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*Best Wishes for
Christmas &
The New Year*



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*Have a Safe
&
Happy Holiday!*

PRAYER

Dear God,

God, I do believe in you even though I cannot see you.

I do believe you made all life and all creation.

You guide us all through the rough times and the sad times.

Thank you God, so much, for giving me

my loving family and caring friends.

Thank You God.

10 December 2015



**Dear Parents, Guardians,
Students & Staff**

This is the last newsletter for 2015. As another year draws to a close I wish to thank everybody for their hard work and dedication, which has ensured that Catholic Education at Santa Clara School, continues to 'thrive'.

I very much look forward to 2016 when we continue to provide the best service to the children in our care. I am quietly confident that we, the staff, and parents will tackle any challenges that may arise in the best interest of our students.

Special mention to the staff who work tirelessly to keep the home fires burning:

Mrs Suzanne Walker, Ms Jaimee Wyss, Mr Tony Nunn, Mr Zachary Abraham, Mrs Sonia Thiel, and to all my Teacher Assistants and Library Assistant, I say "thank you".

To my wonderful Teaching Staff, Specialist Teachers, Reading Recovery and Support Staff – "thank you", and I look forward to 2016 knowing that we have some outstanding teachers on board.

I also thank Keren Barry, our OSC Coordinator and all Assistants for the wonderful work they provide for the children in their care.

Thanks Rev Fr Chris for being

our spiritual leader. Best wishes to you as you continue our spiritual journey in 2016.

To the School Board for sharing the vision of improving the learning environment for all students, thank you.

We are indebted to our P & F Committee for their commitment and hard work in providing the much needed resources for our school.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

December 8, 2015 begins the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Pope Francis invites us through his encyclical *Misericordiae Vultus*, which means the Face of Mercy, to contemplate the need for and meaning of mercy in our daily lives and the wider world:



'Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy and His mercy endures forever. We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy.'

It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace.'

MV Pope Francis

STAFF MOVEMENT

Schools are dynamic places where opportunities arise not only for students but also for the staff. At the end of this term a staff member will be leaving us and as goodbyes are always sad, but "it is not goodbye, it is so long until we meet again".

To Ms Temmen - words cannot express the gratitude for your dedication and commitment shown in the teaching/learning of the children in your care.

*On behalf of the staff and students,
I wish you success and happiness.*



Mrs Madafferri will be on maternity leave in 2016. We wish Mrs Madafferri, her husband Ross and their baby daughter all the best wishes.

MUSIC TEACHER

Miss Tiffany Tan has been appointed as the Music Teacher for 2016. Miss Tan will work two

days a week, commencing 1 January 2016 and ending 31 December 2016.

Please make her feel most welcome.

YEAR 5 TEACHER

I am happy to inform you that Miss Claire Cooper has been appointed as the Year 5 Teacher in 2016.

Please make her feel most welcome.

END OF SCHOOL TERM 4, 2015

All students finish on Friday 11 December and Staff will finish on Friday 18 December.

2016 STAFF

Principal
APRE / Admin
AP Admin / APRE

Richard Win Pe
Mim Ellis - Acting
Larry King

Teachers:
Kindergarten
Pre-Primary
Year 1
Year 2
Year 3
Year 4
Year 5
Year 6

Alyssa Adams
Lia Partington
Simone Carcione
Sue Hawkins
Larry King
Mim Ellis
Claire Cooper
Adrian Tulett

Admin Relief
Music Teacher
Liturgical Music
Science & History
Reading Recovery
PE / Sport Specialist

Renae Armstrong
Tiffany Tan
Carla Klomp
Denise Grech
Helen Jackson
Andrew Boxsell

Teaching Assistants:
Kindergarten

Pre-Primary
Year 1
Year 2

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Library

Ancillary Staff:
Administration Officer
Finance / Admin Officer
Social Worker
Canteen Manager &
Uniform Shop Coordinator
Cleaner
OSC Staff

Christine Wilson
& Jenni Cotton
Christina Nunn
Cheryl Rebello
Jenni Cotton
& Carmel Lewis
Carmel Lewis
Ann Ball

Suzanne Walker
Jaimee Wyss
Hilary Campos
Sonia Thiel
Zak Abraham
Keren Barry
Angela McSwain
Daniela Cisternas
Rebecca Ieraci

Richard Win Pe
Principal



2016 SCHOOL YEAR



Monday 18 January:

Office Staff

Thursday 28 January:

Teaching Staff (Pupil Free Day)

Friday 29 January:

Uniform Shop open from 9:00am – 11:00am
Teaching Staff (Pupil Free Day)



Term 1, Week 1

Monday 1 February 2016: School Year Commences for Students in Pre-Primary to Year 6 Full Days from 8:40am to 3:00pm <i>Students are to be dressed in their summer uniform (except Kindergarten).</i>	Wednesday 3 February 2016: Kindergarten Staggered starting times for selected students finishing at 2:45pm – attend one day this week only – refer to parent information.	Thursday 4 February 2016: Kindergarten Staggered starting times for selected students finishing at 2:45pm – attend one day this week only – refer to parent information.	Friday 5 February 2016: Kindergarten Staggered starting times for selected students finishing at 2:45pm – attend one day this week only – refer to parent information.
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Term 1, Week 2 Onwards

Monday 8 February 2016: Pre-Primary to Year 6 Full Days from 8:40am to 3:00pm	Wednesday 10 February 2016: Kindergarten Full Days from 8:50am to 2:45pm All Kindy students	Thursday 11 February 2016: Kindergarten Full Days from 8:50am to 2:45pm All Kindy students	Friday 12 February 2016: Kindergarten Full Days from 8:50am to 2:45pm All Kindy students
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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



YEAR SIX GRADUATION MASS, PRESENTATIONS AND SUPPER – (COMMENCING AT 6:00pm) – THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER 2015

Tonight, commencing at 6:00pm, celebrates the Graduation Mass for the Year Six children at Santa Clara School. After the mass, there will be presentations and supper for the children. Special thanks to Mrs Mim Ellis (Year Six teacher) for all her hard work in preparing for this evening. Members of the school choir will be in attendance on the night. These students will be allowed free-dress tomorrow. On behalf of the school, I wish all the Year Six children the very best for their future endeavours.

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Last Sunday 6 December was the second Sunday of Advent. 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.



The second purple candle is lit on the second Sunday of Advent to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world.

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT PRAYER

Stir up our hearts,

O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son,
that through His coming we may be worthy to serve Thee with purified minds.

Who livest and reignest, with God the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

THE YEAR CONCLUDES FOR ALL STUDENTS ON FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER 2015

How fast has the year gone? It only seemed just-like yesterday the 2015 school year commenced. Tomorrow will be the last school day for students. All school staff will be at the school until Friday 18 December 2015. I would like to wish all parents and children a healthy and safe Christmas, New Year and holiday. School will commence next year on Thursday 28 January 2016 for staff and on **Monday 1 February 2016** for students.

Larry King
(Assistant Principal Religious Education)





ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS



Hello Everyone,

It is hard to believe we are at the end of the school year already. It seems like yesterday that we began the year. It is also approaching the end of my time here at Santa Clara. I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to the school community for your support over the past three years. Santa Clara School is a wonderful place, the students are amazing and over the time I have been here I have received a great deal of support, love and encouragement from parents, students, fellow staff members, the Board and the P&F. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I will be such a short distance away at Trinity College so I will maintain contacts and keep up to date with progress in the school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas filled with love and peace.

Ms Evelyn Temmen
Assistant Principal



SCHOOL FEES

Statements are being sent out this week to remind you of fees still owing for the 2015 school year. Please ensure any outstanding school fees are paid by the end of next week (18th December), unless a payment arrangement has been set up with the school. If you won't be able to pay in full and have not already spoken to Mr Win Pe or myself, please contact us at the school prior to this date.

Thanks.



Jaimee Wyss
Finance Officer

OSC NEWS

- **Vacation Care forms** are now due back please!
- **Santa Clara BBQ** – Friday 11 December starts 6:00pm. All OSC families are welcome. Please see Keren.

On behalf of all Staff at OSC, I would like to wish everyone a very safe Merry Christmas and joyous New Year.

Keren Barry
Supervisor Approval
Santa Clara OSC



First P&F Meeting for 2016
Tuesday 9 February
at 6:00pm in the hall.
New members welcome.

A very big **THANK YOU** to all of our Canteen volunteers who have given so generously of their time this year.

Your help is always much appreciated!

We look forward to a new year and the prospect of new families joining our canteen volunteers' roster. Please feel free to come and see me at the Canteen or leave your name and contact details at the office.

Have a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in the new year!

Mrs Sonla Thiel
Canteen Manager



School Banking

In 2016, I will be collecting bankbooks on banking day.

Please record your child's class inside your bankbook so I am able to return them once deposits have been processed.

Thank you and have a lovely Christmas.

Susie (Ashley's Mum)

