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|  |  | **School Newsletter 13th February 2024 2023** |
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Dear Families,

**Ash Wednesday Mass 9am Wednesday**

****Lent begins this Wednesday! Lent is a season of fasting, prayer and giving. Lent is 40 days long because this is how long Jesus spent in the desert to be with God. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday however, if you look at a calendar and count the days, there are more than 40 days. Lent is 46 days, as the six Sundays are excluded because there is no obligation to fast on Sundays. Ash Wednesday is one of the most important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent starts, a day of celebration as the last chance to feast before Lent begins. Shrove Tuesday is sometimes called Pancake Day after the fried batter recipe traditionally eaten on this day. So that no food was wasted, families would have a feast on the Shrove Tuesday, and eat up all the foods that wouldn’t last the forty days of Lent without going off. Tony has kindly offered to make pancakes this Tuesday. The priest wears purple garments, and a purple cloth is placed on the altar during Lent.



Welcome to

Our new

Mathematics / Science

Secondary Teacher.

Thornly Talasaia



**Other News**

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|  | The school structure for 2024 remains the same as last year except the secondary students will start in their form class before going to specialist lessons. Thornly will teach Science and Mathematics and students will go to JR for Literacy and Religion. Please remember that students have moved up a year level even if they have not changed classrooms. For example, if a student was in Year 2 in J3, they will now be in Year 3 but could still be in the J3 classroom. Alternatively, a student could have been in Year 1 in the J2 class and will now be in Year 2 but still be in the same J2 classroom. |
|  | Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School extends a warm welcome to new teacher Thornly Talasaia. Thornly is a specialist Mathematics / Science teacher who will be teaching in the secondary school. We also welcome back Helen Currie who will be teaching J4 for several weeks. |
|  | Next week our Catholic Aboriginal Leadership Team will represent Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School at a conference in Darwin. They will join other members from other Aboriginal Catholic Communities in the Northern Territory to offer Cultural Enrichment and advice to Catholic Education on teaching in communities. |
|  | **A reminder that our school is closed before 7:45am. Breakfast will be served at 8:00am**. Thanks also to Larissa for helping to prepare morning tea and lunch for the students. |
|  | Swimming lessons start next week. Please make sure parents / carers have **completed a permission form and returned it to school**. Lessons will be Wednesday, Thursday or Friday so please check that students have a towel and dry clothes to wear. |
| [This Photo](https://www.pngall.com/student-png/) by Unknown Author is licensed under [CC BY-NC](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/3.0/) | Senior Ladies Class. An invitation is extended to the students in the senior ladies class along with their parents / carers to morning tea this Wednesday at 11:30am. The meeting will allow us to discuss the senior ladies class for 2024. |
| [This Photo](https://www.wisc-online.com/asset-repository/viewasset?id=1276) by Unknown Author is licensed under [CC BY-NC](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/3.0/) | **Tuesday February** 13**th**  Shrove Tuesday  **Wednesday February** 14**th**  Ash Wednesday Mass. Santa Teresa Parish Church 9am. |



It is our duty of care to make sure our children come to school.



Have a lovely week,

Mr. D

A/ - Principal