Monday 15th June 2015

Dear Parents and Families, Staff and Students,

The Church has entered into a time in the year known as Ordinary Time. As you will see from the cloths used in the Church and on classroom prayer tables, the colour is green.

- There are 33 or 34 weeks of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the year. It sits outside of Lent, Easter, Advent and Christmas.
- The green colour stands for hope and growth.
- During this time we reflect on the mystery of Christ in all its different aspects.
- Readings are taken from a different Gospel each year – in 2015 we hear a lot from Mark’s Gospel.
- This is a time for learning more about Christ and the presence of God in the ordinary things of life.
- Our learning at school follows the Church’s pattern. At the start of Term 3 students will study a unit in Religious Education called ‘Jesus’. We will think about what it means to follow Jesus and be a disciple in the world today.

Community Prayers

Please keep the students preparing for Confirmation in your prayers in the next few weeks. The Bishop will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at a special Mass on Saturday July 25th.

Dear Lord,
Keep the families and staff of Ltyentye Apurte safe during the school holidays. Bring them rest and relaxation so that they are ready for new learning together next term. Bless Br Paul’s family, Imelda and Br Dan so that they know the comfort of your presence. Amen

In JMJ.

Bern Christensen  (APRE)
LAST WEEK:

- On Wednesday, awards in our assembly were given out by Constable Duane Commandeur from the Santa Teresa Police Station. We’re keen to develop our relationship with the police and this was a perfect opportunity to do that. We hope to see the police around our school more often – and for good reasons, not bad. Before handing over awards, Duane explained that he is fond of the Santa Teresa community. He is indigenous himself and trained hard to become a policeman. Duane lives with his young family in Alice Springs. He’ll be in the community until the end of June and will do more placements here in the future. He set a great example to the students.

- Our Celebration Assembly Award Winners were as follows: Yr. 2/3: Roland Hayes – for being strong and Freda Davis – for being caring, Yr. 4: Stoney (Nahassan) Douglas and Rekita Smith – both for respectful by listening and Gordie (Hadley) Pararoutjja – for his work and behavior in Arrernte. Yr. 5: Tyreece Lynch and Leanne Wallace – for being strong. Yr. 8/9: Rosita Ullamari – for being respectful.

- On Thursday, Viv and Leticia took most of the Year 6/7 students into town as a reward for good behaviour and attendance. They went bowling and swimming in the pool. On Saturday, Oprah, Katie and Zoe took students in Transition / Yr. 1 to Yr. 4 into town to see the circus and go swimming in the pool. It was a very successful trip and only possible because of the assistant teachers who gave up a day of their weekend (unpaid) to help out. We thank the following staff for their generosity and time: Alicia, Kumen, Matrina, Delphina, Lowe, Ashley, Anna, Joansie and Ronson.

THIS WEEK:

- Students Reports: You are invited to the school for an afternoon tea at 3pm on Wednesday 17th. This will start in the library and from there you can visit your child’s classroom to meet their teacher, collect the Student Report and discuss your child’s learning.

- End of Semester Awards Assembly: You are invited to our assembly at 11am on Thursday 18th. It will be in the Shady. We’ll be giving out Attendance Awards and Principal’s Awards. There will also be information on events running in the community over the holiday.

We are finally at the END of what has been an eventful term – with lots of ups and downs! We are hopefully all stronger for it. On behalf of Brother Daniel, Imelda Palmer and the teachers and staff of our great school, I send you our best wishes for the coming mid-year holiday. Jesus and Mary bless you all and keep you safe. 😊

Justin Colley  (Acting Principal)