



# Santa Clara School

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## Important Dates:

### Thursday 23 April:

- > 4:45pm Parent/Student Workshop for children participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

### Friday 24 April:

- > 2:15pm ANZAC Day Assembly (Year 6)

**MONDAY 27 APRIL**  
**ANZAC DAY**  
**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

### Tuesday 28 April:

- > 9:00am Schoenstatt Shrine Sacramental excursion for children in Years 3 & 4
- > P & F Meeting
- > School Board Meeting

### Friday 1 May:

- > 9:00am Year 5 Participation Mass

### Monday 4 May:

- > Faction Cross Country Carnival for Years 3 – 6 at Wyong Reserve

### Tuesday 5 May:

- > 8:45am Pre-Primary Classroom visit by Fr Chris

### Thursday 7 May:

- > 7:30am P & F Mothers' Day Breakfast

### Friday 8 May:

- > 2:15pm Year 2 RE Assembly

**Sunday 10 May**  
**Happy**  
**Mother's Day**



**Tuesday 12 May to**  
**Thursday 14 May:**

- > NAPLAN Testing for Years 3 & 5

### Thursday 14 May:

- > 4:45pm First Holy Communion Workshop for Parent/Child

### Sunday 17 May:

- > Ascension of the Lord

**TUESDAY 19 MAY**  
**4:30pm SACRAMENT OF**  
**RECONCILIATION**

## 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

American poet

## Dear Parents/Carers/Staff and Students

Welcome back to the start of Term Two.

I hope you had a well-deserved break; I certainly did. It gave me the opportunity to recharge my batteries, physically and mentally. As always, we have a busy term ahead and already things are happening at full pace.

As a staff we meet on a regular basis to articulate the common vision we have for the children in our care. The rich educational experience that is offered at Santa Clara School can only be enhanced by the wonderful energy, enthusiasm and commitment demonstrated by the staff in all our discussions.

Each child at Santa Clara School has unique qualities and gifts to discover and develop. They have their own needs to be able to develop towards the potential which we as a school community strive to provide. In return each child, their parents and teachers need to support each other to enable the best possible learning environment and experience.

## 21st Century Learning

### Teaching Philosophy

Santa Clara Primary School prepares students for a future where values and ethics, along with knowledge of self and adaptable skills, are the keys to a successful life and a successful contribution to the wider community.

In looking to the future and developing a vision that will carry the school towards the end of this decade and beyond, our school community has laid foundations for skills, understandings and practices that support appropriate teaching - learning relationships where the concept of schooling is a global experience being rapidly shaped by technology and new paradigms for learning.

The school is known for its highly professional culture and the will to 'go the extra yard' in providing curricular and extra-curricular opportunities that connect with student interests, learning styles, skills, curiosity, culture and appetite for learning.

21<sup>st</sup> century skills learned through our curriculum, which is interdisciplinary, integrated, project-based, and more, include and are learned within a project-based curriculum by utilizing the seven skills listed below:

- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Collaboration across Networks and Leading by Influence
- Agility and Adaptability
- Initiative
- Effective Oral and Written Communication
- Accessing and Analysing Information
- Curiosity and Imagination

## Term 2 Reports

Throughout the teaching cycle, teachers gather data which is informing them on how students are progressing and how successful their teaching and learning program is.

The Assessment and Reporting is linked to the classroom teaching and learning programmes. At Santa Clara this is taken seriously and we continue to strive for best practice in this area.

The staff are working towards report writing and portfolios which demonstrate to you the parents your child/ren's physical, academic and social progress throughout the first semester. At the end of Term 2, you will receive your child's 'End of Semester Report'.

## Uniforms

Thank you to the parents who ensure that the children are dressed correctly and well presented in their correct uniform or sports uniform before they leave home each day. Wearing the School Uniform is what makes Santa Clara unique and demonstrates pride in one's self and the school. **It is extremely important to check that the child's name is CLEARLY written or sewn onto each item of school clothing, particularly the jumper and hat.** Please check these regularly to ensure your child has their own belongings and return any items that have another child's name and that have been accidentally picked up.

## Reminders:

Hairstyles for both boys and girls should be neat and tidy and reflect accepted standards. Shoulder length hair or longer is to be tied up. Scrunchies or ribbons and plain, cloth hair bands need to be in school colours

The Principal reserves the right to decide the acceptability of hairstyles. Parents are asked to ensure a high standard is maintained.

Jewellery – A watch and/or necklace with a Christian symbol may be worn. A signet ring may be worn. No Nail polish, tattoos, makeup may be worn during school hours.

Girls – one pair or set of earrings, that is, only one stud or sleeper in each ear lobe.

## NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2015

The 2015 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for students in Year 3/5/7 across all schools in Australia is scheduled for **Term 2, commencing 12 May and finishes on 14 May 2015.**

The results from the NAPLAN provide an important measure of how Australian students are performing in the content strands of numeracy, reading, writing, spelling and grammar and punctuation.

The NAPLAN enables comparisons of student performance against nationally-agreed achievement bands. The achievement bands represent increasing levels of skills and understandings.

**It is important that all students be present at school for these assessments.**

## Excursions

During the course of the year, a number of classes will be involved in various excursions. Therefore it would seem pertinent to outline various guidelines in relation to such school activities, these include-

- ◆ Students must be correctly attired. Generally this will be school summer/winter uniform. Please note that uniform requirements will be included in the letter to parents advising of the excursion arrangements.

- ♦ Students must return the signed form if they are to take part in the excursion. We have a strict policy 'No form (signed), no excursion'.
- ♦ All excursions are undertaken in strict accordance with the information from the CEWA 'School Camps & Excursions' publication. This includes student supervision ratios.

God bless

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

## PARISH NEWS

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

Year Three parents whose children are participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year are to attend the Parent/Student Workshop which will commence at 4:45pm tonight in the school hall. A Catechist from the Catholic Education Office will present the Workshop. Both parents and children need to attend. The Workshop will conclude at 6:00pm.

Children from both Year Three (Sacrament of Reconciliation) and Year Four (Sacrament of Eucharist) classes will be attending an excursion at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Armadale on Tuesday 28 April 2015.

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

Thank you to all the children and parents who have brought back their Project Compassion moneyboxes and supported the Caritas Project Compassion this year. No matter how much money we raised, every dollar counts. It would be appreciated if all moneyboxes, whether quarter, half or full, be returned to the Administration Office by the beginning of next week.

#### YEAR FIVE PARTICIPATION MASS – FRIDAY 1 MAY 2015

On Friday 1 May 2015, Ms Temmen and the Year Five students will be attending Mass at the Santa Clara Parish. The mass will commence at 9:00am and parents are welcome to attend.

#### FATHER CHRIS VISITING PRE-PRIMARY – TUESDAY 5 MAY 2015

On Tuesday 5 May 2015, Father Chris will be visiting the Pre-Primary class at 8:45am.

Regards

**Larry King (Assistant Principal Religious Education)**

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

Hello Everyone,

It is great to be welcoming everyone back after a great Easter and end of Term One break. This term students will be wearing full winter uniform. Our uniform shop is open on Wednesday mornings if you need any items. This term will be a very busy term and lasting for a full eleven weeks. Some coming events and more information follows.

**NAPLAN:** NAPLAN or National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy will take place for Years Three and Five students in Week Four of this term. Flyers were sent home on Monday for parent information. This national assessment is an assessment of skills, **not content** and I would like to remind parents and students that these tests are one aspect of student assessment on one day. I strongly recommend parents take a low key approach and avoid unnecessary hype or focus on these tests.

**ABSENTEE NOTES OR EMAILS:** Thank you parents for supporting us by emailing or sending in notes when your children are absent. If you have not sent in notes or emails for any previous absences please ensure you do so as soon as possible.

**ANZAC DAY:** On Friday this week the Year Six class will be presenting an ANZAC Day assembly commencing at 2:15pm. This will be followed by a long weekend with ANZAC Day public holiday on Monday 27 April.

**YEAR FIVE PARTICIPATION MASS:** Year Fives will be participating in the usual parish Mass on Friday 1 May (Week 2).

**CYBER-SAFETY:** I would like to continue to offer support and advice on cyber-safety for your children through the newsletter. Just as you would keep an eye on who your children are socialising with and where they are in a physical sense, so too should we know who our children are talking to and where they are online. Doing homework online or electronically shouldn't mean your children are isolated or using their devices locked away. With the great array of portable devices we use these days there is no reason why families can't sit together and share and discuss homework and online activities in the same way you would any other activities. Next newsletter I will follow up on cyber-bullying after the great work Year Fives did to enlighten the school and parent body last term. Remember if you need some support the Australian Government Cyber-smart website offers a huge array of ideas and suggestions to keep parents informed on how to keep your children safe. Here is the link to the parent portal: <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx> which is available to everyone and information is in many languages.

Have a wonderful term everyone.

God bless everyone.



**Ms Evelyn Temmen**  
Assistant Principal



### P & F NEWS



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

### ALL WELCOME

### CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to the parents who kindly offered to assist in the canteen this term.

Help is still needed on Monday 15 June. Please see Sonia if you are able to come in on this day. Thank you.

### P&F Coming Events for Term 2

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Tuesday 28 April	6:00pm P & F Meeting in the hall
Thursday 7 May	7:30am Mothers' Day Breakfast

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2 2015	
	Friday 24 April Jo Mazzoleni
Monday 27 April ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Friday 1 May Julia Pearson
Monday 4 May Maria Papalia	Friday 8 May Maria Papalia
Monday 11 May Trina Green	Friday 15 May Karen Boys



*Flyer coming home with  
this week's newsletter.*



## P & F Mother's Day Breakfast

### Dads we need you!

**From 7am Thursday 7 May 2015  
to help with the Mother's Day Breakfast.**

**If you are able to assist this morning, please return the reply slip below to the school office by Wednesday 6 May. Thank you.**

### P & F Mother's Day Breakfast – Dad's Reply Slip

**Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ am able to assist with  
the P & F Mother's Day Breakfast on Thursday 7 May 2015 from 7:00am.**

***Please return to the school office by Wednesday 6 May.***



# Free Mother's Day Breakfast

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May  
In the school hall  
From 7.30am**



Santa Clara P & F are holding a **FREE** Mother's Day Breakfast in honour of all our wonderful Mums within the school community.

There will be bacon and egg burgers or cereal and tea, coffee and OJ to enjoy.

We hope you can attend this special morning and enjoy breakfast with your child/children.

If Mum is unable to attend then Grandma or another special person is welcome to attend in their place.

Please complete the order form below and return it to the P & F box in the front office by **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**.

**NO LATE OR MISSING ORDERS WILL BE CATERED FOR.**

## P & F MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST ORDER FORM

**ORDERING IS ESSENTIAL**

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Youngest Child's Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, we would love to come along to the Mother's Day Breakfast and would like to order:

Bacon and Egg Burger Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Cereal (Cornflakes, Rice Bubbles or Muesli) Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Note – Limit 1 Item Per Person – Thank you.*

**Please place order form in the P & F box in the school office by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May.**



## P & F FUNDRAISER

HELP US RAISE SOME EXTRA MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL WHILST HELPING ONE OF OUR MUM'S KICK START HER NEW BUSINESS BY TAKING HOME A BOX OF HAND SANATIZERS AND COVERS.

**SANATIZERS \$3 EACH**  
**COVERS \$7 EACH**

PLEASE COME AND PICK UP A BOX OR TWO FROM OUTSIDE PP OR UNDERCOVER AREA FROM

**WEDNESDAY 22 - FRIDAY 24 APRIL**

**8:10AM – 8:40AM OR**

**2:30PM – 3:15PM**

PLEASE BRING ALL UNSOLD PRODUCTS AND BOXES BACK BY FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY.

IF YOU WANT TO REFILL YOUR BOXES OR JUST WANT MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT ZEANNA VLAHOV.

MONEY RAISED WILL ALSO BE HELPING THE LOVE ANGEL PROJECT, BREAST CANCER AND GLEN MCGRATH FOUNDATIONS.



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## Protective Behaviours Education

### *How Do I Keep My Child Safe?*

**FREE Parent Workshop with Presenter  
Holly-Ann Martin from Safe4Kids**

Protective Behaviours is a personal safety program teaching empowerment, communication, self-esteem, resilience, social skills and other life skills to children from birth to 12 years.

Learn the skills to teach your child the language and principles of protective behaviours, which helps children identify unsafe situations and arms them with the tools to seek appropriate assistance or protect themselves.

**Where:** Bentley Community Centre- Nyamup Way, Bentley  
**When:** Thursday May 7th 2015  
**Time:** 7:00pm- 9:00 pm  
**Bookings:** **Bookings are essential.** Contact Hailey Osborne on 9251 5777 or hosborne@communicare.org.au

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