



School Newsletter 21st February 2022

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Dear Families,

WELCOME to the 2022 school year. It's not so new... We're in Week 4 already. It has been too difficult to send you a newsletter until now. In fact, this is the most difficult start to a school year – EVER! We've had to cope with break-ins, flood damage to school offices, Internet blackouts, the arrival of Coronavirus / COVID-19 in community, dozens of people getting sick (including school staff and students) and many staff not being able to return on time because of blocked roads. Despite this, school opened to staff on Monday 31st January and for students on Monday 7th February. On the first day back, 10 students came. Since then, our numbers have slowly grown and we're now seeing just over 30 a day.

It hasn't all been bad. We've welcomed three new teachers (and a local staff, Warwick Simmons). We have wonderful new concrete pathways (so we don't have to walk on the prickles) and our Arrernte Language and Culture building has been completely refurbished. It looks amazing!

The **challenges** of 2022 have already started. But there will be **successes** to be proud of. In whatever we do, let us remember to do it Jesus' way; honest and good, caring and compassionate, loving and respectful of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. This includes everyone in the school community: parents and carers, students and staff and stakeholders that work with us.






Above: Our thanks to **RL BUILD**. We have 155 metres of new pathways. The Arrernte Building is *nearly* finished. It's going to be decorated on the outside. There is one big room inside now. New furniture is coming.



Above: First Days Back. Students in Junior 3 and Junior 4. Mask wearing is normal now.

No doubt you have seen 'new faces' walking around the community. **Let me introduce them to you...**

	<p>WELCOME, Cate Cockayne: Cate is our new Junior 3 teacher. She is originally from Victoria. Cate joined us late last year as Acting Deputy Principal. An expert in special education needs, she is a school leader and in charge of curriculum. Please make Cate feel welcome around community. 😊</p>
	<p>WELCOME, Nellie Biggs: Nellie is our new Pre-School Teacher. She is originally from Victoria and has three grown up children; two daughters and a son. Last year she was working at the school in Kintore. Nellie has made a great start in Ltyentye Apurte. Please make Nellie feel welcome around community. 😊</p>
	<p>WELCOME, Dr Nicole Johnson: Nicole goes back long time in Santa Teresa. She has worked at the school before (when she was Nicole Thraves). Nicole is our new Senior Ladies teacher. She will also help us to become a more bilingual school. Please make Nicole feel welcome around community. 😊</p>

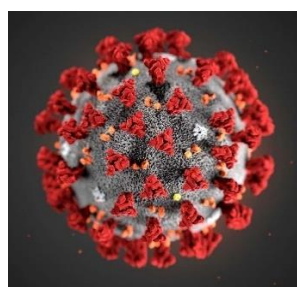
LACS Classes and Teaching Teams (Semester 1, 2022):

<p>Pre-School</p>	<p><i>Nellie Biggs, Delphina Cavanagh & Nalita Palmer</i></p>
<p>Junior 1 (Transition)</p>	<p><i>Talia Pidoto (Term 1 only), Jane Oliver & Vanessa John</i></p>
<p>Junior 2 (Yr. 1)</p>	<p><i>Rosie L, Cecily P, Julia C, Ashley S & Tina D</i></p>
<p>Junior 3 (Yr. 2/3)</p>	<p><i>Cate Cockayne, Thecla Palmer & (name to be announced)</i></p>
<p>Junior 4 (Yr. 3/4)</p>	<p><i>Mark Wisemantel, Barney Conway, Nadine Oliver & Br Francis</i></p>
<p>Junior 5 (Yr. 5/6)</p>	<p><i>Sharon Norgren, Sheree Doolan &</i></p>
<p>Middle 1 (Yr. 6/7)</p>	<p><i>Pat Hancock, Nora Wheeler, Kefon Alice & Kyle Ryder</i></p>
<p>Senior Ladies (Yr. 8 – 12)</p>	<p><i>Dr Nicole Johnson & Tina Williams</i></p>
<p>Senior Fellas (Yr. 8 – 12)</p>	<p><i>Marcus Williams & Tyrone Hayes</i></p>



☹️ BAD NEWS:

Last Wednesday, **20 new school iPads (and three iPad covers) were stolen from outside Community Store.** Total loss to school is \$9,930. A dark coloured 4WD was seen outside store. A man in his 20's was seen putting iPads (like those in picture) on back seat. School is hurt. If you know anything about this, please call Principal Justin on 8956 0937 or Sgt. Lanyon Smith at NT Police in Santa Teresa. Thank you.



COVID-Safety at School This Week:

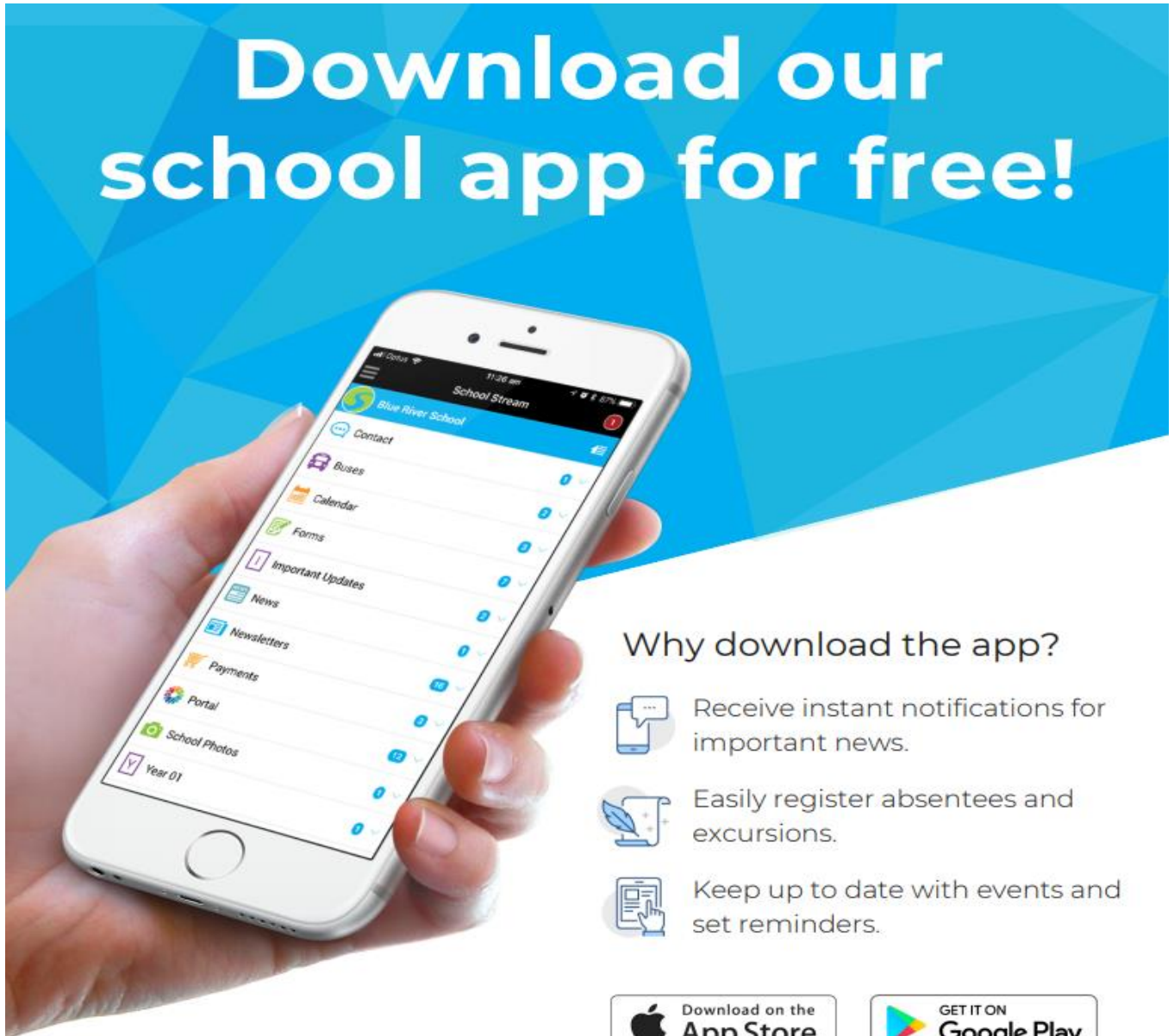
- All school staff continue to do three 'RAT' tests each week. They help to prevent infection. If we test positive, we stay away from school for a week.
- All students from Year 3 and staff are wearing facemasks at all times.
- We disinfect high-touch surfaces in classrooms every day.
- No assemblies and non-essential public gathering until further notice.
- Parents / Carers, please do NOT come into school unless agreed with Principal.

Introducing: *School Stream*




- **School Stream** is a new way for school to talk to community. That includes: *parents / carers, school staff and stakeholders* (Parish, AAAC, Council, CatholicCare, etc). It's an APP that you download to your phone. You don't need a regular number or email address. Once you've downloaded it, we'll send you updates (e.g. COVID), news, calendar and even this Newsletter.


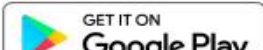
We hope that ALL parents / carers download it !

Download our school app for free!



Why download the app?

-  Receive instant notifications for important news.
-  Easily register absentees and excursions.
-  Keep up to date with events and set reminders.

Instructions:

- 1) Go to the App Store or Google Play and download **School Stream** to your phone.
- 2) Open the app and type school's name: **Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School**
- 3) **Agree or Allow** *Push Notifications* when this comes up.
- 4) You're done! Please wait... Updates will appear within a few days.



Prayer and Reflection:

The following prayer is worth thinking about in these very difficult times.

***God grant me the SERENITY to accept the things I cannot change.
COURAGE to change the things I can, and,
WISDOM to know the difference.***

May God bless our students and families in these very difficult times.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Lolle".

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.