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Important Dates:

Friday 31 October:

- Celebrating World Teachers' Day
- 2:15pm Year 5 Curriculum Assembly

Saturday 1 November
All Saints' Day

Sunday 2 November
All Souls' Day

Tuesday 4 November:

- Melbourne Cup

Thursday 6 November:

- 9:30am Kindy Health Screenings

Friday 7 November:

- St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal begins
- 2:15pm Pre-Primary Curriculum Assembly

Tuesday 11 November:

- Fr Chris to visit Year 4
- 11:00am Year 5 Remembrance Day Ceremony

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER
CATHOLIC DAY
FOR STAFF –
SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday 21 November:

- 9:00am Participation Mass for Year 3
- 2:15pm Year 2 Curriculum Assembly
- St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal hamper to be collected

Sunday 23 November:

- Feast of Christ the King



A Teacher's Prayer

*Lord, let me be just what they need.
If they need someone to trust, let me be trustworthy.
If they need sympathy, let me sympathize.
If they need love (and they do need love), let me love in full measure
Let me not anger easily, Lord, but let me be just.
Permit my justice to be tempered in your mercy.
When I stand before them, Lord,
let me look strong and good and honest and loving.
And let me be as strong and good and honest and loving as I look to them.
Help me council the anxious, crack the covering of the shy.
Temper the rambunctious with a gentle attitude.
Permit me to teach only the truth.
Help me inspire them so that learning will not cease at the classroom door.
Let the lessons they learn make their lives fruitful and happy.
And, Lord let me bring them to you.
Teach them through me to love You.
Finally, permit me to learn the lessons they teach. Amen.*

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Staff and Students

IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION

It is important that clear communication be kept with the school if there is a change of circumstances in your details. This can relate to, not only contact details (phone, mobile phone, address, email address, etc), but also details surrounding family custody arrangements for your children. The school can only operate on the information that we currently have on our records. Our first and foremost concern is always the children and therefore we ask, that pertinent information be always communicated so as to allow correct processes to be followed with regards to the myriad of contacts and details the school uses throughout any school day!

Please check, if not sure, that details under the headings below are current:

- Medical Information
- Personal Information
- Emergency Contact
- Email Address
- Custody Arrangements

The school cannot (and will not) be held accountable for acting on information which is no longer current. Clear and transparent communication is vital between home and school. Thank you!

SANTA CLARA NATURE PLAYSCAPE, 2014

Play is a pivotal part of a child's life. Outdoor play fosters opportunities for creativity, imagination, social connections and learned behaviours. Natural playscapes offer sensory stimulation and physical diversity which is critical for childhood experiences outdoors.

Darren and Jodie Goobie, parents of **Lennon**, our Pre-Primary student have relentlessly planned the development of our nature playground, so that not only their children but all early years children can enjoy this truly awesome construction.

Darren and his merry men from Living Landscaping worked tirelessly to create extraordinary outdoor places for our young children. Places for children that tickle their imagination and surprise their senses. ...Places for young ones of all abilities to discover themselves and the world around them... Natural places where the entire space is filled with a fort, hills, pathways, trees, herbs, open areas, sand, water, and more... Where children find places to run, climb, dig, pretend, and hide, with opportunities to bellow or be silent.

I would also like to add that Darren and Jodie have worked tirelessly, put in great effort, and saved the school huge amounts of cost that would have been over and above the allocated budget. **Living Landscaping** have generously offered to continue maintaining the area and their tree surgery division will also conduct regular pruning to keep it in top shape at no cost.

Should any parents wish to take advantage of a special landscaping offer of a 10% discount, exclusive to parents of children at Santa Clara, please contact Jodie on 9361 3000 or check their website at www.livinglandscaping.com.au.

I thank my Early Childhood teachers, Kristy and Alyssa, for their dreams to provide a nature playground where young children can reach their optimum wellbeing through exploration, experimentation and discovery.

I extend my gratitude to the Santa Clara School Board for their approval of the development of the new playground and for their support in approving the necessary finances to make it happen.

A sincere "thank you" also goes to the P&F for their donation towards the development. Any help from the P&F is of great help.

We now have a superb new playscape, which will serve the Santa Clara School community for many generations to come. It is functional, adaptable and feels right.

SCHOOL BOARD & P&F AGM 2014

I would encourage as many parents as possible to keep Tuesday evening, 25 November free so that you can be in attendance at these important meetings. These meetings are a way of showing your support for the hard work that both of these parent bodies do throughout the year. The sundowner followed by the meeting will commence at 5pm in the School Hall.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO SANTA CLARA SCHOOL IN 2015

If your child is not returning to school in 2015, I earnestly ask you to let Mrs Walker know as soon as possible.

God Bless

Richard Win Pe
Principal

UPDATE OF FAMILY INFORMATION – OCTOBER 2014

ALL FAMILIES ARE ASKED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS REPLY SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2014. THANK YOU.

Names of Students: _____ Class: _____
 _____ Class: _____
 _____ Class: _____

Mother's/Female Guardian's Name: _____

Mobile Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Father's/Male Guardian's Name: _____

Mobile Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Name of Emergency Contact (other than parents)		Relationship to your child eg. Grandmother	Contact Numbers
1.			(h)
			(w)
			(mob)
2.			(h)
			(w)
			(mob)

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CELEBRATING WORLD TEACHERS' DAY – FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 2014



Tomorrow, Friday 31 October, is World Teachers' Day. It would be lovely if the children could thank their teachers for what they do for them. Teachers are like parents – we never stop thinking about the children in our care and are constantly trying to work out what and how to overcome a problem – whether it is how to teach a new concept in an interesting way or how to address a problem a child may be having. Teaching is rewarding but teachers worry constantly about what is happening in their classrooms and how they could handle different situations that arise. We all love to feel valued and needed – tomorrow is an opportunity for children to say 'thank you' to their teachers for all the things they do for them.

CELEBRATING ALL SAINTS' AND ALL SOULS' DAY – THIS WEEKEND AT SANTA CLARA PARISH



SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER (ALL SAINTS' DAY) AND SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER (ALL SOULS' DAY)

All Saints' Day (in the Roman Catholic Church officially the Solemnity of All Saints and also called All Hallows or Hallowmas), often shortened to All Saints, is a solemnity celebrated on 1 November by parts of Western Christianity, and on the first Sunday after Pentecost in Eastern Christianity, in honour of all the saints, known and unknown.

In Western Christian theology, the day commemorates all those who have attained the beatific vision in Heaven. It is a national holiday in many historically Catholic countries. In the Roman Catholic Church, the next day, All Souls' Day, specifically commemorates the departed faithful who have not yet been purified and reached heaven. Catholics celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day in the fundamental belief that there is a prayerful spiritual communion between those in the state of grace who have died and are either being purified in purgatory or are in heaven (the 'church penitent' and the 'church triumphant', respectively), and the 'church militant' who are the living. Other Christian traditions define, remember and respond to the saints in different ways.

HELPING THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL - 2014 (BEGINNING FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2014)

It has been the tradition at Santa Clara that the school community rallies together to support the very worthwhile charity of St Vincent de Paul. It would be great if we could receive non-perishable goods to allow St Vincent de Paul to make up Christmas hampers for those who are struggling around the St James / Bentley area.

Some Christmas Appeal items could include:

Christmas Pudding	Custard	Tinned Fruit	Bon Bons
Tea / Coffee / Milo	Long Life Milk	Cereal	Dried Fruit
Fruit Mince Pies	Tinned Vegetables	Tinned Peas / Corn	Jelly
Long Life Juice	Christmas Cake	Pasta & Pasta Sauce	Jam
Vegemite / Peanut Butter	Muesli Bars	Pancake Mix	Socks
Cleaning Products	Toiletries	Washing Powder	Nappies



Help make tomorrow a better day.

Please remember it is important that the goods purchased must be non-perishable food items within the expiry date to be used.

Our appeal begins next week, Friday 7 November, and continues until Wednesday 26 November when the hampers will be collected by St Vincent de Paul volunteers and distributed to those in need around Christmas time. Please be as generous as you can – maybe picking up one or two items for a hamper each time you go to the shop is a great way to help others. Many of us have “too much” and have never struggled to pay the rent or put food on our table. We can only imagine what it would feel like to tell your children to go to bed hungry because there is no money to buy food. Please be like Jesus and help others. All donations are to be given to your child’s teacher or at Administration.

YEAR FOUR VISIT BY FATHER CHRIS – TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2014

Next Tuesday week, 11 November, Father Chris will be visiting the Year Four children at 8:45am. I know the children will be excited in seeing Father Chris on this morning.

Larry King

Assistant Principal Religious Education

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

Hello Everyone

Term Four is traditionally a very busy term and this year is no exception. I would firstly like to extend sincere sympathy to Mrs Carmel Reed on the sad passing of her mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Reed at this sad time.

Below are events and information for the next couple of weeks.

ASSEMBLY: The first Curriculum Assembly for this term will be hosted by Year Five this Friday 31 October commencing at 2:15pm. Pre-Primary will host assembly the following week, Friday 7 November also at 2:15pm.

UNIFORM: A reminder that this term students are expected to wear **sports uniform** as usual on **Monday and Friday** and also on the day their class has dance as follows:

- **Year Two, Four and Five on Tuesday**
- **Year Three on Wednesday and**
- **Year One and Six on Thursday**

On the other days students are to wear correct summer uniform. I would also like to remind students and parents that our sports uniform includes sports shoes that are predominantly white.

PUPIL FREE DAY: Coming up on Friday 14 November, Week 5 is a Pupil Free Day. This is our staff Catholicity day.

ICE-BUCKET CHALLENGE: Well done to Mrs Ellis and Mr Win Pe who participated in the ice-bucket challenge and raised funds for Motor Neuron Disease. They have now nominated other staff members to take on the challenge and continue the fund-raising. Several staff members including Mr King, Mr Boxsell, Mrs Hawkins and myself will take on this challenge at the end of the day on Monday 1 December, this is Week 8. We will be raising funds by holding a "jumble sale" and ask families to have a look around your homes for suitable items to donate for sale on the day. This can include books, toys, household items, cakes or clothing items. Donations can be sent into school during Week 8 and parents and friends are invited to the sale to be held over lunchtime on Monday 1 December.

ABSENTEES: As we approach report writing time, teachers are working on assessments and consolidation is needed before moving on to a new year level; it is an especially important time to maintain regular attendance. I would also like to remind parents to call or contact the school office if children are going to be absent and to send in absentee notes when your children are away from school. ***A note or an email is necessary for our records in addition to the phone call to the office.***

Have a great week everyone.



Ms Evelyn Temmen
Assistant Principal

★ P & F NEWS ★

The P&F would like to thank all the people who donated food, drinks and prizes for the International Food Festival and Fete.

The day was a great success despite the rain and we raised \$1660 for the new playground. Well done!



All Scholastic Book Club orders are due in tomorrow, Friday 31 October 2014.

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Friday 31 October Julia Pearson	Monday 3 November Leanne Hamilton
Friday 7 November Laura Munut	Monday 10 November Julia Pearson

ICT POLICIES FOR 2015

2015 ICT Policies have been sent home to students in Kindy to Year 5 today with this week's newsletter.

Please return all completed reply slips to the school office by next Friday 7 November 2014 - a box has been provided in the office foyer.

Thanks so much for your assistance.

NATURE PLAYGROUND CAKE STALL & AFTERNOON TEA FRIDAY, 31ST OCTOBER 3-4PM

Come and explore Santa Clara's new Nature Playground and enjoy afternoon tea with your school community.

All money raised will go towards the Nature Playground.



ANNUAL GENERAL COMMUNITY MEETING - Reply Slip

I will be attending the Annual General Community Meeting (from 5:00pm with light refreshments in the hall and 5:30pm start) on Tuesday 25 November 2014.

Name: _____

Our Learning Journey

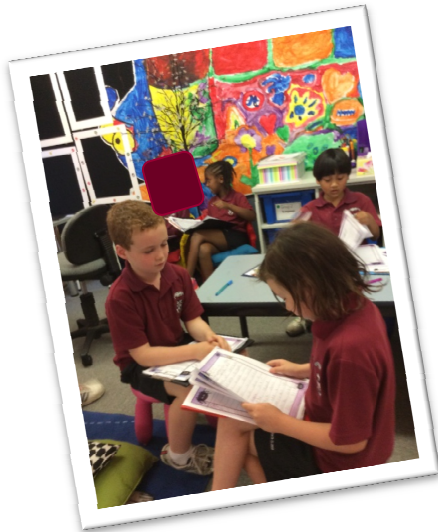
Year 2

This Learning Journey has been created by the Year 2 students. Each day there is a photographer and a reporter. Their roles are to document and record what learning and interest activities occur in the classroom each day. All students are encouraged to help create this Learning Journey.



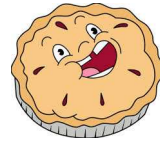
October 15th

After lunch we started to write our 'Incy Wincy Spider' narrative.



October 16th

Gabby enjoyed reading the 'Perfect Pie' and she knew the story was a narrative. Gabby knew there was information and detail in the story.



October 17th

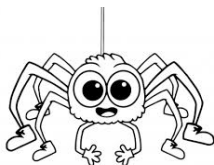
Today we almost finished our 'Incy Wincy Spider' narrative. Mrs Hawkins was a little grumpy today about who was completing their homework.

Dylan enjoyed sport.



October 20th

David and Marley enjoyed doing mathematics activities with the MAB blocks.



October 27th

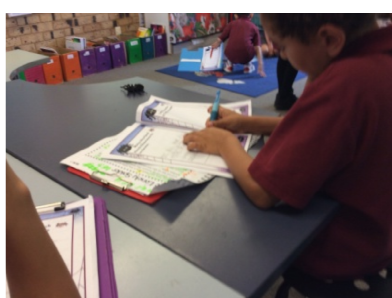
Today Joshua enjoyed colouring in Pinocchio in Italian.

Liam enjoyed doing the project work.



We solved the mathematics question about Mrs Hawkins eating so many lollies.

Amelia explained what she was doing. She needed to write the direct speech sentence about what she talked about with her partner. We had to get our project work and we needed to finish planning our narrative.



From Your Community Nurse - October is Community Safety Month

Playground Safety

Play is important for your child's physical, emotional, mental and social development.

Playgrounds are fun and provide children of all ages with excellent opportunities for physical activity. Here are some tips for keeping your child engaged and safe in playgrounds:

- Encourage your child to have fun and try new things.
- Visit different playgrounds in the community to keep things new and interesting.
- Arrange to meet friends at playgrounds.
- Always supervise your child.
- Encourage your child to take turns, play safely and think about others.
- Help your child to develop a simple set of playground rules.
- Remember to protect you and your child from the sun.
- Check how your child is dressed – clothing or hats with cords could result in injury.
- If you notice any damage to the playground, report it immediately.

Sun Safety

With the hot weather approaching, it is important to talk to your children about sun safety and teach them good sun protection habits.

- **Slip** on some sun-protective clothing – that covers as much skin as possible.
- **Slap** on broad spectrum, water resistant SPF30+ sunscreen. Put it on 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every two hours afterwards. Sunscreen should never be used to extend the time you spend in the sun.
- **Slap** on a hat – that protects your face, head, neck and ears.
- **Seek** shade.
- **Slide** on some sunglasses – make sure they meet Australian Standards.

Extra care should be taken between 10am and 3pm when UV levels reach their peak.

For more information see the Cancer Council website: www.cancer.org.au.

Water Safety

In Australia, drowning is the number one cause of death for children under five. To keep your children safe around water:

- Always stay with your children and watch carefully when they are near water, even if they can swim.
- Teach your children about water safety and make sure they learn how to swim.
- Have the whole family learn first aid.
- If you have a pool have it fenced with self-closing gates.
- Never leave children alone in the bath or paddle pool.
- Beware of garden ponds, large buckets and other small bodies of water.

For more information on swimming lessons during summer via VacsWim is available on the Education Department website,

<http://www.det.wa.edu.au/curriculum/support/swimming/detcms/portals/> and for water safety tips see www.lifesavingwa.com.au.

Schoenstatt Spring Affair
Sunday, 2nd November 2014
From 10 am till 2 pm
At the Schoenstatt Shrine
9 Talus Drive, Mt. Richon
9399 2349

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