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Dear Friends,

We are at the end of another academic year a crucial time for our children as they prepare for their Final examinations. They count on our prayers and support at this time.



Our sincere thanks to our Staff, volunteers, students from St. Xavier's College, children from Fort Convent and St. Anne's High school for their interactions with our children and all the help provided to help the children learn and grow.

Fancy Dress at Garden School December 19, 2003.



The Rotary Youth Club of Bombay Hills South organized a drawing Competition on January 23, 2004 for the Garden school children.



Each class received a gift and the children were given biscuits.

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We appreciate the occasional visits from sponsors, benefactors and friends. We are grateful for your support, interest, gifts and donations. Some of the visitors:

- •Dec'03: Meena & Gunthard (Germany)
- •Feb'04: Arjun & Anjali Mathrani (USA) Julie Headon (Prem Dan Ireland) Brigitte (Belgium)
- •Mar'03: Philip Baudin (Prem Dan France)

We were honoured by the visit of Prince Peter and 4 delegates of the knights of Malta who spent 3 days in Mumbai.



They visited the Garden school, slum school at Reay Road and the Boarding at Kharghar bringing love, joy and useful gifts for the children. We are grateful for the clothes, milk powder and 2 wheel chairs donated to Prem Dan.

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Prince Peter now heads Prem Dan Italy, having taken over from Mr. Mauro Mingrone on December 1, 2003. We can count on his dedicated service. We wish him and his team God's abundant blessings We are grateful to Mr. Mingrone and his team for all the services that they rendered to Prem Dan. We wish them success in their future endeavours.

February 14, 2004, Valentine's Day was a redletter day at Prem Dan as we initiated a special day to celebrate the bond that exists between you sponsors and your children.

500 children gathered at St. Anne's High School auditorium along with the entire staff while 60



children with Staff assembled together at Prem Dan Social Service Centre, Kharghar to offer a tribute of love to you, dear sponsors through their prayers and well-wishes.



Each one of you is a gift of love to your child and what better day than Valentine's Day for the children to thank God for you and pray for each of you in particular. The children also enjoyed some games and snacks.





When life gets tough and the future seems dark and bleak, Easter proclaims a message of renewal and hope giving meaning and direction and an opportunity to begin again.

Fyodor Dostoyevsky once said: "Without God, everything becomes permissible", but Easter declares: "With God,

everything becomes possible."

Easter spells a hope that transcends our limitations and triumphs over our worst fears. Amidst destruction, corruption, violence, death and despair, the message of love, faith and hope still resonates across the globe. The great joy of Easter is to recognise the greatness of God who not only creates the whole universe and the beautiful world in which we live, but was even ready to surrender his own Son to death for our sake - as once Abraham had done - and raised him to new life so that we too might have fullness of life, no matter how often and how seriously we have turned away from him.

May peace, love and hope reign in our hearts, our homes and our world.

We wish each one of you A Very Happy Easter.