



Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School

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Dear Families,

The school is facing some big challenges ahead. We will be saying goodbye to some teachers at the end of term. Because of the pandemic, there is a 'staffing crisis' in many Australian industries – including education. There are little or no teachers to apply for the vacancies. School leadership and Catholic Education Northern Territory will do everything possible to make sure classes have teachers in Term 3.

We're working hard to improve the Canteen. There's a new menu with lots of different meals. More fresh and nutritious foods are included. All schools need parents to contribute to costs. The **ONLY** thing we ask you to help us with is food costs. We're improving the canteen and meals because we want you to have 'value for money'. Children cannot do well at school without good, healthy food in their stomachs.

Some very good things have been happening at school recently. Senior Fellas and Ladies have been doing a VET program on 'Automotive Engineering'. They were visited by the mobile workshop from CDU in town. Students learnt how engines work and took them apart. They got covered in oil and were really interested in what they were doing.



At church on Sunday, 17 of our students did their **First Holy Communion** (or First Eucharist). First Communion is a *Sacrament of Initiation* which brings people closer to the family of God. In Communion, we consume the Body and Blood of Christ, which makes us closer to Him and helps us to grow in grace by living a more Christian life. We congratulate the First Holy Communicants and their families and thank Fr Elmer, teacher Rosie and everyone who helped to make this happen.

Check out the photos over page...



THIS Week and Ahead:



WELCOME, Chris Reed: Chris will be our Canteen Manager for the rest of Term 2. He has flown in from Cairns, where he has a home. Chris is a professional chef and has worked in restaurants and in remote communities such as Maningrida and Elcho Island. Please make Chris feel welcome around community. ☺



We're finally getting our **new SCHOOL VEHICLE** this week. Because of the pandemic, it is long overdue. New vehicle is like the Clinic one, a *Toyota HiAce Commuter* with 4WD upgrade. Ours has 10 seats and lots of room for storage – like the old troopy. (We have not decided yet what to do with the old troopy).



Don't forget, next Monday (13th June) is the **Queen's Birthday Public Holiday**. School will be CLOSED. It's also the **Finke Desert Race** in the days before.

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

Justin Colley

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.