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It was fabulous to see so many grandparents and special family friends at Grandparents Day last week. Our students were so blessed by your presence.



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Junior School Newsletter

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From the Principal

You may have heard the story about the visiting businessman walking along the beach in Mexico. In the distance he saw a man walking towards him and stooping down picking something up and hurling it into the water.

When they drew closer, it could be seen that the man was picking up starfish and throwing them back into the water, one at a time. Lots of starfish had been washed up on the sand. The businessman asked "What are you doing?"

"I'm throwing these starfish back into the ocean. You see, it's low tide right now and all of these starfish have been washed up on the shore. If I don't throw them back in the sea, they'll die up here for lack of oxygen or fry in the sun."

"But there must be thousands of starfish on this beach," commented the businessman. "You can't possibly get all of them. There are simply too many. Don't you realise this is probably happening on hundreds of beaches all up and down this coast? Can't you see that you can't possibly make a difference?"

The local man smiled, bent down and picked up yet another starfish, and as he threw it back into the sea, he replied, "Made a difference to that one!"

Take a look around our world, we can be overwhelmed by the desperate plight of the multitude of people in need. We cannot even dream of helping them all. However, you may be able to make a difference to that one.

Some people have adopted orphans from poverty and disaster overseas. They make a difference to that one.

Some people donate to causes to shelter a homeless person. They make a difference to that one.

Some people give blood at the blood bank and it is used by one of the thousands of people in hospital. They make a difference to that one.

Some people share with a fellow life traveller the hope they can have in God's forgiveness through the work and life of Jesus Christ. It makes a difference to that one.

Some people give generously to our school scholarship fund to help support a student. It makes a difference to that one.

Sometimes you may appear mad to be trying to make a difference. That is what MAD stands for: **M**aking **A** **D**ifference.

In fact, I need donors to our school scholarship fund. Can you make a bit of a difference? Are you able to be MAD?

God love you and so do I
Rodney Lynn
Principal



Week
5



Kindies for 2017 enjoying some class time

What Great Achievements

Congratulations to the following students for fabulous Maths test results in Mathletics and the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics competition:

High Distinction -Ethan Clark, **Distinction** -James Cameron, Jack Lemair, Samuel Host, Chloe O'Neill, Liana Rhoades, **Merit** - Noah Enevoldson, Phoebe Wilson, Claudia McPherson, Claudia deCarle, Wil Kalanj, Samuel Murray, Bailey Pilati and Eugene Van Wyngaardt.



Mathletics—Ty Robinson, Ethan Clark and Emma Cunningham.

Count Us In Simultaneous Choir Day

Last Thursday was 'count us in choir day', where all schools around Australia could simultaneously sing the same song at the same time. Our Choir sang



along with the live feed from the Sydney Opera House. 600,000 students were involved and our choir was pretty pumped about the whole thing. What a great experience, and a big thank you to Mrs Kelly Freeman for organising and directing this great performance.

November & December

Term Dates 2017

Tue 8/11 -Parent Helper morning tea in Library
 Wed 9/11 -Buddies excursion to Jetty Foreshores
 Thu 10/11 -Yr1 excursion to Butterfly House
 Mon 14/11 -Yr4 to Park Beach
 Tue 15/11 -Yr5 Orientation Day at High School
 Tue 22/11 -Yr4 to Carobana & Yr1 to Pool

Wed 23/11 -Yr3 to Carobana
 Thu 24/11 -Yr5 excursion to Big Banana
 Fri 25/11 -Final Student Banking
 Tue 29/11 -Yr2 excursion to Jetty foreshores
 Mon 5/12 -Semester 2 Reports due out
 Mon 5/12 -Presentation Evening
 Tue 6/12 - Whole School Orientation Day, Yr5 to Kegel and last day Term 4

TERM 1
 Start—30/1 Yrs 1-5
 Start 31/1 Kinder
 Finish 8/4

TERM 2
 Start 24/4
 Finish 23/6 Students
 Finish 30/6 Staff

TERM 3
 Start 17/7
 Finish 22/9

TERM 4
 Start 9/10
 Finish 6/12 TBC