



School Newsletter 13th December 2021

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Dear Families,

This is the last newsletter of Term 4 and 2021. What an incredible year it has been. Once again, the school has experienced great successes and challenges – including the coronavirus pandemic, which affects what we do now more than ever! Last week there were **FOUR trips to town** (including one for staff). On Wednesday, Kellie, Mondo and ATs took students with the best attendance to the cinema and pools at the Big4 Holiday Park. On Thursday, Junior 2 (Teacher Haidee) went to the Museum of Central Australia at the Araluen Centre and town pool (where they met students from OLSH Bath Street). Senior Ladies (Teacher Katie) pampered themselves and went swimming at the town pool. On Friday we had our **Staff Christmas Lunch** in town – where we said goodbye to a number of good people.



↑ Above: Attendance Reward

← Left: J2 and OLSH Bath Str.

Right →: Award Winners



Other News:

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 **Pare, Talia, Cate and Katie-Jayne** for their great contributions to school this year / semester / term.

	Zoe Smithies: Zoe came to Santa Teresa in 2012. She worked at the school for eight (8) years. She was / is an amazing Class Teacher and school leader (Curriculum and Special Needs Coordinator and Acting Deputy Principal). She impressed everyone with her excellent work, intelligence and care for those around her. Zoe is continuing her life in Alice Springs.
	Mondo Ireland: Mondo joined LACS in January 2020. He taught two classes for several months at a time. His main role has been to work with students needing extra help. He has done that very well indeed. Mondo is highly flexible and creative. He made excellent Arrernte literacy resources. Mondo is going to work in a top-end community next year.
	Haidee MacKenzie: Haidee joined LACS in January 2020. She taught Transition in 2020 and Junior 2 in 2021. Haidee is an extremely good and caring teacher. She got the best out of her students and Assistant Teachers. She also made sure that Arrernte culture was taught in her class. Haidee is returning to family in New Zealand. She hasn't seen them in a very long time.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2021



In the past, we paid for hampers using donations from schools that visited from interstate. The pandemic stopped that. This year, we say a big THANK YOU to **Laxmi Fonseca**, who gave **\$3000** of her own money to pay for them. Laxmi is from Melbourne. She wanted to do something to help the *children* of Ltyentye Apurte. We appreciate her generosity very much. There are good, kind people out there.

We also thank **Ron Cruz**, Store Manager of **Woolworths** Alice Springs, for working SO hard to get our hampers order together during difficult pandemic conditions.

THIS Week and Ahead:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 14th : Bethlehem Road. This will be a COVID-Safe event. Make two lines at the front gate. Gate OPENS at 5:30 pm. Stalls 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Performances: 7 – 9 pm.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 15th : End of Year Mass is at 10:15 am in the church. We thank the Lord for our blessings this year. We bless those who have cared for us and are sadly leaving now.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 15th : Student Reports. Please come to library for your child's report. Teachers worked <i>very hard</i> on them. They'll be waiting for you between 2 – 3 pm. It's important that you get them. <i>After that...</i> hampers...
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 15th : Christmas Hampers. Yes, the day has changed. Get hampers once you've got Student Reports. Line up outside the Food Tech Rm from 3 pm. See <u>rules</u> about hampers over page.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 16th : 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 16th : Santa Claus to visit classrooms between 12:30 and 1:30 pm. • END OF TERM 4 for <u>students</u>. Christmas / Summer Holiday begins!
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 17th : END OF TERM 4 for <u>staff</u>. School CLOSED for summer.

A Message from our Religious Education Coordinator, Rosie:



Rejoice in the Lord, always. 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

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.

KELE!



2022 School Year:

- School begins for STAFF on Monday 31st January 2022.
- School begins for STUDENTS on Monday 7th February 2022.

Werte, Ltyentye Apurte Parents and Carers,



**Christmas
Hampers
2021**

The following rules apply to this year's hampers:

- No hampers to families of **visiting** children or with **less than 20 days** attendance during the school year.
- Due to pandemic supply-chain problems, hampers will have **slight differences in product types or brands**. But all hampers will basically be the same.
- Hampers will go home on **Wednesday** (not Thursday) **15th December** from **3pm** outside Food Tech Room.

KELE, Thank You! 😊