Blessings for the New School Year

LORD JESUS,

We ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience your presence in the many blessings you put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience your presence in our new friends.

Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year!

Amen

Our School Vision

Inspired by Christ, together we learn and grow
From the Principal

Welcome
Welcome everyone to the commencement of the 2017 school year. The start of any school year brings with it great joy, hope and excitement but having a change in the leadership of the school adds a further element to that hope and excitement.

I am extremely pleased to be given the opportunity to be able to work in the community of St. Thomas’ and look forward to being able to contribute to the holistic growth of all children and their families. I will elaborate on this further in next week’s newsletter but in the short term, be assured that my commitment to their growth is of the highest priority.

HCSN Mass
On Monday our staff joined with those from St. Colman’s, St. Patrick’s and Mercy to celebrate the beginning of our school year and to ask for God’s blessings on all that we do.

As a community of educational professionals we are challenged daily to bring about the will of God and so, as a group we have asked for God’s blessings upon our 2017 year by praying the HCSN Prayer which is shown below.

**Lord Jesus Christ,**

*We have come together in your Name to work for the good of our schools. Stay with us with your invisible presence, and pour your Spirit upon us. Make us use your gifts in a spirit of trust and love, and a spirit of prudence and understanding, so that the children of this network may experience an abundance of light, compassion and peace. Let harmony reign among us, and let us keep our eyes ever fixed upon you. Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Amen.*

P-6 Classes
A reminder to all families that classes for all children will commence this Thursday February 2nd.

Welcome Cuppa
The beginning of school for any child and their families can always be a little daunting. Once the children are settled in class on Thursday all parents, especially those new to our school community are welcome to join together in the staffroom for a cuppa.

Name that Uniform
The start of the year always presents itself as a great opportunity to ensure that all the school uniform items in your house are clearly labelled; this will save your children some worry and the teachers will also appreciate it greatly.

Social Media
Coming soon!!! Keep an eye out for the school’s own Facebook page, a great way of keeping up to date with events as they happen!