REFLECTION

HOLY WEEK – PALM SUNDAY

The story of Jesus’ Passion is so familiar to us. Faithfully, we remember His entrance into Jerusalem to the Hosanna acclaim. Yet, though we have heard the story proclaimed time and time again, do we have an appreciation of what the Passion is really about? If we were to reflect upon it from Jesus’ point of view, what insights would we have? Can we sit with Jesus in these coming days and nights, and begin to glimpse something of the emotional and spiritual struggle he would have been experiencing throughout these events? What would the Passion of Jesus mean for us, were we to view it from Jesus’ perspective? This Holy Week is an invitation to open ourselves anew to the mystery of our God’s promise of salvation.

STAGE 2 BUILDING: We are moving in next Wednesday afternoon! Calling for any parent who may be able to help move furniture and teacher/student supplies. Please email info@sfatarneit.catholic.edu.au if you are able to come to the school at about 1.30pm. It will be great to be able to utilise our new learning spaces! Further grounds works will be undertaken during April.

RAFFLE TICKETS: Tickets for both the school and parish raffles need to be returned tomorrow — both sold and unsold. Many thanks to all those families who have been able to support the fundraising activities of term 1. Hope you have a winning ticket!

ACMA CYBERSAFETY PARENT WORKSHOP: THURSDAY 18th April @ 7pm

An expert from ACMA will be working with the school community to develop our awareness of cybersafety. Across the day the expert will work with the students, teachers and parents in specifically designed workshops that keep us informed on the best way to live within a digital world as responsible cybercitizens. We highly encourage you to attend the parents workshop @ 7pm as it will give you strategies and information to support your child/ren to be cybersmart no matter what their age.

MORE SUCCESS FOR MONIQUE

After great success at District level swimming, Monique Fegan (Yr 6) has gone one step further with the recent regional and State finals last Tuesday. Monique was placed second in both breaststroke and butterfly in the State finals—losing only to a girl older than her. We are very proud of her efforts and results.
PREP 2014 ENROLMENTS
The process for families new to St Francis will continue early next term with school tours (19th & 30th April) and an Information meeting on Wednesday 1st May. Current families with children who will be commencing Prep next year will be invited to complete Application for Enrolment forms early next term. You are most welcome at either of the tours and the Information Meeting but this is not essential—An interview time will be arranged with you when you return the Application for Enrolment form.

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP: How encouraging it was on Tuesday to have 33 parents at our PIP meetings. If we can continue with this level of support for the planning and development of our partnership activities we will truly build a vibrant learning community.

Next meeting 16th April. All welcome. We also had many parents/grandparents accept the invitation to train as St Francis volunteers. Congratulations and thankyou to those who are now qualified to directly support student learning in our spaces and on excursions.

TERM 1 ENDS next Wednesday 27th March at normal school dismissal time 3.30pm. Many thanks for your ongoing support and partnership as we work together to build our vibrant learning community. Next week’s newsletter will be a reflection of the learning the children have participated in during term 1.

TERM 2 will begin for students on Tuesday 16th April. Staff will be involved in a professional learning day on Monday 15th April.

HOPPERS CROSSING AUSKICK
NAB AFL Auskick is a program with a focus on fun, while learning the skills of Australian Football for girls and boys from Prep to Year 6. Clinics are on Saturday mornings at Warringa Reserve, Hoppers Crossing. Registrations for 2013 are now open at www.aflauskick.com.au. Please type ‘3029’ into the postcode search function on the website and follow the links to register with Hoppers Crossing. Program cost is $65 for the year.

‘The first Auskick clinic for 2013 will be on Saturday, 23rd March from 9:00-10:00am. Please contact Matthew Smith on 0411 534 874 if you would like more information.

DATES TO REMEMBER
Mar 26: 2pm Holy Week Liturgy & Easter raffle
Mar 27: End of Term 1 at 3.30pm
April 16: Term 2 begins
PIP meeting at 2pm & 7.30pm
April 18: Cybersafety parent session @ 7.30pm