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Dear Families,

Three things in this week's newsletter:

- 1) A **letter to you from the Bishop of Darwin**, Charles Gauci, which is about the Catholic Church's response to the conviction of Cardinal George Pell on sexual abuse charges. Please turn over.
- 2) **Curriculum Overviews** for Term 1. This tells you what the school will be teaching and your children will be learning in Term 1, 2019. As you can see, there are lots of good things happening at school and every reason for students to attend. The overviews are on page 3.
- 3) **TIDY TOWNS!** Last week, members of our Student Representative Council (SRC) experienced community education. They hand delivered our Tidy Towns Community Education Booklet to Santa Teresa households and explained what's happening with the new bins and tip. They'll continue to do this on Monday morning. As Santa Teresa was Northern Territory Tidy Town of 2018, we now represent the whole of the NT in the national competition. On Tuesday 5th March, national judges will be in Santa Teresa all day. We ask all households to tidy their yards and around their fences. Put your rubbish in the bin. This will help to make the community look great for the judges.

Have a great week everyone, and God Bless.

Justin Colley
Deputy Principal



Thursday 28th February and Monday 4th March. Community Education provided by members of our Student Representative Council (SRC). Have you read your booklet? Please remember to have a tidy up around your yard and fence line before Tuesday 5th March.



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Dear Friends

We, as Bishop and Director of Catholic Education, wish to make a very clear statement of our solidarity with all survivors of sexual abuse and our absolute commitment to the safety of children and other vulnerable people in our schools and all other Church settings.

The Church, in collaboration with Catholic Education, has implemented many child safety measures that are constantly reviewed and assessed.

Earlier this week, the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference released the following statement regarding recent media coverage on Cardinal George Pell:

The news of Cardinal George Pell's conviction on historical child sexual abuse charges has shocked many across Australia and around the world, including the Catholic Bishops of Australia.

The Bishops agree that everyone should be equal under the law, and we respect the Australian legal system. The same legal system that delivered the verdict will consider the appeal that the Cardinal's legal team has lodged. Our hope, at all times, is that through this process, justice will be served.

In the meantime, we pray for all those who have been abused and their loved ones, and we commit ourselves anew to doing everything possible to ensure that the Church is a safe place for all, especially the young and the vulnerable.

It is also important to remember, we, as members of our Church family, that our faith is based on Jesus. He promised to be with us always, regardless of how difficult things can be.

If these events raise any issues for you, please contact:

- the NT Police, if it is related to a criminal matter;
- Your School Principal;
- Christine Smith, Integrity Officer/Child Safety Coordinator at the Catholic Education Office
– Tel: 89841400

You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Yours sincerely,

+ Charles Gauci

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