Dear Parents and Families, Staff and Children

The month of May in our Catholic tradition is a time of special devotion to Mary as the mother of God and the mother of each one of us. The understanding of Mary as the mother of God is centred in the belief that Jesus is truly God as well as being truly one of us. Therefore Mary is the mother of Jesus and the mother of God. This title of Mother of God is not so much about Mary but much more about Jesus. In honouring Mary as the mother of God we express our faith in Jesus truly risen from the dead and in God as a trinity of three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Our understanding of Mary as our mother has its origin in the Gospel of Saint John when just before Jesus died he entrusted Mary to the care of John with these words: “Son, this is your mother; mother, this is your son” (John 19: 25-27). John in this incident is seen as representing all of humanity. It is clear that the early Christian community accepted this role of Mary as their mother and in the Acts of the Apostles the writer describes the disciples as gathering around Mary and joining in prayer with her (Acts 1:14).

In celebrating Mother’s Day we honour Mary as the mother of all people, and most especially we honour all women who share in God’s creative power through their motherhood. We also honour the special role women played in the life of Jesus. Soon after his election in March this year Pope Francis spoke of the pivotal role women play in our faith story. Speaking of the resurrection he said:

“First we note that the first witnesses to this event were women. The women are driven by love and know how to express this love through faith. They believe and immediately they share what they have seen with others. They cannot contain the joy of knowing that Jesus is alive. Their hearts are filled with hope. The beautiful mission of mothers and women is to give witness to their children and grandchildren that Jesus is risen and alive. Mothers go forward with this witness. What matters to God is our heart, and if we open our hearts to God we are like trusting children. But this also leads us to reflect on how in the church and in the journey of faith, women have had and still have a special role in opening doors to the Lord, in following him.
and communicating his face, because the eyes of faith always need the simple and profound look of love”. (Pope Francis, General Audience April 3rd 2013)

Happy Mother’s Day to all Santa Teresa mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures. May you all be blessed in your role as custodians of the faith and heralds of the good news that Jesus is risen and living within and among us. We pray that you will always know the closeness of God and the love of your children and families.

Yours sincerely

In JMJ

Br Daniel

Principal

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following children who received awards at the assembly last Wednesday: Jessie Ronson, Latoya Young, Shalana Young, Chelsya Oliver, Ruth Hayes, Campion Young, Connie Ryder, Savannah King, Lisa Young, Antwon Timouth, Erin Murphy, Jordan Oliver, Shara Tilmouth, Jamie Young, Camille Young, Kayne Lynch, Latissa John, Christyanna Wallace.

Ingkerreke Commercial Mountain Bike Enduro

This special event will start from outside the school on the Wednesday morning at 7.30am. Following the race start there will be a community breakfast served from the canteen area. All members of the community are invited to be present for the start of the race and to the breakfast following.

The Ingkerreke organising committee have donated 4 mountain bikes to the school – two are for children who have a good attendance record and whose behaviour and participation in class are good. Class teachers were invited to nominate a boy and a girl from their class and a raffle was held during assembly last Wednesday. Congratulations to the winners: Floyd Spratt (Year 8) and Kelly Smith (Year 8).

Another two bikes are for the winners of an art project around the Ingkerreke and mountain bikes. This art work is on display in the library and was judged last Thursday by Margaret Hughes from the CEO in Darwin. Congratulations to the winners: Victor Palmer (Year 1) and Teresa Laughton (Year 6/7).
Welcome

Welcome to the staff and students from Clonard College in Geelong who are visiting the Santa Teresa community this week. Clonard is one of the schools hosting the Drummers during their coming trip to Melbourne.