March 23\textsuperscript{rd} 2015

Dear Parents and Families, Staff and Students

During the Gospel read at Mass last Sunday Jesus spoke about the importance of change and growth. The image of the seed dying and giving way to new life not only pointed to the coming death and Resurrection of Jesus but also to the fact that we need to change and grow as we move through life.

As the followers of Jesus we need to constantly grow closer to God through prayer and then become stronger and better in the way that we follow Jesus. The older we become the more God should be the centre of our lives and the closer we should be to the example that Jesus gives us of how to live.

On Wednesday this week we have the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. This Feast recalls the visit of the angel Gabriel to Mary with a message from God. Mary was asked to change her plans and accept a special role from God – to be the mother of God's Son and pour Saviour Jesus Christ.

Because Mary was a woman of deep faith who had a very strong relationship with God, she willingly accepted this request even though Mary did not fully understand what it would mean for her. The greeting of the angel tells us all we need to know about Mary: “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you...”. Such was Mary’s relationship with God that she was full of God's love (grace) and thus one with God (the Lord is with you).

During these final two weeks of Lent we should turn to the example of Mary and seek to be full of God’s love & life so that we are deeply connected to Jesus by constantly changing and growing to be strong. We do this by living as God wants us to live and as Jesus shows us how to live in the Gospel.

Jesus and Mary bless all Santa Teresa families.

Yours sincerely

In JMJ

Br Daniel

(Principal)
Congratulations

Congratulations to the following children whom received awards at the Assembly last Wednesday:
T/1: Chelsea Oliver (Being Respectful, looking after things & others, being polite); Tylan Flower (Being Strong).
Year 2/3: Isaiah Butcher & Shaniqua Smith (Being Strong & Respectful, making good choices & listening).
Year 4: Lilian Cavanagh (Being Respectful); Gpordie Pararoultja, Shanara Lynch, Lisa Young, Joel Palmer & Rekita Smith (Maths on Lione Awards).
Year 5: Jacinta Wallace (being Respectful, being kind & encouraging to friends; Tyreece Lynch (Settling back in to school and being part of our community).
Year 6/7: Dwayne Huddleston (Being Strong, always having a go), Lachlan Young (Being Strong & Caring); Casey Lynch-Williams (Being Strong, participating really well in electives); Keilan Davis (Being Strong by trying his best, especially in writing).

Photos from Middle & Senior School Sports Activity Day at Alice Springs Pool 20/3/15 and Year 2/3 last Wednesday