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Dear Families,

The theme for Lent this week is forgiveness. In his homily on Sunday, Fr Prakash said it is important to first forgive ourselves because then we are more able to forgive others. Our prayer for the week is:

*Lord you willingly forgive me.  
Give me the strength to forgive others, to excuse what they do to me.  
Wipe out my bad feelings about some people,  
And teach me your ways of forgiving.*

The end of the first term is upon us. We have had some highlights such as increasing rates of attendance. We introduced fabulous new uniforms for students and staff. Donovan has started music lessons with some lucky students each Wednesday. Our Carpentry course continues with Macca who travels from Darwin to teach our Seniors for two weeks every term. We had a visit from the Parramatta Eels.

However, we have also had some difficult times with young people breaking into and vandalising our school. The latest bout of damage has youth coming into the school at night and destroying sprinklers and burning rubbish bins. The sprinklers cost \$30 each to repair and bins \$200 to replace. You will see by the browning grass, that we are not able to water the lawns anymore. This affects the play opportunities of our students.

In our last week of term we will **Walk through Easter** to reflect on the last days of the life of Jesus. It will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am. We begin with Palm Sunday at school and then move station by station up the hill towards the water tank. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**The Last day of Term 1 is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April** and then the Sport's Weekend commences. **We implore families to make sure our school is looked after.** It is heart breaking for staff and students to return to a vandalised school. We look forward to some work being done on the Preschool and Junior 1 playground in the holidays. A bike track is being built and the playground improved.

**When we return to school after the holidays on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, we will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at 11.30. We will have an ANZAC Assembly on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>. Thursday is the ANZAC Day holiday.**

**We intend to apply for a grant to BUILD A HIGH FENCE AROUND THE SCHOOL. If anyone in the community would like to discuss this proposal, please come in and see me.**

We wish all our families a happy week's holiday and a blessed Easter.

God bless,

Deb



Our award winners for Week 10 are showing the values we strive for during Lent. They are trying to be strong, caring and respectful. Keep up the great work!



Our students are doing an amazing job of learning their word lists. Look how many awards were given out this week!

Carmel and Mia taught the Transition class a lovely song in Arrernte lessons, called Apmere atyenye. They sung it to the whole school. We were proud.

