August 11th 2014

Dear Parents and Families, Staff and Children

“Blessed are you among women’ are the words spoken by Elizabeth to Mary in the story of the Visitation in Saint Luke’s Gospel (Luke 1: 39 – 56). In response Mary redirected the focus to God with her great prayer the Magnificat. Herein lies the true greatness of Mary – God was always at the centre of her life. Mary saw the hand of God in everything that she achieved and in every blessing she received.

The Feast of the Assumption which we celebrate on Friday this week points to Mary as the one who is totally open and obedient to God’s will, and completely faithful to God in every situation. It is for this reason that Mary was assumed (taken) body and soul into heaven at the very moment of her death. Mary had lived every moment of her life on earth in God’s presence, so it is only natural that for her there was no transition from this life to the next.

The Feast of the Assumption is the Feast of Hope. It celebrates what human beings can achieve if, like Mary, they live entirely according to the will and plan of God, and try to be holy in all they do. It reminds us that our final destiny at the end of this life is union with God.

We pray this week for the grace to respond to our call to be holy and follow the way of Jesus. We pray in thanks to for the example of Mary ‘full of grace and blessed among women’.

Jesus and Mary bless all Santa Teresa families.

Yours sincerely
In JMJ

Br Daniel
Principal

We can be sure of this: from on high Mary follows our footsteps with gentle concern, dispels the gloom in moments of darkness and distress, and reassures us with her heavenly hand. (Pope Benedict xvi)

Welcome
Welcome to Bishop Eugene and Archbishop Paul who are visiting Santa Teresa today, and also to the teachers and boys from Marist College who are visiting the Santa Teresa community this week.
A group from ARMtour will also be working in the school this week, and the dental van will be available in the community.
Congratulations
Congratulations to the following children who received awards at the assembly last Wednesday: Claudia Oliver & Device Ronson (Being on Time); Oliver Turnbull (Working Very Hard).

Magic Words
Gold: Amarlie Brisco & Giselle Ryan  Pearl: Jordan Oliver
Red: Rekita Smith, Mathias Young, Tesharlia Smith, Gordon Pararoutija
Green: Lisa Young & Claudia Oliver  Jade: Anthony Wilyuka
Blue: Mathias Young  Purple: Shanara Lynch & Shaquille Young
Pink: Shanara Lynch, Farron Mulladad, Casey Lynch  Indigo: Stoney Douglas
Lime: Tyler Hayes  Ruby: Geoffrey Ronson & Keilan Davis
Sapphire: Geoffrey Ronson, Anthony Wilyuka & Keilan Davis

Science Day at Ltyentye Apurte
As part of National Science Week, Paul Lyons from Darwin CSIRO came to our school and classes participated in a range of science experiments.

Geoffrey and Jamie enjoyed watching the sugar disappear in the water. They tested how long it takes for different sugar crystals to dissolve.

Bomber and Josiah made circuits using magnets, fans, batteries, switches and lights. Bomber made an electric fan and Josiah made a wave radio. They both got a better idea where the power source came from.

Anthony put on some diffraction glasses and looked at light coming from different sources. He saw light split into a spectrum of different colours. (rainbow)

It’s great to see our students participate sensibly and be fascinated by the world we live in.