Santa Clara School

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday 18th October 6.00pm P&F Meeting 6.45pm School Board Meeting

Friday 21st October 2.15pm Year 1 Curriculum Assembly

Monday 24th October Begin St Vincent De Paul Hamper Collection

Tuesday 25th October 8.45am Pre-Primary classroom visit by Father Chris

Friday 28th October 9.00am Year 5 Participation Mass

2.15pm Pre-Primary Curriculum Assembly

Celebrating World Teachers Day



Tuesday 1st November Feast of All Saints Mass (Organised by Year 2)

Melbourne Cup



Wednesday 2nd November All Souls Day

Friday 4th November Catholic Day Pupil Free Day

13th October 2016

Prayer

Lord, grant that we may have eyes that see Have hearts that understand

Have nearts that understand
Have courage to give
Have strength to hope
Have openness to receive
Have seriousness to be silent
Have depth to think
Have concern to care
Have desire to search.
Open our minds and hearts
So that we may know you
And experience the precious things
You are wanting to give.
Amen



Dear Parents, Carers, 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.

As the children settle into Term 4, it has been interesting to see how much they have grown over the last holiday period. It is also a reminder that we have entered the second half of the year and that this is the time we should be assisting the children to develop their independence and take responsibility for their learning – as much as they are able to do at their developmental stage.

It is pleasing to see most children arrive at school prior to the bell at 8.40am, which allows them to be ready to start their day. It gives them time to organise their books and interact with other students before their day begins. Nevertheless, I'd like to remind you that school gates are opened at 8.20am.

Children are not permitted on school grounds until this time. All classrooms are out of bounds unless a teacher is present. Duty of care commences for all staff at 8.20am and ends at 3.20pm.

NO RUBBISH DAYS

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we will have "No Rubbish" days. Children will take home, in their lunch boxes, any rubbish, uneaten food or packaging they bring to school. We are not going to put out bins on these days. This may discourage reliance on packaging and plastic and may also discourage the crows which make a real mess. I really appreciate your support and encouragement in this matter.

ANAPHYLAXIS

You would have read the headlines and seen the news stories: food allergies are a growing concern in schools across Australia. Millions of children who are perfectly healthy and normal in every other way – must watch every single bite they eat, or risk suffering a severe or even life threatening reaction. In fact, food allergies claim over 200 lives and are responsible for over 30,000 emergency room visits each year.

A major health issue such as this one needs to be taken seriously, and it has always been the policy of our school to make the safety and well-being of our students our top priority. Several children in this school have food allergies.

our Christian As part of community, Santa Clara School extends support to these children and their families. Each child with this allergy has an Emergency Action Plan, which has been formulated in cooperation with parents and medical professionals because of the seriousness of the possible reactions. I thank you for your cooperation in making our school a safe school for all children.

SCHOOL BOARD & P&F AGM 2016

I would encourage as many parents as possible to keep Thursday evening, November 24 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.

SCHOOL ABSENCES

Please note that a written note explaining ANY and ALL absences from school for your children must be handed to your child's teacher on their return to school. It is a legal requirement that we keep a signed letter explaining all absences, on file.

STUDENTS LEAVING SANTA CLARA:

If your child will not be returning to Santa Clara next year for any reason, please advise the office as soon as possible as we have children waiting for places in some years.

God bless



Richard Win Pe Principal



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

Hello and welcome back to school for our last term. I hope you managed to spend some quality time relaxing with your children and taking a break from the busyness of school life. All students have made a great start to the term, remembering to play nicely with their friends and follow the school rules.

NO HAT NO PLAY

Children must remember to wear their hat every day when playing outside in the sun as the weather will be getting warmer as the weeks go by. If they forget to bring their hats, children will be able to play in the undercover area. Please ensure that they have sunscreen on before coming to school. Each teacher has a bottle of sunscreen in their classes when students need to reapply.

EDU DANCE - classes have commenced this term and children have all been eager to participate in the lessons. We look forward to seeing the wonderful performances at the annual Christmas concert.

The children will be participating in a variety of events this term and the following will be happening in the next two weeks:

18th October at 6pm P& F Meeting

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21st October at 2.15pm Year 1 Curriculum Assembly

24th October 2016 St Vincent De Paul Hamper Collection begins 28th October World Teacher's Day Year 5 Participation Mass at 9.00am.

God Bless.

Mrs Mim Ellis

Assistant Principal



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Welcome back to the final term of 2016. This term brings many exciting events to the community.

The term finishes for students on Friday 9 December, and for staff on Friday 16 December 2016.

There will be a pupil free day on Friday 4 November as it is the school's Catholic Day.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SANTA CLARA ON WINNING THE INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

What a fantastic result by the students in last month's Interschool Athletics Carnival!!! Congratulations to all students, Mr Boxsell and the teachers, who have worked so hard practicing for the Carnival. Obviously the extra practices paid off. The School dominated the team games, coming first in seven (second in four times) of twelve events in the Year 1-3 grades, and winning or coming second seventeen from 25 events in the upper years. It was the first time for over twenty years since Santa Clara won a Carnival. Santa Clara lead throughout the Carnival and finished well clear of the three other Catholic Primary Schools. The final score was:

Santa Clara Primary School 680 points
St Judes Primary School 649 points
St Augustines Primary School 647 points
Good Shepherd Primary School 600 points





HELPING THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL - 2016

It has been the tradition at Santa Clara that the school community rallies together to support the very worthwhile charity of St Vincent de Paul. It would be great if we could receive non-perishable goods to allow St Vincent de Paul to make up Christmas hampers for those who are struggling around the St James / Bentley area. Some Christmas Appeal items could include:

Christmas pudding
Tea / Coffee / Milo
Fruit mince pies
Long life juice
Vegemite / Peanut butter
Cleaning products

Custard Long Life Milk Tinned vegetables Christmas cake Muesli bars Toiletries Tinned Fruit Bon Bons
Cereal Dried fruit
Tinned peas / corn Jelly
Pasta & Pasta Sauce Jam
Pancake mix Socks
Washing powder Nappies



Help make tomorrow a better day.

Please remember it is important that the goods purchased must be non-perishable food items within the expiry date to be used.

Our appeal begins on Monday 24 October (Term Four Week Three), and continues until Monday 14 November 2016 (the beginning of Week 6) when the hampers will be collected by St Vincent de Paul volunteers and distributed to those in need around Christmas time. Please be as generous as you can — maybe picking up one or two items for a hamper each time you go to the shop is a great way to help others. Many of us have "too much" and have never struggled to pay the rent or put food on our table. We can only imagine what it would feel like to tell your children to go to bed hungry because there is no money to buy food. Please be like Jesus and help others. All donations are to be given to your child's teacher or at Administration.

Larry King

Assistant Principal Religious Education



Special message from Mr Boxsell

Well done to all our terrific athletes who participated in the inter-school carnival last term. We can now proudly say that we have won the inter-school athletics carnival, first time in a long time. It was great to see the unwavering enthusiasm from all and the never say die attitude, nothing was getting in the way. Thank you to the parents and family who travelled out to support the students on the day, it gives them that extra push they need. Well done to all the staff who have been training the students all term, getting the rules learnt and understood, tactics taught and generally being enthused about it all.

Special thanks to Mr King who drives a lot of this while I am at my other school. I would also like to thank, Orlando, Brandon, Zoe and Madison who went along with the junior students and helped prepare them for each game. I'm sure your calming influence was a big help and meant that the students could be confident in what they were doing. Great Job Santa Clara!!!

Andrew Boxsell PE Teacher

P&F Coming Events:

Term 4

P&F Meeting - Tuesday 18th October

International Food Festival & Fete – Sunday 13th November

CANTEEN ROSTERS	
Friday 14 th October	Monday 17th October
Elsa Callanan	Trina Green
Friday 21 st October	Monday 24 th October
Sharon Morris	Help Needed
Friday 28 th October	Monday 31 st October
Famatta Browne	Mitzi Bettridge

Canteen News

The new menu for Term 4 2016 will be sent home this week.

Please note the new exciting changes to the menu.

Sushi is back!!

Choose from Tuna or Chicken \$5.00

Corn and Zucchini Slice which comes with a side salad of lettuce, carrot, cucumber and cherry tomatoes \$4.50

Also new







JUICEE CRUSH JUICE 350ML

Has hit the canteen Flavours Available:

Orange Tropical



Santa Clara P&F International Food Festival and Fete Sunday 13th November 11am-3pm

WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you would like to run a stall with your favourite international dish please contact Sonia on 0419 897 560 or see me at school to organise a spot.

All food or fete items are donated and the proceeds go to the P&F to go towards the upgrade of the playground.

If you can't help on the day don't worry, there are lots of different ways you can contribute.

Donate cans of soft drink or Juice boxes Donate plastic food containers with lids Donate napkins or plastic cutlery

Come on the day enjoy the great range of International Food and Fete items.

Thanks from the P&F for your support.



Book Clubs Every Child Deserves a Good Book Orders due Friday 28th October

School Uniform Shop News

Uniform orders required for Term 4 are ready for collection. The Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday from 8.20am til 9am Please note: Due to a price increase, the sports Rugby Shorts are now \$26. Price list will be adjusted accordingly.

Thank you Sonia Thiel Uniform Shop Co ordinator

