EASTER: Jesus is Risen and he encourages us by offering us a message of peace. During this Easter season may we be instruments of this peace to each other in our families and in our work. Alleluia!

PLEASE PRAY for the following community members and friends who are sick or bereaved: Arn Raj (mother of Eddie Yr 4 & grandmother of Zo’Arn Yr 2), Tarryn McRae, Glenda O’Shea and the Manyang family (following the tragic death of 3 of their children in the Lake at Wyndham Vale).

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES will be presented to the parish community over the next two weekends. Please keep these young people in your prayers over the coming weeks. Sponsor & Candidates mass is on Wednesday, 22nd April. Reply slips for this celebration need to be returned by Friday, 17th of April.

ANZAC DAY 100 Year Commemoration: This significant event in Australia’s history will be an important part of student learning this term. There are opportunities for both students and families to be involved. Badges are available for all children. There is no cost for this but if you choose you could make a 50 cent donation which would be used to support the work of the RSL. A box will be available at our sacred space near the Yr 2 learning area.

Sunday 19th April: Arthur and a group of senior students will joining in the Wyndham City pre-Anzac Day ceremony and wreath laying ceremony beginning at 2.20 at the Wyndham Cultural Centre.

Friday 24th April: Thomas Carr College mass at 8.00am. St Francis’ families are welcome to attend—in the College chapel.

Friday 24th April: Assembly and planting of Spirit of ANZAC grevillea and lavender at 9.00am. Parents/Carers welcome.

WINTER UNIFORM: Children can change into the winter uniform over the next two weeks. All children should be in full winter uniform by Monday 4th May. Please see the website (in the enrolment section) for details of the uniform requirements. Children can continue to wear our original uniform, only changing to the new uniform as they need items replaced.

WINTER UNIFORM:

**GIRLS:**
- Pinafore or navy blue slacks
- Blue blouse or skivvy
- Navy blue stockings
- Black leather shoes

**BOYS:**
- Grey pants
- Blue shirt or skivvy
- Blue woollen jumper with logo
- Black socks
- Black leather shoes

SPORTS UNIFORM UNISEX:
- Gold long sleeves polo with logo
- Navy blue track top with royal blue & gold piping & logo
- Navy blue track pants with royal blue & gold piping
- White socks & predominantly white runners for sport

**PIP:** Our next PIP meetings are on Tuesday, 21st April. Social group to meet at 2.00pm. Fundraising and Project groups meeting at 7.30pm. Grounds and Maintenance group will meet on Wednesday, 22nd April at 7.30pm. Parents are still able to purchase the ENTERTAINMENT book. Closing date for this fundraiser is 30th June.

Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser

Our walkathon is being held on Monday, 27th April. This will be a great day for the community. The walkathon will be held from the middle of the day followed by a BBQ and games from 3.30—5.00pm. Replies for the BBQ are due back now.
Make me a channel of your peace; Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

FRIDAY, 8TH MAY

Mother’s day stall and Mother’s day afternoon tea will be held on this day. More details to come!

VOLUNTEER TRAINING & PMP INFORMATION & TRAINING: This will run tomorrow Friday, 17th April from 9am - 11am. Please note, if you have already completed the Volunteer Training but would like to support the PMP program, you will only need to attend from 9am to 9.45am. Please see Emily, Andrea or Lucas if you have any questions.

CLOSURE DAY: THURSDAY 21st MAY.

On this day there is no school for children. All staff will be attending a professional learning day with Maths consultant Michael Ymer. We will be working with the staff of three other schools who have the same focus on Mathematics as us. In term 3, Michael will come to St Francis and spend the day with staff and some of the students. We are committed to improving the learning outcomes for all students in maths and this work with Michael is critical to our process. Camp Australia program will be available for any families needing care for their children on this closure day.

BOOK CLUB: Tomorrow the children will receive Term 2’s Book Club magazine. Parents will be able to return order forms to school or complete and pay for orders online. Orders need to be placed online or returned to school by MONDAY 27th APRIL.

ACTIVE APRIL: Just a reminder to all the children and families that registered for Active April to record their physical activity on the website. We have only 2 weeks of April to go!

PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE: Tomorrow is the last day that Emily is accepting registration forms for the 2015 Challenge. This year we almost have 100 students participating and lots of reading has already been record on student's accounts. If your child would like to be a part of this event please return the form to school tomorrow, FRIDAY 17th APRIL. If you need an extra copy, you will find them on our school website under Learning and Teaching menu. If your child has returned their form but not received a username or password please contact Emily. Good Luck to all our participants.

SPORT: Lucas was organizing the Cross Country trials today to find our competitors for the District Cross Country meeting on May 5 later this term. Thank you to all students for putting themselves forward and trying their best.

WORKING BEE: Many thanks to the small but excellent band of parents who came along on Saturday morning to plant, trim, tidy and clean up the school grounds. You ensured all children could return to a safe and beautiful school for term 2.

GROUNDWORKS continue. The Sensory Garden area now has a shelter and seating and the orchard is about to be constructed, Chrissy has taken on the role of coordinating Environmental Education across the school. We look forward to winter planting of vegetables and perhaps fruit trees; and further planting of native vegetation. The drop off/pick up area has been paved and a roof provided. We need to complete the concreting works (tomorrow) but we also need to add the coloured panels around the low spouting works. Hopefully the wait won’t be too long.

PARISH NEWS: All parish raffle tickets must be returned urgently. The parish has to pay for all non-returned tickets so please ensure that those that were sent to you have now been returned: either sold or unsold.