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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all our families for the beginning of a new term. I would hope that everyone is feeling refreshed after the extremely pleasant weather we experienced over the holidays. The football is back and hopefully Essendon will continue their winning streak. (We will have to wait and see how they go against Collingwood on ANZAC Day).

Term 2 is always an exciting juncture in the learning cycle. It marks the time where the students have settled into the year and now we can get down to a very concentrated period of teaching and learning.

OVER THE BREAK

We have had a very busy period at the school throughout the holidays. During this time all gas heaters and air conditioning units have been serviced. The back oval is nearing completion and the children should find themselves on the new sports grounds and Year 3–Year 6 ropes playground shortly.

PASSION PLAY

My thanks to all the Year 6 students for their spectacular dramatisation of the Passion of Christ on Good Friday. This very powerful adaptation was a real highlight of the Easter period. The Year 6 students will certainly carry the memory of this event with them for many years to come. I would also like to express my thanks to John Dwyer who coordinated this year's performance. My thanks also to all the Year 6 team, and other staff who assisted throughout the practises which included the school holidays, as well as being present to support and lead the students on Good Friday.

OUR ANZAC LEGACY

This year will mark 104 years since the first brave young Australian soldiers rushed ashore at Gallipoli, unaware they would create a legacy and an enduring identity that helps to define today's Australians. Our communities throughout Australia will pause to reflect on the significance of ANZAC day and of the legacy that those who have proudly served our country through the years, have left for countless generations to come. It remains essential that our children learn about ANZAC Day ensuring that it remains an integral part of our "collective memory" as a young nation.

Our teachers and children will learn more about the ANZAC legend (With content and concepts appropriate to the age of the children) and highlight the typical ANZAC spirit of courage, determination and mateship. We are fortunate that a number of excellent resources have been developed in recent years to help teachers and parents to educate our children about ANZAC.

To highlight our connection with the Anzac story we will be holding Anzac Day Paraliturgies in class throughout this week.

Please note that Thursday, 25th April is a public holiday—there is no school on this day.

ANZAC BADGES

Once again Lily M (Year 6B) will be selling Anzac Day Badges. Lily and some children from Year 6B will be visiting classes to sell badges on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th April. A variety of badges are available ranging from \$2, \$5 and \$10. She will be also selling ANZAC wristbands for \$3. Please support this important cause.

EASTER PARALITURGY TIMES AND DATES

This week the children from Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 will be attending a Resurrection Liturgy which will be held on Wednesday, 24th April at 12.30 pm in the Church. On Friday, 26th April children from Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will listen to the Easter Story at 12 noon in the Church. Parents welcome.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP—SALE THIS WEDNESDAY (24TH APRIL)

The Parents' Association Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open this Wednesday 24th April from 2 pm to 3.15 pm from the Drama Room (portables near the Grade 6 building). We have good quality, boys and girls, Winter and Summer uniforms available.

OPEN DAY – SATURDAY 4TH MAY

Our last Open Morning will be Saturday, 4th May from 9.30 am to 12 noon. Enrolments close 24th May, 2019. Enrolment Forms are available at the school office and current families are asked to please collect an enrolment form from the office or call to have one sent home.

2020 PREP ENROLMENTS

We have begun interviews for our new families to meet with Father Anthony and myself. If you know of any new families who are thinking of enrolling at St. Francis for 2020 please encourage them to enrol as soon as possible.

PREP BUDDY DAY

This will take place on Thursday, 2nd May. Half of the Year 6 & Prep children will do activities together with their buddies during the morning and then will have a sausage sizzle to share. The second half of the Year 6 & Prep children will begin with a sausage sizzle and will then do their activities together after lunch. A note will be sent home this week clarifying the time and the groupings of the children. All Year 6 and Prep parents are invited to come along and meet your child's buddy.

WORKING BEE

Our next Working Bee for this year will take place on Saturday 4th May from 9 am – 12:30 pm. I hope that as many families as possible can attend so that we can further enhance our facilities for our students. A separate flyer will soon be sent home asking parents to indicate whether they can attend. SEE YOU THERE!

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST—9TH & 10TH MAY

On Thursday, 9th May we invite mothers to join us whose surname begins with the letters "A-L". On Friday, 10th May mothers whose surname begins with the letters "M-Z" are invited to attend. Should you not be able to make it on your allocated day, Mums are more than welcome to come on the alternate day. Breakfast is served between 7 am and 8.30 am. A note regarding the breakfast will be sent home shortly.

EUCHARIST PARENT/CHILD REFLECTION EVENING

This term, we begin our formal preparation for Year 3 students to receive Holy Eucharist for the first time. Year 3 Parents and children are expected to attend a reflection evening, Thursday 16th May at 7 pm in the Church. During the evening, parents and children will have the opportunity to reflect more deeply upon the significance of Eucharist in their lives and the importance of receiving the body and blood of Christ on a regular basis.

EUCHARIST STOLES

As Eucharist is fast approaching families wishing to have stoles embroidered need to have the stole, order and correct money to the School Office by Friday, 3rd May. They will be returned prior to your child's sacrament. Order forms and information were sent home last term.

YEAR 6 CAMP

It is that time of the year again when our Year 6 students head off to Camp Manyung. Year 6H, 6M and 6W will be leaving us on Monday, 13th May and Year 6B, 6C and 6J will be leaving us on Wednesday, 15th May.

NAPLAN — YEARS 3 & 5

Please note that the NAPLAN nationwide testing in Literacy and Numeracy for Year 3 & 5 students will take place from the 14th–16th May. Please advise your child's teacher if your child/ren will not be available for the testing on these days.

WINTER UNIFORM TIMELINE

Children are expected to change into their Winter uniform at the commencement of Week 4 – Monday 13th May, however parents are invited to use their discretion as weather dictates over the next month. The children are not required to wear their school hats in Terms 2 & 3.

ANZAC DAY THURSDAY (25TH APRIL)

Please note that this Thursday, 25th April is a public holiday—there is no school on this day.

JUNIOR ATHLETICS – POSTPONED

We have decided to postpone the Junior Athletics sports day until the oval is ready. I apologise to parents for any inconvenience this may cause but feel it is best that the oval be finished before we commit to another date.

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies have been scheduled for Monday afternoons at 2.30 pm in the big hall. See below for the Term 2 Assembly schedule. Please Note: Prep students will have their assemblies on a Thursday afternoon.

Monday 29th April	Year 5 & 6 Assembly	(Year 6C & Year 6J presenting)
Monday 6th May	Year 1 & 2 Assembly	(Year 2F & Year 2G presenting)
Monday 20th May	Year 3 & 4 Assembly	(Year 3A & Year 3P presenting)
Monday 27th May	Year 5 & 6 Assembly	(Year 6B & Year 6W presenting)
Thursday 30th May	Prep Assembly	(Prep P & Prep U presenting)
Monday 3rd June	Year 1 & 2 Assembly	(Year 1B & Year 1J presenting)
Monday 17th June	Year 3 & 4 Assembly	(Year 4A & Year 4M presenting)
Thursday 20th June	Prep Assembly	(Prep D, Prep T & Prep W presenting)
Monday 24th June	Year 5 & 6 Assembly	(Year 5H & Year 5P presenting)

CSEF (CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND)

If you hold a valid means tested health care card or are a foster parent, you may be eligible for Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF). The annual CSEF amount for primary school students is \$125. The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion expenses for the benefit of eligible students. The card must be valid as at 29th January 2019. Parents can obtain a form from the school office or download a form from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. The school can accept applications up to 21st June, 2019 however parents are encouraged to lodge their form early. We are unable to accept late applications. The school also requires a copy of your current health care card.

SACRAMENT DATES FOR 2019

First Holy Eucharist

Saturday 15th June at 11.30 am—Year 3D
Sunday 16th June at 1 pm—Year 3M and 3 pm—Year 3N
Saturday 22nd June at 11.30 am—Year 3P
Sunday 23rd June at 1 pm—Year 3R and 3 pm—Year 3A

Confirmation

Friday 6th September at 7 pm - Year 6C & Year 6J
Sunday 8th September at 1 pm - Year 6H & Year 6M and at 3 pm Year 6B & Year 6W

CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGE ENROLMENT (STUDENTS STARTING YEAR 7 IN 2021)

If your child is currently in Year 5 (2019) now is the time to enrol for a place at a CATHOLIC secondary college for the 2021 academic year. Below are some important dates to be aware of:

Key Enrolment Dates for our current YEAR 5 students (2019) for Catholic Secondary Enrolment

- **Term 1** - January 2019: Applications open for Year 5 students commencing Year 7 in 2021
- **Term 3** - 23rd August 2019: APPLICATIONS CLOSE
- **Term 3** - 6th September 2019: Principals exchange a full list of applications with neighbouring colleges, including parish of residence
- **Term 3** - 20th September 2019: Principals exchange a full list of applications with neighbouring colleges, identifying proposed offers and non offers
- **Term 4** - 19th October 2019: Offers posted to prospective Year 7, 2021 applicants
- **Term 4** - 1st November 2019: Final date for families to accept offer made by the school.

Should you wish to enrol your child in a government secondary school, this will be facilitated through the transition coordinator in 2020 when your child is in Year 6. For transition enquiries please email (Brooke Brennan, Transition Coordinator) bbrennan@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au and she will assist you.

God bless

Mark Basile

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Principal

BADGES



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PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Special Congratulations go to:

Katia V (4M), Jackson S (2G), Amelia P (3M) and Miriam M (4M)
who have attained a Gold Badge.

Congratulations also to the following children who have recently been awarded Blue Badges:

Samuel V (1J), Keely D (5P), Johansa F (4N), Joanna C (3D), Joel B (3M), Alex D (1K), Angella D (6H), Gisele L (2I), Fadi A (4S), Kiara M (3N) and Eva C (2G).



*Mark Your
Calendar*

CALENDAR DATES FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

TERM TWO

Monday April 22	Easter Monday (Public Holiday)
Tuesday April 23	Beginning of Term 2
Wednesday April 24	Resurrection Liturgy (Prep – Year 2) 12.30 pm in the Church. All welcome.
Wednesday April 24	Second Hand Uniform Sale 2 pm - 3.15 pm in the Drama Room
Thursday April 25	ANZAC DAY (Public Holiday)
Friday April 26	Year 6 Interschool Sport (9 – 11 am)
Friday April 26	Year 1B, 1K & 1J Excursion
Friday April 26	Resurrection Liturgy (Year 3 – Year 6) 12 pm in the Church. All welcome.
Monday April 29	Year 1A, 1H & 1S Excursion
Monday April 29	Prep PMP
Monday April 29	Year 5 & 6 Assembly (6C & 6J presenting) 2.30 pm in the hall. All welcome.
Thursday May 2	Prep / Year 6 Buddy Day
Friday May 3	Year 6 Interschool Sport (9 – 11 am)
Friday May 3	Year 4 Excursion
Saturday May 4	Working Bee (9 am – 12.30 pm) & Open Day (9.30 am – 12 pm)
Saturday May 4	Sacramental 'App' program commences at all masses this weekend

LEVEL ASSEMBLIES - IN THE BIG HALL

DATE	YEAR LEVEL	HOSTING CLASS
Monday April 29	Year 5 & Year 6	Year 6C & 6J

**Print this page and place it on
your fridge**

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Welcome back, I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break and are looking forward to Term 2.

EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following children who won prizes in the Easter Raffle:

1st Prize Chiara D (Prep P)

2nd Prize Evan A (2F)

3rd Prize Harry B (5C)

Thank you to the families who supported this raffle.

Parents' Association Committee positions vacant



We currently have the roles of **Treasurer** and **Assistant Treasurer** open, you do not need to have any special skills, if you run a family you have the skills for these roles.

Treasurer

The main task of the Treasurer is to reconcile the Parents' Association accounts including Profit and Loss Statements. All reports are Excel based and can be completed from home. Ideal for a parent who is unable to help out during school hours.

Assistant Treasurer

The main tasks of the Assistant Treasurer include money counting and collating orders. You will work in a team and choose when to meet on school grounds with your team of parents.

For both roles you will be shown what to do and receive on-going support.

Thinking of getting back into the workforce? This is a great way to gain some experience and it will look great on your resume.

If you would like further details please contact me on 0407 535 850 or at papres@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au

Sandra Katsaros

On behalf of the St Francis of Assisi Parents' Association

AWARDS

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Prep C	Jack M	for listening carefully and making contributions to class discussions.
Prep D	Michael A	for having a go and always trying his best.
Prep N	Phoenix S	for continually working hard on set tasks. Well done Phoenix!
Prep P	Christopher A	for regularly contributing to class discussions.
Prep T	Angelo B	for his enthusiasm to learn and for always giving tasks a go. Keep it up!
Prep U	Tayden P	for always trying his hardest and completing amazing writing work in the classroom. Well done, Tayden!
Prep W	Milana D	for always trying her best in all her work. Well done Milana!
Year 1A	Sophia C	for her creative Easter card writing. Well done Sophia!
Year 1B	Meleena F	for her creative Last Supper artwork.
Year 1H	Anne C	for contributing to class discussions by asking questions and sharing ideas. Well done Anne!
Year 1J	Deeya B	for always being a responsible member of 1J!
Year 1K	Milla J	for being a wonderful role model in the classroom. Keep up the great work Milla.
Year 1S	Jackson C	for always trying his best in all tasks. Well done Jackson!
Year 2F	Marcus V	for being very confident in sharing his spark with his peers.
Year 2G	Charlotte K	for being a fantastic worker and always trying her best. Well done!
Year 2I	Christian T	for getting involved in class discussions. Keep it up!
Year 2P	Maddison S	for completing fantastic work and developing confidence in the classroom. Well done!
Year 2S	Amaya C	for using expression and projecting her voice when practising her lines for the Resurrection Liturgy. Well done, Amaya!
Year 2W	David G	for sharing his amazing knowledge about Holy Week with his classmates.
Year 3A	Caitlin S	for her willingness to contribute her ideas and knowledge during class learning. Well done!
Year 3D	Zoe M	for always showing a great, enthusiastic and positive attitude towards her learning. Well done Zoe!
Year 3M	Katia D	for publishing a fantastic recount. Well done!
Year 3N	Youssef N	for making positive choices in the classroom for his learning. Well done!
Year 3P	Erica C	for listening and participating in class discussions. Keep up the good work Erica!
Year 3R	Tiarah F	for a great start to St Francis of Assisi school. Well done!
Year 4A	Damien F	for having a positive attitude when working in focus groups.
Year 4D	Keira D	for her excellent efforts in writing. Well done!
Year 4F	Telia S	for showing determination to do her work.
Year 4M	Miriam M	for always participating in activities and discussions.
Year 4N	Patrick M	for always persisting with his learning and being a good role model.
Year 4S	Bridgit K	for her detailed answers in her Homework book. Well done and keep it up!
Year 5C	James L	for showing great resilience and working hard during Maths. Well done!
Year 5F	Ava C	for trying her best to achieve her goals. Wonderful effort!
Year 5H	Jayden I	for staying focused and working hard in all areas.
Year 5N	Matteo D	for being a responsible and enthusiastic class member.
Year 5P	Olivia D	for showing kindness to others and demonstrating her leadership skills in 5P.
Year 5T	Julia P	for showing initiative, being positive and encouraging others!
Year 6B	Yousif J	for displaying a positive attitude at all times.
Year 6C	Lucas P	for his fabulous contributions during Reading.
Year 6H	Sairah V	for her enthusiasm and creativity during our Digital Technology days.
Year 6J	Peter N	for asking clarifying questions.
Year 6M	Nathan M	for his excellent effort in all areas of learning. Keep it up!
Year 6W	Ann B	for great contribution during our Digital Tech Days.

Pupil of the Week

Prep	Nicholas V	(Prep D)
Year 1	Anastasia M	(1B)
Year 2	Phoebe M	(2W)
Year 3	Ruby-Rose F	(3P)
Year 4	Analise M	(4N)
Year 5	Alessia C	(5H)
Year 6	Olivia C	(6C)

Keys To Life Award

Prep	John S	(Prep D)	for Getting Along
Year 1	Luca G	(1B)	for Confidence
Year 2	Lucas D	(2W)	for Getting Along
Year 3	Michael C	(3P)	for Getting Along
Year 4	Jonathan S	(4S)	for Organisation
Year 5	Lily N	(5H)	for Persistence & Getting Along
Year 6	Siena M	(6C)	for Persistence