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Dear Families,

We are still riding on Cloud Nine after our Tidy Towns victory. Here are some pictures of community members who were the main drivers of the project and represented our community at the awards. Special congratulation to Justin Colley for winning NT Citizen of the Year for the third year in a row.

Keep Australia Beautiful's Tidy Towns program brings positive change to communities across Australia. It is more than just 'picking up rubbish' as it supports and recognises community development. Litter reduction and waste management are important but so is environmental education, community participation, good citizenship and building civic pride. These goals accord with Aboriginal 'connection with country' and Christian 'stewardship of creation'.

Ltyentye Apurte / Santa Teresa community and the school can feel justly proud of it's achievements. The community and school are tidier, habits are changing and there's an increasing and noticeable sense of community pride.

Community success was achieved through the team work of numerous community groups. They supported the Community Working Bees and much more. We ar grateful to;

MacDonnell Regional Council: Sam Ashton, Annalisa Young and the Civil Crew for their financial investment in Santa Teresa over Tidy Towns initiatives such as community expo's, Yamba, Costa, Dirtgirl, Eco-Week and Tammy the Tyre Lady. They manage litter collection and beautification programs.

AAAC: Susie Lowe, Georgia Ryan and co for their investment in school programs and the development of the Garden competition and other community development initiatives.

CatholicCareNT: Morna Flower, Peter Denton and co for introducing the garden competition and the re-development of the Community Garden.

Catholic Church, NT Police and Rangers inc. Fr Prakash, Trent, Deb and Billy, Jo Shand and the rangers: for constantly giving of their time and working alongside others to make a difference.

Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School staff and students for their endeavours with environmental education and support of various beautification projects.

Santa Teresa Health Centre for their excellent and informative page in the Community Education Pamphlet.

Local and non-local residents: for keeping increasingly tidy yards and participating in garden competitions.

THANK YOU, EVERYONE, for your support of our Tidy Towns initiative. By working together, we were **STRONG**, we made a difference and won!



Ltyentye Apurte Award winners. Keep being strong, caring and respectful!

Everyone who has attended school for **half the time or more** will receive a hamper on Report night, which is Monday 10th December. That means, if your child has been at school for **more than 40 out of the 80 days** that we are counting this Semester, then you will receive a hamper.

We are building four new classrooms. We hope the building will begin early in the new year. We do not have room for some of the furniture we have in storage and will be selling it after school on Wednesday 28th November. There will be filing cabinets, student desks and chairs. May you be blessed with peace and love in the week ahead. God bless, Deb