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Dear Parents and Families, Staff and Children

The tragic crash of the Malaysian Airline last week and the consequent death of 289 people, including 80 children and 36 Australians, has shocked the world. It is clear that this was not an accident but caused by the actions of people on the ground. It is a clear reminder to us all of the presence of evil in the world.

In the Gospel at Mass yesterday Jesus told the parable of the man who sowed seeds in the fields. As the seed grew weeds also appeared and the good seed was in danger of being overcome by the weeds and the crop lost. It was through careful tending to the crop that the good seed was able to flourish and produce a rich harvest in spite of the weeds.

All of us have the potential to either do good in our lives or to give way to the forces of evil. What keeps us strong is the Word of God. It was planted in our hearts through Baptism, and if we listen to God’s Word and open our heart to responding to it, then our lives will produce a rich harvest. The events of last week are a tragic example of what happens when people close their hearts to God, and do not listen to God’s Word.

We pray this week for the victims of the plane disaster in the Ukraine and for their families all those affected by this tragedy. We pray that evil will be overcome in our world by the power of God’s Word and the willingness of men and women of good will to listen to this word and act upon it by striving to bring about peace.

Jesus and Mary bless all Santa Teresa families.

Yours sincerely
In JMJ
Br Daniel
Principal

Welcome
Welcome to the children and teachers from Lourdes Hill College in Brisbane who are visiting the school and wider Santa Teresa community during this week.

Welcome, also to Br Peter Carroll, Vice Provincial of the Marist Brothers (Australia) who is also visiting this week.
Some Pictures from last Friday's NAIDOC Celebration at school.