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Dear Families, Staff and Children,

After spending most of last week in Darwin, it is great to be back in the community. Thank you to Justin and the rest of the staff for helping the school to run so smoothly in my absence. We had Mass with the Bishop and spent a day discussing our Catholic Identity. Fr Prakash left his holiday to join us. Days like that make me feel privileged and proud to live and work in a community such as Santa Teresa where the Church is so strong and well supported. We have the wonderful work of Sr Liz and the Sprituality Centre, the untiring work of the Marist Brothers as well as Fr Prakash to sustain and nourish our religious life. The day also made me reflect on the wonderful contribution our school staff make to the Church in Santa Teresa. They organise liturgies, Masses and the celebration of Sacraments, play musical instruments, have beautiful prayer services with their classes and fellow staff members... the list goes on. I am very grateful for the Christian Service of each and everyone of our staff.

Br Daniel and myself were privileged to be in Darwin last week to see Marcus Williams receive an award for Academic Excellence from Charles Darwin University. We were very proud as are Kellie, their girls and family and the school staff.



Our staff participate in education programs each week. At the start of the year we learnt more about the Marist Way when Brothers Hubert and Neville joined us for a day. We also completed a

First Aid Course. It wasn't all hard work. It was lots of fun as well, as you can see from these pictures.



Our staff learnt valuable skills such as bandaging, resuscitating and treating snake bites. People with these skills and knowledge are of great value in our community.

Yesterday we had a great time at the AFL game between Adelaide Crows and Melbourne Demons. Our kids were a credit to the school with their good behaviour on and off the oval. They did the community proud! There will be more photos in next week's newsletter.



An important message for families: your children need to get to school on time. School begins at 8.30am. Children learn best in the morning. They receive breakfast from JP and are then ready to begin learning. The morning lessons are when most of the reading and writing lessons take place and so it very important that your child is at school for the morning lessons.

Being able to read and write is going to help your child be strong in the community AND in the wider world. So please help your kids be the best they can be by helping them get to school at 8.30.

Congratulations to the brilliant school attenders Olivia Williams and Victor Palmer (second time). They won the attendance award raffle at Assembly. Olivia chose the back pack, cap and netball and Victor the Merne Mwarra meals, cup cakes and drinks for his family. **WELL DONE!** These two students along with about forty others are at school nearly every day. We are aiming to have fifty names in the draw next week!