Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.
Send your Spirit to consecrate us so that the Jubilee of Mercy
may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,
may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.
We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy;
You who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.
Amen

Welcome back to our families
Welcome back to term three 2016. A special welcome to our new family, Marvin and Irene Quitalig and their daughter Jeana who has joined our year one class. All the babies have grown and looking very cute and cuddly.
What a wet miserable morning it was today! The children will be full of energy when they get home because we have had to keep them inside.

Welcome back Jenni Brown
Jenni Brown, our year one teacher has returned three days a week. We hope your first few days have been rewarding and we are delighted to see you back on board. Jenni and Tanika will share the year one classroom for the remainder of the year. What a team!

Staff Professional Development
On Monday we had a very beneficial day working with consultants from Catholic Education to further refine and hone our teaching skills in the English Learning Areas. The feedback from the staff was very positive.

Wednesday afternoon the staff worked until 4:45pm. Well done! During the time we revised our first draft of Our Early Years Philosophy. We are almost there! When we have completed the next session I will send the philosophy out to you, the parents for your comments.

Term Three Parent Planner
We have attached the Planner so that you are aware of upcoming events. Please note, due to unforeseen circumstances events may change. Further information regarding times and details of school events over the term will be forwarded to you in the Newsletters in a timely manner.

Book Week – Week 6
I’m just giving you plenty of time to organise yourself for our Parade for Book Week which is in week seven. The theme for Book Week is all about Australia, Story & Country. Where possible, please assist your child in choosing a book with an Australian theme with the appropriate costume. I realise many of the little ones are keen on Frozen and Super Heros! I urge you not to make this an expensive morning – look for items that are found around the house or from St Vincent de Pauls stores. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to use their forgotten imagination. I might add most of us have lost our childlike ability to ‘imagine’!
Note Events for the First Four Weeks
6:00pm Wednesday, 27 July – School Board Meeting
2:15pm Wednesday, 10 August – Pre Primary Liturgy
Thursday, 11 August – Kindy & Pre Primary PMH Incursion
2:20pm Monday, 15 August – Liturgy for the Feast of the Assumption

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Monday, 15 August. As Catholics we celebrate the Christian belief that God assumed the Virgin Mary into heaven, this celebration is her Heavenly birthday.

There will be a 9:00am mass at St Anthony’s Church for parents who wish to attend. This Feast Day is only one of two days of which the other day is Christmas, considered to be Holy Days of Obligation. Catholics are required to attend mass on these days of you are able to do so. Unfortunately we will not have a mass here, however we will have a Liturgy at 2:20pm if you would like to join us.

Dogs!
I love dogs, my own that is! However, please note animals are not permitted on our school site; small or large; cuddly or cute. If you want to walk your dog to school please tie them up away from the entrance. My preference is to leave them at home and walk them some other time. God Bless.

Vegetable Soup from kindy
Today with the assistance of parents bringing in a vegetable Kim, Lea and the children made an amazing, delicious veggie soup. Thank you kindy class for sharing with us.

Attendance
A fabulous start to the term – everyone on time for school. Please keep it up!

‘May God keep us safe in the palm of his hand’

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