

PRINCIPAL P& F REPORT
19 October 2016

Religious Dimension

- Opening up the doors of Mercy and celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy was a lovely way to finish up in Term Three. We were lucky to be blessed with beautiful weather and having Mr Simon Forrest, Elder in Residence at Curtin University open our celebrations with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony certainly added another dimension to the day. The Moorditj Dancers from Wesley College were fabulous as were our own children throughout the liturgy and during the family picnic. A top job by all, but special thanks to Leanne Fragomeni, Annette Lynch and Candice D'Adamo for coordinating the whole event and to parents for participating.

Education

- On Monday, students from Years 3-6 attended a Cyber Safety Workshop with Jordan Foster from ySafe. Jordan reinforced to the children that we all have a responsibility to keep the internet a safe, happy and positive experience for all. The topics covered included:
 - How to be a responsible online citizen
 - Cyber safety and having good privacy settings
 - Cyber bullying, trolling and online predators
 - 'Think before you post'
 - Digital footprints and accountability
 - Where to seek help when needed.
- The annual Book Fair which is coming up next week is a great way to promote literature and reading, as well as an important way in which to purchase new books for the library through any commissions made. This is always very popular with families and we again look forward to the continued support of the community.
- Interschool Athletics training is in full swing and it is great to see the number of children attending sessions.

Community

- Proposed School and Parish Parking Plan: Fred Chaney from Chaney Architecture has been engaged to draw up the plans for this proposal.
- Reticulation of Albion Park was not undertaken over the holidays as the CoJ and the Archbishop's Office had to agree on a Memorandum of Understanding. This was only signed in the last week of the school holidays.
- Andrew De Maio who is currently on long service leave has requested that he complete a teaching practicum here in Kindergarten as part of his Early Childhood studies. As such, Andrew is a student here over the first four weeks of term!
- Mrs Suzie Hunt broke her ankle over the weekend and will be absent from school for a number of days. We wish her a speedy recovery.
- The Building Program continues and the four new classrooms are taking shape albeit, slowly. We have just had some pricing come in on extended fencing around the perimeter of the school on Barradine Way, doors into the hall, terracing behind the hall and a few other things which I will table at the meeting. This information has been sent to our consultant Suzie Richards for review and hopefully approval as a variation to our original contract.

- Many thanks to the P&F and fair subcommittee for the magnificent effort they are putting into organisation for the upcoming fair. It should be a fabulous day and I take this opportunity of thanking the P&F for all their work in this area.
- On a final note, I take this opportunity of congratulating Adriano and Candice D'Adamo who are expecting their second child next year! A replacement dance and drama teacher has been organised for the time Candice will be on leave.

Many thanks
Tamara