



Santa Clara School

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3 March 2016

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Friday 4 March**
- Years 3 - 6 Faction T20 Cricket Carnival at Wyong Reserve
 - 2:30pm Assembly

Sunday 6 March
Week 4 Lent

Monday 7 March
Labor Day
Public Holiday –
School Closed

Tuesday 8 March
Staff Professional
Development –
Pupil Free Day –
School Closed

Wednesday 9 March
8:20am – 9:00am
Secondhand
Uniform Sale outside
Uniform Shop

- Friday 11 March**
- Years 5/6 Boys/Girls T20 Cricket Carnival at Raphael Park
 - 9:00am Year 3 Participation Mass
 - 2:30pm Assembly

Sunday 13 March
Week 5 Lent

Tuesday 15 March

- 8:45am Year 1 visit by Fr Chris
- Students dismissed at 12:00noon with Parent/Teacher Interviews commencing at 12:30pm

- Friday 18 March**
- 2:15pm Year 3 RE Assembly – Palm Sunday
 - 3:00pm Years 2 & 5 Cake Stall

Sunday 20 March
Palm Sunday

COMING UP:

Friday 1 April
P & F FAMILY FUN &
PIZZA NIGHT

"It will be a Holy Year of Mercy". – Pope Francis

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students

I am truly pleased with the great start to the school year during the past few weeks.

It gives me such a pleasure walking in through the gates and be greeted by the happy sounds of laughter coming from the children as they begin their learning journey each day.

Our school is immaculately clean and the lawns are kept neat and tidy. I extend my sincere gratitude to our cleaner, Zak Abraham, and to our handyman/grounds person, Tony Nunn, for their exceptional dedication in ensuring that Santa Clara School is most welcoming for our students, families and staff alike.

Our students have settled well into new classes and are engaged well in their learning. Our Kindy students have also settled in their classroom and playground and the Year 1 students have transitioned well into their new areas and on to the playground with all students.

I would like to pay tribute to the staff for the excellent transition programs set up at the end of 2015 and for their organisation and preparation for the new school year. The children's calm, purposeful approach to their learning is no accident!

Student Well Being

One of our goals in 2016 is to further develop the students' well-being. Ms Hilary Campos and the Teachers use

age-appropriate programs across the classes which help students develop resilience, independence and improve their organisational and interpersonal skills. As adults, teachers and parents, we have a big part to play in this. We are role models for the children and it is often the small, incidental, every day conversations and actions which are the most powerful. As responsible adults, we need to be aware that what we say and do is keenly observed. We need to be thoughtful about the way we speak of other children or adults and we need to let children see us managing anxiety, problems and stress in a calm, fair, and respectful way. If we can incidentally teach that, it is a gift for life for the children.



Tuesday 8 March
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Development –
Pupil Free Day –
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Friendship Benches

To enhance student well-being and to develop reliance, independence and confidence, our school engaged the generosity of Bunnings to provide us with Benches.

The Friendship Bench, also known as Buddy Bench, is an interactive tool and represents a safe place for child/ren to congregate when they are in need of a friend. The Friendship Bench is a special place in the school playground where a child can go when they want someone to talk to.

Student Leadership

Student leadership is an integral part of the Year 6 learning program. All Year 6 students are involved in leadership through participation in student committees. There are four student committees:

- Public Relations Committee
- Environment Committee
- Sport Committee
- Communication Committee

Each student is placed in committee for Semester One and then changes committee for the second semester.

The committees assist in a variety of ways throughout the school year – organizing school liturgies, assisting at sports carnivals, running assemblies, supporting younger students and assisting in environmental projects.

There are four staff members who work with the student committees throughout the year – Mr Tulett, Ms Campos, Mr King and myself.

Being on the Student Committee is a privilege. It is very much a role of 'service and giving' as well as a role of leadership and responsibility. I wish the Year Six students all the best this year as they embark on many exciting new adventures, including their Student Leadership roles.

Parent Information Evening

The Kindy – Year 6 Parent Information Evening took place on 25 February. After a reflective prayer there were presentations about our school and its operations. Then parents met with the respective Year Level teachers and were given

information pertaining to those particular classes. Thank you to all parents for your attendance at the meetings. Your support of the classroom teacher and the great interest that you have in your child's education was clearly evident by your presence.

If for some reason you were unable to attend the meeting please contact the class teacher who would be more than happy to pass information on to you.

I would like to thank all the teachers for their preparation and time given towards making these evenings as informative as possible for parents.

Richard Win Pe
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

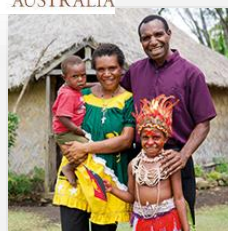


SUPPORTING PROJECT COMPASSION 2016

Three weeks ago the children were given Project Compassion moneyboxes to take home. Thank you to some children who have already brought back their moneybox. Caritas Australia is trying to help reduce poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. All donations make a life-changing difference to marginalised communities around the world. Last Newsletter we looked at how Caritas assisted Doney and her community in Malawi. Below is another story on how your donations assist Caritas Australia help people and communities around the world.



Dominic's Story - Papua New Guinea



Dominic (36) lives with his wife and four children in the Jiwaka Province of Papua New Guinea (PNG), where generational poverty has led to many challenges, including inequality, alcohol abuse and violence.

Dominic admits that he too faced some of these

challenges. But when Caritas Australia and local partner, the Sisters of Notre Dame, established the Community Conversations program, he saw an opportunity to create change.

"I was inspired to hear of the different issues highlighted and processes used to come up with solutions," Dominic explains.

Through regular Community Conversations training sessions, Dominic learnt communication and problem-solving skills that helped him lead open, respectful community discussions in his village. By empowering everyone to voice concerns and play a role in community decisions, Dominic's village

has achieved greater peace and increased respect, as well as reduced violence and alcohol abuse. Now, Dominic's community has a chance to thrive and create a better future for themselves.

"When we start to realise we have power to stand independently to change ourselves, help ourselves, we feel liberated," says Dominic. "I am most proud of the positive changes I am witnessing. I pass my big thanks and pray God will bless our supporters in Australia."

Now everyone, women and young people, have a voice and peace is maintained that way." - Dominic

PARTICIPATION MASS – YEAR THREE - FRIDAY 11 MARCH 2016

On Friday 11 March, the Year Three class will be attending Mass at the Santa Clara Parish commencing at 9:00am. Parents and friends of the students are welcome to attend.

PARISH NEWS



Santa Clara Sacramental Program

Please note these dates in your calendars.

Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Parent/Student Workshop:	4:45pm - 6:00pm Thursday 31 March 2016 (Facilitated by Mildred Rego)
Student Retreat Day / Excursion:	9:00am Wednesday 4 May 2016 Schoenstatt Shrine Excursion, Armadale
Celebrated on:	4.30pm Thursday 19 May 2016
Sacrament of Eucharist	
Parent/Student Workshop:	4:45pm - 6:00pm Thursday 7 April 2016 (Facilitated by Mildred Rego)
Student Retreat Day / Excursion:	9:00am Wednesday 4 May 2016 Schoenstatt Shrine Excursion, Armadale
Celebrated on:	9.30am Sunday 29 May 2016



FOOTY COLOURS' DAY – SUPPORTING PROJECT COMPASSION & CARITAS – WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2016



On Wednesday 23 March 2016, students will have the opportunity to wear their favourite AFL team colours. The official season will commence the next day and the cost will be a gold-coin donation. All money raised to be donated to Caritas Australia, to assist them in helping communities around the world. So remember this date, and proudly wear your favourite AFL team colours.

Regards

Larry King
Assistant Principal Religious Education

ATTACHMENTS

1. Circle of Security Invitation to Kindergarten & Pre-Primary families
2. Winter Uniform Order Form for Years 1 – 6
3. Pre-Primary Uniform Order Form
4. P & F Easter Raffle Note



NUDE FOOD



As part of Santa Clara's commitment to become more environmentally aware, we are planning to introduce a series of "Nude Food" days.

"Nude Food" is food without excess packaging which reduces the amount of waste going to landfill. It has been estimated that up to 50 per cent of items in school bins consists of packaging brought from home. The best type of nude food is mainly fresh food, so it is healthy and nutritious as well as being environmentally friendly.

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer with more information for parents and caregivers.

Mrs Ann Ball

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

Hello everyone,

It is difficult to believe that we are already halfway through term one. It has been a busy start to our year and this term continues to be full of exciting events.

You are reminded of the Parent/Teacher meetings which will take place on Tuesday of Week 7. All students will be dismissed by 12:00 midday. Details are below.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS – TUESDAY 15 MARCH 2016

Parents are reminded that the Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on the above date. Students will depart school at 12:00 midday and the Teacher/Parent interviews will commence at **12.30pm**. Timetables for interviews will be displayed on classroom doors from **Wednesday 9 March 2016**. Parents are asked to select and write the time/s they would like to attend the interview.

Uniform Shop News

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

Second Hand Uniform Sale

The uniform shop has a supply of second hand uniforms that have been donated.

I will be holding a sale on:

Wednesday 9 March
From 8.20am till 9.00am
Outside the Uniform Shop

All items will be reasonably priced between \$5 and \$10. **CASH ONLY.**

Thank you

Sonia Thiel
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

CANTEEN NEWS

Special for Lent

FRIDAYS - Fish Burger \$4.20

ABSENTEE NOTES OR EMAILS: A final reminder for this week that when a child is absent from school a note or an email is required for our legal obligations. Thank you for your support in this.

T20 FACTION CRICKET CARNIVAL: The Years 3 - 6 classes will be participating in a cricket carnival this Friday at Wyong Reserve. Please ensure that your child has returned their permission slip to their classroom teacher before this Friday. Thank you to Mr Boxsell for organising this for our students. Also thank you to parents who have offered to help on the day.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Just a reminder that Tuesday 8 March will be a Pupil Free Day. All staff will be participating in Professional Development.

Mrs Mim Ellis
Assistant Principal

New Hair Accessories available at the Uniform Shop



Thick Soft
Hair
Elastics 2
pack \$1.50



Satin
Headband
\$1.50



Bows
\$1.00



Hair Elastic
with Bow 6
pack \$2.00



Click Clack
Hair Clips 4
pack \$2.00

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1 2016

Friday 4 March Maria Papalia	Monday 7 March LABOR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 11 March Jo Mazzoleni	Monday 14 March Sharon Morris
Friday 18 March Julia Pearson	Monday 21 March Famatta Browne

P&F Cake Stall



Parents from Year 2 and 5 Will be running the next P&F Cake Stall

A delicious range of cakes, biscuits and slices will be on sale.

So come along and support the
P&F and stock up for afternoon tea.

***Cake Stall in the undercover area
2.45pm Friday 18th March***

Parents from Year 2 and 5 please drop your goodies at the hall before school or before the sale starts. We will also require some helpers from these year groups to sell our wares if you are able to lend a hand please arrive at the hall at 2.15 to help. Thanks from the P&F.

P & F News

**Our next meeting will be held on
Tuesday 22 March at 6:00pm.
ALL WELCOME**

P&F Coming Events

Friday 18 March	Years 2 & 5 Cake Stall
Tuesday 22 March	P&F Meeting at 6:00pm
Friday 1 April	Family Fun & Pizza Night
Term 2	
Friday 17 June	Years 1 & 3 Cake Stall
Monday 27 June	Fun Run
Term 3	
Friday 5 August	School Disco
Friday 12 August	Kindy & Pre-Primary Cake Stall
Term 4	
Friday 28 October	Years 4 & 6 Cake Stall

P&F Class Representatives

The P&F need some volunteers to fill the positions of Class Representatives for the following year groups:
Pre-Primary, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 & Year 6

The role of the Class Representative is to form a contact list from your Year group. This enables parents to help get to know each other and also to be kept informed of up and coming P&F events that may require extra help i.e Year Group Cake Stalls.

If you would like to be a Class Representative please fill in the form below and return to the office.

Thank you

Santa Clara P&F



P & F Class Reps

I would like to be a Class Representative for Year _____.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



Santa Clara P&F Easter Raffle 2016

Happy Easter!

Tickets \$1 each

Note coming home today

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 March 23rd. Raffle will be drawn in classrooms on Thursday March 24th.

OSC NEWS

- **Tuesday 8 March** is a Pupil Free Day - Book Now.
- **Tuesday 15 March** is Teacher/Parent interviews commencing at 12-30pm. OSC will be open from 12-00noon to cater for any children who need to come to the centre.

It is important that you book now to avoid disappointment of not getting a place on the day.

Regulars are still booked in.

- In Advance, the centre will be closed on:

Friday 25 March – Good Friday
Monday 28 March – Easter Monday &
Tuesday 29 March – Easter Tuesday

Don't forget to 'like us' on Facebook!!
Santa Clara OSC
– We will be posting there each week.

Keren Barry
Supervisor Approval



Save the Date!

PFFWA Conference and AGM 2016

“Congratulations! We Hear You're Engaged!”

The Parents and Friends Federation of WA are excited to be putting the last touches to our conference program for this year. As usual the conference opening dinner will be held on Friday evening 20th May at Crown Perth.

The conference will commence the following morning and go through until 5.00pm. Refreshments including morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are provided on the day of the conference, along with great speakers, interactive sessions and the usual fantastic networking opportunities.



With both Federal and State elections on the horizon, PFFWA have invited politicians from the major parties to attend and you will have the opportunity to hear what their vision is for education in Western Australia in the foreseeable future.

Dates for your diary – 20th & 21st May 2016
 At Crown Perth

For more information, please keep an eye on the PFFWA website and our Facebook page or contact

admin@pff.wa.edu.au tel 9271 5909

<https://www.facebook.com/pffwa>  www.pff.wa.edu.au

 9271 5909  103 Wood St, Inglewood, WA 6932



NUDE FOOD DAY

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

What is Nude Food?

Nude Food is simply food that is not wrapped in foil, plastic or commercial packaging.

The best type of nude food consists mainly of fresh food, so that it is healthy and nutritious PLUS environmentally friendly.

Promoting Nude Food empowers students to make conscious choices about what they eat, and encourages them to think about their impact on the environment (and their health). You might be amazed with how enthused your child can become on this...

✓ **To pack a Nude Food Lunch or Snack, you will need:**

- Cutlery from home is better than throwaway plastic ones
- Plastic or metal drink bottles are recommended for refilling with water
- Reusable containers for putting all of your food, snacks and drinks into
- Lunch boxes that have lots of separate sections can be useful to avoid lost lids or containers

✗ **Try to avoid:**

- Zip lock or plastic bags, plastic wrap or aluminium foil
- Tetra packed drinks, single serve yoghurts and cheese
- Single use plastic forks and spoons
- Prepackaged food, i.e. biscuits, snack bars and chips

Tips for Packing Nude Food Lunches:

- Try to involve the kids in helping decide what to take. This will help to avoid uneaten foods being thrown out, plus will save your family money as well. Also, remember to praise your child if they do eat something healthy which is new for them.
- Try to pack the lunches the night before and store in the fridge overnight to avoid the mad rush in the morning.
- If your child normally enjoys chips, yoghurt or other prepackaged snacks, buy these in a larger format and you can decant these into smaller reusable containers or lunchbox.
- If your child does enjoy chips, why not try making your own veggie versions using sliced beetroot, parsnip or sweet potato and baking in the oven?
- Try to use fruit and vegetables that are in season. Seasonal produce is friendly to the environment as well as to your budget, as less fuels are used to transport it into your supermarket.
- Go to www.nudefoodday.com.au/resources for Nude Food recipe ideas.



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The Leukaemia Foundation's *World's Greatest Shave* began in 1998 and today, is one of Australia's biggest charity events! People get sponsored to shave, colour or wax their hair and raise funds to help people with blood cancer. It is the Foundation's biggest fundraiser.

Sadly, more than 12,000 Australians will be diagnosed with leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma this year – equivalent to 34 people every day. Money is needed to continue the search to find cures and to support families.

Orlando Tompkin-Drew (Year 6) will be having his head shaved to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation as part of their World's Greatest Shave during Assembly on Friday 1 April 2016.

Students are asked to bring a gold coin as a donation to the World's Greatest Shave and hand it in to their class teacher. Donations will also be accepted at the front office with Mrs Walker. All monies raised will be forwarded to the Leukaemia Foundation.

Should you wish to support Orlando further and donate another amount or leave a message of encouragement, please follow the prompts below:

URSULA FRAYNE CATHOLIC COLLEGE

I ♥ Netball!

NETBALL CLINICS

You are invited to attend Netball Clinics to be held at Ursula Frayne Catholic College on:

Tuesday 22 March 2016
Thursday 19 May 2016
Monday 13 June 2016

The sessions are open to both male and female participants.

For bookings, go to:
<http://www.trybooking.com/KOJV>
Please email
DeReus.Claire@cathednet.wa.edu.au
if you have any queries.



**St Norbert
College**

**OPEN DAY
Friday 4 March 2016**

St Norbert College warmly invites prospective students and their parents to tour our excellent College, its contemporary facilities and extensive grounds. Tours will be conducted at 9:00am & 1:00pm.

ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7 2018

We have commenced our enrolments for 2018. Application forms may be obtained by phoning the Enrolment Officer, Mrs Hughes, on 9350 5433.

Leukaemia Foundation

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

I'm taking part in
World's Greatest Shave
please sponsor me

worldsgreatestshave.com

Go to: worldsgreatestshave.com
Select: 'Sponsor'
First name: Orlando
Last Name: Tompkin-Drew
Select Shaver: [Tompkin-Drew, Orlando](#)
Western Australia
Click on: 'Sponsor me'

With thanks from Orlando