



# Santa Clara School

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## IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday 29 April:

- 2:15pm Year 6 Assembly – Anzac Day

Tuesday 3 May:

- 6:00pm P&F Meeting
- 6:45pm School Board Meeting

Wednesday 4 May:

- Years 3 & 4 Sacramental Excursion to Shrine

Friday 6 May:

- 9:00am Year 5 Participation Mass
- 2:30pm Assembly

**SUNDAY 8 MAY  
ASCENSION  
OF THE LORD &  
MOTHER'S DAY**

Tuesday 10 May:

- NAPLAN Testing
- Year 6 Sacramental Excursion to Shrine

Wednesday 11 May:

- NAPLAN Testing

Thursday 12 May:

- NAPLAN Testing

Friday 13 May:

- 2:15pm Year 2 RE Assembly

**SUNDAY 15 MAY  
PENTECOST**

Tuesday 17 May:

- 9:00am Reconciliation Practice

Wednesday 18 May:

- Free Dress Day – Gold coin donation to LifeLink

**THURSDAY 19 MAY  
SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION  
AT 4:30pm**

Friday 20 May:

- Years 2 – 6 Faction Cross Country Carnival

## Prayer for the Start of Term Two

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**

## 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.

As always it is a pleasure to see the children back from their holidays, happily catching up with their friends and the staff.

## NAPLAN 2016

The NAPLAN assessments for Years 3 and 5 are scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the week

commencing 9 May. As you are aware, these are valuable assessments for the school to use for analysis of teaching practices and for identifying trends across the school. I recently read a letter sent by a school principal to all the students in his school, as they received their state standardised testing scores, and I want to share it with you. It reminds us that our children are much more than their NAPLAN scores and that one test does not tell us everything about them as individuals or, indeed, as learners.

*"We are concerned that these tests do not always assess all of what it is that makes each of you special and unique. The people who create these tests and score them do not know each of you-- the way your teachers do, the way I do, and certainly not the way your families do. They do not know that many of you speak two languages. They do not know that you can play a musical instrument or that you can dance or paint a picture. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for*

*them or that your laughter can brighten the dreariest day. They do not know that you write poetry or songs, play or participate in sports, wonder about the future, or that sometimes you take care of your little brother or sister after school. They do not know that you have travelled to a really neat place or that you know how to tell a great story or that you really love spending time with special family members and friends. They do not know that you can be trustworthy, kind or thoughtful, and that you try, every day, to be your very best... the scores you get will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything. There are many ways of being smart."*

It is with these thoughts that I wish our students the very best in their assessment and remind them that we are very proud of them.

### Uniforms

Thank you to those parents who have ensured that their children are immaculately presented every day in their proper school uniform. My only disappointments have been some girls with different coloured hair pieces and some boys arriving with shirts hanging out. As stated in the school uniform policy, any hair ties, bands clips or ribbons must be gold. I seek support of all parents in ensuring that we maintain the highest standards of grooming and uniform for all students. It is only a little thing, but little things matter. As the adults in the community, as parents, as teachers or supporters of the school, we need to ensure every student is proud to wear the school uniform correctly. We need your ongoing support and I am confident we will receive it as we always do. Thank you.

### CORRECT PROCEDURE AND PROTOCOL

I remind you again, that parents need to direct their concerns, queries and suggestions to those who are able to listen, provide correct information and possible solutions, that is, with the teachers and Leadership Team. Discussion amongst parents regarding any concerns is not encouraged as information may be ill informed, misdirected or incorrect advice given.

### Attendance Roll

A legal requirement of the school is to ensure that student rolls are completed each school day. As part of this process, it is imperative that parents/carers provide the class teacher with appropriate correspondence regarding their child's absence within 7 days. If this is not forthcoming the student will be marked as Unexplained Absence. I need to stress the importance of having this information to the school as quickly as possible. This is also a good opportunity to encourage all parents to ensure that your children arrive at school at the correct time. Classes commence each day at 8.40am and students should be ready to start the day. If the student is late they need to go to the front office to obtain a late note.

### RSL MARCH & COMMEMORATION ANZAC SERVICE



I commend our two Year 6 student leaders, **Madison Butler and Dannielle Soe**, who along with Mrs Ellis and I, took part in the RSL ANZAC Day Memorial Service on 25 April at the Canning Centenary War Memorial and Civic Amphitheatre. These students demonstrated their leadership skills by representing Santa Clara School and by laying a wreath at the foot of the memorial in memory of the fallen soldiers. I am proud of you, Maddy and Dannielle.

### Mother's Day

On behalf of our staff, I take this opportunity to wish all mothers a very happy 'Mother's Day'. Below is a reflection that I'd like to share.

#### A MOTHER'S LOVE.

*A Mother's Love is something that no one can explain.*

*It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain.*

*It is endless and unselfish*

*And enduring come what may,*

*For nothing can destroy it or take that love away.*

*It is patient and forgiving*

*When all others are forsaking,*

*And it never fails or falters*

*Even though the heart is breaking.*

*It believes beyond believing*

*When the world around condemns,*

*And it glows with all the beauty*

*Of the rarest, brightest gems.*

*It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,*

*And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation.*

*A many splendour miracle man cannot understand*

*And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.*

**HAPPY  
MOTHER'S DAY!!!**



God bless

**Richard Win Pe  
Principal**

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### WELCOME BACK TO TERM TWO

Welcome back to all the Santa Clara School community after a relaxing break. Term Two will be another hectic term and I wish everyone a successful term.

### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Term Two is a hectic term for our Sacramental students. The Year Threes, Fours and Sixes will have an excursion to the Schoenstatt Shrine. All students have had information sent home about these excursions and details are below. The Sacramental Masses (and Year Six Parent/Child Workshop) are being held at the Santa Clara Parish on:

4:30pm – Thursday 19 May 2016  
– Reconciliation  
9:30am – Sunday 29 May 2016 –  
First Holy Communion Mass  
4:45 – 6:00pm – Thursday 26  
May 2016 – Confirmation Parent  
/ Child Workshop (School Hall)  
9:30am – Sunday 12 June 2016  
– Confirmation Mass

### YEARS THREE & FOUR EXCURSION – SCHOENSTATT SHRINE – WEDNESDAY 4 MAY 2016

Next Wednesday, 4 May 2016, the Year Three and Four classes will be visiting the Schoenstatt Shrine, in Armadale, as part of their Religious Education Sacrament preparation. The students will depart on the bus at 8:50am and return at approximately 2:50pm. We look forward to catching up with Sister Lisette, who has been there for many years.

### YEAR FIVE PARTICIPATION MASS – FRIDAY 6 MAY 2016

On Friday 6 May 2016, the Year Five students will be participating in the Participation Mass at Santa Clara Parish at 9:00am. Parents are welcome to attend.

### YEAR SIX EXCURSION – SCHOENSTATT SHRINE – TUESDAY 10 MAY 2016

On Tuesday 10 May 2016, the Year Six students will be visiting the Schoenstatt Shrine as part of their preparation for their Sacrament for Confirmation. The students will depart on the bus at 8:50am and return at approximately 2:50pm.

LIFELINK



LifeLink Catholic Caring Agencies reach out to 34,000 Western Australians in need each year. LifeLink Agencies are making a very real difference in people's lives.

LifeLink is not a welfare agency, it is the charitable organisation which fundraises and works on behalf of all of the social service agencies established by the Archdiocese of Perth. In this way, the welfare agencies focus on their primary objective - to continue a "mission of care" to people in need within the community, and Lifelink raises much needed funds to support their valuable work. LifeLink is a respected and recognised charity through which the Church conducts professional and ethical fundraising appeals, with funds raised directed towards social service provision.

Some of the Agencies include:

- Emmaus Community,
- Catholic Outreach,
- Centacare Employment and Training,
- The Shopfront,
- Centrecare Inc,
- IdentityWA and
- Daydawn Advocacy Service

Commencing on Wednesday 18 May 2016, the children will have the opportunity to have a GOLD COIN free dress day to raise money for LifeLink.

On Wednesday, 1 June 2016, the children at Santa Clara will be LINKING-UP for LifeLink Day 2016. Children will be asked to donate a \$1 donation to purchase a template (either in colour or one they can individually colour) of six links. Each class will then LINK-UP their links and it will be determined which class has the longest chain. During the day, all class chains will be joined together to see how long our school chain will be.

Please encourage your child to purchase a "link" template (containing six links) and see which class has the longest chain of links.

Parents are asked to watch the video clip:

<http://www.lifelink.com.au/news/welcome-to-lifelink> This video is commented by the Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB (Archbishop of Perth) and highlights the agencies LifeLink support. This will allow both parents and children to understand where their \$1 donations go.

Please remember, all funds will go to this important Catholic organisation, an organisation helping **Real** People, **Real** need, with **Real** Stories.

### FREE-DRESS DAY ON WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2016

There will be a free-dress day for the children on Wednesday 18 May 2016. A gold coin donation is required and all monies will go to support LifeLink – Catholic Caring Agencies.

Regards

**Larry King**  
**Assistant Principal**



## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

Welcome back to school and the start of term two. I trust you had a restful and reflective school holiday break with your children. This term will no doubt be another busy, challenging and rewarding term as the children will be participating in a variety of wonderful learning activities in the next few weeks.

### SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES

I would like to remind you of the school start and finish times. **Classes commence at 8:40am and the gates are opened at 8:20am.** Supervision by the duty teacher does not commence until 8:20am. When students are arriving at school, they are asked 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.

### ABSENTEE NOTES OR EMAILS

If you have not sent in any absentee notes from last term, it is imperative that these are handed into your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Just a reminder that if your child is absent from school, it is important to phone the office or send an email informing of your child's absence.

### ANZAC DAY SERVICE

On Monday Mr Win Pe and I attended the Anzac Day service at the new Memorial in Cannington with two of our Year 6 students **Dannielle Soe** and **Madison Butler**. The

service was very moving and reflective and our two students represented Santa Clara School so beautifully. Well done girls.



The Year 6 class will lead us in a reflective Anzac Day service at the assembly this Friday. This will commence at 2.15pm.

God Bless.

**Mrs Mim Ellis**  
*Assistant Principal*



## PARISH NEWS

### Santa Clara Sacramental Program

Please note these dates in your calendars.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

##### **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

##### **Student Retreat Day / Excursion:**

9:00am Wednesday 4 May 2016

Schoenstatt Shrine Excursion, Armadale

##### **Celebrated on:**

9.30am Sunday 29 May 2016

#### Sacrament of Confirmation

##### **Parent / Student Workshop:**

4:45pm – 6:00pm Thursday 26 May 2016

##### **Student Retreat Day / Excursion:**

9:00am Tuesday 10 May 2016

Schoenstatt Shrine Excursion, Armadale

**Celebrated on:** 9:30am Sunday 12 June 2016

## P & F Class Reps for 2016

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## Santa Clara P & F

### Family Fun and Pizza Night

A great night was had by all who attended the Pizza Family Fun Night with lots of Picnic games and a Tug O War for the parents, teachers and kids. With Pizza for dinner and some refreshments, we were entertained by the fantastic band Plan B. It was a great night for meeting new people and catching up with friends. Thank you to all the parents and teachers for helping to make this event a success.



**Sack Race**



**Band playing – Plan B**

### CANTEEN ROSTER

#### TERM 2 2016

Friday 29 April Michelle Kinsman	Monday 2 May Maria Papalia
Friday 6 May Elsa Callanan	Monday 9 May May Soe
Friday 13 May Shamila Sureshkumar	Monday 16 May Mitzi Bettridge

### P&F Coming Events

#### 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
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