

# G-DAY & ATHLETICS CARNIVAL A HIT WITH ALL



**T**hank you to the parents, grandparents and great people who joined with us on June 5 to celebrate a beautiful liturgy for G-Day and then stayed on for a very exciting Athletics Carnival.

"G-Day is an especially important day on the Mater Dei calendar because the relationships it represents in our families and community underpins the care of our students," said Tony Fitzgerald.

After a delicious G-Day morning tea and cake stall (provided by our parents), all assembled on our school playground to commence our Athletics Carnival - a very large and enthusiastic group spectators on the Mater Dei "Hill" and our competitors and staff trackside.

The carnival consisted of age races and relays. All students competed to the best of the ability, some even with extra special prompting and assistance. "For some of our little people, it was the first time they had ever run in a race, and they took to it like a duck to water!" said Sam Giles, Assistant Principal.

Afterwards, our Infants students participated in a mix of skill based group games cheered on by their special visitors, whilst our Primary and Secondary students enjoyed egg and spoon races and tug of war competitions which, by the end of the day, included staff and spectators as well! Each of our house captains did a sensational job leading their houses in their war cries. And of course, Green House, led by one of our senior students, Victor, once again performed a passionate rendition of the 'haka' to the delight of all!

It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to show their sportsmanship through their respectful, warm and friendly interactions which each other and with staff. One of our parents, Kylie Dickinson, said the Athletics Carnival was the best one yet! "Every staff member ensured that all the kids had a great time and that they were all included in every way possible. It makes us feel so blessed to be part of a community like Mater Dei, and I would like to thank every staff member for the amount of time and effort they put into making today so special. All the spectators had smiles on their faces, having so much fun and feeling proud of their little person's achievements" said Kylie.