Reflection
A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just. *Pope Francis*

**Tips for Making Lent More Meaningful**

1. **Slow Down.** Set aside 10 minutes a day for silent prayer or meditation. It will revitalise your body and your spirit.
2. **Be Kind.** Go out of your way to do something nice for someone else every day.
3. **Volunteer at your parish.** Whether it’s the parish fundraiser, cleaning the church or helping with the Children’s Liturgy, it will be a great chance to help others.
4. **Pray.** Especially for people you don’t particularly like and for people who don’t like you.
5. **Tune Out.** Turn off the television and spend quality time talking with family members or friends.

**2016 Kimberley Diocese Jubilee**

In 1966 Pope Paul VI proclaimed Broome as a Diocese. As part of the 50 year celebrations the following prayer has been especially written for our diocese:

> My Lord and my God, we ask your blessing on us all. In this Jubilee time, send forth your Spirit, upon your Kimberley people. O my Jesus, I believe in you. You are my Lord and my God. I trust you and I love you. Thank you for all the good things you have given me. Please look after me and all my family. Keep us safe and free from harm and make us truly good deep in our hearts. Amen

**Board Members**

Thank you to the following parents who have nominated to be on the School Board:

Joanne King, David Dench, Wayne Neate and Mathew George.

**Board Office Bearers (As decided by Board Members)**

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2015 Pre-Primary English Results
Each year the PP students undertake a beginning and end of year test in English and Mathematics. The progress made in these areas is compared to the progress made by other schools in the state. In other years the gap between our school and the rest of the state widens greatly. I am happy to announce that the gap in 2015 is nowhere near as predominant as other years. We attribute the introduction of EDI in English as one important factor that has made a difference in last year’s results. The graphs below show the improvement made in 2015. Our school is the red line and the blue line represents the other schools in the state.

Previous Years Results

2015 Results

Out of the Mouth of Babes
After the Christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."

Enjoy the coming weekend.

Rob Palladino
Principal

Dates to Remember
Feb 22-Mar 18 (weeks 4-7) Swimming lessons as per advice from Mr Matt
Monday 7th March Labour Day Public Holiday
Friday 25th March Good Friday Public Holiday
Monday 28th March Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tuesday 29th March Easter Tuesday Public Holiday
**Absentee Notes**

Thank you to all those parents who ring in when their child is absent. All phone calls for absences must be followed up with a written note when your child returns to school. We also have a standard note that can be completed at the front office. Thank you.

**Merit Awards**

The following children will receive Merit Awards at Friday’s assembly at 1.45 pm. Parents are welcome to attend our assemblies.

- Prep: Peter Brooking, Miranda Hickling
- Year 2: Sammi-Jo Warner, Riley Ferguson
- Year 4/5: Chelsea Van Vugt, Caitlin Stevens, Caden Moore
- Year 6: Mirranda-Daisy Brooking

**CWA Ladies Night**

Women from the Kimberley and surrounds are invited to attend a Ladies Night to spend time with friends and learn a little about the CWA. RSVP by 15th March to dwkabcwa@gmail.com

- **When:** Saturday 19th March
- **Time:** 6:00 to 9:00pm
- **Where:** Sporties Club

**School Fees**

The 2016 school fees are being set up by an external agency. As soon as they are ready we will send out statements. In the meantime text books may be paid in advance so that the students can be supplied with their books. Thank you for your patience and support.

**Contact Details**

If you have changed your address, phone, email or emergency contact person please notify the school so that we are able to contact you if your child is sick. Thank you.

**Newsletter Incentive**

Please ask your child to return the Newsletter Incentive acknowledgement slip as it gives them an opportunity to win a prize.

I have received and read my child _________________________________ newsletter.

Parent / Caregiver signature: _________________________________