We have had a fantastic start to Year One! We are learning something new each day and have managed not to get lost out in the big playground! We are learning to work as a team, listen to and follow instructions and are challenging ourselves with new activities. We are lucky to have three new members join our class!

We welcome Ethen, Oakleigh, Isaiah and their families to St Emilie’s!

Check out what we have been up to!

**Lenten Promises**

We attended a very special Ash Wednesday Mass earlier this term and have spent time talking about how we can be more like Jesus during this season of Lent. We each thought of someone in our family or friendship group that we would try extra hard to help or take care of. We created Lenten Promise Hearts to help illustrate our ideas.

We cut out our own heart shape...it was a little tricky but all our hearts have a very unique shape! After we drew our idea we used purple paint to add colour and used a marble to give subtle lines across our heart...great for our hand eye coordination! We have learnt that in the Church the colour purple is used to represent 'waiting'.

**Community Maps**

We have been talking about our community and the many places we see in and around the suburb of Canning Vale. We created our own map of our house and drew the people and places we see in the area around our home. We have also been talking about ‘natural’ and ‘constructed’ features in communities as well as learning new words such as ‘suburb’ and ‘citizen’.
**We are Special**

Our first Religious Education unit of work has explored our ‘specialness’. We have spent time sharing some of our favourite things, have created a wonderful painting portrait of ourselves and have listened to stories of Jesus using His special talents to help others. Check out our paintings along our classroom windows!

**Literacy**

We have recently started our Literacy rotations. We work in small groups to practice some of the things we have been learning in class. This gives us a great opportunity to listen, cooperate, take turns and have fun with the members of our group.

- Revising our knowledge of initial sounds.
- Playing games that encourage us to read words with medial vowel sounds.
- Using play dough to make sight words.
- Working on a character portrait of ‘Horace’ from our big book focus.