Monday 1st June 2015

Dear Parents and Families, Staff and Students,

The mystery of Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Just last week we thought about the work of the Holy Spirit and asked for the strength of the Spirit to be in us as we face challenges and try to keep living good lives. Today we looked wider to the mystery of one God with three persons or parts. It is fairly easy to talk of God as a father and creator, Jesus as the human who walked on earth and died on the cross and the Spirit as guide and helper for us. It is much harder to use words to describe their relationship as ONE. As adults we know that our understanding grows as we get older and can think more deeply. Families begin the teaching when they take young children to Mass and the school continues to build on that in our lessons. Learning and growing in faith never ends, our ideas will change along the way but it is never over!

Confirmation Preparation
This week we will begin preparing Year 7 students for the sacrament of Confirmation (July 25). Bishop Eugene will be here for this most special occasion at which these young people will take the final step in becoming adult members of the church. Their initiation journey began with Baptism as babies, then with Eucharist in Year Four and will be completed at the special Confirmation Mass. Family members and friends are most welcome to attend. Any young person who missed this sacrament in past years is welcome to join the lessons with this group. They must see Fr Bosco and Bern at the school very soon.

Feast of St Marcellin Champagnat – June 6
Happy feast day Br Dan, Br Paul and Br Red!

Ltyentye Apurte CEC joins with the Marist community to celebrate the feast day of St Marcellin. Marcellin. He was an extraordinary man who was born in France in the nineteenth century. He had a special devotion to Mary and was inspired by her to face challenges and work for God for the good of all people. He and his followers - both religious and lay people - continue to reach out to others with love, simplicity and humility.

Jesus and Mary, bless all Santa Teresa families.

In JMJ

Bern Christensen  (APRE)
LAST WEEK:

- Every day last week, ALL classes were visited by Holly-Ann from the Safe4Kids Program. Holly-Ann was last with us in 2013 and it was amazing how much the students remembered. She taught the students that... we ALL have the right to feel SAFE all of the time. This was done through activities that developed the children’s knowledge of words and ways of avoiding abuse (including sexual abuse) from other people. If you’d like more information on the Safe4Kids Program, check out the website (below) or look them up on Facebook:


- On Friday last week, Br Daniel was flown to the Wesley hospital in Brisbane for more tests and scans to find the cause of his illness. The closer his doctors can get to this, the better they can treat him. By being in Brisbane he will also be near to his mother and brothers, which will be comforting. We wish to point out that Br Daniel’s illness has NOT become much worse. It’s simply that Brisbane has better facilities. Nonetheless, he is worried about his condition and he has a fair way to go until he is better again. It’s increasingly likely that Br Daniel will be away from school and community for the rest of Term 2. We wish Br Daniel’s doctors every success in returning him to health and we pray - through the intercession of Mary MacKillop - for help in this respect. May God bless Br Daniel and Imelda Palmer and bring them back to us in good time. (We are very happy to hear about the continuing recovery of Imelda. She is stronger on her feet and preparing to leave hospital, hoping fully in about two weeks’ time).

- Our Celebration Assembly Award Winners in Week 6 were, Yr. T/1: Lathan Ryder, Chelsya Oliver and Talisha Douglas – for being strong, trying hard and joining in. Yr. 2/3: Roland Hayes and Shaniqua Smith – for working hard and listening. Yr. 4: Hayesle Hayes and Joel Palmer – for being strong and doing good work. Yr. 6/7 L: Keilan Davis and Kefon Alice – for being respectful and Yr. 6/7 V: Kerry-Ann Smith – for being strong and trying her best. Yr. 8/9: Kiesha Davis – for being strong, joining in and trying her best, in circle-time and sport.

- Our Celebration Assembly Award Winners in Week 7 were, Yr. 2/3: Brett Smith and Augustine McMillan – for making good choices, listening and working hard. Yr. 6/7: Carl Palmer-Ronson and Harold Young – for being respectful towards others, especially in the cooking elective. Yr. 8/9: Ashton Ware – for also being respectful in the cooking elective. Yr. 8/9: Germaine Williams – for being strong in his learning by taking on hard questions, asking for help and apologizing when he does wrong. Yr. 10/11: Floyd Spratt – for being responsible by being on time for school every day; Shakeila Williams – for being strong by doing the right thing and working hard; Simon Bloomfield – for dealing successfully with adults.

THIS WEEK:

- We welcome Year 9 students and their teachers from Clonard College in Geelong, Victoria. They will be visiting the community and assisting in our classrooms. We hope that their time here is successful and they leave with memories to last a lifetime.

- There are two school trips this week. On Tuesday, Transition / Year 1 will be visiting the orchard and on Wednesday, Year 5 will be seeing the Eisteddfod and swimming in town.

- Please continue to return your Permission Forms about the school’s Facebook page. We need to get 100% of them back.

Have a great week, everyone.

Yours sincerely,
Justin Colley (Deputy Principal)