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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Today, we celebrated Colours for Compassion, a Jersey Day that coincides with the excitement of the World Cup. Students and staff were encouraged to wear the colours of their chosen teams and to bring a donation to support our sponsor children. The World Cup is a wonderful event which brings together different nations under a common passion for football. We want to extend this shared passion to a deeper recognition of the rich diversity in the world and to promote a shared passion for looking after others.

Each jersey represents a nation, a culture, a story. It highlights that we all come from different backgrounds and perspectives. While we may support different teams, speak different languages, or live in different parts of the world, we want to be united in our shared humanity. This can be challenging particularly when we witness conflict and division. I want our students to be stronger than this and to have hearts that care for others.

Moments like today are a wonderful opportunity to pause and reflect on the many blessings we enjoy. We live in a country with freedom, access to education and opportunities that are not available to all. Around the world, many children face circumstances that limit their access to basic needs, schooling, and safety.

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Through Compassion Australia, our College supports two children as part of a global program that is impacting millions of lives. There are more than 40 countries, and over 9,000 church partners working together to support the physical, emotional and spiritual development of children who do not have access to the same opportunities as we have. This is a huge undertaking and we are proud to be involved.

This week, funds raised through our gold coin donations will go directly towards supporting the children we sponsor. While a gold coin may feel small, it represents a choice to care for others and to look beyond ourselves.

The Bible gives us a clear picture of what compassion looks like. In Colossians 3:12, we are encouraged:

"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

Compassion is more than feeling sorry for others. It is about recognising that people's circumstances are different from our own and being prepared to respond with kindness and generosity. I know that this is not always easy, even for me as an adult. But being people who show compassion to others takes us beyond our own circumstances and offers hope.

Thank you for supporting today and helping your children to think about others as they celebrate the excitement of the World Cup.

Mrs Karen Easton
Principal

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