

## **School Newsletter**

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Dear Families,

**How do you pray?** This was the question asked by Fr Prakash in church on Sunday. There are many ways to pray but generally they can be put into four groups; prayers of adoration (praising God), petition (asking God for something), contrition (saying sorry) and thanksgiving. They are all important but do we say one more than the other? Do we do too much petition (give me something) and not enough thanksgiving?

On Monday last week, we were visited by Br Neville. With his help, staff created **new vision and mission statements for the school**. Deb will share these with you shortly. They are very important as they guide the way we work and the experience your child has of education. We are always looking for better ways to serve the people of Santa Teresa and work with the culture here.

As our Traditional Owner and Assistant Teacher, Nora, said on the weekend before school, footie is a part of the culture in Santa Teresa and we're grateful to the Melbourne Football Club for their help in '**greening the ova**l'. On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July, the Demons were joined were by the Melbourne Cup, Jimmy Cassidy, MILPA, Channel 10 News and the community on the oval. Nora drew the Melbourne Cup sweep-stake. IF No. 13 wins, \$50,000 will be donated to the greening of the oval. Children played footy with the Demons. MILPA reminded them about trachoma and clean faces. The MFC gave books to the school and finally, eighteen children were chosen to be Mascots and form the Guard of Honour at Traeger Park on Sunday. MFC played the West Coast Eagles. Both teams played well but the Eagles played better – and won!



## This week's Super Spellers and Reading Egg Award Winners !



## What's Happening at School?

• This will be a busy term for our Religious Education program. Students will be learning about <b>Mary MacKillop</b> , who became Australia's first saint, <b>Saint Mary of the Cross</b> .
<ul> <li>We celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August. There will be a meeting for families of Confirmation Candidates on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August, from <u>2:30 to 3pm</u>. It will be in the staff room at school.</li> <li>God Bless. Anne Hazel (REC)</li> </ul>
• The I-CAN Program begins this week. I-CAN stands for <u>Indigenous Communities for</u> <u>Activities and Nutrition</u> . It's provided by the Indigenous Marathon Foundation (IMF) and our friend, Rob de Castella. A special fitness track will be built around the oval in Term 3 and students will improve their fitness each week.
• On <b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July</b> , <b>Junior 1</b> will be going on their <b>bush trip</b> to <b>Arrutnenge Gap</b> at Allambie Station. They will learn about country, the story of the place, Dreaming stories and bush foods.

Have a great week, everyone and God Bless.

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