Dear Parents and Friends,

We are very pleased to announce our 2015 School Captains and Vice Captains as follows:

School Captains: Cassie Brooks and Will Sheehan
Vice Captains: Rebecca Williams and Billy Brinsdon.

All of the students who nominated for the positions did a fabulous job of presenting their speeches and we were very proud of them all.

Three of our captains had this to say about their thoughts on St Francis in 2015:

“I hope that all the new Prep students and the whole school have a good year and I hope to encourage our students to be involved in more school activities” – Cassie Brooks.

“I would love for all students to participate in all activities and that we all try hard at our learning” – Bec Williams.

“I like all the sport opportunities that we have at St Francis and I love watching all the students playing sport together.” - Billy Brinsdon

Peace and best wishes for the week ahead,

Claire Kelly

Lord Jesus, you came to us in a humble stable. Help us to prepare a place in our hearts for you. Amen.
This week, our Positive Behaviour Blitz is Cooperation.

Cooperation is the act of working together or jointly; of being united in producing an effect. By developing cooperation skills, students build relationships as they complete tasks, utilizing their own skills and those of others to their best advantage. Cooperating encourages students to compromise and negotiate and creates opportunities for unity and harmony to occur.

In Week 8 our Social Skills Blitz was around tolerance. The following students were nominated by their peers as displaying positive behaviour last week:

Chloe Hildebrand, Tasman Baker, Ruby McIver, Sara Galambos, Kiarah Hibberson and Jasmine Galambos

Congratulations everyone

GREEN DAY FOR MOLLIE

What a fabulous success Green Day for Mollie was! Absolutely everyone wore something green to school and there was nail painting, hair dye and yummy cupcakes at recess. A whopping $612.00 was raised. A HUGE thank you to Billy Brinsdon and his mum, Jacqui for all the work they did in creating such a fabulous day and we also say a HUGE thank you to each and every person who participated in Green Day for Mollie.

THANK YOU
SOCcer clinic:
As advised in last week’s newsletter, we are holding a soccer clinic on Monday, 15 December 2014 between 11.30 a.m. and 1.15 p.m. We have been approached by Reno Lia who is a founding member of the Football Institute, an exciting new academy, which has recently started in Shepparton, to run a soccer clinic for our students. The head coaches in this academy have many years experience between them in coaching and playing soccer in leagues in Australia and overseas. A full list of the coaches’ credentials is on the back page of the newsletter. There is a $3.00 cost per child for the clinic and this can be paid to Lonky at the front office.

SCHOOL REPORTS:
School reports are being sent home on 16 December 2014. We have no scheduled no parent/teacher interviews in Term 4, however, parents are encouraged to speak to their child’s class teacher if you have any concerns or feedback. Teachers will be available to speak to parents on Thursday, 18 December 2014.

“May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.
What I say to you, I say to all:
'Watch!'
Van Gough, Noon Rest (after millet)

On Tuesday morning our grade 4/5 children led us in beautiful advent liturgy. Advent is our Church season of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. Advent promises new life in Christ. Christ’s coming gives us a living picture of God; through Christ we get to know God. Advent fosters in us the attitude of expectation; it is an essential part of our Christian belief that we should be looking forward, throughout our life, to a life in fullness with God. Jesus told us, “I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.” John 10:10.

For thousands of years, the Hebrew prophets told in the Hebrew Scriptures how they looked forward to the redemption of their people. In the Scriptures, we hear how we have that redemption: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” John 3:16, 17.

Each Advent we renew our expectation and each Christmas we celebrate Christ’s coming and God’s redemption. God, our Father, help us to put aside those things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy this Advent Season.
COMMUNITY NEWS

SOCCER COACHES

INFORMATION

OUR HEAD COACHES

RENO LIA:
- Bachelor of Applied Science in Physical Education
- Master of Educational Leadership
- FFA C License
- Played South Melbourne Hellas
- Played For Juventus FC
- Tracked with Manchester United, Blackburn Rovers and Blackpool
- 2012-2014 Shapcott South SC Head Coach
- 2013 GNEFA Head coach of the year
- 1995-1997 Bentleigh Greens SC Assistant Coach (Senior team)
- Michael Weinstein Medalist (Best young player in Victoria)

FRANKIE LAGANA:
- VIS Scholarship holder
- AIS scholarship holder
- National Youth league Gold Medalist (Carlton SC)
- Played for Empoli FC (Seria A)
- Runners up Coppa Italia
- Played for Melbourne Knights SC
- Played for Airdrie United FC (Scotland)
- Australia Representation U/17, U/20 & U/23 levels
- Michael Weinstein Medalist (Best young player in Victoria)
- Youth specialist coach Multibynnong sports college
- 2014 Assistant coach Green Gully (NPL)
- FFA C License

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CRAIG CARLEY:
- Fulham FC as a junior
- Played for AFC Wimbledon
- Played for Oxford
- Played for Met Police
- Played for Walton Casuals
- Represented England C vs Jersey FA - 1 Cap
- 2004 - step 5 non league player of the season
  http://www.tonbridgeafc.co.uk/05previews/38walton.shtml
- In Australia:
  - Cobram Victory 1st year: GNEFA league best and fairest and golden boot winner and club best and fairest.
  - Cobram Victory 2nd season: player/coach finished runner up regular season and lost in elimination final league 2nd top goal scorer.
  - Cobram Victory 3rd season: Won premiership as player/coach league 2nd top goal scorer.
  - Cobram Victory 4th season: player/coach lost in pre-lim final league 2nd top goal scorer and GNEFA Allstars vs Melb Heart
  - GV Suns player MPL Vic 14 goals Selected in ‘corner flag’ team of the season Squad
- FFA C License

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KEEP CALM IT'S NEARLY CHRISTMAS!

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OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT WE ARE BUILT IN THE COUNTRY OF THE YORTA YORTA PEOPLE. WE PAY RESPECT TO THE TRIBAL ELDERS, AND CELEBRATE THE CONTINUING INDIGENOUS CULTURE IN AND AROUND THE NATHALIA AREA.