From the Principal

This evening our Year 3 students will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation within a communal penance service. This is a form of sacramental confession that includes public prayer and individual confession of sins to a priest, and concludes with absolution. Confession reconciles the sinner with God and the Church and the second after, absolution is like a warm shower after a tough and muddy game of footy, like a cool change after a very hot day, like waking up on a sunlit Winter's morning.

Knowing that the word reconciliation is derived from a Latin verb meaning 'to bring back together', 'to restore', it therefore makes sense that this Sacrament allows us to be at peace with God again. It is in fact, a Sacrament of healing: of healing our relationship with God and his family. We go astray, we are lost and can no longer cope. Yet our Father waits for us - patiently, infinitely and with great longing. He forgives us when we come back; he takes us in again, forgives our sins.

We congratulate our Year 3 students on receiving the gift of forgiveness and mercy experienced in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Condolences to the Scerri family on the sudden passing to eternal life of Angelo, much loved Uncle to Nathan (5/6). May God comfort and bless you in your time of sorrow and to the Loncar family on the sad loss of Lewis' (5/6) baby cousin Leon. An angel in God's arms.

Denise Kelly
Acting Principal

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Our cover photo this week features Lauren, Ryan and Julia taking a quick break from their swimming lesson to say "cheese". There are more photos of some future swim stars on the Around the Classes page. There's information about the procedure should your child require medication to be administered at school as well as details about our whole school twilight sports event on the Noticeboard page. On the Parent's Auxiliary page you'll find out about lunch orders, be invited to a Mum's night out and have the opportunity to sign up to help with the Twilight Sports BBQ. If your child is making their first Eucharist this year, you will want to head to the Religious Education page so you know how and when to book a Mass for their celebration.

Keep your diary up to date by visiting the Looking Ahead page and take the time to read through another interesting newsletter amid the crisp mornings and sunny days that have come with the change of season.