

Welcome Father Chris, Staff, Parents & Friends to the 2022 Santa Clara School AGM.

At the commencement of Term 4, we received confirmation that the Catholic Education Commission of Australia approved a single model of operation for Parents and Friends groups in CEWA schools, resulting in the P&F transitioning into a committee of Santa Clara School. The P&F becoming a committee of Santa Clara School reinforces the significant role we play in our school community. On 8th November, at our last committee meeting, we introduced the new model of operation for the P&F. The Santa Clara School P&F members agreed to becoming a committee of Santa Clara School and will no longer be a separate identity. Santa Clara School P&F also agreed that all surplus funds be transferred to the Santa Clara School operating bank account, and be held in quarantine for the P&F Committee and the bank account Santa Clara School Parents & Friends Association be closed. There will not be any changes to the way this account is accessed and the P&F Committee will continue to have sole responsibility of the account, working together with Santa Clara School. Santa Clara School P&F will also adopt the Catholic School Parents & Friends Group Terms of Reference in place of their current constitution.

Deloitte has been appointed by CEWA to help with the transition of the Santa Clara Parent and Friends Association to the Santa Clara School Parent and Friends Committee. We confirm acceptance that Deloitte can act on our behalf. This becomes effective this evening, Tuesday, 22nd November 2022.

Now, moving on to our year in review...

After our Welcome Picnic scheduled for Term 1 was cancelled due to Covid, we moved onto our first fundraiser of the year, our annual Easter raffle, which is always such a great success. Thank you to our school community for the many donations of chocolates that were received, resulting in lots of prizes for each class.

In Term 2 we were excited to host a morning tea to celebrate Mother's Day, inviting our Mother's and Mother figures to join us for coffee and cake. The children were also able to choose gifts from our Mother's Day Stall. This was a very well supported event.

Next on the agenda was our school disco. We ran a slightly different format this year hosting it on a school day but the children still had an enjoyable time. Miss Fitz once again hit the floor and wowed us with her signature move, the worm with Miss Caboz following suit, making her cameo

appearance with the same move. It was wonderful to see all the children and staff enjoying themselves, and burning up the dance floor. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped set up, clean up and run the canteen.

Our Father's Day stall was held in term 3 which, like our Mother's Day stall, was also very well supported. This and our Mother's Day stall will be scheduled in for 2023.

Our Open Night was also held this term, showcasing all the wonderful work that our children and teachers do. We provided 200 free hotdogs to the community which were snapped up quickly. Thank You to Mai and Wing for cooking for us and to the staff for helping serve.

For our athletics carnival we provided lunch for the staff and students from Subway Bentley. Thank you to our parent volunteers for helping to collect the 173 lunch orders and deliver them to Wyong Oval. All Staff, Father's and father figures were also treated to a free coffee. Thank-you to Miss Fitz who organised such a great event, our best athletics carnival yet! I know I say this every year, but they do get better and better each year.

Ending Term 3 we held the "Santa Clara Colour Run" The children were very excited that this was on the calendar again this year. The children (and staff) enjoyed being sprayed with coloured powder as they entered the colour stations through an obstacle course. Students received a participation pack which consisted of sunglasses, a headband and satchel of coloured powder to use at the end of the event to spray one another with colour. They will also be treated to an icy-pole in the coming week. Lots of positive feedback was received from staff and parents, with students who expressed "this is the best day". This has definitely become a yearly event and already locked in for 2023.

On Sunday we celebrated the Santa Clara School Community Fete. How good was it?! 31 stalls, food trucks, kids activity zone, face painting and a cuddly animal farm. Our school oval was buzzing with excitement. Thank you to our Staff and community for your support and a special thank you to Mrs Hawkins, Mrs Daniels, Miss Messer, Miss Delmadoros, Miss Caboz, Miss Copeland, Farai from OSC and our illustrious leader Mr Payne for volunteering in the dunk tank. To Mrs Grech and Mr Payne for assisting with set up and pack up and one last thank you to Mr Payne for donating a pair of his Air Jordan 1's from his collection to raffle off.

We have donated to various projects throughout the year which have included reading books, contributions to the Year 6 camp, air purifiers, faction days and subscriptions for Years 2-6 for our 2022 Lexile Program.

As the year draws to a close we will end with a sausage sizzle at our Christmas concert, and provide a small gift to all the students on behalf of

the P&F. Not one, but 2 surprise guests will be there as well and we will also have a coffee van.

We will also provide a farewell gift for our graduating Year 6 Class which will be presented to them at their graduation ceremony. We wish them all the very best for high school and their future years ahead.

In the new year the P&F will start the year off with our welcome picnic which we are looking forward to welcoming our existing and current families again. Don't forget to keep your eye out on the 2023 school calendar for lots more fun things happening throughout the year.

Thank You to all our amazing staff for your support throughout the year. Our community is truly blessed to have such dedicated staff who go above and beyond in their efforts to teach and support our children.

To our wonderful committee members and volunteers, thank you for your help throughout the year. Without you, the Santa Clara School P&F would not be possible.

I love working with, and being part of the Santa Clara community. Now I know I say this every year but seeing the smiles, laughter and enjoyment from the children is my goal. It is the reason I do what I do. I believe we have achieved lots of great things this year and provided the staff and students with some wonderful resources, experiences and wonderful memories.

Thank You!