St. Patrick’s Primary School | 18th February 2016

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The greatest wish for all parents is for their child to grow up and be happy. Amazingly, to support our children to be happy we require for them to live a disciplined life that helps them think of others and do good acts for others. As human beings we are happiest when we are in union, helping others and enabling us to live life to the full.

Each religion has a period of sacrifice, a period of discipline that helps each person to shape them into a more spiritual person and enable us to live life to the full.

During this time we encourage children to focus on prayer, almsgiving and fasting. Prayer helps a child in developing gratitude for what they have and to pray for the strength to become a better person. Almsgiving helps a child to think about others. During lent this is encouraged by placing additional money in the Project Compassion which supports the poor and disadvantaged. Fasting is about reducing, simplifying life and sacrificing. In Lent we encourage our children to eat less of things like chocolate, lollies etc. This forms part of a person’s character and develops a strong sense of self-control and self-discipline.

Lent is an opportunity for each person to grow, develop and become a better person. By helping our children do the above, it provides them with the improved opportunity to grow into happy people. What else would we want for our child?

Children at St Patrick’s School often already display a lot of self-discipline, a deep care for others and a reverence for prayer and the sacred space. It means that many families already strive to instil these values in their children and like sponges, they absorb your values. Our work continues this Lenten Season & presents a unique opportunity each year to focus on what we want for our child.

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