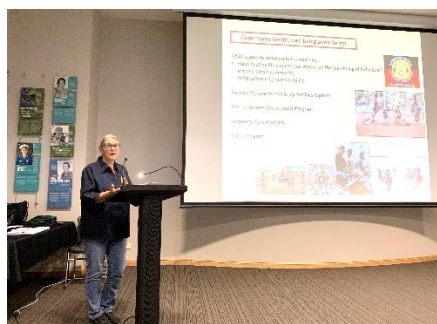




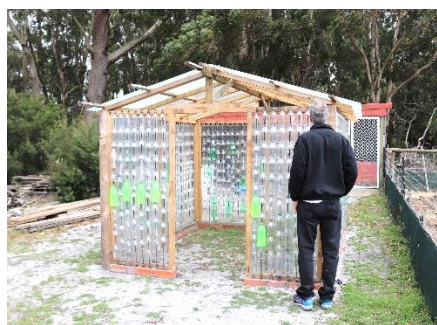
The 2018 winner's flag.
A new flag will fly in Santa in 2019.



Nora began the Santa presentation with Darren and Merv.



Susie talked about community development through AAAC.



Smithton tour:
The water bottle greenhouse.



Merv and Darren read about Aboriginal history. A sad story in Tasmania.

SANTA TERESA WINS NATIONAL AWARDS!

Werte! Friday 5th April 2019 was a historic day for Santa Teresa / Ltyentye Apurte.

Stakeholders from MacDonnell Regional Council (and Santa Civil Crew), AAAC and the school travelled to Smithton (2018 winner) on the northwest tip of Tasmania.

The day started with presentations from each of the finalists (Cessnock, NSW; Dimboola, Vic; Collie, WA; Ardrossan, SA; Oatlands, TAS and Santa Teresa, NT). Santa got off to a good start with a warm welcome (in language) from Nora, Darren and Merv. Susie from AAAC spoke about the many great things AAAC has done to make Santa Teresa a more sustainable community. Kate from ABC TV spoke very well about the Community Garden and Get Grubby / Eco Day. After the presentations we went on a tour of Smithton and saw some interesting things.

At 6 pm we gathered for the Awards Night at the Tall Timbers Hotel. We were joined by Kate, Dirtgirl and Scrapboy from ABC TV (our friends). The winning communities from around Australia were judged in March by Gail Langley. There were nine categories and an overall winner. Santa Teresa did VERY well indeed...

Dame Phyllis Frost Litter Prevention

Winner: Santa Teresa

Collected by: Nora + Darren & Merv

Resource Recovery and Waste Management

Highly Commended: Santa Teresa

Young Legends

Group Winner: Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School – Student Representative Council

Collected by: Justin and Nora from LACS

Environmental Communication and Engagement

Winner: Santa Teresa

Collected by: School and ABC TV

Community Health, Wellbeing and Interest

Winner: Santa Teresa

Collected by: Susie from AAAC

Keep Australia Beautiful Sustainable Community – Tidy Town

National Winner 2019: Santa Teresa

Once again, this was a team effort. By working together, we were strong, we made a difference and WON! THANKS to everyone who helped out. The eyes of Australia are now on Santa Teresa! In the next 12 months there will be a lot of media attention and hopefully hundreds of thousands of investment dollars into Santa Teresa, which will benefit the community. We will also host the 2020 National Awards. There is much to be done. Kele!

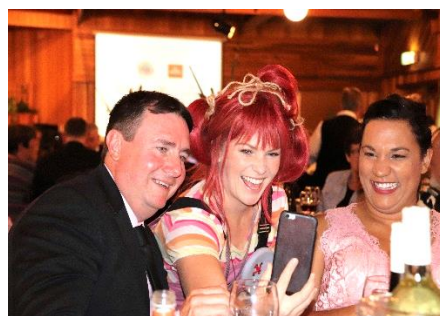
Justin (Deputy Principal)



Awards Night: MRC Good-fellas!
Graham, Darren, Sam, Merv



Susie, Merv, Nora, Justin, Darren



Sam, Dirtgirl and Leesa talked to Costa Giorgiadis on Facetime.



Justin and Nora received school awards.



Santa Teresa Award Winners !