



Santa Clara School

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Important Dates:

Friday 8 August:

- 9:00am Mass – Feast of St Dominic & St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (Year 5)
- 2:30pm Assembly

MONDAY 11 AUGUST: NO CANTEEN TODAY

- 9:00am Mass – Feast of Santa Clara (Year 1)
- 10:30am Market Stalls
- 11:40am Talent Quest
- 12:50pm Sausage Sizzle lunch provided by P&F for all students & staff
- 1:30pm Movies in Classrooms

Friday 15 August:

- 9:00am Mass – Feast of the Assumption of Mary (Year 2)
- 2:30pm Assembly

Tuesday 19 August:

- 8:45am Fr Chris to visit Year 1 Class

Friday 22 August:

- 9:00am Year 5 Participation Mass
- 2:15pm Year 3 Curriculum Assembly

Tuesday 26 August:

- Cyber Bully Workshop

Friday 29 August:

- 2:15pm Year 4 Curriculum Assembly

**MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER
2014 & TUESDAY 2
SEPTEMBER 2014:
PUPIL FREE DAYS –
STAFF PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT –
SCHOOL CLOSED**

7 August 2014

FINDING GOD IN SILENCE

Let us then labour for an inward stillness,

An inward stillness and an inward healing,

That perfect silence where the lips and heart are still,

And we no longer entertain

Our own imperfect thought and vain opinions,

But God above speaks in us,

And we wait in singleness of heart

That we may know His will

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow 1807–1882

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Staff and Students

As the children settle into Term 3, it has been interesting to see how much they have grown over the last holiday period. It is also a reminder that we have entered the second half of the year and that this is the time we should be assisting the children to develop their independence and take responsibility for their learning – as much as they are able to do at their developmental stage.

Santa Clara Adventure Play Area

At the meeting on Tuesday 5 August, the **School Board** approved the development of a Nature Play Scape for the Kindy and Pre-Primary areas. The Stage 1, 2 and 3 development will commence shortly and the contractors commissioned to do the works are the Living Landscaping Company.

Some of the features of the new Play Scape Area include a Pattern Lawn Area, A Sand area, including sand, boat and magnetic sand area. a Broken Jetty, a Water Pump, a TeePee over mud area, Fort with a ladder, climbing net and a tunnel, etc.

I take this opportunity to thank the School Board for their ongoing support. Projects such as these provide an excellent learning environment in the Early Years education.

Santa Clara P&F

Attending P&F meetings are a real delight. Gathering with a few parents to chat about how to support our school and the good work our teachers are doing is a privilege for me. The list of what we need and what we would like to do is endless. Yet, it is so affirming to witness a generous group of people give up their time and willingly share their expertise to raise funds, build community and have some fun in it all. We do need to recognise the wonderful Santa Clara's P&F and the work they do around our school.

The P&F Committee have organised a free Sausage Sizzle for all students and staff to celebrate St Clare's Feast Day on Monday 11 August. The canteen will not be open on that day.

Organisation is a key life skill.

We need to encourage our children to be responsible for completing their homework, placing it in their bags, speaking to the teacher if it is not done and so on. It can be tempting to 'cover' for the children but this does them a disservice as they do not learn to take responsibility for themselves nor do they learn vital organisational skills.

Santa Clara Parking

Parents, please assist us to maintain a safe environment by parking in the correct areas and by abiding by the signage around the school and church area. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Fees

Term Three accounts need to be settled so that we can meet our budgeted financial commitments.

Please contact the school office to arrange payment.

Students Leaving

If your child will not be returning to school in 2015, please advise the office as we have children waiting for places in some year levels.

May God bless all our endeavours.

Richard Win Pe
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Tomorrow, Friday 8 August, the school will be celebrating the Feast Day of Saint Mary MacKillop at the Santa Clara Parish commencing at 9:00am. We look forward to seeing many parents attend this mass. Here is Mary MacKillop's story and her prayer.



Mary MacKillop's Story 1842 - 1909

On January 15, 1842 Mary MacKillop was born of Scottish parents, Alexander MacKillop and Flora MacDonald in Fitzroy, Victoria. This was less than seven years after Fawkner sailed up the Yarra, when Elizabeth Street was a deep gully and Lonsdale Street was still virgin bush. A plaque in the footpath now marks the place of her birth in Brunswick Street, Fitzroy.

Mary, the eldest of eight children, was well educated by her father who spent some years studying for the priesthood in Rome but through ill health had returned to his native Scotland until 1835 when he migrated to Australia with his parents. Unfortunately, he lacked financial awareness, so the family was often without a home of their own, depending on friends and relatives and frequently separated from one another.

From the age of sixteen, Mary earned her living and greatly supported her family, as a governess, as a clerk for Sands and Kenny (now Sands and MacDougall), and as a teacher at the Portland school. While acting as a governess to her uncle's children at Penola, Mary met Father Julian Tenison Woods who, with a parish of 56,000 sq kms, needed help in the religious education of children in the outback. At the time Mary's family depended on her income so she was not free to follow her dream. However, in 1866, greatly inspired and encouraged by Father Woods, Mary opened the first Saint Joseph's School in a disused stable in Penola.

Young women came to join Mary, and so the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph was begun. In 1867, Mary was asked by Bishop Shiel to come to Adelaide to start a school. From there, the Sisters spread, in groups to small outback settlements and large cities around Australia, New Zealand, and now in Peru, Brazil and refugee camps of Uganda and Thailand. Mary and these early Sisters, together with other Religious Orders and Lay Teachers of the time, had a profound influence on the forming of Catholic Education as we have come to know and experience it today. She also opened Orphanages, Providences to care for the homeless and destitute both young and old, and Refuges for ex-prisoners and ex-prostitutes who wished to make a fresh start in life.

Throughout her life, Mary met with opposition from people outside the Church and even from some of those within it. In the most difficult of times she consistently refused to attack those who wrongly accused her and undermined her work, but continued in the way she believed God was calling her and was always ready to forgive those who wronged her.

Throughout her life Mary suffered ill health. She died on August 8, 1909 in the convent in Mount Street, North Sydney where her tomb is now enshrined. Since then the Congregation has grown and now numbers about 1200, working mainly in Australia and New Zealand but also scattered singly or in small groups around the world. The "Brown Joeys" may be seen in big city schools, on dusty bush tracks, in modern hospitals, in caravans, working with the "little ones" of God - the homeless, the new migrant, the Aboriginal, the lonely and the unwanted, in direct care and in advocacy, in standing with and in speaking with. In their endeavours to reverence the human dignity of others and to change unjust structures, the Sisters and those many others who also share the Mary MacKillop spirit continue the work which she began.

This great Australian woman inspired great dedication to God's work in the then new colonies. In today's world, she stands as an example of great courage and trust in her living out of God's loving and compassionate care of those in need.

Mary MacKillop Prayer



*Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.
With confidence in your generous providence
and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop
We ask that you grant our request.....*

*We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.
Ever generous God hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

CELEBRATING THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT CLARE – MONDAY 11 AUGUST 2014



Clare was a beautiful Italian noblewoman who became the Foundress of an order of nuns now called "Poor Clares." When she heard St Francis of Assisi preach, her heart burned with a great desire to imitate Francis and to live a poor humble life for Jesus. So one evening, she ran away from home, and in a little chapel outside Assisi, gave herself to God. St Francis cut off her hair and gave her a rough brown habit to wear, tied with a plain cord around her waist. Her parents tried in every way to make her return home, but Clare would not.

Soon her sister, St Agnes joined her, as well as other young women who wanted to be brides of Jesus, and live without any money. St Clare and her sisters wore no shoes, ate no meat, lived in a poor house, and kept silent most of the time. Yet they were very happy, because Our Lord was close to them all the time. Once, He saved them from a great danger in answer to St Clare's prayer. An army of rough soldiers came to attack Assisi and they planned to raid the convent first. Although very sick, St Clare had herself carried to the wall and right there, where the enemies could see it, she had the Blessed Sacrament placed. Then on her knees, she begged God to save the Sisters.

"O Lord, protect these Sisters whom I cannot protect now," she prayed. A voice seemed to answer: "I will keep them always in My care." At the same time a sudden fright struck the attackers and they fled as fast as they could. St Clare was sick and suffered great pains for many years, but she said that no pain could trouble her. So great was her joy in serving the Lord that she once exclaimed: "They say that we are too poor, but can a heart which possesses the infinite God be truly called poor?" We should remember this miracle of the Blessed Sacrament when in Church. Then we will pray with great Faith to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist: "Save me, O Lord, from every evil - of soul and body."

The Feast Day of St Clare is on this Monday 11 August, and the school will be honouring St Clare at a school mass commencing at 9:00am.

PRAYER TO SAINT CLARE

*God of Mercy,
You inspired Saint Clare with the love of poverty.
By the help of her prayers may we follow Christ
in poverty of spirit and come to the joyful vision
of your glory in the kingdom of Heaven.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever,
Amen.*

MISSION ACTIVITIES – ST CLARE'S FEAST DAY – MONDAY 11 AUGUST 2014

The Feast Day of Santa Clara, whom our school is named after, occurs next Monday 11 August 2014. This day is always special to our community. We are going to celebrate her memory with three activities which will help the children remember her story. Last year, the school fete raised over \$950 and this was donated to the Missions.

We once again ask parents to help to make our Mission Fundraising a success on our St Clare's Feast Day. Each class will organise a stall to raise funds for the children who are in the Catholic Missions around the world. Our stalls will be run during the day and will begin operating at around 10:30am for an hour. We ask that parents volunteer items for the stalls your children's classrooms are operating so that our event is successful. Most stalls will operate at a cost of 50 cents. Some may be as little as 20 cents. Please send your child/ren along to school on Monday 11 August with a few coins to spend. Could we please ask that you send along coins such as 10, 20 and 50 cents so that change does not become a concern.

The Stalls are:

Year Level	Stall	Please send along ...
Pre-Primary	Popcorn	Pre-popped pop corn
Year One	White Elephant	Good conditioned old toys, books etc.
Year Two	Cup Cakes	Cup cakes and other single serve cakes
Year Three	Whole Home-made Cakes	Whole cakes with name and ingredients on cake
Year Four	Lolly Bags	Whole bags of lollies, variety
Year Five	Homemade Cookies	Cookies
Year Six	Games / Raffles	Lollies and fun packs as prizes

The agenda for the day is as follows:

9:00am – 10:00am – Whole School Mass – Feast of Santa Clara Mass

10:25am – 10:30am – St Clare information (Year 6's)

10:30am – 11:30am - Market Stalls in the undercover area

11:40am – 12:45pm – Talent Showcase in school hall

***12:50pm – 1:30pm - Lunch**

1:30pm – 3:00pm - Movies in classrooms

***Lunch - A Sausage Sizzle lunch will be provided by the P&F for all students and staff.
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CANTEEN WILL NOT BE OPEN.**

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - ASSUMPTION OF MARY SCHOOL MASS FRIDAY 15 AUGUST 2014 AT SANTA CLARA PARISH AT 9:00am

Please note the Holy Day of Obligation – Assumption of Mary school mass will be held next Friday week at the Santa Clara Parish at 9:00am and parents and children are welcome to attend.

Larry King
Assistant Principal – Religious Education

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

Greetings everyone,

Term Three is well underway with the whole school busy with lots of exciting activities and events. The next few days sees us celebrate three very important liturgical celebrations and we would love to see you join us for these celebrations if you can.

Book Week

In Week Five we celebrate Book Week. Our Librarian, Mrs Tilzey has organised a number of great events for the week, including the annual Book Fair, excursions to the Bentley Library for workshops with authors and illustrators, and the Book Week Dress Up Day.

National Literacy and Numeracy Week

Following on from Book Week is National Literacy and Numeracy Week in Week Six. At Santa Clara School, Literacy and Numeracy have been the focus of our school plan for the whole of this year, particularly in regard to problem solving skills. During National Literacy and Numeracy Week, all teaching staff will be collaborating to provide the students with some fun and challenging activities during the week.

This week we welcomed the return of Mrs Suzanne Walker from her overseas trip. It is lovely to see her back and I would like to offer my personal thanks to Mrs Carmel Lewis who did an excellent job in the office while Mrs Walker was away. Next Monday we will welcome back Ms Evelyn Temmen from her long service leave. This means the end of my tenure as Acting Assistant Principal on Friday this week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire school community, staff, students and parents, for your support whilst I have been filling in for Ms Temmen.

Thank you all,

Adrian Tulett
Acting Assistant Principal

Under The Sea in Kindy!

This term in Kindy we are investigating everything to do with the sea.

Our dramatic play area is a huge ship. We are drawing maps and sailing all over the place. We look through our telescopes and see some amazing things. "I made



maps to go to places and I found treasure" - Mitchell. "I see treasure through the telescopes" - Matthew. "I like steering the ship with the wheel" - Binyam



We have lots of collections of shells, sea sponges and seaweed we are looking at, sorting and

counting. We can hear the sea in the shells!! Shaenae brought in some special shells from her trip away with her family. "My shells are very pretty. We have to look after them. I got them with my Nanna."



We are also making lots of sea creatures at the Mr Maker table. We do our own writing about what we have made, and our teachers write about it for us too.



We are also listening to stories about times Jesus was out on the Sea. He calmed the sea in a storm, and he walked on water!! We will also learn about Noah and his Ark and learn a great song later in the term.



We have made some cute starfish and have put them into different number groups. Can you see how many are in each group too?



We have been learning about whales and we know lots of things about them.

"Whales have a dorsal fin" - Aiva J. "Whales have a blowhole so they can breath. He Spouts the water from his blowhole" - Eli.

"Sometimes they eat fishes!" - Tai "They can do breaching! They go out of the water, turn around and splash back in." - Andre



REMINDER TO PARENTS

If you have changed address, employment and/or have new telephone contact numbers, please ensure you have contacted the school office with your new details.

OUR TALENTED GUITARISTS

We have a number of talented and enthusiastic guitar students at Santa Clara and they enjoying playing and singing at every opportunity. Last term some of our guitar students entertained the elderly at a Nursing Home. Last week, students had the opportunity to perform at the Performing Arts Festival and also played at the school assembly. In the next week, they will be using their talents to provide music for special Feast Day Masses. It is wonderful to see such talent and eagerness to perform!



Carla Klomp



Our guitar class visited St. James Nursing Home and played many songs for the sick and elderly. My favourite song was 'Love Me Tender' by Elvis Presley. It was a special day. By Lachlan

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 8 August Julia Pearson	Monday 11 August Trina Green
Friday 15 August Laura Munut	Monday 18 August Maria Arcaro
Friday 22 August Sharon Morris & Chantelle McBride	Monday 25 August Mitzi Bettridge

NOTICE FROM THE CANTEEN

The Canteen will NOT be open on Monday 11 August due to St Clare's Day celebrations. Sausage Sizzle lunch will be provided by the P&F.

Special For August
\$4.00 Hot Chicken Roll with mayo

P & F NEWS

- To help celebrate St Clare's Day, the P&F are providing a Sausage Sizzle lunch on Monday 11 August for all students and staff.
- Due to the lack of interest, the Spring Dance will be postponed till a later date.



Thank you from the P&F

OSC NEWS

- Vacation programs for OSC are now available.
- Out of School Care Newsletter coming home with this week's school newsletter.

Keren Barry
OSC Supervisor

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