



# Santa Clara School

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## *Pilgrim People*

Sometimes people are like  
Wells, deep and real,  
Natural, life giving, calm  
And cool, refreshing.

They bring out what is best in you.  
They are like fountains of pure joy.  
They make you want to sing  
or maybe dance.

They encourage you to laugh  
even when things get rough.

And maybe that's why  
Things never stay rough  
Once you have found a well.

'You will draw water joyfully from the  
springs of salvation' (Is 12.3).

### *Important Dates:*

**Sunday 9 March:**

➤ Week 1 Lent

**Tuesday 11 March:**

➤ 6:45pm School  
Board Meeting

**Wednesday 12 March:**

➤ 2:00pm P & F  
Meeting

**Friday 14 March:**

➤ Footy Colours Day  
for Caritas

**Sunday 16 March:**

➤ Week 2 Lent

**Friday 21 March:**

➤ 9:00am Year 4  
Participation Mass

**Tuesday 25 March:**

➤ 9:00am Whole  
School Mass – The  
Annunciation of  
the Lord

### **Dear Parents/Carers, Staff and Students**

Each child at Santa Clara School has unique qualities and gifts to discover and develop. They have their own needs to be able to develop towards the potential which we as a school community strive to provide. In return each child, their parents and teachers need to support each other to enable the best possible learning environment and experience.

### **LENT**

Lent is a time of preparation and a time of self sacrifice. It is also an opportunity for reflection leading to better understanding of the person that we are. We know who we think we are, and we know who we would like others to think that we are. But God alone knows us as we truly are.

As we begin this Lenten season, let us all take the opportunity to value and develop the wonderful qualities

which we all possess. At the same time let us work on identifying and refining the less attractive features of ourselves, knowing that God is with us to help us through.

### **PARENT INFORMATION BOOKLET**

Parent Information Booklet was given to each family at the start of the term and to all new families who joined us this year. Please read it carefully. This booklet outlines the history, some of the traditions and routine practices at Santa Clara School. Please keep this booklet at home as a handy reference for the year. Updates via the newsletter or notes sent home will inform you of any alterations to procedures and will keep the information current.

### **THANK YOU SANTA CLARA P&F COMMITTEE**

I would like to convey my sincere thanks to the Presidents, Mrs Sonia Thiel, Mrs Francesca Thompson and the hard working members of the P&F

Committee for their generous contribution of over \$11,000 towards the purchase of iPads for our students. Their contribution helped the school in purchasing 50 iPads that have been ordered and we wait eagerly for the arrival.

Our 2014 P&F Committee are all very busy working mums who still find time and energy and work hard to raise funds that assist in purchasing the much required valuable resources for our school. Each child benefits from their relentless voluntary work. I say to them "Good on you!"

But they need more members.

Please make time to join the committee and help out in whatever ways you can.

The next P&F meeting is scheduled for 12 March, 2.00 pm in the school hall.

I hope to see you there.

### **LEAD STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2014 AT SANTA CLARA SCHOOL**

The Executive Director of the Catholic Education Office, Dr Tim McDonald, has outlined the strategic Direction for 2014-2016 and is encapsulated in the acronym LEAD – Learning, Engagement, Accountability, Discipleship.

Currently, we at Santa Clara School, are bringing LEAD to life in practical ways to our classrooms. In collaboration with the Service Delivery Team of our Principal School Advisor, Mr Hamish Valentine and his team of consultants from CEO, we are developing an Annual School Improvement Plan for 2014, that will lead to enhancing student achievement and well being of all students.

The Lord be with you

**Richard Win Pe**  
**Principal**

## **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

### **SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION**

Thank you to all the students and their parents for attending the Sacrament Commitment Ceremony, held at the Santa Clara Parish. The next important Sacramental Workshop will be held on Saturday 22 March 2014, commencing at 9:00am, and will be facilitated by Fr Vincent Glynn and Father Dennis.

If you have any queries concerning the Sacramental programme, please do not hesitate to contact Father Dennis on 9458 2944.

<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	<b>Sacrament of Eucharist</b>	<b>Sacrament of Confirmation</b>
<i>Adult Formation Workshop:</i> 9:00am Saturday 22 March 2014 (Facilitated by Fr Vincent Glynn & Father Dennis)	<i>Adult Formation Workshop:</i> 9:00am Saturday 22 March 2014 (Facilitated by Fr Vincent Glynn & Father Dennis)	<i>Adult Formation Workshop:</i> 9:00am Saturday 22 March 2014 (Facilitated by Fr Vincent Glynn & Father Dennis)
<i>Parent/Student Workshop:</i> 4:45-6:00pm Tuesday 8 April 2014 (Facilitated by Dr Carmel Suart)	<i>Student Retreat Day / Excursion:</i> 9:00am Tuesday 6 May 2014 Schoenstatt Shrine Excursion, Armada	<i>Student Retreat Day / Excursion:</i> 9:00am Wednesday 1 July 2014 Mary MacKillop Centre, South Perth
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<i>Celebrated on:</i> 6:30pm Wednesday 21 May 2014	<i>Celebrated on:</i> 9.30am Sunday 22 June 2014	<i>Celebrated on:</i> 9.30am Sunday 14 September 2014

## SUPPORTING PROJECT COMPASSION 2014

Thank you to all the children who have already donated some of their money into their classroom's Project Compassion moneyboxes. All monies will go to Caritas Australia. Through effective partnerships in humanitarian relief and development and by transforming hearts and minds in Australian community, Caritas Australia helps to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. All donations make a life-changing difference to marginalised communities around the world. Below is a story on how your donations assist Caritas Australia help people and communities around the world.



### Returning home

So many people in the world today are forced to leave their homes. Deng is one of them. All his life he lived with his family in a small agricultural village in southern Sudan. However, in 1983, civil war broke out and their peaceful existence was turned upside down. Terrified women, men and children fled, leaving homes, crops and livestock, to live a life on the run.

When Deng was six, he became very ill and with no medical facilities available, fell into a coma. After regaining consciousness, he awoke to find his right side partially paralysed. Not letting this deter him, he happily returned to the peaceful life he knew and loved.

In 1983 when civil war broke out and everything changed. Frightened and taken by surprise, Deng, his family and other villagers fled for the bush, leaving their homes, crops and livestock behind.

"We were unable to be in our village, life was unbearable and all the time we kept hiding from the militia in the bush ... We were always on the move."

Over the course of time, Deng and his wife, Aketch, 38, had eight children, but three passed away. Later on, Deng's eyes became infected. As the head of the household, he was responsible for providing for his family. Losing his eyesight meant he could not do this anymore.

In 2005, the civil war ended and they were able to move back home. To assist with resettling, Caritas Australia's partner, Hope Agency for Relief and Development (HARD) established a food security and rehabilitation program.

Deng and Aketch received two goats, five chickens, fishing nets and a selection of seeds to plant. They are now confident of a more secure future and are happy their children can attend school.



### FOOTY COLOURS DAY – SUPPORTING CARITAS AUSTRALIA

On Friday 14 March, the Santa Clara children and staff will have the opportunity to dress in their favourite footy colours. The big question is - Will the purple haze outnumber the mighty blue and gold? This will be the opportunity for the Fremantle supporters to try and for the first time, outnumber the West Coast Eagles fans. Please remember that students and staff who wear footy colours need to donate a gold coin. All monies raised will be forwarded to Caritas Australia.



## WHOLE SCHOOL MASS – TUESDAY 25 MARCH 2014 – ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Our next School Mass (Annunciation of the Lord) will be held on Tuesday 25 March 2014 at the Santa Clara Parish. This Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Tim Costelloe. We look forward to seeing many parents and friends of the school children attend this mass.

**Larry King**  
**Assistant Principal – Religious Education**

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS: WEEK 5 TERM ONE 2014

Hello Everyone,

Week Five already and what a busy time it has been. Mr Win Pe is attending the Principal's Conference this week and is keen to return next week and share his experiences. The students have been working very hard and are achieving great things.

**PURPLE RIBBONS FOR LENT:** On Wednesday Father Dennis led the school in a beautiful mass for Ash Wednesday. Gemma Harrison from Year Five invited the whole school to support Caritas' Project Compassion for 2014 by buying a purple ribbon for lent. The gold coin donations will make a big difference in the lives of many vulnerable people. The Year Five persuasive writing texts included in this newsletter explain the purple ribbon for Lent campaign.

**CYBER-SAFETY:** Children's internet or cyber-safety is a very topical issue in the media today and rightly so. We have organised Cyber-safety workshops for students, teachers and parents for later this year. Please pencil Tuesday 26 August in your diary. The parent workshops will take place between 5:30pm and 7:00pm and are essential for teachers and parents of adolescents and pre-adolescents. More information and helpful hints to keep your children cyber-safe can be found at: <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/whbts/>.

**THANK YOU P&F:** Below you will see some beautiful 'thank you' plaques designed by students to thank the P&F for the wonderful donation of books to our classrooms. All year levels are designing their own plaques to go inside the reading books provided by P&F as a reminder to all who benefit from these great resources. The P&F support us in so many ways and the teachers truly appreciate you.

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Have a great fortnight everyone.

☺ **Ms Temmen**  
**Assistant Principal**

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## CANTEEN NEWS

**SPECIAL FOR LENT  
ON FRIDAYS**

**FISH BURGERS \$4.20**



### **Mathematics Enrichment Classes For Years 5 & 6 Students**

*Term 2*

**Monday 5 May to Friday 27 June**

*Term 3*

**Monday 21 July to Friday 12 September**

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENROLMENTS IS  
WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL 2014.**

For further information, please call 9266 7624  
or email on [maths.admin@curtin.edu.au](mailto:maths.admin@curtin.edu.au) or visit  
<http://maths.curtin.edu.au/enrichment.cfm>.

## OSC NEWS

### VACATION CARE

- Vacation Care forms will be available in Week 7.
- Tuesday 15 April 2014  
Excursion to Fremantle Prison

On Tuesday 15 April, we are going on an excursion to Fremantle Prison.

As it is limited numbers we are asking for expressions of interest now.

Please see Keren or Stacey to fill out a form.

Thank you.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

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<b>Friday 7 March</b> Julia Pearson & Sharon Morris	<b>Monday 10 March</b> Maria Arcaro	<b>Friday 14 March</b> Laura Munut
<b>Monday 17 March</b> Leanne Hamilton	<b>Friday 21 March</b> Cathy Park	<b>Monday 24 March</b> Trisha Forte



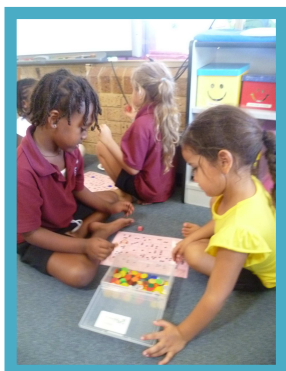
# Pre-Primary News

Wow, what a start to the year! The PP children are having a blast learning about their bodies. Our Pre-Primary hospital is the place to be! The children love being doctors, nurses, receptionists and patients. Mrs Madafferri got a heart transplant and Hilary Campos, our school Social Worker, was impressed with how quickly she got a hip replacement! The best thing about our hospital is that payment is a hug to your doctor or nurse.



In Literacy, we are learning about the letters s,a,t,p,i and n.  
We are getting very good at knowing what sounds those letters make.

In Maths, we have been learning how to subitise. We are very good at looking at a small collection and knowing how many there are without counting them. We have just started learning about sorting and classifying. Yesterday we were busy sorting m&m's into coloured groups. It was deliciously fun!



In Science, we are learning about how to keep our bodies healthy by eating good foods.  
Next week we are learning how to take care of our teeth.



In RE, we are learning about Lent. On Ash Wednesday Father Dennis came to PP to give us ashes on our foreheads. We are learning to think more about others than ourselves and remember that Jesus loved us because he died on the cross for us.



There is so much happening in PP; come down and have a look or even pop in for some free surgery!

**Mrs Kristy Madafferri**  
**Pre-Primary Teacher**

