

School Newsletter 1st November 2021

Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School

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Dear Families,

Last week, we were joined by **Sisters Nuria, Ana and Sari** from the Catholic Education Office in Darwin. They came to train our Arrente Assistant Teachers how to teach religion (for Advent) using a method called **Godly Play**. The works well with young children. We want our Arrente staff to teach religion with our non-Aboriginal teachers helping. On Sunday 24th October, **we took the sisters out bush for supper**. They played football and ate hotdogs, damper and roo tails! It was so much fun.

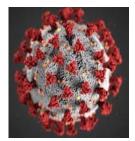


On Monday last week, Junior 5 was joined by **Michelle** and **Amie-Kate** from **Animal Management in Remote and Rural Indigenous Communities**. They taught students Science and the bad impact that household pets such as cats and dogs can have on the environment. Students enjoyed their learning.





Other News:



The NT Chief Health Officer has made **COVID-19** vaccination <u>law</u> for everyone who works in a school or comes into contact with vulnerable people. For our staff to continue in their current roles, they must have their first vaccine dose by 12th November and second dose (i.e. be fully vaccinated) by 24th December 2021. This includes anyone who visits such as stakeholders, trades, advisors, etc. We're waiting to hear how this affects parents and carers.



	 send your children to school with <u>suitable footwear</u>. It's getting HOT now and children's feet get burned or they can't do an activity because they have bare feet. It's not safe.
	• come to the <u>office</u> if you're unhappy about something in school. Ask to speak to Justin or Georgia about it. It is <u>not</u> OK to go into classrooms and deal with it yourself. This only makes things worse.
	 let the <u>office</u> (Juanita, Coco, Justin or Georgia) know when you want to move your child to another school. Too often we worry where our students are – then find out that they've left and started at a different school.

THIS Week and Ahead:

	 School is CLOSED to all students and local / Arrente staff for two FUNERALS: Kwementyaye Smith is at 10 am, Tuesday 2nd November at the Catholic church (OLSH) in Alice Springs. Brother Kwementyaye is at 11 am, Thursday 11th November at the church here in Ltyentye Apurte.
All Souls'	 Due to the funeral of Kwementyaye Smith, the All Souls Day Mass will be held on Wednesday 3rd November at the Santa Teresa Cemetery – from 9:30 am. The whole school will be there and visit graves afterwards. All Santa Teresa families are most welcome to join us.

A Message from our Religious Education Coordinator, Rosie:



In church on Sunday we learnt about the wisdom of Jesus and the importance of The Great Commandment, which, through its simplicity, is greater than all others. As Jesus said, *"The most important one says: 'People of Israel, you have only one Lord and God. You must love Him with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.' The second says: 'Love others as you love yourself.' No other commandment is more important than these."* Let us love thy neighbour this week.

God Bless. Rosie Landsberg

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

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Principal

- School CLOSED before 7:45 am. BREAKFAST starts at <u>8 am</u>. SCHOOL starts at <u>8:30 am</u> and finishes at <u>3pm</u>.
- 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.