



Santa Clara School

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Important Dates:

Friday 28 November:

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

Sunday 30 November:

- > Advent Week 1

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



Friday 5 December:

- > 2:00pm Year 6 Curriculum & Advent Week 2 Assembly
- > 6:00pm Christmas Concert

Sunday 7 December:

- > Advent Week 2

Monday 8 December:

- > Reports go home

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



**FRIDAY
12 DECEMBER
LAST DAY FOR
STUDENTS**

Sunday 14 December:

- > Advent Week 3

**MONDAY
15 DECEMBER TO
FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER
STAFF PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT -
SCHOOL CLOSED**

Sunday 21 December:

- > Advent Week 4

**TERM 1 2015
COMMENCES FOR
STUDENTS ON
MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY:**
▪ 3 Year Old at 8:45am
▪ Pre-Primary to Year 6
at 8:40am
TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY:
▪ Kindergarten at 8:50am

27 November 2014

From the Principal

*"People are often unreasonable and self-centred. Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.
If you are honest, people may cheat you, Be honest anyway.
If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.
The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow, Do good.
Give the world the best you have and it may never
be enough. Give your best anyway.
For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.
It was never between you and them anyway."*

Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Dear Parents/Caregivers, Staff and Students

3 Year Old Program (Pre-Kindy) 2015

This is an educational programme for children aged three years that we will be operating in 2015, commencing Term 1. The programme is educationally play-based and provides children with meaningful experiences that promote the development of spiritual, social, emotional, language, intellectual, creative and physical skills. The teachers create a caring, safe and stimulating environment that nurture our little ones disposition to wonder, explore and construct meaning about the world.

For the child to be eligible to attend our program, they should be turning 3 years of age, born between 1 July 2011 and June 2012.

We are offering sessions on Monday mornings from 8:45am to 11:30am and the same for Wednesday mornings.

I am happy to inform you that Mrs Madafferi will be the teacher and she will be assisted by our Educational Assistant, Mrs Carmel Reed.

2014 End of Term 4

A final reminder that school closes for students on Friday 12 December and for staff on Friday 19 December.

2015 Start of School - Semester 1 - Term 1

Students start Monday 2 February and end Thursday 2 April.
Teachers start Thursday 29 January and end Thursday 2 April.

Parent Contact Details

The School needs to successfully communicate with families, especially at short notice and it is important that family contact details are kept up to date.

On many occasions, we encounter difficulties in trying to contact parents or guardians by telephone. Home and mobile numbers are often out of service, mobiles switched off, or message bank facilities lacking. Occasionally work situations have changed making day time contact by phone or email difficult.

We ask that all families pass on any changes of contact details to the school as quickly as possible.

PARENT REMINDERS

Please return the following to the school office:

- Update of Family Information reply slip below
 - Completed 2015 ICT Policies
 - Updated Immunisation Records (showing 4 year old vaccinations)
 - Current email addresses – as of next year, all newsletters will be via email and on the school's website.
- Thank you.*

Annual General Community Meeting 2014

A number of people attended the AGCM of the school community on Tuesday night. My sincere thanks to all those families who were represented. The School Board Chair, Mr Rob Spiegl & the Treasurer, Mrs Natalie Chehab presented the Board Report & the Santa Clara Fee Structure for 2015, as well as outlining the actual spending for 2014.

The President of the Parents and Friends Committee, Mrs Sonia Theil, outlined the activities of the P&F for 2014 and thanked everyone for their efforts and hard work. Sonia also reminded the parents not to leave all the hard work just to a few but to show the support and community spirit for our school by giving back some of their time and talents. Mrs Barboza presented the P&F Treasurer's report, outlining the fundraising and expenditure for 2014.

I presented the Principal's Report for 2014.

Richard Win Pe
Principal

UPDATE OF FAMILY INFORMATION – OCT/NOV 2014

ALL FAMILIES ARE ASKED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS REPLY SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY **MONDAY 1 DECEMBER 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 all the parents and students who donated some non-perishable food items to the school over the last three weeks. 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. Yesterday, the St Vincent de Paul Association collected eight baskets of Christmas Appeal items. I know these items will be distributed to many needy families in the St James and Bentley area.



Help make tomorrow a better day.

YEAR ONE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSEMBLY - FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2014

Tomorrow, the Year One students will be showcasing their Religious Education Assembly to parents and children. The Assembly will be celebrating the first week of Advent and will commence at 2:15pm.

The first candle is lit on the first Sunday of Advent. It is called the Prophecy Candle and reminds us that Jesus' coming was prophesied hundreds of years before He was born. The candle's purple colour represents Christ's royalty as the King of Kings. The suggested Bible Readings for this day are Isaiah 9:2-6 and Luke 1:30-35.

YEAR SIX CURRICULUM & ADVENT WEEK TWO ASSEMBLY – FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER 2014 - 2:00pm

On Friday week, 5 December, the Year Six children will be participating in their Year Six Curriculum and Advent Week Two Assembly commencing at the earlier time of 2:00pm. The Year Six class will also be presenting their Uthando dolls to Mrs Tognolini (from the Uthando Project). Parents and friends are both welcome to attend.

As we enter the second week of Advent, we continue reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah. The Lord calls on the inhabitants of Jerusalem — those who have been saved — to mourn for their past sins, yet they continue to celebrate. They aren't thankful to God for saving them, and thus the Lord vows to humble them.

We light a second purple candle on the second Sunday of Advent to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world.

KINDY TO YEAR SIX CHRISTMAS CONCERT – FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER 2014

This year's annual Christmas Concert will be held in the undercroft commencing at 6:00pm. Gates will be open at 5:15pm for family and friends to arrange their seating. The P&F will be having a sausage sizzle for those people who would like to purchase something to eat. We especially thank Mrs Hodges, and the teachers, who have put in many hours practising for this event.

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.

Each year, the Santa Clara School students spend an afternoon entertaining the senior citizens in our Bentley Community Centre, Nyamup Way, Bentley. On Wednesday 3 December 2014, the students will walk to and from the Bentley Community Centre, leaving school at 1:10pm and returning before 3:00pm.

The students will have the opportunity to perform the dance they have been learning for their school Christmas Concert. Children from Years 3 to 6 will need to wear their sports uniform to school on Wednesday 3 December and also bring along their coloured T-Shirt/shorts required for their dance.

Our guitar students will also be performing a few songs and playing for a sing-a-long with the seniors.

Students received a letter outlining the afternoon yesterday. Could parents please sign the permission slip on the letter and return to the child's teacher by Monday 1 December 2014.

Larry King
Assistant Principal Religious Education

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

Hello Everyone

With less than three weeks of school remaining for students there is a lot happening. Below are some important events.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Students and teachers are working hard on preparing for the Christmas Concert coming up on Friday 5 December at 6:00pm. I am looking forward to this beautiful event and to seeing many parents and families.

TESTING AND REPORTING: Students and teachers have been hard at work completing units of work and assessment tasks. Teachers have been working particularly hard on preparing individual student reports. These will come home on Monday 8 December, Week 9.

ICE-BUCKET CHALLENGE: A reminder that 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; this is Week Eight.

Please send in your items for the "jumble sale" to take place on that day. Donations can include books, toys, household items, cakes or clothing items; these can be sent in any time between now and then.

SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIME: A reminder that the school gates are opened from 8:20am. If your children need to arrive prior to that time please make arrangements with Out of School Care.

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 this week, Friday 28 November, Year One will lead the first Advent Assembly commencing at 2:15pm.

2015 BOOKLISTS: Booklists and classroom requirements for 2015 were sent home last week. A notice from OfficeMax follows. If you did not receive these please contact the office.

Enjoy your final weeks of term and have a great week everyone.



Ms Evelyn Temmen
Assistant Principal

Your Back to School **helper**

OfficeMax Schools makes ordering your child's Back to School supplies quick and easy. Simply log in and view your school's booklist to have 2015 sorted in a matter of minutes.

Plus, we're rewarding early orders with the chance to win 1 of 75 \$100 Visa Gift Cards.

So jump online and order today at officemaxschools.com.au



Santa Clara P & F Christmas

Raffle

1st Prize: iPad mini (donated by MEBank)

2nd Prize: Hamper (worth \$50)

3rd Prize: Hamper (worth \$35)

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5

All money and tickets to be returned to the P & F box in the office by the 5th of

December Drawn on the 5/12/14

at the Christmas
Concert



P & F SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The P & F
will be having a
Sausage Sizzle
on
Friday 5 December
at the
Christmas Concert
from
5:00pm to 6:00pm.

Cost \$2.50 each

**First come,
first served basis.**

School Banking

Last day to place orders is this Friday 28 November for all School Banking. Thank you.

UNIFORM SHOP

All Uniform Shop orders are ready for collection.

Parents are asked to pick up their orders on either **Wednesday 3 December or 10 December from 8:30am.**

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

Cash payments preferred – thank you.

Mrs Sonia Thiel
Uniform Shop Coordinator

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 28 November Julia Pearson	Monday 1 December Maria Papalia
Friday 5 December Karen Boys	Monday 8 December Jo Mazzoleni

OSC NEWS

All Vacation Care forms need to be returned by next Thursday 4 December.

Bookings received after this date will incur a late fee.

We thank all families who took part in the survey regarding staying open after school finishes.

Due to low numbers, we will be closing on Friday 19 December 2014.

Keren Barry
OSC Supervisor Approval



PLEASE HELP OUR FURRY FOUR LEGGED FRIENDS THIS CHRISTMAS AT ARMADALE COMMUNITY ANIMAL RESCUE GROUP

Armadale Community Animal Rescue Group (ACARG) is a registered not-for-profit volunteer organisation dedicated to saving lost, stray, abandoned & surrendered animals.

Please help out with the following:

*Kitten Dried Food Kitten Wet Food Kitten Milk Kitty Litter
Bleach Disinfectant Advocate Flea Treatments*

ALL donations gratefully accepted (box at reception – please have all donations in by 10th December 2014). Thank you so much!

MERRY CHRISTMAS





YEAR FOUR REPORT

This term the Year Four Class has been busy working towards completing their learning goals for this year.

In English this term we have been working on reading and writing Poetry, and we have looked at many different poetic forms and devices. This has included learning about onomatopoeia, alliteration, assonance, use of metaphor and simile, and learning how to write rhyming poetry. We have also looked at acrostic, cinquain and haiku poems, just to name a few. We have also read a number of different poems, silently and aloud in order to get a better understanding for the rhythm of these poems. Recently we read and interpreted 'Jabberwocky' by Lewis Carroll, which is a narrative poem, that contains a lot of made-up words, which we had to work out to help understand the story that the poem tells. As well as these activities we have been working hard on our Spelling all year, and this term most of our Spelling Groups are expecting to complete our current units of work over the next two weeks.

In Mathematics, we have been looking at a variety of different concepts, including equivalent fractions, mixed numerals and improper fractions. As well we have been identifying and measuring angles, completing timetables, and creating and extending number patterns using the four operations. Currently we are investigating and creating a variety of different graphs to record and interpret data. A lot of this work has been very hands on and is displayed in our classroom, so please take the opportunity to come and have a look at it.

We are also drawing to a close with our final solution based research project for the year. This term we have been investigating a country of our own choice. This project had three parts. First we had to find out some specific facts about our chosen and write a description of the country based on this information. Secondly, we were allowed to choose one aspect of our country, such as its Art, History, Sport, Food, etc and create a "travel brochure" based around this one aspect. The 'brochure' can be produced in any way that we choose, so we have made posters, PowerPoint presentations, e-books and movies about our countries. Finally, we have to include a rhyming poem about our chosen country as part of our 'brochure'. It has been a large project, but we are nearing completion, with our deadline being this Friday.

All in all, Term Four has been a lot of work, but it has been very rewarding, and we are looking forward to our excursion to The Maze in Week Nine as a great way to finish off the year.

Adrian Tulett
Year 4 Classroom Teacher

Common Signs

Parking prohibitions are imposed to regulate and modify parking patterns. Their main function is to ensure that potential vehicle/pedestrian conflicts are eliminated.



No Stopping

You must not stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping sign applies.



No Parking

You may stop in a No Parking zone for a maximum of 2 minutes to drop off or pick up passengers. You must stay within 3 metres of your car at all times.



Parking Signs

Parking signs with specified time limits allow drivers to park their vehicles only within certain time periods.



Bus Zone

You must not stop or park in a bus zone.

Common offences around Schools

PLEASE BE ADVISED THIS IS A CAUTION FOR THE OFFENCE BELOW:

Nature of Offence	Penalty
<input type="checkbox"/> Stopping contrary to a 'no stopping sign'	\$80
<input type="checkbox"/> Parking contrary to a 'no parking sign'	\$80
<input type="checkbox"/> Stopping/Parking on path, median strip or traffic island	\$80
<input type="checkbox"/> Obstructing access to and from footpath	\$80
<input type="checkbox"/> Double parking	\$80
<input type="checkbox"/> Stopping on verge	\$60
<input type="checkbox"/> Causing obstruction	\$80
<input type="checkbox"/> Parking against the flow of traffic	\$80
<input type="checkbox"/> Stopping in a bus zone or near bus stop	\$60
<input type="checkbox"/> Parking contrary to signs or limitations	\$60
<input type="checkbox"/> Denying access to private drive or right of way	\$80
<input type="checkbox"/> Driving or parking on a reserve	\$60
<input type="checkbox"/> Stopping in disabled parking area	\$300

Please refer to the City of Canning Parking Local Law 2010 for the full list of prescribed offences.

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E: customer@canning.wa.gov.au
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Safety around SCHOOLS



Working together for a safe community.

School Parking

In an effort to provide a safer environment for everyone, Officers from the City of Canning patrol school parking in the mornings and afternoons throughout the school term.

It is imperative that drivers are aware of the road rules and understand signage around schools to ensure the safety of children, road users and pedestrians in general. Unlawful parking in school areas is a major safety hazard and parking infringement notices may be issued for incorrect, unlawful or dangerous parking.

At the beginning of each school year, City Officers conduct educational patrols in school areas. During this period Officers remind drivers of the need to park legally and safely and ensure compliance with the City's Parking Local Law 2010.

As part of this initiative, City Officers work closely with the school community to promote safety around schools. Information leaflets are also distributed to schools for inclusion in school newsletters to advise parents of the parking requirements under the Local Law.

Common Parking Problems

- Stopping/Parking in a **No Stopping** area
- Parking in a **No Parking** area
- Stopping/parking on a footpath
- Double parking
- Stopping/Parking on a verge without the adjoining occupiers consent
- Parking so that the vehicle causes an obstruction
- Parking against the flow of traffic
- Stopping/parking in a bus stop



Tips for Parents

- Observe Parking restrictions (read the signs)
- Stick to the speed limits at all times
- Be aware – *young children can be unpredictable and hard to see!*
- Be courteous and responsible
- Use 'Pick Up and Set Down' areas correctly (if provided)
- Always be aware of children
- Walk or cycle to and from school
- Plan your trip so that you arrive earlier
- Stop on the school side so your child does not have to cross the road
- Use the crosswalk services at all times
- Utilise parent's parking bays (where provided)

What NOT to do

- Block driveways
- Stop or park on footpaths
- Obstruct children's pedestrian crossings
- Get frustrated – *try and stay calm*
- Ignore speed limits around schools
- Ignore parking signs

Please contact Patrol and Security Services on 1300 4 CANNING (1300 422 664) if you need help or advice regarding parking.

School Zones

40km/hr school zones are in place around every school in the City of Canning. School zones operate from 7.30am to 9am in the morning and 2.30pm to 4pm in the afternoon.

Children warning signs and 40km hour school speed zone signs are the responsibility of Main Roads WA and requests for additional signs or sign damage reports should be directed to them on 138 138.



Pick Up and Set Down Areas

Pick Up and Set Down Areas are designed to allow large numbers of vehicles/parents to pick up or set down their children in a short length of time. Typically they are located adjacent to the main school entrance.

When using these areas, kiss your child, say goodbye, allow them out and drive away as soon as possible. When using the designated Pick Up and Set Down Areas around schools never leave your car unattended.

Contact your local school to find out if a 'Pick Up and Set Down' initiative is in place.

