9th December, 2019

Dear Parents,

As the year draws to a close we give thanks for all its challenges and its blessings. We give thanks for all we have been able to achieve. I pray that your celebration of Christmas will be blessed with the joy and peace of Christ’s coming, and that you and your family will take that joy and peace with you into all you do in 2020.

This Friday, we celebrate the graduation of our Year 6 students. The students have been exceptional leaders in our school throughout this year, I congratulate the parents of our Year 6 students on supporting them in conjunction with us through their primary years at St. Francis. I look forward to sharing with the Year 6 families the Graduation Mass on Friday (scheduled for 10.15 am) as well as the Graduation Dinner Dance at Casa D’Abruzzo later that night.

Finally, I wish each and every Year 6 student the very best for the future and I look forward to you returning in coming years and sharing your successes with us.

END OF YEAR REPORTS NOW DIGITAL!

Our 2019 end of year reports will be available on the Compass Portal on Tuesday 10th December from 6 pm. To access your child’s report you will need to have signed up to your Compass Portal. Information about how to access your Compass Portal was sent home at the end of Term 3. If you are having difficulty accessing your Compass Portal please email our eLearning Leader, Mrs Andrea Dato on adato@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au.

The school will no longer be sending home hard copies of reports.

**ATTENTION YEAR 6 FAMILIES AND FAMILIES WHO ARE LEAVING THE SCHOOL AT THE END OF THIS YEAR**

Our reports are going out on Compass this year. Families of Year 6 students and students who are leaving St. Francis will need to print a copy of their December report by 17th December as they will no longer be available on Compass after this date.

PREP, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT—CANCELLED (SORRY!)

It was with much disappointment and regret that I was forced to cancel the Prep to Year 2 Christmas Concert. Due to the wet weather and wind we could not set up our sound system or have the children outside on the stage for safety reasons. I would have loved to use the hall however, the hall is simply not large enough to accommodate all of the children and families. At capacity the hall will hold 350 people and at these nights we generally have over 1,000 in attendance. The Prep children performed their dances in the hall last Friday at 2.45 pm and the Year 1 & 2 will perform their dances on Thursday 12th December at 9.10 am in the Hall.
SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Thank you to Maria Tolani and The Parents’ Association for feeding all our children with yummy sausages last Friday. Not only am I grateful for the fundraising the Association provides the school but most importantly I am grateful for the fun and enjoyment they have brought to our students throughout the year. Thank you!

iPADATHON
My thanks to everyone for your support of this year’s iPadathon. We raised in excess of $14,000 which will go towards a class set of bikes and a storage shed for a bike education program.

The draw for the iPadathon was last Tuesday. Congratulations to the following children who won an iPad:

Prep: Charlotte M (Prep W)
Year 1: Olivia M (1K)
Year 2: Rhea G (2G)
Year 3: Sophie F (3A)
Year 4: Stephanie C (4F)
Year 5: Keeley D (5P)
Year 6: Daniel M (6H)

A special mention needs to be made of Prep W who raised the most money. Well done to Mrs. Wright and her team of Prep children who raised $1,326. They will be receiving a lunch of hot chips for their incredible effort.

Overall, I would like to thank all the grandparents, parents and children for supporting the iPadathon. It is our major fundraiser for the year and I am conscious of making sure the money is well spent on something all the children can enjoy.

BILLYCART DERBY
Last Thursday St Francis of Assisi was treated to another exhilarating Billy Cart Race day. Year 5 and 6 students have been designing and building their own billy carts throughout the year.
Overall, every team had a lot of fun and the day was a huge success.

YEAR 5 PASSION PROJECTS EXPO
What an amazing night! I was so proud of our Year 5 students. They had put a lot of time and effort into the night and it was heartening to watch them all take ownership of their expo. I enjoyed the meal prepared by the Kitchen Garden Team and was impressed by the talent displayed at our Art Show. The Robotics and Science classes were able to show us some incredible stuff and the performance of ‘Press Start’ was like it was performed by a professional theatre company. In our Creator Maker classes the students displayed their Billy Carts which they have built and these were raced last Thursday on our annual Billy Cart Day. It was good to see some of our parents participate in some health and fitness activities as well as bike education facilitated by their children and Mr. McCarthy.
YEAR 5 PASSION PROJECTS EXPO (Con'td)
I would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing teachers. What they are able to support our students in achieving is beyond belief. We are very blessed to have the calibre of teachers we do at St. Francis and their commitment to the student’s education was displayed with their willingness to work tirelessly to make the night a success.
Enjoy the photos!

YEAR 6 FUN DAY AT FUNFIELDS
Last Wednesday 4th December the Year 6 students travelled to Funfields with their teachers for a ‘fun day’ to celebrate a fantastic year. I would like to congratulate the students on their exemplary behaviour and for displaying true leadership skills throughout the year. A big thank you to Miss Mullavey, Mrs Mancuso and the Year 6 team for organising the day.

YEAR 3, YEAR 4 & PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS
Wow—what a wonderful night last night. The Year 3 & Year 4 students participated in the Parish Choirs Carols and it was a marvelous evening of song. Thank you to our parents who came along to share and prepare for the Christmas Season.

SKOOLBAG
St Francis of Assisi School will not be continuing with Skoolbag in 2020. All notifications, newsletters and alerts will be sent home on Compass.

LEARNING JOURNALS AND NOTIFICATION OF 2020 CLASS TEACHER
This year’s Learning Assessment Journals will be sent home on Tuesday 10th December. As mentioned above, Reports will be available on the Compass Portal on Tuesday 10th December from 6 pm. Please note that Instrumental Music Reports will be sent home in the Learning Assessment Journals.

The Christmas Card from each child’s 2020 teacher will also be sent home on the 10th December. We have worked extremely hard on the class lists and whilst we know we can’t please everyone we believe we have done our very best. On Tuesday 10th December all students will have an orientation session with their teacher for 2020. Bookings for beginning of school assessments 2020 will be open at 7 pm on Thursday 12th December.
YEAR 1 - YEAR 6 ORIENTATION FOR 2020
Tomorrow, Tuesday, 10th December from 9.30 am to 10.45 am students will have an orientation session to enable them to spend some time with their 2020 teacher and the students that they will be with. I encourage parents to positively support students as they work through their feelings about their class placement for 2020.

CLASS GROUPINGS — RESILIENCE
We have endeavoured to meet the educational and social needs of all students in arranging their placement for next year. Some parents may be disappointed about the placement of their child. Some students may feel uncertain about their teacher or the group of students in their class for 2020. As parents we need to be AFFIRMING and POSITIVE when speaking about the year ahead. Please do not let personalities and side issues impact upon your child’s outlook for 2020. Remember schools are in the business of education not entertainment. That requires us to ensure that the best educational groupings are made and this can at times mean that best friends are not always placed together.

PLEASE ASSIST US IN BUILDING RESILIENCE IN ALL STUDENTS.
STUDENTS NEED TO LEARN TO FACE LIFE’S CHALLENGES WITH SUPPORT.
(Parent support in this would be greatly appreciated as changes will not be made to student grade allocations.)

YEAR 6 PASSION PROJECT EXPOS
This Wednesday, 11th December our Year 6 parents are invited to our Passion Projects Expo. This is a great opportunity to see what the children have been doing this semester in their passion project. The evening will commence at 5:30 pm and is expected to conclude at 6:30 pm.

Parents will have the opportunity to . . .
★ partake in some amazing science experiments,
★ view our Billy Carts produced and built by the students and complete some STEM challenges using problem solving strategies in the Year 6 building,
★ watch robots in action, (Robotics)
★ appreciate artistic talents (Art Show in the library planning room),
★ view a musical performance in the Hall (Press Start),
★ taste some food harvested from our very own garden and cooked in our student run restaurant and
★ increase their own knowledge of health and fitness.

** Please note; for Kitchen Garden only the students doing this project and their parents can attend this Expo **

WE WANT YOUR OLD SCHOOL SHOES!
Olivia F (5F) is hoping that the children of St. Francis will donate their black school shoes that they may have outgrown. These shoes will be given to children who are disadvantaged. The shoes must be in good condition. On the last day of school - Tuesday 17th December, we invite students to bring in their old school shoes and wear runners on the day. Please make sure that the shoe laces are tied together (in pairs). Donation boxes will be set up in the school office. Congratulations Olivia on this wonderful initiative.

LIBRARY BORROWING FOR THE YEAR HAS NOW FINISHED
Borrowing for the year has now finished so can students and parents please gather together any books that they have and return them to the library as soon as possible. Overdue notes will go out shortly. If you have any concerns with regard to lost/overdue library books please do not hesitate to contact the Library.

2020 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN
PLEASE NOTE : ONLY NEW APPLICANTS NEED TO APPLY!
All existing students currently enrolled in the instrumental music program will be automatically re-enrolled, unless Pina/Office are informed to cancel or transition your child’s enrolment.
Instrumental Enrolment forms can be collected from the front office or downloaded from the school website. If you have any queries please contact Mrs. Pina Fusillo at the school office between 8.30 am—11 am.

FAIR - STALL HOLDERS (MARCH 22, 2020)
As you are aware we have the St Francis Fair on the 22nd March, 2020. If you are interested in setting up a stall at the Fair, please fill in the form attached to this letter and email it to Ruth Lees at the following email address: Ruth.Lees@cam.org.au. Please note that the Stall Fee for 1 Trestle Table is: $40 if located in the Hall or $50 if located outside in the school courtyard.
UPCOMING DATES

Whole School 2020 Orientation  Tuesday 10th December
Students from Prep – 5 will meet their 2020 teacher and class from 9 am – 11 am.

Reports and Learning Assessment Journals  Tuesday 10th December
Student’s Reports will be available and Learning Assessment Journals will go home with the students on this day.

Year 6 Fun Day at the School  Thursday 12th December
This day is set aside for our Year 6 students to celebrate their time at St. Francis. This will include the signing of Graduation Bears/Soccer balls and sport T-shirts.

Year 6 Graduation Mass  Friday 13th December (10.15 am)
This is the final farewell for our Year 6 students. This is an opportunity for families to come together to give thanks for the 7 years that the children have been with us at St Francis (Year 6 parents are encouraged to attend).

Final Day for Year 6 Students  Friday 13th December (1 pm)
Year 6 students will be dismissed at 1 pm on Friday 13th December. This will be the final day of school for our Year 6 students.

Year 6 Graduation Dinner  Friday 13th December (6.30 pm)
We look forward to a wonderful evening full of dancing and fun. Celebrating our final time together as a group.

Final Day for Students (Prep to Year 5)  Tuesday 17th December (1 pm)
The end of school year Mass for children in Prep to Year 5 will be celebrated on Tuesday 17th December at 10.15 am. Children will be dismissed at 1 pm on Tuesday, 17th December. This will be the final day of school for students.

2020 STATIONERY LISTS
2020 stationery lists have been sent home. If you did not receive one please collect one from the School Office. All orders will be done online through Office Max and will be delivered to homes. If you wish to buy some of your children’s stationery at alternative stores that is fine, however could you please ensure that your child/ren have their stationery labelled and with them on the first day of school next year.

END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS
Year 6 Graduation Mass will be held at 10.15 am this Friday 13th December in the Church. Our Year 6 children formally finish at 1 pm on this day.
The end of school year Mass for children in Prep to Year 5 will be celebrated at 10.15 am on Tuesday 17th December. Children will be dismissed at 1 pm on Tuesday, 17th December.

VACATION CARE
Holiday program will be operating on Friday January 24th to Thursday January 30th, 2020. Please note Monday 27th January is a public holiday and therefore there will be no care. If you wish to enrol your child into Vacation Care please contact either Joy or Angela on 9407 3170.

BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR 2020 ASSESSMENTS
We will be including with the Christmas Card booking information for assessments to be conducted on the first two days of the school year in 2020 (Year 1 to Year 6). Students from Year 1 – 6 will begin their first formal day of school on Friday, 31st January, 2020.

Year 1 - 6 students will have an appointment for a one hour test on either Wednesday 29th January or Thursday 30th January.

Please note that the Prep grades will have a staggered start commencing:
- Wednesday, 29th January (8.45 am – 12.30 pm). Children with Surnames beginning with the letters A – L.
- Thursday, 30th January (8.45 am – 12.30 pm). Children with Surnames beginning with the letters M – Z.
- Friday, 31st January (8.45 am - 12.30 pm). All Prep students begin with the rest of the school.
Bookings online for beginning of school assessments 2020 will be open at 7 pm on Thursday 12th December.
CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGE ENROLMENT (STUDENTS STARTING YEAR 7 IN 2022)

If your child is currently in Year 4 (2019), February next year 2020 is the time to enrol for a place at a CATHOLIC secondary college for the 2022 academic year. Below are some important dates to be aware of:

Key enrolment dates for our current Year 4 students in 2019 starting Year 7 in 2022.

Critical Dates
- Term 1 – 28 January 2020: Applications for Year 5 students commencing Year 7 in 2022 open.
- Term 3 – 21 August 2020: Applications close.
- Term 4 – 6 November 2020: Final date for families to accept offer made by school.

Should you wish to enrol your child in a government secondary school, this will be facilitated through the transition coordinator in 2021 when your child is in Year 6. For transition enquiries please email (Brooke Brennan, Transition Coordinator) at bbrennan@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au and she will assist you.

Baby Congratulations
Congratulations to one of our psychologists Jessica Patti and her husband Daniel on the birth of their beautiful baby girl Mary Peta.

Engagement Congratulations
Congratulations to Olivia Mullavey (Year 6M teacher) who announced her engagement to Luke over the weekend. We wish them both every happiness.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD
A special Principal’s Award goes to:

Year 4D Joshua A for making great attempts to edit his writing using digital technologies. Well done!

God bless

Mark Basile
Principal

BADGES

Special Congratulations go to:
Eve H (IB), Kaitlyn V (6B), Jaydon G (2W), Samara H (2I), Chloe K (4D) and Tommas M (4D), who have attained a Gold Badge.

Congratulations also to the following children who have recently been awarded Blue Badges:
Alexandra M (4A), Robbie K (Prep U), Nicholas W (5T), Adrian L (3P), Joanna C (3D), Michael H (1H), Katherine C (3N), Charli T (Prep D), Andre L (6J), Charlotte F (1S), Jacob D (2S), Franco A (Prep U), Ethan G (Prep T), Anthony F (3R), Campbell B (5T), Amaya C (2S), Abella A (2W), Adrian J (4D), Christian F (1K), Patrick M (4N), Olivia D (1A) and Erini P (6M).
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Learning and Teaching

On Tuesday 10th December your child’s report will be made available via the Compass Portal. There are TWO parts to the Report, they include: The Summary Report (available via Compass) and Learning Assessment Journal.

PART ONE: LEARNING ASSESSMENT JOURNAL

Some of the features of the Learning Assessment Journal include:
1. Student work samples that have been corrected and/or annotated.
2. Criteria to provide feedback to students and parents about meeting the expectations of a particular task.
3. Goal setting, self reflections and self assessments that highlight the student taking ownership and setting direction for their learning.

PART TWO: SUMMARY REPORT

The summary report has been modified to meet the feedback we received from staff and parents. It is more graphical in representation and complements the Learning Assessment Journal. Some of the features of the school report include:

Growth Summary Report
Previously known as the dot point page. This page demonstrates your child’s progression in the areas in all areas of Victorian Curriculum. The work samples in the Learning Assessment Journal will provide additional information and feedback to support this page.

Religious Education
The Religious Education report will include an overview about the understandings and skills that have been a focus for learning in Semester Two, Learning Intentions, a Five Point Achievement Scale and a progression of learning summary report table. It will indicate your child’s level of achievement against the learning intentions.

Integrated Inquiry
The Integrated Inquiry report will include an overview about the understandings and skills that have been a focus for learning in Semester Two. It includes Learning Intentions from areas of Victorian Curriculum that have been a focus this Semester. This may include: History, Geography, Science, and/or Learning Capabilities. This section of the report also includes a Five Point Achievement Scale. It will indicate your child’s level of achievement against the learning intentions.
**Student Comment Page** This page is personalised and highlights what your child has learnt in English and Mathematics. Future learning goals are also stated.

**Class Comment** This paragraph is personalised and highlights skills, and dispositions that your child has developed through a variety of learning experiences. Parents receive feedback about their child’s ability to manage their own learning and their ability to work with others.

**Extra Curriculum** page provides parents with feedback about their child’s progression during specialist subjects. Each area includes Learning Intentions and a Five Point Achievement Scale. It will indicate your child’s level of achievement against the learning intentions. The areas include: Physical Education (P-6), Italian (P-6), Japanese (5/6 only), Art (P-4), Drama (P-4) Music (P-6), Library (P-4), Computers (Prep, 3/4) Science (1/2) and Selected Passion Projects (5/6).

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**TIPS FOR READING YOUR CHILD’S REPORT AND LEARNING ASSESSMENT JOURNAL**

**Focus on strengths.** Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths and areas of progress with your child.

**Take into account your child’s effort and attitude to learning.** If the report indicates that effort is an area of concern, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.

**Broaden your focus away** from academic performance to form a picture of your child’s progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don’t dismiss these as unimportant.

**Take note of student self assessment.** Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.

**Discuss the report with your son or daughter** talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

If you have any questions about the Reporting Processes at SFOA, please contact me - dpieri@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au

*Delfina Pieri*
*Deputy Principal- Learning and Teaching.*
2019 has been another wonderful year, filled with many faith-filled events and celebrations. The ‘spirit’ of Christ has certainly been alive and active within our St Francis of Assisi community and I would like to express my gratitude to all staff, students and parents who have contributed so generously to our liturgical celebrations, sacramental programs and social justice initiatives.

I would like to particularly acknowledge the efforts of the 2019 Religious Education Leadership Team, comprised of Elvin P (6M), Tessa B (6M), Daniel X (6B), Vanessa F (6B), Riya R (6H), Tena S (6M) and Christine J (6W) who have worked tirelessly to maintain and strengthen our faith community. They have shown exemplary leadership and personal integrity in fulfilling a variety of roles and have made a significant impact upon our school. On behalf of the entire school and parish community I thank them for their outstanding service and wish them well as they continue their journey in faith.

Throughout the year many senior students have held positions of leadership and have made valuable contributions to the running and culture of the school. I thank all school leaders who have assumed key roles and worked hard to make St Francis of Assisi a wonderful place to learn and grow closer to God. Student leadership is central to our Catholic ethos and I commend all students who, in their own way, helped sculpt St Francis of Assisi School into a vibrant, caring and gospel centred learning community.

This week we will celebrate the graduation of our Year 6 students with a mass on Friday, 13th December at 10.15 am followed by an evening meal for staff, graduates and their families. The Year 6 students have all made a wonderful contribution to our school over their time with us and we wish them all the very best as they embark upon the next chapter in their lives.

To conclude the 2019 school year we will gather as a school community on Tuesday, 17th December for a mass of thanksgiving. We intend to celebrate under the sails in the school courtyard at 10.15 am, however if the weather is unsuitable for an outdoor gathering, we will be having two celebrations in the church. Preps - Year 2 will be joining the 9.15 am mass and Years 3 - 5 will be gathering at 10.15 am. The celebration will give us the opportunity to offer our thanks to God for the many blessings we have received this year and ask for God’s continued blessing. We will also be farewelling several teachers who will be continuing their professional journey at other schools.

Advent is a time for prayerful reflection upon our lives and a time to make physical, social or emotional adjustments to restore Christ to the centre of our lives. As we look beyond the festive season and turn our thoughts to the 2020 school year there are several key dates that need to be highlighted.

Next year’s dates for our sacramental celebrations have been finalised and classes allocated. The schedule for First Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation is outlined below for your reference. Parents are asked to put these important dates into their 2020 diaries.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION—2020**

| Year 3A | Tuesday 17th March at 10 am |
| Year 3D | Wednesday 18th March at 10 am |
| Year 3N | Wednesday 18th March at 12 noon |
| Year 3P | Thursday 19th March at 10 am |
| Year 3R | Thursday 19th March at 12 noon |
| Year 3S | Friday 20th March at 10 am |

**FIRST EUCHARIST—2020**

| Year 3P | Saturday 13th June at 11.30 am |
| Year 3D | Sunday 14th June at 1 pm |
| Year 3N | Sunday 14th June at 3 pm |
| Year 3A | Saturday 20th June at 11 am |
| Year 3R | Sunday 21st June at 1 pm |
| Year 3S | Sunday 21st June at 3 pm |
CONFIRMATION 2020

Year 6C  Friday 28th August at 7 pm
Year 6J  Friday 28th August at 7 pm
Year 6M  Sunday 30th August at 1 pm
Year 6H  Sunday 30th August at 1 pm
Year 6F  Sunday 30th August at 3 pm
Year 6W  Sunday 30th August at 3 pm

Time to Pray

Loving God,
you have given us many opportunities for growth in our faith this year.
We thank you for your love and care for us as we have worked to
learn our school subjects and worked to learn how to be a community
that loves and cares for all its members.
Continue to bless us as we conclude our school year together
and keep us safe in your love until we meet again.
Amen

Wishing you all a happy and holy Christmas.

God Bless.

John Dwyer
Religious Education Leader

RE News

I am so proud of all my early morning musicians and singers and must take this opportunity to congratulate you all on your magnificent singing and playing at the Parish Christmas Carols last night.

It was a beautiful evening made all the more special by the performances from all the Year 3 & 4 students. The costumes were amazing and it was wonderful to see so many parents there to support our students as we celebrate the Christmas season.

This week will be our last week of rehearsals for the singers who still have work to do! This Friday (December 13th) we will lead the singing at the Graduation Mass and of course we have to prepare for our final Mass for the year for the whole school.

**VOCAL HARMONY:** Thursday 8 am.

**CHOIR:** Tuesday 1st break (11:10 am).

Congratulations on a successful year of playing and learning to all the Ensembles - I look forward to seeing you all again next year and encourage any new members to come along and have a go!

**ENSEMBLE REHEARSALS 2020**

**ROCK BAND:** Tuesdays 8 am (Year 5 & Year 6)

**CHOIR:** Tuesdays 1st break (11:10 am). (Year 1 - Year 6)

**INTERMEDIATE BAND & STRINGS:** Wednesdays 8 am. (Year 3 - Year 6)

**VOCAL HARMONY:** Thursdays 8 am. (Year 4 - Year 6)

Happy Christmas everyone, enjoy your holidays!

Chris Grey
Music Teacher
Hit for 6 With New Sport Equipment

A big thank you to the SFOA families who helped contribute to the recent sports equipment purchase from Rebel Sport.

Rebel Sport offers a ‘School Community’ rebate program, which allows customers to nominate their school of choice, to receive the rebates. This year we were able to purchase some brand new equipment for our students to use, as beautifully displayed by our Prep N students.

If you join Rebel Sport as a member, you can nominate St Francis as your School/Club and we can receive rebates towards our school community account. We can use these rebate dollars to purchase more brand new sports equipment for our students to use.

If you are a member make sure you have St Francis down as your School/Club to support!

Brett McCarthy & Adrian Talarico
Sports Teachers
BAKER’S DELIGHT CHRISTMAS CAKES AND TARTS DRIVE
Orders will be sent home tomorrow Tuesday 10th December. Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts.

Christmas Raffle
Tickets and money need to be returned now. We will be drawing the Christmas Raffle on Wednesday 11th December. Thank you to Mel Carroll for coordinating the Raffle and to Rita Pisani, Vicki Vidinopoulos and Dani Galati for their assistance. Attached to this Flyer is a list of sponsors for the Raffle. We thank them for their donations.

Hot Food Day – Sausages and Icy poles
Hot Food day was held last Friday and the students enjoyed sausages and icy poles. The parents cooked over 1,000 sausages and distributed over 1,000 icy poles.

I would like to thank all parents that took time out of their day to help and I would especially like to thank Maria Tolani and her team for another job well done.

This year it was my pleasure to work with the school and parents in the St Francis community to raise funds for resources and provide services to enhance the quality of school life for our children.

I would like to thank the Committee members, event coordinators and all those parents who contributed endless hours to the Parents’ Association this year. Your constant support of the Parents’ Association and each other motivates us to do a better job for our children.

A big thank you to the school staff and leadership team for assisting the Parents’ Association; your guidance and encouragement has been invaluable, you have always supported the ideas and work of the Parents’ Association and helped us to fulfill our goals.

We are truly blessed to be part of the St Francis community and I am personally grateful to everyone, parents and school staff who supported the Parents’ Association and myself this year. There are too many to mention by name and I don’t want to forget anyone; you all played a part in the success of the Parents’ Association this year. I am very proud of our parents and our achievements.

Continue to support our the Parents’ Association and welcome our new Committee members in 2020.

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Sandra Katsaros
On behalf of the St Francis of Assisi Parents’ Association
Thank You To The Following Companies Who Donated To Our Christmas School Raffle 2019

Barry Plant, Mill Park/South Morang
(Jay Moxon & Lisa Reginato 0431 447 369)
Aquastyle, Mill Park
Bunnings, Mill Park
Alaura Jewellery
Skaterz, Eltham
Wild Card & Gifts, Plenty Valley
Funfields, Whittlesea
Latrobe Golf Park, Bundoora
Caltex Fuel (Michael Smyth)
Degani, Plenty Valley
Salts of the Earth, Mill Park (Maria Tolani)
Lollipops, Bundoora
Canvases & Crafts 4 U (Rita Pisani 0417 057 264)
Suzanas Kitchen (Suzana Bojkovski 0421 127 949)
Enjo (Deb Mirra 0417 300 242)
Two Brown Angus, Mill Park
Daniella Galati
Hahndorf Fine Chocolates, Plenty Valley
St Francis of Assisi, Mill Park
Advent / Christmas Services

Parish / School Christmas Carols
Sunday 8th December 7:00 pm (hall)

Confessions
Saturday 14th December 9:45 am -10:45 am
Wednesday 18th December 8 pm onwards
Friday 20th December 9:45 am - 10:30 am
Saturday 21st December 9:45 am - 10:45 am
Monday 23rd December 9:45 am - 10:45 am
Tuesday 24th December 9:45 am - 10:45 am

Advent Mass Timetable
Saturday 21st December 9:15 am & 5:00 pm
Sunday 22nd December 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm
Monday 23rd December 9:15am
Tuesday 24th December 9:15am

Christmas Mass Timetable
Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December
5:00 pm  Family Vigil Mass
6:30 pm  Nativity Play
7:00 pm  Vigil Mass
9:00 pm  Tagalog Mass
11:30 pm  Christmas Carols
Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December
12:00 am  Midnight Mass
9:00 am  Christmas Mass
10:30 am  Christmas Mass

Boxing Day Mass Timetable
Thursday 26th December 9:15 am

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