END of TERM: Children finished for the term today 3rd April at 3.30pm.
TERM 2 begins on Wednesday 23rd April. Please note that there is a public holiday on Friday 25th April to commemorate ANZAC Day.

THANK YOU to all families who have actively supported the school over term 1. We have been delighted by the number of parents/grandparents who have volunteered in the spaces, supported PIP, helped keep the playing spaces clean & safe, responded to calls for help. Your presence has supported staff and the learning and wellbeing of students.

To those who have quietly supported the school through keeping informed via newsletter and website and who participated in our Catholic Education Week open night: keep up the good work. Your efforts make a positive difference to our community culture.

We PRAY for Matthew Cutajar and all those who are sick. May the Easter gift of hope and peace be with them and their families.

LENT—HOLY WEEK—EASTER
While we are on holidays we move into the most holy week of our Church’s year. We are a people of hope because Jesus Christ shared our humanity (with all its pain and frailty) and calls us into the life of Resurrection: life is changed not ended.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe holiday. May Easter blessings be with you all.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING starts this weekend. Turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday morning. Change the batteries in your smoke alarms!

WINTER UNIFORM: As we return to school for term 2 it is time to change from summer to winter uniform. All children should be wearing winter uniform by week 3 of term.

For St Francis there is no change to the current uniform and all items are available from the uniform shop each Tuesday during term time.

For St Clare’s all items will be available from Tuesday 22nd April.

Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday 22nd April 8.00-10.30am (the day before students return for term 2).

2015 Enrolments at St Clare’s:
Information meeting for parents regarding enrolment of children at any year level for 2015 tonight, 3rd April at St Francis school at 7.30pm. Families living in Truganina who are eligible to transfer to our new school in 2015 are encouraged to attend. We will be enrolling children from Prep to Yr 6. This community information meeting will be very important for those who will need to make a decision in term 3 about possibly transferring from St Francis to St Clare’s as well as those families with Prep children, who are new to the area or have children at a non-Catholic school.

Check the Parish Holy week timetable on the parish website:
www.stjamesapostlehcn.com.au
Make me a channel of your peace; Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

2015 PREP ENROLMENTS for existing families are now open. Please pick up an enrolment pack as soon as possible. In the pack is the Enrolment Application form and instructions for booking an online interview. Interviews will be held in May & June with offers being made by the end of term 2.

FUNDRAISER SURVEY: A survey is being sent home today regarding our fundraising activities for this year. We would like your input around the fundraisers organised for this year. Please return the survey on by Monday 28th April.

MAINTENANCE ROSTER
The sign up sheet for a range of jobs that could be done at a time that suits you is available in the office foyer. You are encouraged to consider ways in which you can support the community.

PIP: Our next PIP meeting is on Tuesday, April 29. All are welcome.

WORKING BEE Saturday 3rd May. Please mark this Saturday morning in your diary as we need many families in attendance.

CONFIRMATION PRESENTATION MASSES: All confirmation candidates need to attend one of the parish masses on either the weekend 26/27th April or 3/4 May.
Sat: 6.00pm
Sun: 8.30am; 10.30am; 5.00pm

WORKSHOP: A Confirmation workshop for parents and students is being held on Wednesday, 30th April at 7.00pm at St Francis. Attendance at this meeting is a requirement if your child is being confirmed in May.

ENGAGED LEARNING: Enjoy reading the attached reflections of students on their recent Inquiry experiences. The term has been full of important learning for all students.

ACTIVE APRIL: For students and families who have registered for this event, don’t forget to track your activity over the holidays. If you can’t do it online you could record on paper and then enter the information at school when we start back for Term 2. It’s great to see what people have already been doing.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
23rd April: Term 2 Begins
26/27th April: Confirmation Presentation masses
29th April: PIP
30th April: Confirmation workshop
2nd May: Confirmation Reflection Day—Yr 6
3rd May: Working Bee
3/4 May: Confirmation Presentation masses
5th May Yr 2/3 excursion to Melbourne Zoo
6th May: School tours
6th May: 2:30pm Volunteer Training
8th May: Mothers’ Day Stall
12th May: 9:30am Volunteer Training
13-15th May: NAPLAN for Yr 3 & 5
14th May: Parent conversation 6.30pm
15th May: 2:30pm Volunteer Training
18th May: Sacrament of Confirmation 2.00pm
20th May: Eucharist Immersion Day
23rd May: Yr 1 excursion to Melbourne Zoo
26th May: Yr 6 excursion
27th May: PIP
29th May: Parish Healing Mass 11.00am