



Santa Clara School

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Important Dates:

Friday 13 November:

> 2:15pm Year 1
Curriculum Assembly

Tuesday 17 November:

> Fr Chris to visit Kindy
Class

Thursday 19 November:

> 6:00pm Kindergarten
2016 Parent Information
Session

Friday 20 November:

> 9:00am Kindy 2016
Orientation
> 9:00am Year 4
Participation Mass

Sunday 22 November:

> Feast of Christ the King

**THURSDAY
26 NOVEMBER
ANNUAL COMMUNITY
MEETING (AGM)
5:00pm SUNDOWNER
5:30pm AGM START**

Sunday 29 November:
> 1st Sunday of Advent

**WEDNESDAY
2 DECEMBER AT 9:30am
PRE-PRIMARY GRADUATION**

Thursday 3 December:
> Portfolios & Reports go
home

**FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER
6:00pm CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**

**THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER
YEAR 6 GRADUATION
THANKSGIVING MASS &
PRESENTATIONS**

Dear Lord, help me to live each day
quietly, easily
To lean upon your strength
truthfully, restfully.
To wait for the unfolding of your will
patiently, serenely.
To meet others
peacefully, joyfully
To face tomorrow
confidently, courageously.
Amen.

Dear Parents/Carers, Staff and Students

What is the best form of motivation? The best form of motivation is intrinsic, that means working because of something driving you from inside and not because of a desire for rewards or a fear of failure. Children who expect praise or a treat for every achievement, no matter how small, soon lose the will to improve. On the other hand, children who enjoy the satisfaction of achievement will seek more opportunities for that enjoyable experience.

We as leaders, educators and parents can create a motivating environment so that students are keen to do their best.

As a Principal here, I write what you already know – the students are very fortunate indeed. The work of the Teachers, Teacher Assistants, Librarian, Social Worker/Chaplain, Admin/Finance Officers, OSC staff, Canteen Manager, Grounds Person, Cleaners and support of parents makes our school a fine place to learn and be.

2016 BOYS MANAGER - SCHOOL SPORT WA TRIATHLON TEAM

It is with great pleasure I inform you that Mr Andrew Boxsell has been appointed as the Boys Manager to the School Sport WA Triathlon Team for 2016.

The WA team will be competing in the School Sport Australia National Championships in Hervey Bay, Queensland, from Monday 18 April to Thursday 21 April 2016.

Andrew's appointment demonstrates his significant contribution to the further sporting development of students in our schools.

Congratulations Andrew. Go well.



SCHOOL BOARD & P&F AGM 2015

I would encourage as many parents as possible to keep Thursday 26 November free so that you can be in attendance at these important meetings. These meetings are a way of showing your support for the hard work that both of these parent bodies do throughout the year.

The Sundowner will commence at 5.00pm, followed by the combined School Board and P&F, Annual General Meeting at 5.30pm in the Santa Clara School Hall.

ABSENTEEISM

Any absenteeism from school is of great concern to us. It is imperative that your child attends school every day for the entire school term. Parents, consider very carefully the impact absence from lessons has on your child's learning. Studies have shown a high correlation between attendance at school and academic success. Students who miss more than 20 days in any school year can be considered to be at an educational risk.

Santa Clara School Annual General Community Meeting

**The Santa Clara School Annual General Community Meeting
will be held on Thursday 26 November 2015 at 5:30pm.
(Sundowner from 5:00pm)**

Santa Clara School Board

School Board Function:

The Board shall carry out the following functions in pursuit of its objectives:

- Planning for the present and future operation of the School
- Providing membership of the panels for the employment of staff to the School in accordance with CECWA policy
- Providing membership of the panel which recommends the appointment of a Principal in accordance with CECWA policy
- Disseminating information about the School and about Catholic education to persons and organizations in the local Catholic community
- Liaising in all matters relating to the financial management of the School with persons and organizations in the local Catholic community
- Managing all the finances associated with the School and
- Advising the Principal with respect to School policy

When vacancies exist, each year at the Annual General Community Meeting, Board Members are elected for a two-year term.

We invite persons who are interested in nominating for the Santa Clara School Board, or nominating someone else, who possess the following criteria, to complete the nomination form attached.

Criteria for membership for the Board shall be:

- Possession of special skills that will be an asset to the Board
- A deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff
- A desire to give service to the Catholic School Community
- A keenness to promote Catholic schooling
- An ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all other members of the Board, and
- A sufficiency of time to devote to Board duties

I urge you to give serious consideration to being on the School Board and complete and return nomination forms by **Friday 20 November 2015** to the school office.

Santa Clara School Parents and Friends' Association

The Education of our Children

The Role of Parents and Parents & Friends' Committee

ROLE OF PARENTS

The education of children takes place at home, at school and in the wider community.

Parents, having conferred life on their children, have a solemn obligation to educate them. Therefore the family is the first school, the atmosphere of learning and love that teaches children language, social virtues, Christian values, reverence for God and respect for their fellowman.

When schooling commences, parents have a continuing role as educators in partnership with the professional teacher. Education is lifelong and schooling, although vitally important, is only part of it.

The participation of parents in the education of their children can occur only when both teachers and parents feel comfortable and confident in a welcoming climate brought about by open communication between the school and the parent community.

The success of this important partnership is dependent on the attitude of teachers and parents and their mutual recognition and respect for their different but equally important roles. Education, whilst being child-centred, is a sharing of knowledge between teacher, parents, children and the community.

Members of the P & F should:

- Strive to develop at the school a real community of parents, teachers and students
- Work closely with the school Principal to achieve common goals
- Act as a liaison between the wider school community and the Board
- Ensure that a high level of social and educational interaction exists between home and school, parents and teachers
- Endeavour to have all parents enjoy the experience of their children's formal school years by active participation and personal involvement in the school programmes
- Provide a healthy forum for ideas and discussion
- Work to provide additional resources which are considered necessary for the children
- Assist in planning and organising functions with the social, sporting, cultural and educational life at the school and
- Organise guest speakers for the P & F Association on current and suggested educational programmes, faith development and other matters of interest

Nomination forms should be returned to the school office no later than **Friday 20 November 2015**.

We look forward to your attendance at the meeting and sharing light refreshments with other community members from **5:00pm in the hall, with 5:30pm start**. Please complete the attached reply slip for catering purposes and return to the school office also by **Friday 20 November 2015**.

Richard Win Pe
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

HELPING THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL – 2015

Thank you to the parents and students who have donated some food items to this year's St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal. It was fantastic to see the amount of donations which will assist many local families. The St Vincent De Paul Society will collect all donations tomorrow morning.



Help make tomorrow a better day.

KINDERGARTEN VISIT BY FATHER CHRIS

Father Chris will be visiting the Kindergarten children on Thursday 17 November 2015 at 9:00am. I know the children will be excited seeing Father attend their classroom on this morning.

Larry King

Assistant Principal Religious Education

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

Hello Everyone,

Last week we all enjoyed a pupil free day giving us an extra long weekend and a little break before the busy weeks to come as the end of the school year approaches. With less than five weeks until the students finish we have a busy time ahead of us.

CURRICULUM ASSEMBLIES: Our first class curriculum assembly was the ceremony for Remembrance Day lead by Year Fives. The Year Ones will be leading the Friday assembly this week commencing at 2:15.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT – EDU-DANCE COSTUMES: The Christmas concert is less than a month away, Friday 4 December. **Last week I posted the costuming for the Edu-dance / Christmas concert.** I have included that list again below to allow you to prepare in collaboration with your student's classroom teacher:

PRE-PRIMARY:	Bright coloured Shirt with Bear Head contacted on front. BLACK SPORTS SHORTS.
YEAR ONE:	Plain black t-shirt and black sports shorts. Coloured crepe paper wrist bands.
YEAR TWO:	Rashie and board shorts. Zinc on nose.
YEAR THREE:	White t-shirt and black sports shorts. Painted nose, red cheeks or clown face. Crazy hair.
YEAR FOUR:	Red top (can have writing on it). Black bottoms.
YEAR FIVE:	Yellow, orange or red t-shirt. (Gold, red, orange round circle of contact on front of t-shirt). Black bottoms.
YEAR SIX:	Checked shirt and denim shorts or jeans.

All students are asked to wear sports shoes – no party shoes or thongs please.

SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES: Classes commence at 8:40am, and the **gates are opened at 8:20am**. Students are asked not to enter the school grounds through the side gate near the church or other entrances but to wait for the front gate to be opened to ensure duty teachers are aware of their presence at school. Finish time is 3:00pm. ***It is appreciated by all staff that students who are not enrolled in Out of School Care are collected by 3:20pm at the latest and do not arrive prior to 8:20am.***

COMBINED BOARD AND P&F AGM: I am looking forward to touching base with a lot of parents at the impending AGM on Thursday 26 November. Hope to see you all there commencing with a sundowner at 5:00 pm.

CYBER SAFETY: This Thursday staff and parents of 2016 Year Four students will meet for an information session on the planned 1-1 program that will commence with the Year Four class next year. One of the very important concepts covered in the handbook is internet supervision. In fact parents are asked to ensure students are always supervised when accessing the internet. This week's cyber-safety tip therefore for all of us is very simple: ***We should always ensure our children are supervised when using the internet.***

Wishing everyone a wonderful week.



Ms Evelyn Temmen
Assistant Principal

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES TERM 4 2015 & SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2016

The Uniform Shop will be open the following times:

- During term time on Wednesday mornings from 8:20am to 9:20am.
- **For Kindy parents** - On Thursday 19 November from 8:20am to 10:30am for Collection of uniform orders for next year.
- Wednesday 16 December from 8:20am to 11:30am.
- During the school holidays on Friday 29 January 2016 from 9:00am to 11:00am.

Pre-Primary and other year group parents will be able to pick up uniform orders from Wednesday 18 November during normal uniform shop hours.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 13 November Karen Boys	Monday 16 November Maria Papalia
Friday 20 November Leanne Hamilton	Monday 23 November Sharon Morris
Friday 27 November Julia Pearson	Monday 30 November Michele Webb
Friday 4 December Laura Munut	Monday 7 December Famatta Browne
Friday 11 December – LAST DAY OF TERM Jo Mazzoleni	

OSC NEWS

- Just a reminder that there are forms in OSC if you need care after **Friday 11 December**. ***Survey closes on Friday 20 November.*** Parents will be informed of the outcome by Tuesday 24 November as to whether we are open.
- The Vacation Care program will be available Monday 23 November.
- Our end of Year BBQ is on Friday 11 December, the last day of school term. All OSC families are welcome. Forms will be available soon.

Keren Barry
Supervisor Approval
Santa Clara OSC

Year One News!



English

"This term we have been really busy learning about narratives. A narrative is a story that needs to have a title, a orientation, a problem and resolution."



Mathematics

"This term we have learnt lots of things in Math's. We have learnt partitioning and how to count by 5s, 10s and 2s from any point. I have loved investigating number patterns. We have also learnt how to use a number line with addition and subtraction." - Laylah Robertson

"This term we have been ordering numbers on number lines using place value." - Bethany Fawcett



Religious Education

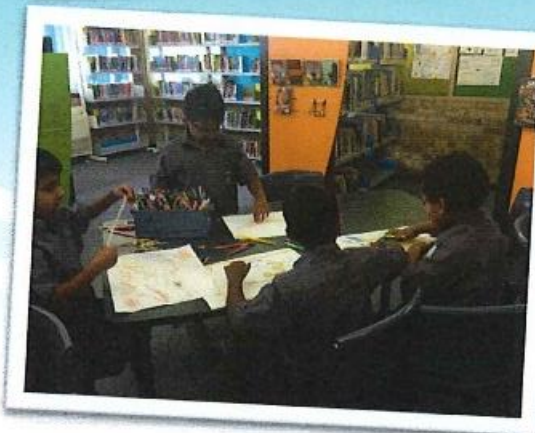
"This term in Religion we have been learning about Gods creation. God made everything bright, colourful and beautiful. He wanted us to live in a happy and special world." - Jayshnee Keane



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Creation
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SCIENCE



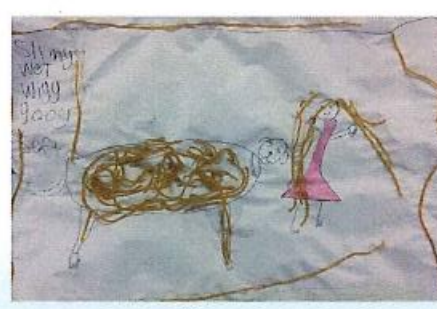
"This term we have been learning about solid materials and liquid materials. We also have been looking at if they will be the same when you put them back together."
- James Mavros



Lily



Essiete



Ava

This term in our Chemical Science unit we have been observing changes. Changes happen all around us such as puddles evaporating and chocolate melting in the sun. By observing changes students have developed an understanding of the diversity of a range of materials in their world.

We have been using food such as spaghetti to observe these changes. Students learn how the properties of food can change by heating or cooling and whether or not that change can be reversed. We explored uncooked spaghetti by making a tower using spaghetti and marshmallows and discussed what it looked and felt like. Have a look at our cooked spaghetti creations above.

- Mrs Grech Science and History Teacher



Santa Clara School

School Board

Nomination Form 2016

I _____ wish to nominate for election to the
Santa Clara School Board:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Nominations close Friday 20 November 2015)



Santa Clara School

Parents & Friends' Association

Nomination Form 2016

I _____ wish to nominate for:

- ☐ President
- ☐ Treasurer
- ☐ Secretary
- ☐ Committee Member

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Nominations close Friday 20 November 2015)

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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 Thursday 26 November 2015.

Name: _____