



Santa Clara School

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Important Dates:

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

Tuesday 25 November:

- 8:45am Fr Chris to visit Year 5 Class
- 5:00pm Sundowner
- 5:30pm AGM

Thursday 27 November:

- 6:00pm Kindy 2015 Parent Information Night

Friday 28 November:

- 9:00am to 10:00am Kindy 2015 Parent & Child Orientation
- 2:15pm Year 1 RE Assembly

Sunday 30 November:

- Advent Week 1

WEDNESDAY
3 DECEMBER
AT 9:00am
PRE-PRIMARY
GRADUATION



THURSDAY
11 DECEMBER
AT 6:00pm
YEAR 6 GRADUATION
MASS, PRESENTATIONS
& SUPPER

FRIDAY
12 DECEMBER
LAST DAY FOR
STUDENTS

13 November 2014

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Staff and Students

NAPLAN RESULTS

Parents would have received students' reports some time ago. I am pleased to report that our students have once again performed very well. We will now begin to analyse the data to determine our priorities for next year so that we can continue to improve.

PARENTS PLEASE TAKE CAREFUL NOTE

If/When collecting your child/children from school whether it is for an appointment or personal reasons, a **GREEN SLIP MUST BE COLLECTED FROM THE OFFICE PRIOR TO COLLECTING** child/children. No student is to be collected from a class without this **GREEN SLIP**.

SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS

There are a significant number of accounts that have not been paid. Accounts are now overdue and I would ask parents to please pay these by the end of the week as a matter of urgency.

Reminder notices may need to be sent out next week.

UPDATING SCHOOL RECORDS

Parents are requested to forward their email addresses to the front office. *As of next year, all newsletters will be via email and on the school's website.*

Could parents please email the school with their current email address, or send a letter to our school's Admin Officer, Mrs Suzanne Walker, indicating their email address. Alternatively, please complete the reply slip in the newsletter and return to the school office.

SCHOOL CAR PARK

Parents are reminded and urged to use extreme caution when using the school car park area and the surrounds. A number of parents do walk their children to and from school. Other students who live close to school walk by themselves.

Parents are reminded, in particular, to look carefully when reversing in or out of car bays and also when driving into the pick up and drop off areas. A big thank you to all parents who take extreme caution in ensuring the safety for all concerned.

3 YEAR OLD PROGRAM – 2015

If your child has attained the age of 3 years old and will turn 4 after 30 June 2015, vacancies are available for you to join a vibrant school community that introduces early years schooling for 3 year olds and sets the foundation for future learning. Please pick up an enrolment form from our front office.

Richard Win Pe
Principal

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**

UPDATED IMMUNISATION RECORDS

Please send in a copy of your child's updated immunisation records, containing 4 year old vaccinations, to the school office by Monday 17 November 2014 if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

ICT POLICIES FOR 2015

Please return all 2015 ICT Policy reply slips to the school office by Monday 17 November 2014. Thank you.

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!

UPDATE OF FAMILY INFORMATION – OCT/NOV 2014

ALL FAMILIES ARE ASKED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS REPLY SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY **MONDAY 17 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

HELPING THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL - 2014

Thank you to the parents and students who have already donated some non-perishable food items to the school over the last week. 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 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.

PARTICIPATION MASS – YEAR THREE – FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2014

Next Friday week, 21 November, the Year Three class will be attending mass at Santa Clara Parish commencing at 9:00am. All parents are invited to attend.

YEAR FIVE VISIT BY FATHER CHRIS – TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2014

Next Tuesday week, 25 November, Father Chris will be visiting the Year Five children at 8:45am. I know the children will be excited in seeing Father Chris on this morning.

YEAR SIX GRADUATION MASS, PRESENTATIONS & SUPPER – THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2014

The Year Six Graduation Mass, Presentations and Supper evening will be held on Thursday 11 December 2014, commencing at 6:00pm. This is an important event for all the Year Six students, parents and relatives. The community of Santa Clara School are welcome to attend the Mass to celebrate the end of an era at primary school for the Year Six students.

Larry King
Assistant Principal Religious Education

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

Hello Everyone

The school term is going very fast, students and teachers have been very busy. Below are events and information for the next couple of weeks.

TESTING AND REPORTING: Students and teachers have been very busy this week administering or completing standardised tests to measure student and class progress over-time. Students who are absent during this time will be given the opportunity to complete tests upon their return. Other assessments are also taking place at this time as teachers are busy preparing reports which will come home on the Monday of Week 9. Unnecessary absences should be avoided.

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 this Friday 14 November, is a pupil free day. This is our staff Catholicity day.

ICE-BUCKET CHALLENGE: Several staff members including Mr King, Mr Boxsell, Mrs Hawkins and myself have accepted the Ice-Bucket Challenge to raise funds for Motor Neuron Disease. This challenge will take place at the end of the day on Monday 1 December, Week Eight. 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. **Jumble sale donations can be sent into school during Week 7, from Monday 24 November onwards and parents and friends are invited to the sale to be held over lunchtime on Monday 1 December.**

AFTER-SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT: Just a reminder that the play equipment, including the Pre-Primary nature playground, is not for use before and after-school.

ASSEMBLY: Coming up next week, Friday 21 November, is the Year 2 curriculum assembly. This will commence at 2:15pm. The following week Year One will lead the first Advent assembly on Friday 28 November, also at 2:15pm.

2015 BOOKLISTS: Booklists and classroom requirements for 2015 will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. More information will be coming home soon.

I am looking forward to mingling with parents and friends at our up-coming Annual General Meeting and Sundowner for the P&F and School Board on Tuesday 25 November. I hope that the many supportive parents in our school community will be considering nominating for positions on either the Board or the P&F. Your support is greatly appreciated by all the staff at Santa Clara.

Have a great week everyone.

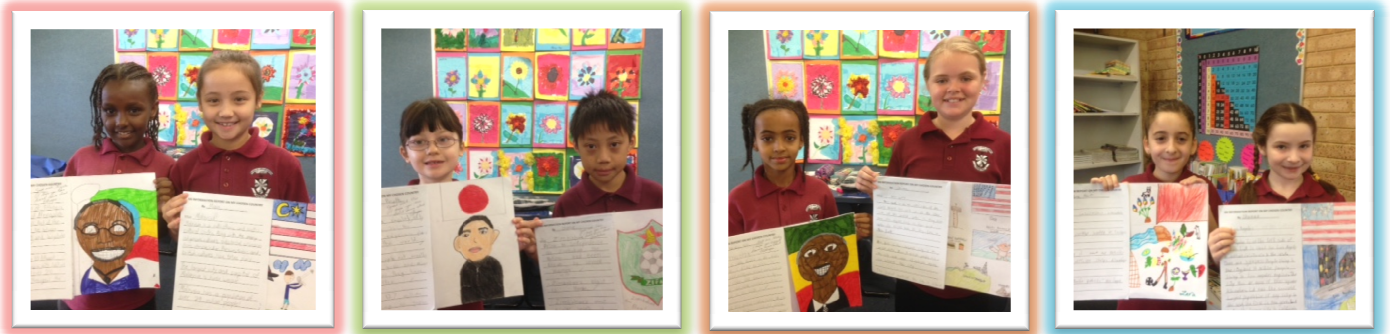


Ms Evelyn Temmen
Assistant Principal

YEAR THREE REPORT

ENGLISH

This term the Year Three's have been busily producing magnificent Information Reports on their chosen country and favourite animal, famous Australian sports athletes (including Sir Donald Bradman, Ian Thorpe, Cathy Freeman) and Mt Everest. Some of the chosen countries included Zambia, Zimbabwe, Japan, Italy, New Zealand, Canada, the Philippines and England, to name a few. Students used a variety of books, iPad and laptop websites to collect the necessary information to complete their report.



MATHEMATICS

It has been great to see the children enjoy learning about Geometry - Space, Shape and Position and Measurement - Time and Calendars this term. Investigating, determining and positioning for the different 2D and 3D shapes has been challenging but exciting for the children. The students have also learnt how to read both analogue and digital clocks, timetables (television guides) and calendars.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In Religious Education, the students have been learning about John the Baptist, and how Jesus asked him to baptise people, including himself. They have been looking at ways the Holy Spirit can help people in the way they live everyday. The children used their imagination in drawing what they thought what God looked like and where he lived. The drawings were beautifully illustrated.



HEALTH EDUCATION

In Health Education, the students have been learning about car rules and passenger rules. It was great to see so many students understand the importance of both car and passenger safety.

HISTORY

The students have realised that the early settlers in the nineteenth century had it hard compared with today's standard of living, especially the housing. Having no air conditioning, toilets being situated outside, no proper laundry, no individual sleeping quarters made conditions not the best. Students have drawn plans of their houses or their dream houses.

HELPERS NEEDED IN CANTEEN

If you are available to help in the canteen on Mondays 1 December and 8 December, please leave your details at the school office. Thank you.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 14 November
STAFF CATHOLICITY DAY –
SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 17 November
Mitzi Bettridge

Friday 21 November
Cathy Park & Margaret Foley

Monday 24 November
Trina Green

UNIFORM SHOP

Thank you to all families who have submitted orders for their children's uniforms.

Orders have now been placed and we have arranged the following days for collection of these uniform items:

For current Pre-Primary families:
(Students entering Year 1 in 2015)
Wednesday 26 November 2014
From 8:30am to 9:30am

Cash payments preferred – thank you.

Parents are also more than welcome to come along on either Wednesday 3 December or 10 December from 8:30am to take advantage of purchasing uniforms before the end of the year.

Alternatively, the Uniform Shop will be open **Thursday 29 January 2015 from 9:00am to 12:30pm** during the school holidays.

Mrs Sonia Thiel
Uniform Shop Coordinator



The St Vincent de Paul Society is opening a new Vinnies shop in December located on Albany Hwy, Cannington.

We are looking for mums, dads, grandparents and neighbours to volunteer anywhere from a few hours per week to full days, doing a variety of jobs including merchandising, working the cash register, cleaning, customer service, sorting and hanging donated clothing.

Our shop will be open 9am to 5pm Monday to Fridays and 9am to 4pm Saturdays, and we provide training to all volunteers.

It is a great opportunity to make new friends while supporting not just Vinnies but also the local community.

Vinnies are also looking for quality donations of clothing and bric-a-brac to help fill this new shop and so if you have anything to donate please drop it off at the Vinnies shops located in Armadale, Willetton or East Victoria Park and mark it "for Cannington" and help kick start the new shop with some great pieces.

For more information and to register your interest please contact Alex at Vinnies on 9475 5435 or retailvolunteer@sudpwa.org.au.



Mercedes College

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Early in 2015, Mercedes College will commence interviewing Year Five students who are due to start Year Seven in 2017. If you are considering enrolling your daughter at Mercedes and have not yet requested an information pack, please contact Mrs Julie Lamb on 9323 1340 as soon as possible. Further information about enrolments is available on our website, www.mercedes.wa.edu.au.

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: _____