October 6th 2014

Dear Parents and Families, Staff and Children

This month of October is a special time for devotion to the Rosary. Tomorrow, October 7th is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This feast celebrates that for hundreds of years Catholics have turned to Mary for help during times of trouble and praying the Rosary has given them the assurance that Mary will hear and understand their needs, and will ensure their prayers are answered.

The Rosary is a prayer format originally given to people in France by Saint Dominic in the twelfth century. The 20 mysteries of the Rosary are a summary of the life and teachings of Jesus, and of his death and resurrection. They contain all the information we need to understand how much God loves us and how much God has done and continues to do for us. When we pray the Rosary we are reminded of this in the company of Mary who made it possible for Jesus to come into the world and therefore paved the way for our salvation.

The five Joyful Mysteries recall the early life of Jesus from the moment he began to grow in the womb of Mary after the visit of the Angel at the Annunciation until Jesus became an adult and began his teaching. During this time we are told that Jesus ‘grew in wisdom and grace and was found pleasing to God and to others’. The five Luminous Mysteries (Mysteries of Light) record the adult life of Jesus beginning with his Baptism and concluding with the Last Supper where Jesus gave us the gift of his very self in Holy Communion.

The five Sorrowful Mysteries detail the suffering and death of Jesus beginning with the Agony in the Garden followed by the torture of Jesus (whipping and crowning with thorns), and finally his journey carrying the cross to Calvary where Jesus died a cruel death. The five Glorious Mysteries complete the story of our salvation. The begin with the Resurrection followed by the Ascension of Jesus into heaven and his Sending of the Holy Spirit to his followers. The final two mysteries remind us of the special place and role that Mary has as our Mother in heaven.

During these days of October we are all encouraged to pray some part the Rosary each day. When we do this we not only honour Jesus in the presence of Mary but we also deepen our appreciation of the wonderful things God has done for us and continues to do for us.

Jesus and Mary bless all Sant a Teresa families.

Yours sincerely

In JMJ

Br Daniel
Principal

Monday October 13th Professional Development Day for all Staff

Children do not attend school next Monday
Welcome
Welcome back to Vivian Petit who successfully completed his final teaching session at Red Bend College in Forbes last term. This means that Vivian has filled all the requirements to receive a Bachelor of Education and will be a fully qualified teacher very soon. Congratulations Vivian!

Congratulations
Congratulations to the following children who received awards at the assembly on Wednesday September 17th: Denise Mills, Jaylen Gorey, Tahneya Ronson (Being on Time); Tylan Flower (Being Kind); Lathan Ryder (Trying Hard); Oliver Turnbull (Good Worker); Annika Flowers (Making Good Choices).

Magic Words
Blue: Rekiti Smith
Purple: Stoney Douglas, Taylor Palmer & Shanara Lynch
Pink: Stoney Douglas
Lime: Shanara Lynch

Three levels in One Week: Vicky Gorey & Lesharna Young

Try A Skill Day – September 17th
In Week 10 of Term 3, the Year 8/9 and Senior Class went to Charles Darwin University in Alice Springs to participate in a Try-a-Skill day. Students got to try or learnt about welding, construction, media, music, the defense forces, electricians, mechanics, cooking and butchery. One of the favourite activities of the day was hairdressing where many of the students washed their hair using special shampoo and coloured their hair red, white and black. All students enjoyed the day and hopefully found a job that they would like to do when they finish school.

Policy on Mobile Phones at School
From the beginning of this term there is a change to this policy. No student is permitted to have a mobile phone at school at any time (even if the phone has no credit). This policy also includes school activities such as excursions. Any student found with a mobile phone at school will have it taken and it will be kept at the office until collected by a parent or a responsible adult from the family. There are no exceptions to this policy.