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Dear Families,

The actions of a demented gunman in Christchurch seem a long way from Santa Teresa, but everyone in the world can learn from the way Jacinda Ardern and the New Zealand people have responded. They are committed to respecting everyone, no matter what they look like, where they come from or what they wear. We at Santa Teresa can learn from them. I have been concerned lately about some teasing and bullying. Sometimes students put each other down because of what they look like or where their parents come from. Santa Teresa is a place where all the different groups work together to build a strong and sustainable community. That is how our town made it to the Tidy Town's Grand Final. Let us also be a community where we build each other up. Let us find the positives and thank God for the blessings of each day, however small they might be.

Families please be aware that there are a number of students who are in the school grounds in the early hours of the morning causing damage. We have had bins burnt to the ground, watering systems destroyed and pavers pulled up. Perhaps the most disturbing damage of all are the holes in our brand new shade sails over the adventure playground. We were able to purchase new sails at the beginning of the term, but one is already ripped. Students are using it as a trampoline, which is extremely dangerous. All the money we are having to spend on repairs and replacements, is money that is taken away from our learning programs and resources.

This week we welcome Mark Elliot, our Regional Marist Director. We are grateful to the Marist Brothers, Brother Redmond, Brother Frank and Brother Mark, for all their support of our community.

I wish you a peaceful and happy week. God bless, Deb



**Congratulations to our award winners for demonstrating our school values of strength, caring and respect and for doing such a great job of learning their core words.**





Don't you just love our new school hats! Our Preschool and Junior 1 students are wearing them outside. We hope to purchase some for other classes over the course of the year. Thank you Justin for organising them for us.



Jennifer, Elijah and Jordan deserve special congratulations for being chosen to represent the Alice Springs region in the Northern Territory AFL Under 15 Championships. Unfortunately, the carnival was postponed due to Cyclone Trevor, but we hope that it will be scheduled again. Our gratitude must go to Ali Gallio and Brother Mark Fordyce for taking our students into Alice Springs for training every Wednesday for six weeks and for helping them prepare for the trip.

