Message from the Principal

Dear parents,

While Mr Borg is on leave, I have the privilege of “sitting in the chair” as Relieving Principal. It’s a wonderful professional opportunity to engage with the Mother Teresa learning community and glean ideas to take back to my school community at St Joseph’s Kingswood and to also share the work we are doing at Kingswood with staff.

In my first week here, I have been impressed by the courtesy and enthusiasm of the students, their engagement in the learning, collaboration with peers and teachers, and their confidence in articulating their learning. The students at Mother Teresa are a credit to you, their parents, and the dedicated staff at this school.

Teaching is a complex work, often understated by staff who “just get on with the job”. It is a work that requires complex problem solving and a great deal of patience and resilience, each and every day, finding that “in” for the struggling student and that “where to next” for students pushing ahead, ensuring every student has the opportunity to be the best learner they can be. Research says that the most critical element in a child’s learning is “the teacher”, not the technology or any other resource. Teachers at Mother Teresa understand the importance of their work....and are committed to their students.

I look forward to engaging in the next three weeks with your learning community.

Enjoy your week,

Fran Jackson
Relieving Principal

LEAVING STUDENTS
If your child will be leaving school you must advise the office as soon as possible of the last day of attendance and the new school your child will be attending. Please note, we require at least one full term’s notice, otherwise a full term’s fees will be due and payable.
It’s what’s Inside that counts!

Awareness is the first step to justice. Last Thursday the school community enjoyed a puppet show by Camp Quality. This was to raise awareness of the challenges that children face when living with cancer.

The children were encouraged to think always of the feeling of others. To choose their words carefully and to develop empathy for people who may look different.

On Friday night, students from Yr 5 had a real lesson in Social Justice. They took part in activities and role plays to educate them on the realities of poverty and homelessness. They sought sponsorship, spent time in the cold, shared a simple meal of a cup – a – soup and a bread roll, and spent the night on the floor instead of in a cosy warm bed. The students will remember this experience and their gentle hearts will grow as a result. We are here to build a more just world. If you would like to support their efforts for the poor and homeless, please make your donation through the school office.

Maria Boyd REC

“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples”. Mother Teresa

HELP!!! Yr 5 still require around 100, 2litre milk containers to complete the construction of their igloo. Please send any square shaped, 2litre size plastic bottles to SLS. Thank you.

Happy Birthday to the following children who will be celebrating their birthdays in JULY

Aadi Gakhar
Sandip Bose
Jasmine Douoily
Sammi-Lee Nassar
Liam Tzoukos
Danielle Choueiri
Pravin Nagaratnam
Jheyanne Mostoles
Vishruthi Ganendiran
Shihan Manamperi
Jean-Paul Boutros
Katherine Katrib
Mahika Cherukuri
Gabrielle Edgar
Riya Raizada
Louis Devoy
Tiara Townsend
Gael Ballia
Lori Egulian
Jordan Moses
Natalie He
Louis Osian
Arun Dannaia
Charles Podesta
Sage Rivera
Christian Biany
Tiffany Marinc
Noah Pearse
Rita Haddad

“Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty.”