November 17th 2014

Dear Parents and Families, Staff and Children

The Parable of the Talents which was the Gospel (Matthew 25: 14 – 21) read at Mass yesterday has two important messages for us who are followers of Jesus. The first message is that God trusts us – otherwise God would not give us the ability to do things. God wants us to use these gifts to do good things and when we do we are honouring God.

The greatest gift that God gives us is that we have free will. This is what separates us from the animal world. Jesus teaches us that we should use this gift and all other gifts for our own growth and for the good of others. This means that sometimes we need to be strong and take risks. It is alright to fail as long as we learn from that and do better in the future. It is better to try and not succeed rather than not to try at all. This is the second message from the Gospel story of the Talents.

We often talk to the children at school about the importance of taking risks and being strong. It is more important to participate than to succeed. Through participation we learn and grow, and become stronger. This is good for ourselves and for others and is exactly what God asks of us.

We pray this week in thanks for the gifts that God has given to each one of us. We pray that we will grow to be strong and use these gifts for our own good and for the good of others.

Jesus and Mary bless all Santa Teresa families.

Yours sincerely

Br Daniel

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Principal

Congratulations to the following children who received awards at the assembly last week: Brett Smith & Jai Gorey (Being on Time); Kurt Smith & Joel Palmer (Making Good Choices and Listening); All Middle School Students (Excellent Participation – Health Programme delivered by Congress& Swimming).

Magic Words Indigo: Savannah King