

School Newsletter 14th December 2020

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Dear Families,

This is the last newsletter of Term 4 and 2020. What an incredible year it has been. Once again, the school has experienced so many successes and challenges – including the coronavirus pandemic (which still affects what we do). Last week we were lucky that the pool was open for the **Royal Life Saving Swimming Program**. Because of the tragedy at Kintore the pool is closed to the public until further notice. On Wednesday we held our **Health Day**, which included the **Colour-Fun-Run**... which really was FUN! On Thursday we had our **End of Year Mass** in the school library. And on Friday we had our **Staff Christmas Lunch** in town – where we said goodbye to a number of people.






Royal Life Saving

Colour-Fun-Run

End of Year Mass

As mentioned, we must say **THANK YOU and GOODBYE** to some members of staff who have made a big difference to your children, the school and wider community. On Friday we also thanked Sr Liz for her contribution to the community and school over 12 years.

	<p>Marnie (Ann) Yates: Marnie taught Preschool with Tina and Delphina. She improved the students' Arrernte language and cultural knowledge by getting Delphina to teach it often. Marnie made amazing use of computers, technology and video. She has very high standards, did everything as well as she could and the students were really cared for.</p>
	<p>Joan Sanders: Joan was employed for 2020 to work with senior class teachers on Employment Pathways, the Work Experience Program, NAPLAN and a wide range of other things. She tutored many students to improve their reading and often taught whole classes when teachers were away. Joan is very experienced and we learned a lot from her.</p>
	<p>Mia Mulladad: This is not goodbye but “see ya later!” Mia has worked in the Canteen with JP and for the last few years with Carmel teaching Arrernte. She is a very strong lady and our healer too. Mia will work for a few days at the school again in 2021, helping us to understand Arrernte spirituality. We look forward to seeing her around.</p>

A Message from our Religious Education Coordinator, Rosie:









The third Sunday of Advent is characterized with the theme of joy. It is called **Gaudete Sunday**. Christians must **rejoice** because the coming of the Lord Jesus is close at hand. One more Sunday, it is Christmas.

Rejoice in the Lord, always. Indeed, the Lord is near. O God, see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity. Help us, we pray, to have the joys of salvation, and to celebrate them with worship and rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Merry Christmas to you and your families. God bless. Rosie Landsberg

LOOKING AHEAD

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 14th : Trip to town for best attending students in Semester 2. Kellie in charge. Mat driving bus and Thecla helping. Leaving school at 8:45 am and returning by 3 pm.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 14th : Student Reports given to parents / carers. Please come to school for your child's report. Meet teachers in classrooms. They'll be waiting for you between 3 and 4pm.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 15th : Bethlehem Road. Our yearly celebration of all things Christmas. The entire community is welcome. This is a COVID-Safe event. See next page for more information.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 17th : End of Year Awards Assembly. Attendance + Principal + Crowe Award winners. Who will win Crowe this year? Come and see. Start at 11:30 am in the library. All families welcome.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 17th : Santa Claus to visit classrooms. Presents for students AND Christmas Hampers for all students / households. • END OF TERM 4 for <u>students</u>. Christmas / Summer Holiday begins!
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 18th : END OF TERM 4 for <u>staff</u>. School CLOSED for summer.

We wish everyone in the community – most especially our students and all Santa Teresa households – a **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**. We pray that you all stay **SAFE** over the holidays. **May God bless each and every one of you.**

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Justin Lolle

Principal

2021 School Year:

- School begins for STAFF on Monday 1st February 2021.
- School begins for STUDENTS on Monday 8th February 2021.