Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4. This term offers to be an exciting and enriching term for the school community.

Parish News

We are sad to announce that Fr. Dado will be leaving as Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Parish. Fr. Dado has been a tremendous supporter of our school, always willing to give of his time and talents to build our catholic school community. He has led so many beautiful liturgies and his homilies were always so engaging. He will be missed. In the coming weeks we will be having a special prayer to thank Fr. Dado for his loving commitment to Mother Teresa Primary.

The Provincial Superior of the Camillians, in partnership with Bishop Anthony Fisher, OP, has presented Fr Jose “Jojo” Eloja, MI as the new parish priest of the Sacred Heart. He was one of the first Camillians to arrive in the Diocese of Parramatta on 1st September 2002. He has since been a hospital chaplain and is currently the Camillian Australian Delegate. We warmly welcome Fr. Jojo to our school community and look forward a continued wonderful partnership with the Sacred Heart Parish.

Staffing Update

Last term Ms. Beahan resigned as our PE teacher as she is hoping to pursue a new career. We wish her the best of luck. Mr. Scott Mortimer will be replacing Ms. Beahan for the remainder of the year. We warmly welcome Mr. Mortimer to our school community.

Our school will be growing by 2 classes next year and we have been shortlisting and interviewing teachers to take on these positions. I am pleased to announce that Mr. Chris McGuire (from Holy Family, Luddenham) and Mr. Gregory Egan (from Mother Teresa Primary, ACT) will be joining our teaching staff in 2014. I know you will warmly welcome these passionate educators into our school community next year.

Friday October 25 will be a pupil-free day. The staff will be participating in a reflection day at Mulgoa facilitated by Fr. Walter Fogarty. Fr. Walter has been working with the staff for 2 years. We will continue our work on how we can utilise the scriptures effectively during Christian Meditation. This in turn will make us better facilitators of our daily Christian meditation at school.

Hope you have a wonderful week,

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School Fees

School Fees are now overdue, if you have paid, thank you. Could all outstanding fees please be finalised by the end of this week. If you are experiencing any difficulty, please contact Margaret Hopley who will be happy to discuss the varied options to assist you with payment.
INCREASE OUR FAITH

The Gospel this week presents the Apostles asking our Lord to increase their faith. The good Lord replies, “Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to the mulberry tree, be uprooted and planted in the sea, and it would obey you.”

Faith has small beginnings like a mustard seed yet when it is nourished it can grow to become something huge.

Faith is from the faith of grandparents and parents and others. It goes on from one generation to another, person to person.

The centre of faith is love of God in his word and bread of life.

For Mother Teresa, faith was her rock and she was nourished by the Eucharist and her union with Christ.

We want faith now but it takes time. It comes, sometimes in a bucketful or a teaspoon full. Give time each day to prayer, reading the gospel, helping our neighbours... then faith grows and the teaspoons fill a tablespoon and then eventually a bucket.

Be sure to nourish your faith just as Mother Teresa did!
Rebecca Lloyd  Acting REC

“Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.”
— Mother Teresa

Mrs Wilkes and her husband have welcomed a Son, Samuel Jeremiah Wilkes! Born on the 20th Sept, Samuel weighed 2.9kgs and measured 47.5cm long. The Wilkes family was overwhelmed with the generosity of Mother Teresa families and would like to thank everyone for their gifts and well wishes!

Thank you Mother Teresa families!

STUDENT DATA VALIDATION
Could parents please fill out and return the Student Data Validation sheet if there are any changes, so that the system can be updated. Thank you

LEAVING STUDENTS
If your child will not be returning to school in 2014, you must notify the office as soon as possible and advise the last date of attendance at our school and the name of the new school your child will be attending.