

School Newsletter 22nd February 2021

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Dear Families,

The school has made a very STRONG start in 2021. In the last two weeks our students' attendance has been excellent – with some days hitting 90% or more. We need to keep this up! Please keep sending your children to school. They learn so much and have fun with their friends. We're trying harder than ever to make our school CLEAN and SAFE!

Last week, the school gathered for a photo on the front grass. The Australian **National Anthem has been improved to include Aboriginal people.** LACS takes the line, *"Australians all let us rejoice."*



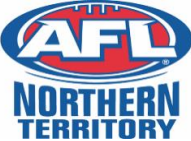


We are proud of our excellent attendance and to be included in the Australian National Anthem.

Last week we celebrated **Ash Wednesday Mass**. Ash Wednesday is the first day of LENT, the 40 day period leading to the most important Christian celebration of all - Easter. Lent is a time of trying to make good choices over bad. This year was different as Fr Elmer could not make a cross on our foreheads with ash (to be COVID-Safe) so ash was sprinkled over our heads instead. Ashes are a symbol of being sorry for things we've done wrong. They also remind us that we all came from ash and will return to ash.



In last newsletter we told you who your child's teachers were. Just to remind you, **IF there is ever a problem at school...** your child tells you something and you are unhappy, please do the right thing. It is not OK to go into your child's classroom and growl at other students in front of staff. Instead, please come to the school office and ask for Justin (Principal) or Georgia (Deputy Principal). We will help you to fix the problem in a good way. Thank you for following this rule. ☺

At School THIS Week and Further Ahead?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFL is ON! Tommy or Clint will be here most Tuesdays. So come to school, we know you love footie!
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop Charles is coming to school on Thursday and Friday. We'll have a 'Mass for Children' (with young ladies-n-fellas too) in the library.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to keep good student attendance UP! This week, a (safe) water bomb fight on the front grass one afternoon. In Week 8, an EXTRA special trip to town for <u>best attenders</u>. So come to school. Fun and rewards in store!

A Message from our Religious Education Coordinator, Rosie:



In this week's Gospel reading (Mark 1:12-15) we heard about Jesus' 40 day trial in the in the desert. Satan tempted him over and again to make bad choices. But Jesus was too strong and made good choices. LENT is our time to do the same. Let us discover that with God's help we are far stronger than we think. *"Repent and believe in the Gospel."*

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.