Let the journey unfold.....

This week we celebrated the start of the academic year in two different ways: the commissioning of the school staff at last Sunday’s Mass and our opening Mass and induction of our school leaders on Thursday. Both occasions were opportunities to come together in prayer and to be inspired by the Holy Spirit for the year ahead.

2015 is a journey that we will all take together. At times some of us will travel on different roads, some will deal with roadblocks and speed humps, some journeys will be on freeways whilst others will be on country lanes. None of us know what is ahead, what is around the corner but there is certainty that for some there will be great joy, and others, sadness. Life is like that. Our greatest hope though, is that 2015 is life giving and fulfilling for all of us.

Jesus calls us to be true companions on this journey and not to just travel with those that are close to our hearts but to go further and embrace those that are struggling along the way; those who are suffering through illness, those who are caught in a cycle of wrong-doing, those who cannot provide adequately for their families, those who feel abandoned. They too are are on a journey but the road they are called to take presents great challenges and hardships, sadness and despair.

As a community of faith, we come together to pray for and offer support to one another along the way. In so many ways we are blessed because unlike so many, our journey in 2015 will not be one of hopelessness but one of great hope.

Yesterdays observance of Ash Wednesday ushers in an important time in the Churches calendar. We are called to reflect on our lives and make adjustments - a greater focus on prayer, a commitment to fasting, a time for giving to others. It is a time for deeper reflection on how we can support and enrich those around us including those who live with oppression, injustice or in poverty.

I think that if we have Jesus as our companion on our life’s journey - the road might still be rough but at least we will know the destination.

Please keep our families in your prayers - we have a number of parents who have health issues that they are trying to overcome. Your prayerful support is always appreciated.
Condolences

We pass on our sympathy to the Calderone family (Anthony, 2/3T), on the passing of Frank's cousin.

May he rest in eternal peace.

Denise

In this edition....

Our front page photo shows Angelique and Blake our 2015 school and vice captains. All our student leaders are listed on the Religious Education page where you'll also find some important information about Lent and Masses for Reconciliation candidates.

On the Student Wellbeing page there are some top tips to ensure your child has a great year at school and in Around the Classes you can get a sneak peak of the learning that is already happening. Check out Curriculum News so you can support the big ideas your child/ren are investigating this term.

There are lots of important notices on the Noticeboard page, information about what's on the lunch order menu and a shout out for some helpers at the Bunnings annual BBQ can be found on the Parent's Auxiliary page.

Keep your diary up to date by visiting the Looking ahead page and be sure to enjoy the many other articles as you move through each newsletter tab.