



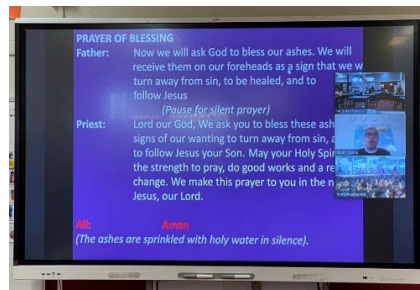
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Dear Families,

We're now in the second part of Term 1. School has been getting 30 – 40 students (out of 140) each day. That's about ¼ or 25% attendance. Meanwhile, we hear that the worst of the COVID-19 outbreak might be over and things will get easier from here. Please send your children back to school as soon as possible. Education is a legal requirement. If children are home because of COVID isolation or your family's anxiety / worry over COVID, then they must do the Home Learning Packs. These will be collected from you every two weeks by school staff. The staff would also like to talk to you about how the packs are going. New packs will be given, which your child is expected to do until he / she returns to school.

Last week, we celebrated **Ash Wednesday** with a special COVID-Safe *liturgy* (ceremony). Students stayed in their classrooms. Fr Elmer stayed in his presbytery. Communication was through ZOOM. To avoid touching when making the sign of the cross on the forehead, teachers sprinkled ashes on people's heads. It was a successful ceremony and we thank our Religious Education Coordinator, Rosie, and Fr Elmer for organising it in the way that they did.



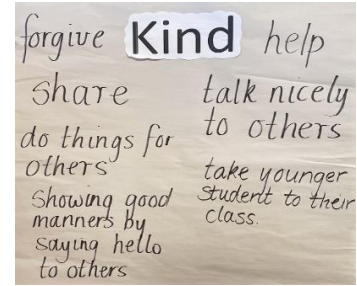
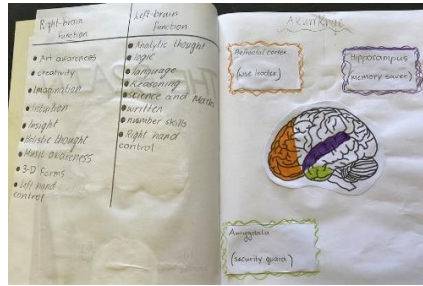
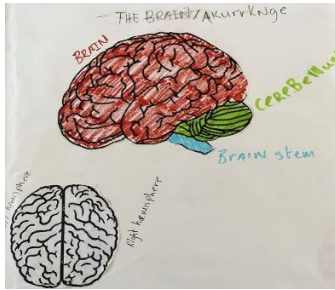
Last year, our Senior students asked if they could have a special **Seniors Uniform**. Many schools let their oldest students have this. It's a privilege. In return, we expect students to set a good example with their work and behaviour. Our new Seniors uniforms are the same design as 'yellow tops' but have the **Ltyentyes colours!** They look GREAT! Check them out...



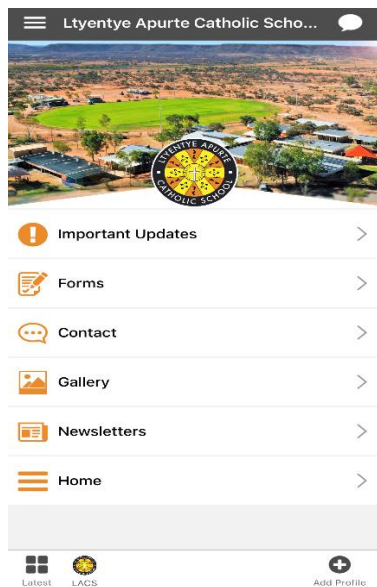
OTHER NEWS:

Last year our staff were trained in the **MindUp for Schools** program by a senior psychologist from Catholic Education Northern Territory. MindUp is a classroom based social and emotional learning program. It increases student self-awareness, social awareness, attention, self-regulation, problem-solving and pro-social behaviour. We're excited to use this program at LACS and are looking forward to making it a regular part of our weekly programs to support students. In recent weeks students have been learning about parts of their brain and how to be kind in class.

Kellie Mayne (Well-being Coordinator)



Have you downloaded our NEW SCHOOL APP yet? Thanks to those that have. We'd like ALL parents / carers (and others) to download it and know what's going on at school. COVID updates, newsletters and photos were sent to your phones last week. Have you seen them?



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 you're asked about this.
- 4) You're done! Please wait... More updates will appear.



☹️ **BAD NEWS:**

20 new school iPads were recently stolen from outside Community Store. They cost a lot of money and students are missing out. We now know what happened to iPads after they were stolen. A number have been given out to people in Santa Teresa. Two have kindly been returned to school. If you're given a free iPad, it's likely that it was stolen from school. Please return it. If you know anything more, please call Principal Justin on 8956 0937 or Sgt. Lanyon Smith at NT Police in Santa Teresa. Thank you.

THIS Week and Ahead:



WELCOME BACK, Helen Currie

Helen has been here many times before. She has returned to give our new teacher, Cate, time to get to know her roles. Helen will be working in Junior 3 and other classes as necessary until the end of Term 1. Please make her welcome. ☺️



FUNERAL for Miriam Dieudonne. Our Kwementyaye peacefully passed away at the Orchard on 18th December 2021. Due to the pandemic, her funeral has been repeatedly postponed. Date is now set for **Thursday 10th March at 11 am**. This will be at our church and cemetery. School will be CLOSED as a mark of respect.



Next week is **BULLYING, NO WAY** Week.

It finishes with the *National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence* on Friday 18th March. Kellie Mayne will be organising learning activities that encourage students not to get involved in teasing and bullying.



Prayer and Reflection:

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of LENT, the 40-day period leading to the most important Christian celebration of all - Easter. Lent is a time of trying to be better, to be strong and to make good choices over bad. Ashes are a symbol of being sorry for things we've done wrong. They also remind us that we all came from ash and will return to ash.

In these difficult times, we ask God to keep Santa Teresa families safe. We also pray for the people of Ukraine and for peace in the world.

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

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.