



## Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School

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Dear Families,

This is the **last newsletter of Term 4 and 2022**. What a year it has been. We have had many successes which we can be justly proud of. I am extremely grateful and appreciative of all the staff and community stakeholders that helped us to achieve what we did. However, I will remember 2022 as one of the most difficult and challenging years we've experienced before. The Coronavirus pandemic in Term 1 hit us all hard. It was quickly followed by the teacher / staff shortage crisis and – sadly – so much Sorry Business in Terms 2, 3 and 4. It's fair to say that we (school, community stakeholders, families) have been greatly challenged in 2022 and we hope and pray for more settled times in 2023.

Last week we had a special assembly to mark the passing of our beloved **Kwementyaye Dieudonne**. This time last year she told me, *"I'm going to meet maker."* She passed on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021. We were pleased to see Kwementyaye's brother, Roy, at the assembly. Our thanks to Br Francis for organising it. Our even greater thanks to God for the blessing of Kwementyaye Dieudonne in our lives at the school and wider community. Long may her memory live in our hearts and minds...

### SUPER STARS AWARDS

Congratulations to the students pictured and ALL of the students who have won awards in 2022 for getting better at things and being...




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### Other News:

At the end of the year 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. We're also grateful to **Samuel Crowe** who has been working with us in Term 4.

	<b>RP (Rosemary Palmer)</b> RP has worked at the school for over 20 years. She is the most senior Arrernte staff that we have. RP has a Diploma in Teaching. For most of her career she was an Assistant Teacher. RP became a member of the Catholic Aboriginal Leadership Team (CALT). She is strong and sets a good example to others. We wish RP a long, happy and healthy retirement.
	<b>Nora Hayes:</b> Nora returned to Ltyentye Apurte in 2016. Like RP, she has had a long career in education. Nora became an Assistant Teacher and helped many teachers with her knowledge of language and culture. She is also a Traditional Owner and has been a strong leader in the school community. We wish Nora a long, happy and healthy retirement.
	<b>Georgia (Pamela) Brown:</b> Georgia has been Deputy Principal since 2021, and in charge of Work, Health & Safety. Georgia has worked extremely hard in the day-to-day management of the school. She has supported teachers and ATs well. Georgia was Acting Principal when I took leave. She is a very safe pair of hands. Georgia is returning to her husband in Melbourne and we wish her well.

	<b>Mark Wisemantel:</b> Mark joined LACS in January 2020. He taught three middle-primary classes. Mark is an extremely experienced teacher and a safe pair of hands. He has helped out around the school, played guitar in church every Sunday and run a choir for classes every Friday morning. Mark is returning to his home town of Inverell in NSW. We wish him well.
	<b>Pat (Nicholas) Hancock:</b> Pat is finishing <i>another</i> two-year period as class teacher at LACS. He is dedicated, excellent and highly respected as a teacher and person. Pat has touched the lives of so many young people in Ltyentye Apurte over the years. It is quite possible that he'll come back in the future. Until then we wish Pat well as he returns to his family in Brisbane.
	<b>Coco Kobi:</b> Coco first came to Santa Teresa with Mondo in 2020. She occasionally worked in the Canteen and then got a job in the front office with Juanita. Coco has been an excellent and very reliable school administrator. We will miss her friendly service and help around the school. We wish Coco well in her life after Ltyentye Apurte.







## Christmas Hampers 2022






In October we were visited by educators from Marist schools across Australia. They asked what they could do to help...

We're grateful to the following colleges for their fund-raising initiatives towards our **2022 Christmas Hampers**. Their contribution of *'thousands of dollars'* is much appreciated and will benefit so many Santa Teresa families: **Marcellin College** (Bulleen, Vic.), **St Joseph's College** (Hunters Hill, NSW), **Marist-Sion College** (Warragul, Vic.), **John Therry Catholic College** (Rosemeadow, NSW) and **St Gregory's College** (Campbelltown NSW).

## This Week and Ahead:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> – RP's Retirement Assembly.</b> We give thanks to RP for her long and good service of the school. This will be in the library from <b>11:30 am</b>. RP's family and friends invited. Director CENT, Greg O'Mullane will be there.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – Staff Christmas Lunch.</b> On Friday school will CLOSE at <b>11 am</b>. School staff will make their way into town for the Christmas Lunch.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Bethlehem Road.</b> Our celebration of all things Christmas. Gate OPENS at <b>5:30 pm</b>. Stalls <b>5:30 – 6:30 pm</b>. Performances: <b>7 – 9 pm</b>.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> – End of Year Mass</b> is at <b>9:30 am</b> in the <b>church</b>. We thank the Lord for our blessings this year. May God bless those who have cared for us and are sadly leaving now.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Student Reports.</b> We're giving these out in <b>classrooms</b>. Teachers worked <i>very hard</i> on them. They'll see you between <b>1:45 – 3 pm</b>. It's important that you get them.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Hampers.</b> You <u>must</u> have your child's report in order to get a Christmas Hamper. Once you have the report, you can line up outside the <b>Food Technology Room</b> from <b>2 pm</b>.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – End of Year Awards Assembly.</b> Attendance + Principal + Crowe Award winners. Who will win Crowe this year? Come and see. Start at <b>11:30 am</b> in the library. All families welcome.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – Santa Claus</b> to visit classrooms between <b>12:30 and 1:30 pm.</b></li> <li>• <b>END OF TERM 4 for <u>students</u>.</b> Christmas / Summer Holiday begins!</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – END OF TERM 4 for <u>staff</u>.</b> School <b>CLOSED</b> for summer.</li> </ul>

## Faith Focus



The meaning of **Advent** is to look ahead to the coming of Christ to Earth, the birth of Jesus. Christ's arrival brought the beginning of a new agreement between God and His people. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

*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 Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

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.**

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Principal

### 2023 School Year:

- School begins for STAFF on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**
- School begins for STUDENTS on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**

- 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.