



# Santa Clara School

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## Important Dates:

Sunday 22 March:

> Week 5 Lent

**TUESDAY 24 MARCH**  
**STUDENTS FINISH**  
**SCHOOL AT 12:00noon**  
**PARENT / TEACHER**  
**INTERVIEWS**  
**COMMENCING AT**  
**12:30pm**

Wednesday 25 March:

> 8:20am – 9:20am  
Uniform Shop open –  
Uniform orders to be  
collected

> 9:00am Whole School  
Mass – Feast of the  
Annunciation of the  
Lord - Year 2

Friday 27 March:

> 2:15pm Palm Sunday  
Assembly – Year 6 RE  
Assembly

Sunday 29 March:

> Palm Sunday – Passion  
of the Lord

Tuesday 31 March:

> 2:15pm Garden of  
Gethsemane – Year 4  
Assembly

Wednesday 1 April:

> Footy Colours Day –  
Gold coin donation

Thursday 2 April:

> **LAST DAY OF TERM**  
**FOR STUDENTS**

> Easter Raffle drawn

> 2:15pm Stations of the  
Cross – Year 5  
Assembly

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**  
**FRIDAY 3 APRIL TO**  
**FRIDAY 17 APRIL**

**TERM 2 COMMENCES**  
**MONDAY 20 APRIL FOR**  
**STUDENTS & STAFF**

## PRAYER

*“Kind words can be short and easy to speak,  
but their echoes are truly endless.”*

Mother Teresa

Dear Parents/Carers

### Religious Education

Religion happens to be the first learning area of the nine learning areas taught in our school. It is taught from Kindy - Year 6. I have had the privilege to share the innocence of the four and five year olds, and the rest of the school, during religion lessons and it touches the heart and soul. In sharing the story of life and death of Jesus, it is evident their wonder, interest and participation is refreshing.

As parents, I urge you to take this time to share your child's faith journey, regardless of what faith denomination you may belong. I believe you will feel the stirrings of the Holy Spirit within you.

### REMINDER - CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

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, address etc.)**, but also, if appropriate, details surrounding **family custody arrangements** for your child(ren). The school can only operate under the information 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 given school day!

**Please check**, if you are not sure, **that the details we have for your family are, in fact, current.** 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.

### School Fees

Thank you to all families who respond so quickly to all accounts posted out.

School fees and the Building Levy are compulsory. The setting of school fees and building levy for Santa Clara School are guided by the Catholic Education Office Policy. Each year at Budget time, recommendations are made by CEO in order to meet the budget requirements for the following year.

School fees and the Building Levy are an important part of our income to operate the school and to maintain our buildings and resources.

Discounts are available for eligible families who need assistance in providing a Catholic education for their child/ren.

If you wish to discuss the fee structure or require assistance with the fees, I am more than happy to speak to you.

### Behind the Scenes

In order for our school to be a good school, many hands are needed. We are very fortunate that we have these many hands and some of these 'hands' work tirelessly, behind the scenes. In particular, I'd like to commend the commitment of our Administrative Staff, Mrs Suzanne Walker, and Mr Richard Truscott, our Teacher Assistants, Mrs Christine Wilson, Mrs Cheryl Rebello, Ms Jenni Cotton, Mrs Christina Nunn, Mrs Carmel Lewis, Mrs Carmel Reed, Mr Gerard Pol and our Library Assistant Mrs Ann Ball. Their work has been truly important and I very much appreciate their spirited dedication to our school. Well done, all.

Our Out of School Care has now been operating very successfully over the last 12 years and I take this opportunity to commend the Supervising Officer, Mrs Keren Barry and OSC Staff for making this happen. The commitment to their hard work before school, after school and during school vacation is to be commended.

### CORRECT PROCEDURE AND PROTOCOL

I remind you again, that parents need to direct their concerns, queries and suggestions to those who are able to listen, provide correct information and possible solutions, that is, with the teachers and Leadership Team. Discussion amongst parents regarding any concerns is not encouraged as information may be ill informed, misdirected or incorrect advice given.

God Bless

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

## PARISH NEWS

### 2015 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME FOR YEAR THREE, FOUR AND SIX STUDENTS

The Santa Clara Parish Sacramental programme for 2015 is as follows:

Sacrament of Reconciliation	Sacrament of Eucharist	Sacrament of Confirmation
<b>Parent/Student Workshop:</b> 4:45-6:00pm Thursday 23 April 2015 (Facilitated by Dr Carmel Suart / Mildred Rego)	<b>Parent/Student Workshop:</b> 4:45-6:00pm Thursday 14 May 2015 (Facilitated by Dr Carmel Suart / Mildred Rego)	<b>Parent/Student Workshop:</b> 4:45-6:00pm Thursday 13 August 2015 (Facilitated by Dr Carmel Suart / Mildred Rego)
<b>Student Retreat Day / Excursion:</b> 9:00am Tuesday 28 April 2015 Schoenstatt Shrine Excursion, Armadale	<b>Student Retreat Day / Excursion:</b> 9:00am Tuesday 28 April 2015 Schoenstatt Shrine Excursion, Armadale	<b>Student Retreat Day / Excursion:</b> 9:00am Wednesday 29 July 2015 Schoenstatt Shrine Excursion, Armadale
<b>Celebrated on:</b> 4:30pm Tuesday 19 May 2015	<b>Celebrated on:</b> 9.30am Sunday 7 June 2015	<b>Celebrated on:</b> 9.30am Sunday 13 September 2015

If parents have any queries or concerns with regards the Sacramental programme, please contact Father Chris and Muriel on 94582944.

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### SUPPORTING PROJECT COMPASSION 2015



Fundraising through Project Compassion is a quick and easy way to make a lasting difference for many people around the world. No matter how much money is raised, every dollar counts. Caritas Australia believes that fundraising should be fun. It's no secret that the more fun we have, the more funds we raise – but there's more fundraising than just money. Fundraising is also an opportunity to raise awareness about important issues, and a chance for the school community to take part in. **On Wednesday 1 April**, it will be **Footy Colours Day**, to fundraise for Caritas.

In the last Newsletter we looked at how Caritas assisted Karen from Australia and Sarita from Nepal. Below are another two stories on how your donations assist Caritas Australia help people and communities around the world.

#### Cristian from Peru



Living in a remote Andean village in Peru isn't easy. Until recently, Cristian (a 33-year-old farmer) had to travel one kilometre to access running water. Cristian's community in rural Peru has always lived a traditional life, with simple diets and crops dependent on rainfall.

With the help of Caritas Huacho, 33-year-old Cristian and 14 other young farmers have introduced running water and irrigation to the village. They now grow and harvest a wide variety of high value, sustainable crops, which provide them all with a secure income and a wide variety of food for life.

#### Vinsen from Indonesia



Unpredictable global weather patterns are having devastating effect on Indonesian farmers who rely on the land (and weather) for their livelihoods.

Until recently, the weather in Vinsen's small farming village in West Timor has been quite stable. However, in the last few years changing weather patterns have made harvests unpredictable and unprofitable. To combat these changes, Vinsen enrolled in the Sustainable Agriculture Program (supported by Caritas Australia) along with a group of farmers from his village. Together they've learnt to terrace land, harness water and grow sustainable food for life – regardless of the changing weather.

### WHOLE SCHOOL MASS – WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2015 – THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Our next School Mass (The Annunciation of the Lord) will be held on Wednesday 25 March 2015 9:00am at the Santa Clara Parish. The Mass has been organised by Mrs Hawkins and the Year Two class. We look forward to seeing many parents and friends of the school children attend this whole school mass.



The feast of the Annunciation of the Lord celebrates the angel Gabriel's appearance to the Virgin Mary (Luke 1:26-38), his announcement that the Blessed Virgin had been chosen to be the Mother of Our Lord, and Mary's *fiat*—her willing acceptance of God's holy plan.

Originally a feast of our Lord, but now celebrated as a Marian feast, the feast of the Annunciation dates back at least to the fifth century, and the date of the feast, which is determined by the date of Christmas, was set on 25 March by the seventh century.

The Annunciation, as much as or even more so than Christmas, represents Christ's Incarnation. When Mary signalled to Gabriel her acceptance of God's Will, Christ was conceived in her womb through the power of the Holy Spirit. While most of the Fathers of the Church say that Mary's *fiat* was essential to God's plan of salvation, God foresaw Mary's acceptance of His Will from all eternity.

The narrative of the Annunciation testifies powerfully to the truth of the Catholic tradition that Mary was indeed a virgin when Christ was conceived, but also that she intended to remain one perpetually. Mary's response to Gabriel—"How shall this be done, because I know not man?" (Luke 1:34) was universally interpreted by the Fathers of the Church as a statement of the Mary's resolution to remain a virgin forever.

### HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS AT SANTA CLARA SCHOOL

Commencing on Friday 27 March, Year Four, Five and Six classes will present Holy Week celebration Religious Education assemblies in the school hall. The schedule is:

Friday 27 March 2015:	Year Six Assembly	2:15pm – Palm Sunday
Tuesday 31 March 2015:	Year Four Assembly	2:15pm – Garden of Gethsemane
Thursday 2 April 2015:	Year Five Assembly	2:15pm – Stations of the Cross



### FOOTY COLOURS' DAY GOLD COIN DONATION - HELPING CARITAS AUSTRALIA WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2015

Footy Colours' Day will be held on Wednesday 1 April 2015. This is a day when children and staff have the opportunity to wear their favourite team's football colours. Children and staff need to donate a gold coin which will allow them to tell everyone the team they support and the donation will go to Caritas Australia.



I am looking forward to seeing who the students really support. Will the blue and yellow colours dominate over the purple haze yet again??? In two weeks' time, will definitely tell the story!!

***So, remember the date, WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2015 – FOOTY COLOURS' DAY AT SANTA CLARA. (A GOLD COIN DONATION TO HELP CARITAS AUSTRALIA)***

Regards

**Larry King**

**Assistant Principal Religious Education**

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

Hello Everyone,

Here we are in week seven of a nine week term! Teachers and students have been working hard to settle in and establish new routines. Teachers and parents will be meeting on Tuesday of next week, these meetings are for 10 minutes to discuss general progress. **A big reminder that students will be dismissed at 12:00pm on this day.**

### PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS – TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2015 – COMMENCING AT 12:30pm.

Parents are reminded that the Parent / Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 24 March 2015. Students will depart school at 12:00pm and the Teacher / Parent interviews will commence at 12:30pm. Timetables are displayed outside classrooms; please ensure that you have made a time to meet with your child's/children's teacher.

**THANK YOU:** I would like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to the Doherty family who are supporting the school and in particular the Year Five class with a most fabulous donation of the ultimate in mobile storage units for our classroom. Your generosity and support is most appreciated.

**FUND-RAISING:** The P&F are always active in supporting the school and once again have initiated the traditional Easter Egg raffle in classrooms. The Year Five class is also having a fund-raising drive to raise funds for contemporary furnishings. There are four great hampers as raffle prizes; this will be drawn on Friday 27 March.

**ABSENTEE NOTES OR EMAILS:** Thank you parents for supporting us by emailing or sending in notes when your children are absent.

**COMING EVENTS: PAPER PLANES.** The middle and upper classes are engaging in a multi-age design and technology day on Thursday 19 March. Children will first be attending the movie Paper Planes as stimulus and engagement, they will then work in small groups with children from different year levels to design and construct their own paper planes. The day will culminate with a plane flying competition. It will be a fabulous day for all.

**END OF TERM:** During week nine, Holy Week, the Year Four class will lead an assembly on the Agony in the Garden on Tuesday 31 March and Year Five will lead the school in the Stations of The Cross on Thursday 2 April at 2:15. Parents are very welcome. **Term one will finish on Thursday 2 April.**

Have a wonderful last two weeks of term. It certainly has been a happy and exciting start to the school year.

God bless everyone.

😊 

**Ms Evelyn Temmen**  
**Assistant Principal**

10th March 2015

Dear Parents,

The Year Fives are raising some money to buy some contemporary furniture storage units. These storage units will look wonderful in our class. We would love it if you could support our fundraising by buying tickets in our raffle.

Firstly, we want to get these storage units because it would be more of a fun way to learn and it is more interesting for us and others. The new storage units will make our class more bright and fun for us and others.

Secondly, the Year Fives are helping the future Year Fives by giving them this cabinet and other modern furniture. So this way we are somehow helping the future Year Fives and we will feel very proud of our work we have done for them.

Finally we are doing more for our education and there is more fun possibilities for us and others in a really interesting way.

Please help the Year Fives remake our classroom and enter a new modern classroom by supporting our fundraising efforts. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or eight tickets for \$5.00. Help us help ourselves.

From,

Lisa



## Year 2 Class News

It has been a very busy start to Year Two and the children are settling into the classroom. The children are enjoying the space in the classroom as they explore a Contemporary Learning Environment.

In Religion the children have completed the unit 'Beautiful World, Beautiful Me'. They have brainstormed the life - giving property of water and discussed how God lives in us through the water of Baptism. 🏰

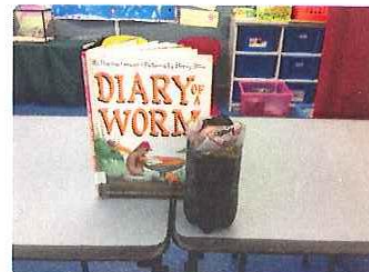
Over the past two weeks the children have explored the life of an earthworm and discovered how this wonderful creature helps the Earth to breathe.



Water - life giving



Writing a diary about their life as an earthworm has been very interesting to read. In the classroom we have a number of worm farms that were made during an incursion with the worm lady.



In English the children have responded to the question 'If the Earth had a voice what would it say? The ideas that they shared were amazing! 🐛



In Art the children have painted a beautiful picture of what they would see through a window.



*Being beautiful means caring for creation like Jesus.*

## SPORTS NEWS

Well done to all the Year 5 and 6 students who were involved with the Interschool Cricket Carnival last Thursday. The boys made the Grand Final and were narrowly beaten by 3 runs, 126-123. From the round robin competition they were the highest scoring team and also had the lowest score amongst all 9 teams. The girls narrowly lost their last round game which relegated them to a play off for 5th and 6th which they again narrowly lost. Overall the girls were in the top four teams for runs scored and top four for least runs conceded which is a great effort. By the end of the day the heat was taking its effect on the players but they all performed fantastically throughout the day. Thank you to Mr King for coaching the boys and to all the parents who were able to come down to support. Here is hoping that next year we can get the girls into the final and get the boys to take it one step further.

Well done to all the Year 3-6 students who participated in the school Intra Super 8's competition. It was great to see so many of you bowling, batting and fielding and enjoying the cricket. Special thanks to the teachers for their assistance in umpiring and to all the parents who were able to come down and help with set up, umpiring, motivating and cheering.

*Andrew Boxsell*  
Sports Coordinator



## P & F NEWS



**The next P&F Meeting will be  
held on Tuesday 28 April  
at 6:00pm in the hall.**

**ALL WELCOME**

### OSC News

- Tuesday 24 March – Parent/Teacher Interviews – OSC is open from 12:00pm - Book Now!
- Vacation Care programs now available at OSC - Please return forms by Friday 27 March 2015.

**Keren Barry**  
Supervisor Approval

### P&F Coming Events for Term 1

28 April

6:00pm P & F Meeting in the hall



### P & F Easter Raffle

Tickets are on sale.



Easter Egg donations to be placed in  
classroom tubs.

Easter Raffle drawn Thursday 2 April in  
classrooms.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

**Friday 20 March**  
**HELP NEEDED**

**Monday 23 March**  
**Michele Webb**

**Friday 27 March**  
**Laura Munut**

**Monday 30 March**  
**May Soe**

### Uniform Shop News

Uniform orders will be ready for collection next  
**Wednesday 25 March** from the uniform shop.

Cash payments preferable.

The Uniform Shop is open on Wednesday  
mornings from 8.20am - 9.20am.

Thank you

**Sonia Thiel**  
**Uniform Shop Coordinator**



Santa  
Clara  
P&F  
Easter  
Raffle  
2015



Tickets  
\$1  
each

The P&F are asking for Easter Egg donations for the annual Easter Raffle. Please supply one item per child and put in the tubs in the classrooms. Thank you



Please place all tickets (sold or unsold) and money in an envelope and return to the P&F box in the front office by Wednesday April 1st. Raffle will be drawn in classrooms on Thursday April 2nd.

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## TERM 2 ABORIGINAL SWIMMING LESSONS Registrations Now Open

**FOR:** Children from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage attempting stages Beginner, 1, 2 or 3

**WHERE:** Cannington Leisureplex Centre

**COST:** \$20.00 (\$2.00 per lesson)

**WHEN:** Tuesday evenings for 10 weeks, commencing April 28, 2015

**TIME:** 30 minute lessons between 3:30pm and 5:00pm  
(lesson times will be allocated upon booking confirmation)

### TO REGISTER:

Complete and sign the registration form and return it via email to [GetActive@communicare.org.au](mailto:GetActive@communicare.org.au) or post it to PO Box 730, Cannington WA 6987

**FOR MORE INFO:** Call 9251 5722

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### Notice of change to PFFWA Constitution

The Parents and Friends Federation of Western Australia is proposing a minor change to their Constitution to alter the number of required general meetings each year from eight (8) to four (four). This change will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 27th May.

Rationale for change:

1. The ability to communicate with Councillors between face-to-face meetings has become increasingly easier and more convenient
2. Councillors tend to be active on other committees within their school and community and one less meeting per term makes it easier for them to contribute to their other commitments
3. It assists both in time away from home and meeting the cost of travel for country-based Councillors
4. It still provides the ability to have more meetings should they be required

A detailed notice of the change can be accessed on our website, [www.pff.wa.edu.au](http://www.pff.wa.edu.au). Should you have any queries, please contact Shelley Hill, PFFWA Executive Officer on 9271 5909 or [execoff@pff.wa.edu.au](mailto:execoff@pff.wa.edu.au)



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