



## Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School

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Dear Families,

**We have made it to the end of Semester One.** This has been one of the most difficult semesters the school has ever had. We've dealt with COVID-19 ripping through the community, storm damage, break-ins, vandalism of school and teacher property, a major theft (the iPads) and many staff absences. Just staying open to students has been a challenge and we're not in the clear yet.

On the good side, our new teachers and staff have settled in well, we introduced the new school App (School Stream), the seniors' uniform and good curriculum programs; we celebrated Ash Wednesday and First Holy Communion and we finally got our new school vehicle.



Above: Our **Toyota HiAce Commuter**. It's a 10-seater with a big storage area and 4WD upgrade.

Sadly, we must say **THANK YOU** and **GOODBYE** to some teachers that have made a big difference to your children, the school and wider community.



**Cecily Palmer:** Cecily has been in charge of our Arrernte Literacy Production Centre. She improved organisation of resources. Cecily taught Junior 2 two days a week and while Ms Ryan has been away, she taught Arrernte. Her greatest interest is in RE and she helped to make Arrernte RE programs for the students. She is going to work at Yipirinya School and be close to family in town.



**Sharon Norgren:** Sharon taught Middle 1 last year and Junior 5 this year. She is a very caring and passionate teacher who always gives the students her best. Students learnt a lot with Miss Sharon. She leaves behind God's Garden (vegetable patch) and a big mob of students that will never forget her. Sharon is going to work at Titjikala School.



**Rosie Landsberg:** Rosie has taught five classes here. She has also been our Religious Education Coordinator. She organised First Holy Communion and Confirmation for hundreds of students. She did this beautifully. Students were lucky to have Rosie with them in on their Journey in Faith. Rosie is going to be closer to family in WA. She'll be with us for two more weeks after the holiday.



**Talia Pidoto:** Talia returned to Santa Teresa in 2021 to teach Junior 1. It was always going to be a short-term / temporary job but she stayed longer. Talia is very caring and has been a wonderful teacher to the younger students. The time has finally come to retire though and Talia is looking forward to continuing her life back in Melbourne.

## OTHER NEWS:



The worst of the pandemic is over. Please send your children to school. Local jobs depend on it.

Thanks to Catholic Care, **FREE TICKETS to the Alice Springs Show** for students that come to school on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday this week. (School is CLOSED for the funeral on Thursday). We're also giving **Meat Packs** to the best attending students in the first three weeks after the holiday.



**Basketball Court LIGHTS** are great! BUT... the school is paying the electricity bill. To save money, lights are on a timer. People use the master switch instead, then walk off and leave the lights on all night. We padlocked the master switch but someone cut it off.

We're now taking all switches away. Lights will soon come ON by themselves at **6:00 pm** and go OFF at **9:30 pm**. Sorry, we can't afford to waste electricity, it's expensive.

## THIS Week and Ahead:

	<b>Student Reports:</b> Teachers have worked very hard writing your children's reports. We're handing them over on <b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b> from <b>3 pm</b> in the library. Talk to your child's teacher. See how they've been doing. Afternoon tea provided. 😊
	<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: End of Semester Awards Assembly.</b> Attendance + Principal Award winners. Come and see. Start at <b>11:30 am</b> in the library. All families welcome.
	<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June: Funeral for Kwementyaye Gorey.</b> Starts at 11 am. This will be at our church and cemetery. <u>School will be CLOSED all day as a mark of respect.</u>
	<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June:</b> Last day of school. <b>LACS will be CLOSED for three (3) weeks.</b> Students and staff have worked very hard this semester. We need a holiday now.
	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- LACS re-opens for <b>STAFF</b> on <b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>. We will be in training.</li> <li>- LACS re-opens for <b>STUDENTS</b> on <b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>.</li> </ul>

May God bless and keep safe all Tyentye Apurte families over the holidays.

*Justin Colle*

Principal