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Dear parents

I would like to take the opportunity in this first Little Saints Newsletter to welcome you all back to school and to extend a warm welcome to each new child and parent to our St Mary's community. May you all have a long and very happy association with the school. I would also like to welcome Martha Siwela who has been appointed as the Grade 000G classroom assistant.

What is curiosity? Curiosity is a strong desire to know or learn something. Very little happens in the world around us without curiosity. We learn, grow and improve from being curious. The great thing is that not only are we all born curious, but we are curious every day. Here are some examples:

- When you ask a question about something to learn more you are being curious
- When you wonder why something is the way it is, that is being curious
- When you try something new, you are being curious

Being curious about the world around you is a great habit to develop. It makes life more interesting. It gets rid of boredom. And it can help you to make the world a better place.

According to the British journalist and writer, Ian Leslie, "Curiosity is stimulated both by understanding and by the lack of understanding. As soon as we know something about a subject, we start to become aware of what we don't know and that makes us want to close the

gap." Nowhere is this truer than with the youngest of our learners. Little Saints is buzzing with curiosity. Children are beginning to delve deep into topics, discover new information, develop fascinating theories and ask more questions.

All this learning is scaffolded and deepened by our Little Saints teachers, our atelierista and our music teacher. Amy Kay works with small groups in the atelier, ensuring they are exposed to other media while continuing to discuss their enquiry, opening up new avenues of exploration and expression. This too happens with Jane Dunne, our music teacher, who has already taken the children on a thrilling musical journey.

As you may know, documentation is a huge part of the learning at Little Saints. This documentation is displayed throughout the preschool. If you have a few moments, do take the opportunity to read it as it gives quite an insight into the children's thinking and learning.

Should you be curious or would like to know more about Little Saints, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. – Albert Einstein

Kind regards

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