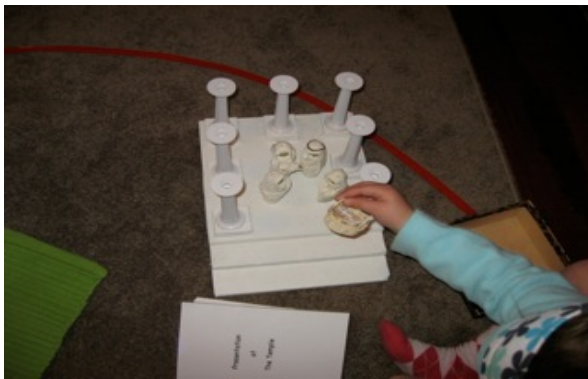


Term I seemed to fly, and here we are looking Term II in the face!

The Level One children worked beautifully all term covering a wide variety of subjects. **The Good Shepherd**

presentation is of course one of the most loved, with the children continuing to have new interpretations as their understanding of the world and their place in it deepens.

It is the openness to the love of God which makes it such a joy to be with them. They teach us as much as we share with them.



The Presentation at the Temple – is a work which they take totally to heart and work with often. Some of those children from last year liked to start again with the

Annunciation

and work their way through all the

Infancy Narratives

so they have the stories in order.

The Parable of the Leaven is a favourite too, as the parents will attest. Many loaves and pizza bases happen after Thursday sessions! The mixing is done with so much love and they glow when saying that they are 'making bread' for their families. It emphasises so clearly Maria Montessori's assertion that children love to 'work' and take responsibility.



Painting the little things has been a busy time for the children as they have been busy painting the new Atrium



From this to this



– with the infatigable Claudia as foreman!

The Level 2 children had a very busy start with adapting to the new temporary Atrium space – they made new name tags for the roster board, laminating as we want and put up a new range of pictures around the walls, walls some of them had spent time helping to paint in the holidays! And labels for all the presentations. The latter was a wonderful way of them adjusting to the new layout and being able to find things again.

Sessions for them this term have covered The Flight into Egypt, a closer look at the Bible and how it is a collection of books. To help understand the Torah – the first 5 books - we made scrolls, wrote verses from the Bible, or created prayers to write on them.

Term One Catchup

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At the beginning of Lent we changed the colour of the prayer cloth to purple, had the imposition of the Ashes and they drew, decorated and buried the Alleluias (we actually hid them in a box as we have no garden at this Atrium) ready for bringing out on Easter Day.

We looked at how we might understand the passage of time from Creation, through Redemption to Parousia (end time) using a work called The Fettucia, pronounced fet-too chia, a very, very, very long ribbon.

The last two weeks of term we looked at Jesus' journey through Jerusalem from Palm Sunday and finally told the story of the Last Supper using the Cenacle material.

Barbara Udy and Yvonne Esau, catechists for Level One, did a wonderful job presenting and guiding those children who attend the first session at 2pm, and again for those Level Ones at the 3.30pm session who have started school. Liz Greville takes the Level 2 children.

Easter Sunday arrived and most of the children were able to join us at St. Andrew's in the Paddock for our service. We had crucifer, acolytes and helpers galore, bringing in the Christ candle and the Alleluias prepared all those weeks previously. A fitting end to the first term!

Term II begins on 22nd April going through to 1st July with Penecost, 23rd May being the service that the children take for the congregation. That we all look forward to.

The Atrium has its own calendar on the website. You can check it out [here](#) or by using the Catechesis dropdown menu.