



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Cross country events are upon us and I have really enjoyed watching our youngest students participate and put their best efforts into running the course this week.** It is a joy to see them try their best regardless of their gifts in this area. Congratulations to everyone in Junior School and I am looking forward to the Senior School carnival next week.

Our Friday morning café continues to be a lovely occasion to meet other parents, enjoy breakfast and connect with the community. I have seen many parents taking the opportunity to also have a special morning with their children before the school day begins.

As we approach the Easter season I have been reflecting on the significance of this time for so many of us. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is a central tenet of the Christian faith.Jesus' death and resurrection are understood as acts of unconditional love because they were motivated solely by love for humanity. Jesus' sacrifice was not based on any merit or worthiness on the part of humanity but was freely given out of love. By offering himself as a sacrifice, Jesus provided a way for humanity to be reconciled with God and experience forgiveness, redemption, and eternal life.

At Thomas Hassall, regardless of our backgrounds, beliefs or circumstances the love of God embraces our community. It reminds us to be kind, to actively forgive and to celebrate the triumphs of each individual journey. In classrooms we are seeking to respect the learning of every student and to guide young people academically and also socially.

I wish you and your families a very special Easter long weekend. May this be a time for family and celebration.

Greater love has no one than this, that a person will lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:13

Mrs Karen Easton Principal