September 15th 2014

Dear Parents and Families, Staff and Children

The image of the cross is the most common symbol that identifies Christians all around the world. It is often worn as a piece of jewelry – necklace or ear rings, and features on many crests and forms part of numerous national flags. It is important to remember that the cross is more than a piece of jewelry or national symbol. It is first and foremost a symbol of our faith.

The cross has many messages for us about God. It is a sign of the great love God has for us and how God showed this by sending his Son Jesus into the world to suffer and did in order that we might all be saved. Saint John put it very simply in his well-known writings: For God loved the world so much that God gave his one and only son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life (John 3: 16).

The cross is a sign of hope. The death of Jesus on the cross was soon followed by the resurrection. This was made possible by the faithfulness of God. At times of suffering the cross reminds us that we are never alone and so should not lose hope. God never abandons us and just as Jesus overcame the cross so, too, we will overcome all difficulties and challenges when we turn to God, who is ever present, for assistance.

We are fortunate that here in Santa Teresa we can see the large white cross on the hill from all parts of the community. It is there as to remind us of God’s love, of God’s faithfulness, of the importance of hope, and most especially of the gift of eternal life that God offers to everyone.

We celebrated yesterday the Feast of the Holy Cross. It was Saint Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine who discovered the remains of the Cross of Jesus around 327AD. Since then the cross has been a most treasured symbol for Christians. We pray this week for the courage to embrace the symbol of the cross and all it means.

Jesus and Mary bless all Santa Teresa families.

Yours sincerely
In JMJ

Br Daniel
Principal

Look upon me, good and gentle Jesus, as I cast my eyes upon your image on the cross. With all my heart I pray to you, fill my heart with living faith, and hope and charity. Give me true sorrow for all the wrong things I have done, and help me to be worthy of the suffering you endured for my sins and the salvation your death on the cross won for me. Amen
Welcome
Welcome to the students and teachers from Avila College in Melbourne who are visiting the Santa Teresa

Congratulations
Congratulations to the following children who received awards at the assembly last Wednesday: Sharilitha Young, Farron Mulladad & Josiah Douglas (Keeping Everyone Safe & Happy); Kefon Alice (Consistent Work Effort); Sherayna Mulladad (Good Leadership with Pre-schoolers); Shantara Conway & Kiana Hayes (Working Hard & Being Kind).

Magic Words
Orange: Shara Tilmouth & Sophie Spratt  Green: Savannah King
Violet: Jennifer Ryder  Lime: Casey Williams
Indigo: Ryan Mulladad & Shara Tilmouth  Acid Green: Anthony Wilyuka
Pearl: Tyler Hayes  Anti Flash White: Shereece King

End of Term
Term Three concludes this Friday September 19th at 1.00pm. Term Four commences on Monday October 6th at 8.00am. Please note that Monday of week two (October 13th) is a Staff Day and the children do not attend school on this day.

Summer Timetable
Monday – Thursday
8.00am – 10.00am  Morning Session
10.00am – 10.30am  Morning Tea
10.30am – 12.30pm  Middle Session
12.30pm – 1.00pm  Lunch
1.00pm – 2.30pm  Afternoon Session
Friday
8.00am – 10.00am  Morning Session
10.00am – 10.30am  Morning Tea
10.30am – 12.30pm  Middle Session

Farewell
At the end of this term Samuel Crowe is returning to his family in Canberra to prepare for his university studies next year. Samuel has been working largely in the Middle School this year as a tutor and we thank him sincerely for all he has done to support the children with their learning, and for the many kindnesses he has shown to them. Samuel has not missed one day of school all year and has been ever cheerful and helpful to staff and students – a great example to everyone. We wish him well with his future studies.

Liz Whitehill took leave from her position at Catholic College Sale this term to work in the school here at Ltyentye Apurte Santa Teresa. Liz has assisted largely in the office with a variety of tasks and has tutored a number of children in reading. Liz also updated and further developed the school website. We thank Liz very much for the cheerful way she has undertaken all tasks and her willingness to come to Santa Teresa and help out in many very practical ways sharing some of her expertise with us. We thank her as she returns to her family and job in Sale.