Wow! What a couple of busy weeks it has been already. We have jumped right into Year 4 and are off to a great start. I am really enjoying working with you and your child and am looking forward to making these relationships even stronger. Thank you for your efforts in making International Day such a big success, and it was great seeing many of you at Parent Information Night. After such a busy first few weeks we should generally be back into normal routines for this term.

Here are some of the things we have been doing at school and in our classrooms and some information for you.

**Ash Wednesday**

On Wednesday, we had a special chapel service for Ash Wednesday. During this time we were able to reflect on our faith and be reminded of the meaning behind Ash Wednesday. We listened to some stories and Pastor Steven’s message. We then each had the opportunity and choice to receive the blessing of the cross and reflect on the meaning.

**Cultural Day**

Wow, what a success the International Day was. The school was decorated, the performers were enthusiastic, and the kids were excited for what turned out to be a great day of culture infusion. We displayed a great deal of open-mindedness and tolerance during each performance. Many of us even got involved during the performances. We each came away at the end of the day with a range of memories and fun experiences. A big thank you to staff, parents and students for making this day just a great success.
Sports Day

Up and coming on the school calendar is the school’s Sports Day. This event will be on Friday the 16th of March (week 7). For Sports Day, students are to wear their sports uniform with a t-shirt in their child’s house colour. (This includes the optional t-shirts offered through the PNF). Hats and sunblock will need to be worn. Your child can also choose to wear ribbons etc. in their house colours, but no war paint please. Children will need to carry their own drink bottle around to rehydrate after all the busy activities and events.

This is just a brief insight into the Sports Day and more information will be coming out in the school newsletter. If you have any queries please just ask.

UOI

We are continuing with our ‘who we are’ inquiry on role models. We are inquiring into the influence of role models on our choices and actions, how and why role models are chosen and what determines our beliefs and values. We have been considering the different attributes that constitute a role model and reflecting on who we respect and admire, and why. I have been encouraging the children to think about the specific characteristics of people that they admire and have been incorporating the IB Learner Profile attributes and attitudes during class discussions. You can also reinforce these concepts at home during conversations and activities such as sports, reading and through media reports.

Christian Studies

During Christian Studies lessons we have been inquiring into how a Christian worldview is shaped by the biblical teaching of sin and grace. This unit has a strong focus on the concept of sin and forgiveness and considers how the work of Jesus is central to Christianity. It will help us to inquire into what sin is, God & people’s response to sin and how we are saved from sin.

Maths

We are continuing our maths with a look at sorting and classifying objects and information. We will move on to exploring patterning, and ways we can identify, make and describe patterns.

Spelling Words

As a result of a busy week last week, and the complexity of some of the words, we have decided to keep the same word study words to ensure enough practice time is provided to the students. Please continue to practice the words with your child and check for their understanding of the words they have been given.

Yours in Christ,

Karyn Rowett

“The child is both a hope and a promise for mankind.”