



Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School

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Dear Families,



Last week, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 did NAPLAN, national tests for reading, writing, spelling, grammar and mathematics. Tests are done every year and this year they were online (with a computer) for the first time. Instructions and questions in the tests are in English. The level of English needed to understand the tests is very high. Most students in Ltyentye Apurte speak Arrernte first and English second. Because of this, NAPLAN is not a fair way to test students' understanding. To avoid shame, most students guess their way through the tests. Data from the tests is not very good. As Principal of LACS, I believe that NAPLAN is a waste of your children's time and that we should be using different tests to see how students are doing. The government makes us do the tests. Only parents / carers can withdraw their children from NAPLAN...

It is good to see students practising hymns with Mr Wisemantel on Fridays. We do this to improve students' singing in church or in library whenever we have Mass or celebrate a religious event. On Sunday, 13 students from Senior Fellas and Ladies, plus Joan, Franky and Clinton (from AFL-NT), flew to the Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre (MLLLC) in Darwin. They'll be learning about leadership and lots of other things in the week ahead. Students return on Friday 28th May.



Hymn Practise on Fridays



Jet-Set Michael Long Camp

THIS Week and Ahead:

Table with 2 columns: Event/Activity and Description. Rows include Open Afternoon (Monday 24th May), Catholic Education 200 Years (Tuesday 25th May), and First Holy Communion (Sunday 30th May and Sunday 6th June).

A Message from our Religious Education Coordinator, Rosie:



We celebrated **Pentecost Sunday** (23rd May). In the word 'pentacost', *pent* means *50* as Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter. In John 20-19-23, the risen Christ appears to His disciples. He breathes the Holy Spirit into them and sends them into the world to continue the mission. That was 2000 years ago! And their mission is now OUR mission. If you think of yourself as a modern day disciple of Christ and the Holy Spirit is within you, go forth at the end of Mass and continue Christ's mission through the *good* treatment of others, especially the less fortunate.

God bless. Rosie Landsberg

God bless our students and families. Have a great week, everyone!

Principal

- School **CLOSED** before 7:45 am. **BREAKFAST** starts at 8 am. **SCHOOL** starts at 8:30 am and finishes at 3pm.
- LACS is committed to the teachings of love and justice from Jesus in the Gospels. We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all students. We have zero tolerance for child abuse and exploitation.