Dear Parents and Caregivers

As part of our partnership with Project Compassion we share this second Lenten Story with you.

**Week Two: Hum Noy’s story**

This week’s story is about a project in Laos that supports children with disability like Hum Noy. The project wouldn’t be possible without money raised by Caritas’ Project Compassion.


Find out more about Laos where Hum Noy and his family come from: [http://www.caritas.org.au/learn/countries/lao-pdr](http://www.caritas.org.au/learn/countries/lao-pdr)

**Reflections:**

Hum Noy’s mother Duangmala, wanted her son to have access to the additional support he needed so he could live life to the full.

How does your child’s school support children with additional needs?

Inclusion is a core principal of our Catholic schools. What does inclusion mean to you?

In what ways have you had to access additional support for your child? How did you feel if that support was difficult to access?

**Consider this:**

What would it mean to you if you couldn’t access the basic services your child needed to live life to the full?
**Family conversations:**

Talk with your child about times they’ve needed extra support with something and how that’s made them feel. Did they get the help they needed? How did that make them feel?

How can we help all people feel included?

What does it mean to be included? What are some of the reasons why people aren’t always included? Can you think of ways to make sure people are included in different activities?

**Pray together:**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your promise of living life fully. May we each flourish and grow daily. We give thanks for Hum Noy and the improvements he has made since joining his school. May he continue to learn. Amen.

**Plan together:**

Consider some ideas for a family fundraiser for Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion 2016.