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Important Dates:

Friday 4 September:

- > 9:00am Kindy & Pre-Primary Athletics Carnival
- > 2:15pm Pre-Primary Curriculum Assembly – * Note date change

Sunday 6 September:

- > Father's Day

Monday 7 September:

- > Harmony Day
- > 9:00am Confirmation Practice

Tuesday 8 September:

- > 9:00am Circle of Security Morning Tea & Workshop in the Hall

Friday 11 September:

- > 2:15pm Year 3 Curriculum Assembly

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER:

9:30am



**SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION
AT SANTA CLARA
CHURCH**



Friday 18 September:

- > Interschool Athletics Carnival at Xavier Catholic School

Friday 24 September:

Last Day of Term
for Students

Friday 25 September:

Staff Professional
Development Day – Pupil
Free Day – School Closed

School Holidays from
Monday 28 September
to Friday 9 October

Staff & Students
commence Term 4
Monday 12 October

Prayer for a Child's Confirmation

Creator Spirit, strengthen this child with your gifts of grace, to love and serve as a disciple of Christ. Grant that s/he may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill her/him with the joy of your presence. Increase in her/him the fruit of your Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of love, patience and gentleness, the spirit of wonder and true holiness.

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Santa Clara is a vibrant community with a wide range of ethnic groups. We strive to create a culturally inclusive environment where EVERYONE BELONGS! We celebrate the cohesive and inclusive nature of our nation and promote the benefits of cultural diversity. At Santa Clara, children from various religious denominations are most welcome.

Our school is well regarded in the community and that's from many different sources. This week alone I have received two comments from parents wishing to express their appreciation for the way in which their child is being educated. Our teachers and our teacher assistants do a fine job and often we don't see the hours of preparation which they commit for the children in our school.

On your behalf I thank them for all the goodness they bring.

At the same time, the staff and I must recognise the parents who work so hard and are so generous with their time and expertise in helping out at Santa Clara. We can be proud of our school because goodness abounds and it is always the greatest reality.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On Sunday 13 September, at 9.30am, the parents, students and staff will come together to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the Year 6 students. Fr Chris will be the chief celebrant. Confirmation Mass will be followed by a morning tea, provided by the Santa Clara Parish.

Why is Government funding needed for my Catholic school?

Catholic schooling is a partnership between schools, parents and the State and Australian Governments. This partnership is crucial for effective and affordable Catholic schooling.

Catholic schools are committed to accessibility and affordability. Catholic schools need both Australian and State Government funding support to keep fees at a reasonable level.

Freedom of parent choice through funding certainty must be retained.

The Power of Affirmations

The power of words cannot be overestimated. We explore, experiment and play with them in books, plays, poetry and song.

However, they are at the most powerful in the family. The words our parents spoke to us had a powerful influence in shaping us as individuals. The words we speak to our children will have a powerful influence on who they will become.

I firmly believe that parents spend a lot of effort getting their children to be good. All too often what this means is getting them to stop doing naughty or annoying things. Parents with small children often feel at the end of the day that they have spent most of it saying "don't" - "don't touch the fish tank," "leave the television alone," "stop hitting your sister," and the list goes on. Sometimes it gets so overwhelming we forget to affirm our children when they get it right. Instead we just feel relieved.

Children need to be affirmed often. They are made in the image and likeness of God and so there is already something intrinsically good about them. We need to affirm a variety of qualities, not just the same one all the time. Every person has wonderful qualities, skills and traits. Let them know they are valued for many things not just one or two.

However, we need to be genuine about our affirmations. Children have an inbuilt crap detector and they know when we are lying.

Finally, affirmations aren't just for kids. It feels good when grown-ups receive them too.

God bless

Richard Win Pe
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Last week the Year Six Confirmation students were given a Confirmation Candidate card to complete. All students need to hand in the card by tomorrow, Friday 4 September, to Mr King. All sections of the card, both back and front, need to be completed.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated next Sunday week, 13 September, at the Santa Clara Parish at 9:30am.

KINDERGARTEN DAYS FOR 2016

We would like to inform all Kindergarten families of the change in attendance days for the 2016 school year.

**Kindergarten sessions will now be on
Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from
8:50am to 2:45pm.**

3 YEAR OLD PROGRAM FOR 2016

**These sessions will now take place on
Monday & Tuesday mornings
from 8:45am to 11:30am.**

3 YEAR OLD PROGRAM ENROLMENTS FOR 2016

If your child has attained 3 years of age and will turn 4 after 30 June 2016, they are eligible to attend our 3 Year Old Program in 2016.

Enrolment forms must be completed for all children wishing to attend Santa Clara School (including siblings).

If you haven't completed an enrolment form, please do so as soon as possible. Forms are available from the school office.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

Hello Everyone,

This term seems to be flying. I guess it is true, time flies when you are having fun. There has been a lot of fun and learning at Santa Clara so far this term. The week before last we had a great time at the P&F Quiz Night; teachers did their best but alas were not the winners! A huge thank you to the P&F and all parents who supported this fantastic fundraiser for our children.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY - BOOK WEEK: Last week we had a couple of great events to mark Literacy and Numeracy Week: The World of Maths Incursion and an excursion to the Bentley Library for a talk with children's book author, Raewyn Caisley. Thank you to Mr King and to Mrs Ball for organising these events. This week the fun continues with the "Shine-A-Light" incursion for Book Week. Shine-A-Light is a live musical that celebrates the CBCA Theme: BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD. It promises to be entertaining and educational, meeting curriculum areas in English, Dance and Drama. The school covers any cost involved in these events.

LATE ARRIVALS: Thank you for making a big effort to ensure classes are not interrupted with late arrivals. I am noticing a decrease and this is helping children and teachers to get on with their busy days without delay or interruptions. **Classes commence at 8:40 am.**

ASSEMBLIES: Pre-Primary will be hosting this week's assembly commencing at 2:15 on Friday 4th September. It will be a big day for our Pre-Primaries who will be joining in with the Kindys for their athletics carnival in the morning of the same day.

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS: The interschool athletics carnival is coming up on Friday 18th September at Xavier Catholic School. Mr Boxsell has prepared notes for participants and these have been sent home on Wednesday. A big thank you to Mr Boxsell who puts in a lot of time and effort to prepare students and organise events such as these.

NAPLAN: The Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN results have arrived at the school. The leadership team and teachers are currently analysing our results to inform our teaching and learning practices. NAPLAN reports will be coming home on Friday. This national assessment is an assessment of skills, not content. It takes place annually and parents and students should keep in mind that these tests are only 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.

CYBER-SAFETY: There are very real cyber safety issues that parents and children should be aware of. As mentioned in previous issues of the newsletter, the government cyber-safety website has changed. It is now called "esafety" and access to **the new cyber-safety website is at:** <https://esafety.gov.au/>. I would encourage all parents to visit and explore this site and direct your children to some of the interactive quizzes and activities to help develop responsible digital citizenship in our children. One of the best ways of ensuring your child's online safety is to be present! Always know what sites your children are visiting and who they are interacting with online. If you need help or advice visit the esafety site.

God bless everyone. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all dads a very happy Father's Day.



Ms Evelyn Temmen
Assistant Principal



HARMONY DAY

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7th

The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs. It's a day to celebrate Australia's diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

National Dress Parade 9am

- Children might like to dress in their national costume or dress up as a famous Australian.
- Please bring sports uniform so children can change for sports games and dance.

Harmony Day Activities

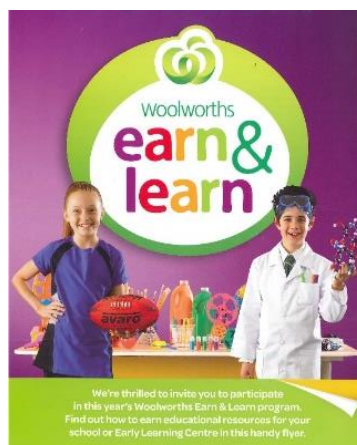
- Sports games from around the world
- Art – African Mask
Surfboard design
Harmony Day banner
- Dances from around the world
- Multicultural Quiz

Canteen Goodies

Lamingtons for recess

Party pies for lunch

Harmony Day
Monday 7th September
Canteen Specials for Recess
Lamington 50c
Aussie Party Pie \$1.00



All sticker sheets to be handed in for counting to the box in the office or in Pre-Primary by Tuesday 8th September. Thank You

OSC NEWS

- Vacation Care programs are now available either on the school website or in O.S.C.

Please return these forms no later than Monday 21 September.

- A reminder that Friday 25 September is a Pupil Free Day and bookings are essential!!!

Thank you

Keren Barry
Supervisor Approval

P&F Coming Events for Term 4

Monday
19 October

Sports Carnival Lunch -
Subway

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 4 September
Maria Papalia

Monday 7 September
Michele Webb

Friday 11 September
Laura Munut

**Monday 14 September
HELP NEEDED**

Friday 18 September
Jo Mazzoleni

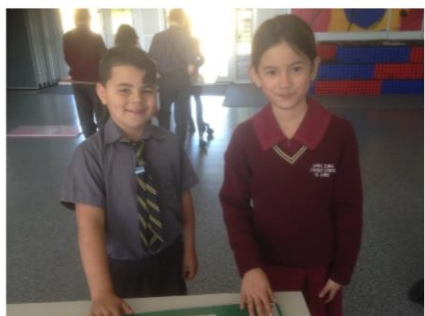
Monday 21 September
Maria Papalia

Friday 25 September
PUPIL FREE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

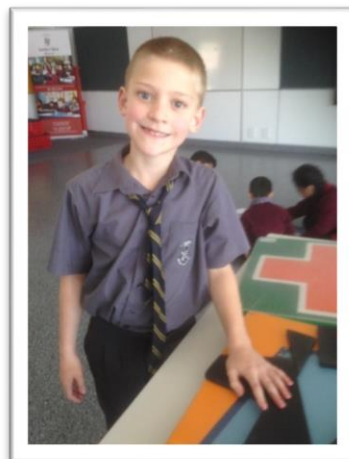


YEAR THREE

Last week the Year Three class enjoyed a fantastic 'World of Maths' incursion. The children were placed into multi-age groups and were thoroughly engaged in a realm of fantastic, challenging and exciting problem solving activities. There were eighteen different activities and certainly tested all the children. It was fabulous to see the fun, the laughs, the inquisitiveness and hands-on that was had by the students. Special thanks to Mike, from World of Maths, in organising the day.



What a super way to learn!!!



Santa Clara P&F Quiz Night

Thank you to all the parents, families, teachers and friends for the great support for our Bi-annual Quiz Night.

Lots of fun and competitiveness was had by all and we raised over \$2300 for our P&F.

A special Thank You to all the parents who helped with prize hunting, setting up and helping on the night, especially our Quiz Masters, Bevan Castle and Stephen Thiel.



NETBALL NEWSFLASH YEAR 4

The team were very excited because Mr T paid a surprise visit to support his girls. He received a rock star reception and was treated to a fast paced and hard fought game. It took a while for the goals to come. It seemed like there was a lid on top of the goals, blocking the balls from entering the net, but we pushed on and eventually won the game by 1 goal!

We are very proud of our team and their hard work may be rewarded with a top four finish and chance to play in a final series. We will know for sure after next week's game. **Congratulations girls!**

Sharon Morris & Gilda Barbato
Coaches

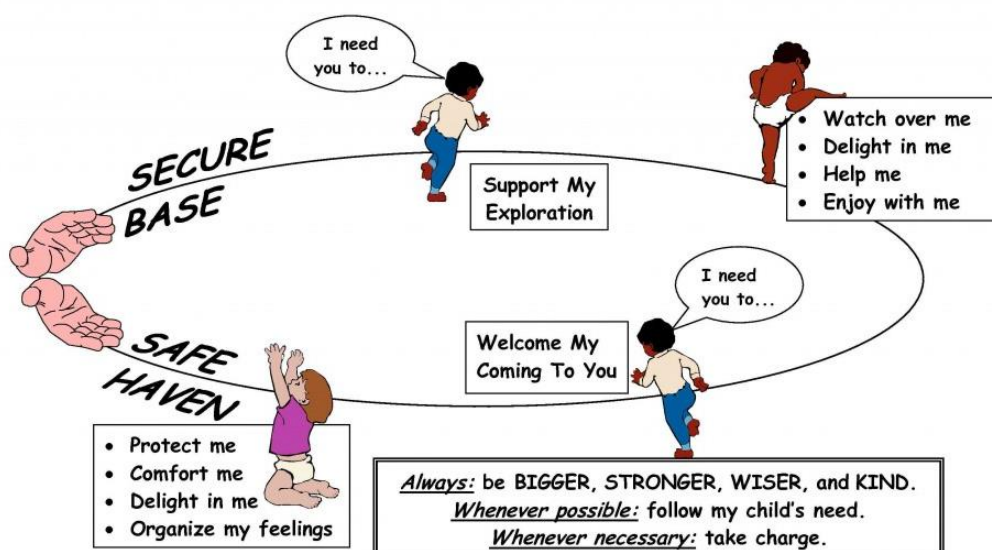




SANTA CLARA SCHOOL

CIRCLE OF SECURITY

PARENT ATTENDING TO THE CHILD'S NEEDS



**INVITATION TO
PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS
OF 3 YEAR OLD PROGRAM, KINDERGARTEN,
PRE-PRIMARY, YEARS 1 & 2
FOR MORNING TEA AND WORKSHOP
TO INTRODUCE CIRCLE OF SECURITY
ON TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2015
9.00am – 12noon**

To be held in the Main Hall

**MEET WITH HILARY CAMPOS
SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER**

**DISCOVER HOW TO BECOME THE BEST
PARENT/CAREGIVER TO YOUR CHILD IN A SAFE SECURE
RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU.**

PLEASE COMPLETE SLIP BELOW AND HAND IN TO ADMIN

Circle of Security Morning Tea & Workshop

NAME.....

I WILL BE ATTENDING THE WORKSHOP