October 13th 2014

Dear Parents and Families, Staff and Children

Saint Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) was a Carmelite Nun who lived in Spain in the sixteenth century and was a deeply spiritual person. She wrote many reflections about how important it was to constantly seek to come closer to God, because she knew and understood that in God could be found the answer to all our needs.

Teresa wrote: “Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing worry you. All things are passing. God only is changeless. Patience gains all things. If we have God we lack nothing. God alone is enough”. (Book mark of Saint Teresa)

This ‘Bookmark’ is the secret to a peaceful life. Saint Teresa did not have an easy life. She faced many difficulties and was frequently treated unfairly by others so she did not write this as someone who had an easy and comfortable life. Teresa wrote this as a woman of great faith who loved God, and never strayed from this love.

The message for us is clear - If we trust God and believe God is with us even in the most difficult times then we have no need to worry or be afraid. We will know that peace that comes from handing all our troubles over to God knowing that God will give us the strength to overcome them.

As we remember the Feast of Saint Teresa of Avila on Wednesday (October 15th) this week we pray for the grace to embrace all that life offers us confident in the knowledge that God is with us every step of the way as we journey through life to the fullness of live with God in heaven.

Jesus and Mary bless all Santa Teresa families.

Yours sincerely

Br Daniel
Principal

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Welcome
Welcome to the group of teachers from various Marist Schools in Australia who are visiting the school and wider Santa Teresa Community on Monday & Tuesday.

Thank you to local member Alison Anderson (Namatjira Electorate) for a donation of $1,000 towards the cost of the Training Programme being undertaken by the Senior group working with Pendella.
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**Purple**: Faron Mulladad
**Anti-Flash White**: Cassara Heffernan

**Aqua**: Bryce Douglas
**Ruby**: Lachlan Young

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