October 20th 2014

Dear Parents and Families, Staff and Children

Saint Luke is one of the four men who wrote a life of Jesus and his teachings now known as the Gospel of Luke. He compiled the stories and events after a number of years listening to them being told and retold by the disciples and early followers of Jesus – people who had known Jesus personally and spent time with him. Each year on October 18th we remember Saint Luke as we celebrate his feast day.

A strong message of Luke’s Gospel is the compassion of God. The stories of the Prodigal (Lost) Son, the Good Samaritan, and the Lost Sheep are only found in Luke’s Gospel and all carry a message about the compassion and mercy of God. It is also in Luke’s Gospel that we find the stories Zacchaeus and Dismus (The Good Thief) – two people that Jesus showed kindness towards and who changed their lives in response to this kindness.

It is also in Luke’s Gospel that we can read most of the details concerning the birth and early life of Jesus. We hear about the angel Gabriel visiting Mary with the message from God, about Mary visiting Elizabeth, about the journey to Bethlehem, the stable, the angels and the shepherds. We can read about Jesus being offered to God in the Temple following his birth, and about the three days Jesus was lost in the Temple at the age of twelve.

We find in Luke’s Gospel some of our most treasured prayers including the words of the Hail Mary and the Magnificat.

Luke’s Gospel account is also respectful of woman and honours their role as disciples of Jesus who remained faithful when others were overcome with fear. Luke records how the women were the first to believe that Jesus has risen. Their faith was strong when others still doubted and wanted signs.

We pray this week in thanks for the Gospel given to us by Saint Luke and ask for the grace to live the message of the Gospel – a message about love and compassion, acceptance and forgiveness; a strong message of inclusion.

Jesus and Mary bless all Santa Teresa families.

Yours sincerely

Br Daniel
Principal

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior.
Welcome
Welcome to the group from ARMtour and the various health people from the clinic and elsewhere, and who are working in the school for Health Week this week.

Congratulations
Congratulations to the following children who received awards at the assembly last week: Jonick Conway & Aamarie Briscoe (Making Good Choices); Angelina Bloomfield & Karlila Meneri (Leadership & Participation).

Magic Words
Green: Dwayne Huddlestone
Gold: Shaniqua Smith
Aqua: Farron Mulladad & Carl Palmer-Ronson
Army Green: Shereece King
Lime: Bryce Douglas & Jennifer Ryder
Orange: Savannah King & Dwayne Huddlestone
Tyre Grey: Josiah Douglas

Pink: Jai Gorey
Sapphire: Lachlan Young
Ash Grey: Joel Cavanagh

Health Week
This week is Health Week at the school. One of the activities will be a presentation on Substance Abuse by Peta Yam, Community Support & Education Officer, Alcohol & Other Drug Services, Central Australia (ADSCA). Parents, families and members of the wider community are welcome to join the staff for this presentation at the Staff Meeting on Wednesday commencing at 2.45pm in the library. A very important part of Health Week is the annual screening – we need all children at school each day next week.

Greg Crowe Award
This annual award in memory of the much loved and highly respected late Principal Greg Crowe was inaugurated last year. This year’s award will be presented during the Wednesday Assembly on November 5th and Trisha Crowe has kindly agreed to come and present the award. The award is presented to a student whose attendance is excellent (90% or more); whose behavior is exemplary; and who participates positively in all class and school activities. These were three aspects of school life that Kwementyaye emphasized during his time as principal. All families are welcome to this assembly and the Presentation of the Greg Crowe Award for 2014.

Wednesday October 23rd
Meeting in the Library 2.45pm – 4.00pm
Substance Abuse (Sniffing)
   Peta Yam
Community Support & Education Officer
Alcohol & other Drug Services
   Central Australia
Parents & Family Members (Adults Only)
   Most welcome
This is an issue that is currently affecting some young people in the community.