

Week Eleven Term One Friday 15 April 2016

"Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." – Marcel Proust

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have reached the end of our very long first term. It has been a positive start for all of us... challenging and positive. Our theme this week has been gratitude. We have spent a lot of time thinking and talking about what we are grateful for. I would like to share some of these with you as we head into our very well deserved break....

We are grateful for your unending support of us and your children on this learning journey.

We are grateful that you are all such positive and valuable members of our school community.

We are grateful for your participation and enthusiasm for our Outdoor Education week.

We are grateful for our teachers who have a passion for learning and success.

We are grateful for the many support staff who help teachers and students in so many ways.

We are grateful for our "Friends of St Claudine's" who support us in so many ways.

We are grateful for a Board of Trustees who value the work we do and make decisions which enhance our school community.

We are grateful for our Student Council who are working well to make our school a place we call home. We are grateful for the beautiful weather we have had this term.

We are particularly grateful for the amazing service Mrs Topp has given our school community. Mrs Topp officially retires form full time teaching today. She will still be available for relieving which is great but the time has come for her to spend more time on her estate and having the rest and relaxation she so richly deserves. Mrs Topp has been teaching for 46 years...37 years in Catholic Schools. She has been teaching at St Claudine's since we opened in 2005. She has been the deputy principal, teacher of Year 7 and 8, technology teacher, intervention teacher, leapers teacher and recently our release teacher. She has had such a positive influence on so many students and we have been richly blessed to have had her as part of our community for so long. We will all miss her and we ask that you keep her in your prayers as she begins this new stage of her life journey.

We would all like to take this opportunity to say thank you for everything this term and to wish you all a very safe and relaxing holiday. We hope you enjoy your time off school with family and friends.

Have a great break Sue Jury