November 3rd 2014

Dear Parents and Families, Staff and Children

In the early days of the Christian church the followers of Jesus were often referred to as saints. In writing to the Colossians (3: 12-14) Paul tells them that they are ‘the people of God, his saints’; and he then explains how they are to live: ‘you must be known for your compassion, kindness, gentleness, humility, patience, tolerance & forgiveness’.

Saint Paul is reminding us that we are all called to be saints. This is not something reserved for a select few. Rather, as the people of God we are already marked out as special, and our destiny is union with God in heaven. This is why we are all saints and called to be holy.

Holiness is an expression of our closeness to God, and a quality of saintliness. We are all called to holiness since we are all made in ‘the image and likeness of God’. This is why we try to live good lives filled with compassion, kindness, gentleness, humility, patience, tolerance and forgiveness. We are all on a journey to becoming saints. The feast of All Saints celebrates this.

In a similar way the feast of All Souls also celebrates this journey to saintliness and union with God, this is why we refer to those who have passed on as the Holy Souls. Even though they might not yet be fully united with God they are still holy because they are on a journey to union with God. Praying for them can assist with this journey and also recognizes that this is the destiny for all who are the people of God, his saints.

We pray this week for a deeper understanding of our call to holiness. We pray also for those departed members of our families and community and ask that their journey to holiness and union with God will be a speedy one.

Jesus and Mary bless all Santa Teresa families.

Yours sincerely
In JMJ

Br Daniel
Principal

Compassion Kindness Gentleness
Gentleness Humility Patience
Tolerance Forgiveness
Greg Crowe Award
This will be presented at the Assembly on Wednesday this week in the Library commencing at 10.30am. Trisha Crowe and a few close friends will be our special guests at the assembly and Trisha will present the award. All families are welcome to the assembly as always.

Congratulations
Congratulations to the following children who received awards at the assembly last week: T/1 Class (For Good Work and Excellent Effort); Amarie Briscoe & Mathias Young (Good Work & Positive Choices); Kurt Smith (Good Listening & Positive Choices); Sebastian Williams (Improved Behavior Choices); Natalia Alice (Improved Writing); Consistent Leadership (Kefon Alice); Jermaine Williams & Trent Turner (Good Work). Cornelius Cavanagh & Jamie Young (Being Clean & Tidy)

Magic Words
Green: Device Ronson
Acid Green: Jamie Young
Lemon: Carl Palmer-Ronson & Dwayne Huddleston
Violet: Ryan Mulladad

Purple: Jai Gorey
Lime: Dwayne Huddleston
Sherrin Red: Josiah Douglas

All 300 words: Shania Williams

Michael Long Cup
Congratulations to Kayne Lynch and Trent Turner who were members of the Central Australian Team which won the Michael Long Cup last Saturday evening. The team went through the competition undefeated. Kayne was selected in the Remote Representative Team at the conclusion of the competition. The team was chosen from all participants from the remote communities.