

School Newsletter 15th November 2021

Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School

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Dear Families,

Last week was affected by the rain, which was beautiful, but... it meant that **Br Red / Kwementyaye's funeral had to be postponed**. It will now be on **Thursday 25**th **November, at 11 am**. It was good to see Br Paul Murphy around school for the week. It reminded us how much we miss him.

On Wednesday we had our annual **Health Day**. Students did workshops on hair (headlice treatment); dental / oral hygiene (cleaning teeth and the danger of sugary drinks) and 'mindfulness' (understanding how our brains and emotions work together). The day was a great success and we're very grateful to Kellie Mayne for organising it. Pictures below are about hair and teeth...





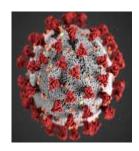








Other News:



The school has 47 staff right now. The good news is that **100% have had one or two doses of COVID-19 vaccine**. From Monday 15th November, anyone that works *for* or *with* the school must have a certificate proving that they've had one / two jabs. They won't be allowed in without it. <u>Parents and carers do **not** have to follow this rule. They are free to come to school – to do anything a parent normally would.</u>





Unfortunately, our Deputy Principal, **Georgia Brown**, and our Curriculum and Inclusion Leader, **Michelle Abraham**, have had to **return to their homes in Melbourne and Sydney**. Don't worry! They'll be back in 2022. Both Georgia and Michelle must do important family business. We're hoping that Michelle might return for the last few weeks of term. We thank them for all their hard work at the school this semester and wish them safe travels. Please pray for them.





WELCOME, Cate Cockayne: Cate is our **Acting Deputy Principal** for the rest of Term 4 (five weeks). She works for Catholic Education NT in Darwin and has been to Ltyentye Apurte many times to help students with special needs. We're so grateful that Cate has come to help us in a time of need. ©



WELCOME BACK, Katie-Jayne: Katie will be covering Senior Ladies (with Cecily) for the second part of Term 4. She will also be doing bits of Michelle's job. Katie has been in quarantine in Alice Springs for the last two weeks. She is COVID-Safe. Katie is pleased to be working in the school again. ©



WELCOME BACK, Viv Pettit: Viv will be helping in lots of different ways around the school; teaching classes, working on school grounds, in the Canteen, getting Christmas Hampers ready... the list goes on... Viv is glad to be back on country for a while, and to be helping us in a time of need. ©

THIS Week and Ahead:



 After delays, All Souls Day Mass will be held on Wednesday 17th 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.



• School will be CLOSED for the funeral of Br Redmond Casey (Br Kwementyaye). This will be at 11 am on Thursday 25th November at the church here in Ltyentye Apurte. A sad day for school and community but with much to be thankful for...

A Message from our Religious Education Coordinator, Rosie:



In church on Sunday we learnt about 'the end of the world'! (Mark 13: 24-32). It was scary... until Fr Elmer pointed out that Jesus' predictions were things that we see all the time. More importantly, we must be READY for the second coming of our Lord Jesus. We can do this by continuing to pray and be a good, kind Christian. We pray... "Lord, make us realise that you'll be coming soon. Help us continue to please you through our good treatment of others. We will be ready for you when you come."

God Bless. Rosie Landsberg

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

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- 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.