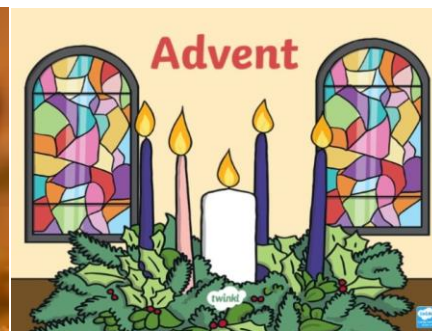




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Dear Families,










Advent begins this year on Sunday, Dec. 3. Advent is the time in which we prepare for Christmas, the memorial of Jesus Christ being born into the world. Preparations are practical, like decorating trees and gift giving, but they're also intended to be spiritual. During Advent, we're invited to enter more frequently into silence, into prayer and reflection, into Scripture, and into the sacramental life of the Church — all to prepare for celebrating Christmas. The Church's feasts and celebrations run on a yearlong cycle, which we call the "liturgical year." The "liturgical year" starts on the first Sunday of Advent. So, it's a new liturgical year when Advent starts. Lighting candles as we prepare for Christmas reminds us that Christ is the light of the world.

The four candles of Advent represent the four Sundays of Advent, and they respectively symbolize hope, peace, joy, and love. Sometimes we also light a fifth candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to represent the birth of Jesus; this candle, when added to the Advent wreath, is typically white and larger than the other candles and is placed in the centre of the wreath.

- ❖ Advent week 1 – Hope: Prophecy Candle (purple)
- ❖ Advent week 2 – Peace: Bethlehem Candle (purple)
- ❖ Advent week 3 – Joy: Shepherd's Candle (pink)
- ❖ Advent week 4 – Love: Angel's Candle (purple)

Other News

	Senior Ladies were fortunate enough to travel to Victoria to be involved in the Great Victorian Bike Ride. Sadly, the ride was cancelled due to bad weather however staff and students were still able to enjoy the sights of Melbourne including a tour of the MCG and watching the AFLW Grand Final. A BIG thank you to Nicole, Kaz, Thecla and Tina for organising the excursion and taking care of the students. Please see the accompanying photos.
	Please see photos of the proposed plans for a new Community Language and Culture Centre. In 2024, the Working Group consisting of Graham Hayes, Chris Wallace, Annalisa Young, Emma Hayes, Belinda Hayes, Cecily Palmer, Carmel Ryan, Veronica Dobson, and Camille Dobson will explore avenues for funding both the operations and construction. This is the proposed community project to be constructed near the Rec Hall in the old boy's dormitory.

	<p>Our Catholic Aboriginal Leadership Team (CALT) of Renee Gorey, Delphina Cavanagh and Thecla Palmer will travel to Darwin in late January 2024 to attend the Catholic Education 2024 Orientation. They will represent Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School and welcome new staff to our school and the Northern Territory.</p>
	<p>During the holidays, the old canteen will be demolished, and a new canteen constructed. Tony and Larissa will use the cooking room until the new canteen is completed in early 2024. It will be excellent to have a brand-new canteen next year!</p>
	<p>The toilet block will be refurbished in the new year including painting, new tiles, new toilets, and hand basins. The preschool will have refurbished toilets including new toilets and basins. Our Community Space will be refurbished as well in the new year so the three rooms beside the basketball court will have a nice new look. The Arrernte Language and Culture team have started to organise the Literacy Production Centre. Some exciting new projects to have our school looking good in 2024.</p>
	<p>Last week, the students enjoyed a Disco in the school library. There was lots of music, fun, dancing, games, and laughter.</p>
<p>A Very Busy End to the 2023 School Year</p> 	<p>Sunday December 3rd 1st Sunday of Advent. Monday December 4th J1 Excursion to the Reptile Centre. Tuesday December 5th J2 Excursion to the Movies. Wednesday December 6th End of Year Mass 10:00am in Santa Teresa Parish Church. Thursday December 7th J3 Excursion to Alice Springs Aquatic Centre. Monday December 11th Swimming Carnival 12:00 – 3:00pm ALL WELCOME. Tuesday December 12th School Closure 1pm. Bethlehem Road 5:30pm – 9:00pm Wednesday December 13th 1:45 – 3:00pm School Reports / Hampers handed out. Thursday December 14th 10:00am Awards Ceremony ALL WELCOME! Last day of Term 4.</p>

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and give us the grace and strength we need every day. Amen

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Mr. D
A/- 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.



Plans for the proposed New Language & Culture Centre at the old boy's dormitory.



Congratulations students for displaying our school values of being strong, respectful and caring.

