HAPPY FATHER’S DAY to all the wonderful fathers of our community; and to those who have taken on the fathering role. May you be blessed in the knowledge that your love & care is hugely important in the lives of your children and may God’s grace be with you in your fathering.

FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST TOMORROW!
We are looking forward to hosting breakfast for our dads or special person tomorrow. Many thanks to our PIP Social group for the organisation of this community event and to those parents who have made arrangements to help out in the morning!

FATHERS’ DAY STALL: We had another successful Fathers’ Day Stall. May thanks to our PIP fundraising group and parent volunteers for their organisation and running of this event. Once again these opportunities aren’t possible without volunteers. THANK YOU!

INCURSION YR 3-6 on tomorrow will impact on morning parking. The Robotics company will need to park their van in the School Staff Carpark, close to the entrance, in the same position that the Dental Van parked when it was here. This will enable their staff to carry in their crates of equipment.

SACRAMENT of FIRST EUCHARIST was celebrated again last weekend. We had 27 students who were welcomed to the table of the Lord for the first time. Once again it was a reverent and joyful celebration for our families and the parish community. Read the reflections of some of the children about this significant occasion in their lives that are part of this newsletter.

PRAYERS please for Thomas (grandfather of Alden and Shaun) who is currently very ill. We also remember the first anniversary of Matthew Cutajar, father of Isabella (Yr 1).

FOOTY COLOURS DAY on Monday. Bring a gold coin and wear the colours of your favourite AFL or other sporting team. We are raising money for the Royal Children’s Hospital.

BUILDING PROGRAM
The slab has been poured for our three new learning spaces and work has continued throughout this week. Just a reminder:

NO PARKING ACROSS BUILDERS ACCESS GATE in Fairview Pde
Follow any directions by Bowden staff if a truck needs to enter or leave the property

SACRAMENT of 1st RECONCILIATION: Parents are reminded to return the reply slip for next week’s Reconciliation workshop.

SCHOOL DISCO is almost here!!!! Wednesday 16th September. See attached flier! Helpers needed see Lucy

INTENTIONS FOR 2016: Please ensure the forms are returned tomorrow. Many thanks to those who have already returned theirs.

MICHAEL YMER: On Monday we welcomed Michael into our spaces and observed his passion and experience in teaching Mathematics with children from Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5/6. The experience was highly positive and energising for teachers and students. We believe the work we are doing with Michael is building student confidence and enjoyment of learning Mathematics as well as having an impact on student outcomes.
DEAR PARENTS

Final payment of $250 is due on 11 September. Fee statements will be sent home this Friday.

I would also like to bring to your attention that there are still families with outstanding Levies and Term 1 & 2 Tuition fees for 2015.

As we are now in Term 3, please arrange for payments to be made at the school office as soon as possible or contact me to arrange an appointment with Jan to discuss your payments.

Thank you to all families who have made payments or have organised a payment plan.

Thanks.
Margaret—Office Administrator

COUNSELLING SERVICES

We are happy to announce to parents that we now have an affiliation with Healing Minds Psychology Services. This means we are able to offer counselling services at no cost to families who have a health plan with their GP. Please see Arthur if you wish to access this service—it will be based at SFA and operate during school hours using the one psychologist.

STEPTEMBER 4th—29th September is a fundraising initiative for children and adults living with Cerebral Palsy. One of our parents is participating in the program and is inviting the St Francis school community to sponsor her team. Go to steptember.org.au and press donate. Look for Ashlie Ryan’s name—she is part of team ‘JaxonRules’.

Yr 5 PARENTS

It is time to be planning for enrolment at Secondary College 2017. Thomas Carr College will have parent information sessions and college tours next term.

Yr 5 students will spend the day at the college on Wednesday as part of their transition experience. This will be beneficial whether your child will be attending TCC or not—It is an experience of learning in a Secondary College context.

PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE ends on 14th September. See Emily if you have any questions.

PARISH FETE: Please send your donated items to school over the coming week if you have not already done so. Children have a free casual clothes day on the last day of term if you participate in this fete preparation activity! A raffle has also been organised by the fete committee. Raffle tickets have been sent home today. Please support this raffle by buying and/or selling the $1 tickets.

CAMP AUSTRALIA PROGRAM will be offered on Friday 18th September and again on Monday 5th October if you require this service. Book online or with our program coordinator over the coming week.

DENTAL VAN is returning next week to continue the dental checks/work for those children who have booked in. Unfortunately we are unable to accept any further request forms for this service.

WERRIBEE GIANTS BASEBALL CLUB: If you are interested in paying T-Ball, Little League or Baseball, please see attached flier for further information.

TERM 3 DATES:
- Sep 7: Footy colours day
- Sep 9: Year 5 TCC Experience
- Sep 10: First Reconciliation Workshop at SFA
- Sep 11: Hoop Time for Year 5/6 students & Year 6 Maths Challenge Day
- Sep 12 & 13: Reconciliation Presentation Mass
- Sep 16: School Disco
- Sep 17: End of Term for Students
- Sep 19 & 20: Reconciliation Presentation Mass
- Oct 6: Term 4 begins for students
- Oct 9: SFA Feast Day celebrations

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