students are walking to and from schools in our local area. Although none of these have affected our students please remind children of safe behaviours and the importance of travelling with others and reporting any issues of concern.

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY : Monday 14th March.** There is no school for children on this day. Enjoy the Labour Day weekend!

**END of TERM** for children is Wednesday 23rd March. This is fast approaching. On Thursday 24th March staff will be attending a Maths Seminar with Michael Ymer at Wyndham Vale. Camp Australia will offer a program on this day. Go online to book for this service or see Zeyna.