Thank You, God, for the body You have given me. Most of the time I take my health for granted. I forget how fortunate I am to live without pain or disability, how blessed I am to be able to see and hear and walk and eat. I forget that this body of mine, with all its imperfections is a gift from You.

When I am critical of my appearance, remind me, God, that I am created in Your image. If I become jealous of someone else’s appearance, teach me to treasure my unique form.

Help me, God, to care for my body. Lead me to use my body wisely, God. Guide my every limb, God, to perform acts of compassion and kindness.

I thank You, God, for creating me as I am. Amen.

Parish Healing mass...... Friday 11.30am at Mother of God Church.

This Friday the parish is having a special healing mass which is there for all members of the parish and school communities. At this mass there will be a special blessing for those who are sick or elderly. You might just want to come along to support those in our community who need our prayers. All are welcome at Mother of God church on Friday at 11.30am. A light lunch will follow the mass.

Welcome to week 2.

We have only been back a few days and already so much has happened. We have performed in our concert and are well on the way to our next round of Parent Teacher Interviews next week. We are organising swimming and getting ready to welcome the 2014 group of prep children into our school for orientation.
School Concert

What a great night we all had with the children at the concert on Thursday night last week. We are so proud of the children and the way they took so naturally to the stage to perform the way they did. We would like to thank every parent for making the effort to support the children by coming along and being a fantastic audience. It was so evident in the faces of the children that they were having a great time and full of confidence.

Congratulations to the teachers for their work in making the evening such a success.

We have had the show recorded and you are able to purchase a copy of the DVD by returning the envelope order form attached. Copies are $25 if you want one.
Important Reminders

After school sport starts next week. Notes went home last week and need to be returned immediately if you are interested. After school sport will be on Monday and Tuesday again this term for 7 weeks.

Swimming is coming up soon. The program starts on Wednesday November 6th and runs until Friday November 15th. The cost for swimming will be $55 per student. Permission notes are going home today and need to be returned to school by this Friday October 18th. A note needs to be returned for each child in the family. Swimming money can be paid anytime from now on. Please note that if you pay for swimming online you will need to note that it is for swimming with the payment so that it gets credited to the right place.

Parent Teacher Interviews are on next Tuesday October 22nd from 1.30 – 7.30pm.

School will finish at 1.00pm on this day so that the teachers are all available during the afternoon.

Fundraising. The next parent fundraising meeting is on this Thursday night at 7.00pm. All are welcome to come along. Please note we have changed the date to avoid the clash with the Board meeting on Wednesday.
St. Theresa’s Parish is embarking on a parish wide project to raise funds to educate two young women in South Sudan to be nurses in their community. This is an important social justice issue and a very worthwhile project for the schools and parishioners at St. Theresa’s. We are launching the project with a cultural day at Mother of God school in Ardeer next Saturday. We have attached a flier to the newsletter. Please take the time to read the flier and consider joining us on Saturday.

**Day of Celebration**

**Saturday October 19**

**At Mother of God School Ardeer**

67 Blanche Street Ardeer

12 noon – 8pm

*(Contact Gerard Broadfoot 0403 192 594)*

Music, Drumming, Fly Bz, Singing and Fantastic Food All Day

Join us to raise awareness of South Sudan and much needed funds to help support our sisters and brothers in South Sudan.

“*Never tire of working for a more just world, marked by greater solidarity! No one can remain insensitive to the inequalities that persist in the world!*”

Pope Francis, World Youth Day 2013