Whenever I walk into St Cecilia’s school, it reminds me of an oil lamp burning brightly. An oil lamp burns through a continuous input of drops of oil, air and wick. If the drops of oil cease, the lamp will stop burning. A school shines through a continuous input of the parish community, parents and school workers who inspire the spirit and develop the mind of each student.

The Parish has a duty to work with the teachers to ensure that faith, like a beacon, guides its community along the right path, and that the faith dimension takes roots within the school community through the celebration of Sunday Eucharist, Class Masses and participation in liturgies of Easter and Christmas.

On some occasions when I celebrate Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, I usually ask the students, “Who created you?”, to which they usually answer, “Mum and dad” and a few answer “God”. When I listen to their responses, I remind them that they were created by God through their mum and dad. I believe this understanding has a positive and profound influence in their lives.

I am proud to be part of this community and it is wonderful to see St Cecilia’s Primary School, like a lamp burning brightly, developing the mind and spirit of each student. Our school continues to be a family filled with love, commitment, faith and the spirit of friendship.