March 30th 2015

Dear Parents and Families, Staff and Students

This week is Holy Week which is the special time each year that we remember the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. The events we remember this week changed the lives of all people of all times forever. Jesus healed the broken relationship of people with God, and so it is now possible for all people to share eternal life with God.

Because of the events of Easter we should no longer fear death. It is not an end to this life but rather the passage to eternal life and happiness, to a life lived in the presence of God for all time.

Yesterday at Mass the story of the events in the last days of the life of Jesus was the Gospel passage read. It is a story of enormous love and sacrifice on the part of Jesus, and a story of unspeakable cruelty on the part of those responsible for the death of Jesus.

It was not only the Chief Priests and the Romans who were responsible but also the large crowd who called for Jesus to be crucified when the Roman Governor, Pilate, offered to free him. Many in the crowd were good people who were not strong enough to speak out against wrong, but simply went along with the group without thinking about the consequences.

In the midst of his suffering Jesus continues to teach us by example. He prayed for forgiveness for his executioners. He consoled the ‘Good Thief’ assuring him of paradise. He ensured his mother would be looked after when he was gone. He trusted in God and gently placed his life in God’s hands: “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”.

We pray this week in thanks for the wonderful and forgiving love God has for each one of us; a love that is fully revealed in Jesus, and his suffering, death and finally in his resurrection. The best way to do this is to take part in the Holy Week liturgies in the parish. Times are listed in this newsletter and there are notices in the community.

Jesus and Mary bless all Santa Teresa families.

Yours sincerely
In JMJ
Br Daniel
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(Principal)
Thursday April 2\textsuperscript{nd} – Swimming Carnival 11.00am 2.00pm at the Santa Teresa Pool. All families are most welcome. Students are asked to wear a t shirt in the colour of their team on Thursday (Red, Blue, Green or Gold).

Congratulations
Congratulations to the following children whom received awards at the Assembly last Wednesday:
T/1: Tessa Palmer & Desara Andalong – Being Respectful
Year 5: Anita Alice & Charllize John - Being Respectful
Year 8/9: Tristan Leo – Being Respectful

For Excellent Participation & Leadership at the Combined Sports carnival in Alice Springs on March 20

Year 6/7: Karlila Meneri, Lesharna Young & Shara Tilmouth
Year 8/9: Georgina Williams, Nadine Oliver & Nattina Gayakamangu
Year 10/11: Angelina Bloomfield

Easter Liturgy Times

Tuesday March 31\textsuperscript{st} 7.00pm Confessions in the Church

Holy Thursday (April 2\textsuperscript{nd}) 7.00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper (Church) followed by Adoration in the Spirituality Centre

Good Friday (April 3\textsuperscript{rd}) 10.00am Stations of the Cross beginning at Elaine Gorey’s house; 3.00pm Commemoration of the Passion & Holy Coimmunion (Church)

Holy Saturday (April 4\textsuperscript{th}) 7.00pm Easter Vigil (Church)

Easter Sunday (April 5\textsuperscript{th}) 10.00am Mass

Welcome
Welcome to the students and teachers from Trinity College in Lismore (NSW) who are visiting the school and community this week.

End of Term
Term One concludes this Thursday April 2\textsuperscript{nd} with the swimming Carnival which commences at 11.00am at the pool.
School resumes for Term Two for the students on Tuesday April 14\textsuperscript{th} at 8.30am (Monday April 13\textsuperscript{th} is a Staff Day).
Winter timetable commences next term:
8.30am – 10.30am: Morning Session
10.30am – 11.00am: Morning Tea
11.00am – 1.00pm: Middle Session
1.30pm – 3.00pm: Afternoon Session
School concludes at 1.00pm each Friday.