The Kindy/Pre-primary class will be having a Lenten Class Liturgy on Thursday 10th April at 9am. All parents and guardians are welcome to come along and join us. Father Michael will lead us in a short liturgy celebrating Jesus’ Resurrection, followed by a morning tea while the children play. This is a great opportunity to come and see the children’s work, spend some time in the classroom and help the children to prepare for Easter.

In the last few weeks, we have had a strong focus on numbers and counting. We practice counting forwards and backwards, starting from different numbers between 1 and 10. We also count objects such as counters, stickers or beads making sure we point to or touch each object as we count, so we don’t miss any or count any twice. The children have been learning about the parts of books, such as the front cover, back cover, spine and pages. We have talked about why it is important to look after books and how to handle them carefully. We read a Big Book story every morning and the children join in the repetitive text, answer questions about the story, retell the story or make an artwork in response to the story.

In Religion lessons, we are learning about Lent. Our special focus in K/PP is on the Resurrection (the happy ending to the Easter story). We have talked about ‘new life’ such as babies, chicks hatching and seeds growing into plants. We have also learned two new songs to sing at our Class Liturgy.

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**M is for Magpie and Milkshakes**

After brainstorming the letter ‘m’ and the sound it makes, we listened to and performed a story about a very clever magpie. The story is called, ‘Grandpa and the Veggie Patch’ by Montgomery Kelly. We also jumped into the kitchen to make some delicious milkshakes. The children were then asked to reflect on their favourite part of the story and to orally recount how we made the milkshakes. Here is what a few children had to say:

Cooper- We put 2 bananas in. We cut the bananas up. We put the cinnamon in. We put 2 cups of milk in and a spoon of honey. We put a cup of yoghurt in. We mixed it all together and we drank it. I liked it to the moon and stars, to the moon and stars, to the moon and stars and back.

Laney- We got 2 cups of milk and we got 1 spoon of honey. We got one cup of yoghurt and then we got 2 bananas and we sprinkled in some stuff that goes on donuts, cinnamon. We put them in the container that goes whoosh (blender) and it mixed it around. And then we all chose our cups and then we drank it. It was good. I liked getting the yoghurt.

Willie- My favourite part of the story is the magpie. He’s very clever and he taps him on the head and he flaps his wings like thunder and he goes and hides.

Sahara- My favourite part of the story is the dingo. I like it when dingo says, “Kangaroo shoo, get out of the veggie patch.”