

Ltyentye Apurte Our Deadly Community!

Middle 1 Students, Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School

Santa Teresa
Ltyentye Apurte

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Ltyentye Apurte is in the Northern Territory. You say it like *L-ginger Porter*. Can you try and say it? It means a clump of beefwood trees. These trees can be seen all along the roads and hills. You can find our town 80 kilometres along a dirt road from **Mparntwe** (M-barn-twa) - Alice Springs. It is also known in English as **Santa Teresa**.





Ltyentye Apurte has a population of around 555 people. Most of them are **Eastern Arrernte** (arr-run-da). The main language spoken is Eastern Arrernte. Some people also speak other Aboriginal languages. English is our community's second or third language for most people. Eastern Arrernte is also taught at our school. Can you speak a second language?



There are four main sacred sites in Santa Teresa. It is important for us to learn about our **apmere** (ab-mar-a) - our country. These sites tell us stories about:

- Ltyentye Apurte - beefwood tree
- **Atyenhenge Atherre** (at-ch-eng-a-the-rra) - grandfather and grandson
- **Keringke** (ka-ring-ka) - kangaroo foot
- **mpwerlarre** (m-b-le-rra) - rainbow hill.

These stories are very important to know and pass down.



Ltyentye Apurte is red, yellow, and sandy. It has lots of rocks and rolling, big hills. Visitors should always ask the Ltyentye Apurte peoples before climbing any of these hills. They are sacred. This means that they are special to our community and important to our culture. Do you have any sacred sites in your town?

Ltyentye Apurte – our Deadly Community!

Come on a tour of our amazing community with us and learn all about this awesome part of Australia that we call home! The beauty, culture and history of Ltyentye Apurte is so important to our people. We live and breathe it every day. We hope one day that you can come and visit us and see why it is such a special place!



Author's Bio:

Werte! We are the Year 6 and 7 students of Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School. We love our community! It is full of culture, stories and beauty. We have lots of fun at school because we get to learn both ways - in Eastern Arrernte and English. Our class wrote this book as part of our learning and we are excited to share it with you. It is about our amazing community and what makes it so special. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed writing it. *Kele!*

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