October 27th 2014

Dear Parents and Families, Staff and Children

In many ways the message of Jesus is very simple. This is certainly the case when we listen to the Gospel read at Mass yesterday. Jesus was asked by some of the leaders what the most important commandments were that a person needed to keep to please God. He replied:

“You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself”. (Matthew 22: 34-40)

Loving God means that God becomes very important to and for us. Loving God with our whole heart, soul and mind means that God is the single most important person in our lives. If God is the single most important in our lives then we will always make time for God in prayer and reflection, and this will lead us to make good choices – to act in the way that God wants us to act.

Loving God will lead us to loving others since that is what God is asking of everyone. Therefore it is natural that the second commandment Jesus spoke about concerns this. When Jesus says that we should love others as we love ourselves Jesus is telling us that we should never wish for someone else what we would not want for ourselves, and that just as we only want good things in our lives, so, too, should we only want good in the lives of others.

Loving others as we love ourselves creates harmony and respect, and these in turn reveal the presence of God within and among us. God, ourselves and others are all connected and the closer we come to God the happier we are within ourselves and the happier we are in our relationships with others.

Jesus and Mary bless all Santa Teresa families.

Yours sincerely

In JMJ

Br Daniel
Principal

Welcome
Welcome to the group from Red Bend Catholic College in Forbes who are visiting the school and wider Santa Teresa community this week.
Congratulations
Congratulations to the following children who received awards at the assembly last week: Savannah King & Carl Palmer-Ronson (Look, Listen, Think & Respond); Stoney Douglas (Leadership); Oliver Turnbull & Taylor Palmer (Writing); Helaman Ryder (Excellent Effort); Jacob Johnson (Being Respectful).

Magic Words
Red: Device Ronson  Pink: Dwayne Huddlestone
Blue: Device Ronson  Lime: Carl Palmer-Ronson
Aqua: Dwayne Huddlestone  Lemon: Shaquille Young
Army Green: Cassara Heffernan  Ash Grey: Anthony Wilyuka
Violet: Dwayne Huddlestone  Jade: Lachlan Young
Amber: Jordan Oliver & Jamie Young  Black: Anthony Wilyuka

Health Week
Thanks to all who contributed to Health Week last week. Special thanks to Doctor Adam, Gotty and the clinic staff; to ARMtour; to Rachel Golden (Hearing); and Petra Yam (Education Officer Alcohol and Other Drugs Central Australia), and to Ali who co-ordinated the programme.

Health Week Activities last Friday