Santa Clara School

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday 24th November 5pm P&F & School Board Sundowner & AGM, in the school hall

Wednesday 30th November 9.30am Pre-Primary Graduation

Thursday 1st December 5pm P&F Sausage Sizzle 6pm Santa Clara Christmas Concert

Friday 2nd December Reports to go home

Monday 5th December 3.30pm Keyed Up Music Concert

Friday 9th December Last Day for Students 9am Graduation Mass, Awards & Farewell Assembly (year 6)

2.30pm Final Assembly organised by Year 5



2017

Wednesday 1st February School Resumes Term 1

Lord

We pray that the children who pass through our schools do not carry away a piece of paper with them, but that they carry with them love, peace and joy.

That they become the sunshine of God's love to our people, the hope of eternal happiness, and the burning flame of love wherever they go.

That they become carriers of God's love.

That they be able to give what they have received.

Not to keep- but to share.

Amen



Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students

Santa Clara School recognises Jesus Christ as the ultimate head. He will be our school's vision. His Gospel, as it is transmitted by the Catholic Church, will be the basis for the school's shared outlook on life.

Christ is the Word who dwells among us (John 1:18) – the word we experience through tradition, sacred scripture and in the lives of all who offer Christian witness.

In Catholic Education 'conduct is always more important than speech'. Mandate Letter, Catholic Education Commission of WA.

GRATITUDE: CAN UNLOCK THE FULLNESS OF LIFE FOR US

To whom would you go, if you wanted to know how to practise gratitude in your life? Just think who drops everything and comes to greet you when you arrive home? Who never pretends to be something they're not? Who, no matter how often they are roused on, never sulks but runs straight back and makes friends? Of course, it is your dog!

"Acts of daily gratitude result in higher levels of alertness, enthusiasm, determination, optimism and energy. Additionally, people who perform acts of gratitude are more likely to help others, to exercise more regularly, make more progress towards personal goals and are more likely to feel loved. Gratitude encourages a positive cycle of kindness among people since one act of gratitude encourages another."

McCollough and Emmons Researchers

It would seem that any can improve their sense of wellbeing and create positive social effects by being grateful with what they have and do in life.

What great advice! Look at ourselves in a positive manner and allow gratitude to unlock the fullness of life for us. Be grateful for the demands others make of us, for that means that we are considered to be positive contributors in their lives. Be grateful for the weariness at the end of the day, for that means that we have been productive for ourselves and others. There is simply no end to the opportunity we have to be grateful people, provided we regard our 'glass of life' as being 'half-full'.

SANTA CLARA COMBINED SCHOOL BOARD AND P&F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Thursday 24th NOVEMBER -5.00 PM

A final reminder that our annual AGM will be held in the School hall on the above date at **5.00 pm** and this is an important meeting where the Board Chair and P&F Presidents and the School Principal report on the progress of the school year.

The meeting is wide open to all parents at our school. So please make every effort to attend.

The evening will commence with a Sundowner at 5.00 pm followed by the AGM at 5.30 pm. I hope to see you there.

OVERDUE FEE ACCOUNTS

Reminder letters for Fees have now been sent home. These Fees need to be finalised, before the end of this Term.

God bless



Richard Win Pe Principal



Tonight!
Sundowner at 5pm
Followed by the AGM at 5.30pm

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

Hello everyone,

The year is quickly coming to an end and the whole school is buzzing with Christmas cheer and excitement. All classes are busy preparing for the Christmas concert next week. It's wonderful to hear the Christmas music and children's singing voices throughout the day. It definitely is beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Santa Clara School!

IMPORTANT EVENTS:

30th November - 9.30am Pre-Primary Graduation

1st December - 6.00pm Christmas concert

2nd December - Reports go home 7th December - Yr 3 and 4 end of year excursion (The Maze)

9th December - 9.00am Graduation mass, awards & farewell assembly 2.30pm Final assembly for 2016 - Year 5 to prepare.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DATE: 1ST DECEMBER 2016

SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$3 - held by P&F commencing at 5.00pm

CONCERT TIME 6.00pm. Children need to be at school NO LATER than 5.45pm dressed in their edudance costume??

WHAT TO BRING: food, drinks, chairs, picnic rugs, etc.



COSTUMES FOR DANCE ITEMS - CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Below are the clothes required for each of the classes to wear on the night of the christmas concert. If you have any questions, please see the class teacher.

PRE-PRIMARY

Plain red t-shirt with Yellow A School bottoms

YEAR 1

White t-shirt with Minion contacted on front School bottoms

YEAR 2

Green t-shirt Turtle face /Ghostbuster contacted on front of t-shirt

YEAR 3 and 4

Colourful t-shirt with an 'emoji' contacted on front.

YEAR 5

White t-shirt
Black pants/shorts/leggings
Cap
Black accessory of some
description (eg wristband,
glove, tie etc)

YEAR 6

Boys - black t-shirt, Girls - coloured t-shirt
Black shorts/leggings
Long colourful socks

God Bless.

Mrs Mim Ellis

Assistant Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RE NEWS

CELEBRATING THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT - SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2016

On Sunday, 27 November, will be the beginning of the First Week of Advent.



As we begin Advent, we light one candle in the midst of all the darkness in our lives and in the world. It symbolizes our longing, our desire, our hope. Three "advents" or "comings" shape our desire. We want to be renewed in a sense that Jesus came to save us from our sin and death. We want to experience his coming to us now, in our everyday lives, to help us live our lives with meaning and purpose. And we want to prepare for his coming to meet us at the end of our lives on this earth.

Opening Prayer:

Let us pray that we may take Christ's coming seriously.

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Closing Prayer:

Lord God, I sense your power, your might and I stand in awe, painfully aware of how poor and weak I am before you.

As I begin this Advent journey, teach me to turn to you in my fear and sorrow. I don't want to keep making my heart hard against you turning a deaf ear to your invitation. Only you can help me to soften, to be like the clay in your gentle potter's hands.

Amen.

HELPING THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL - 2016



Help make tomorrow a better day.

Thank you to all the parents, staff and students who donated to the school's St Vincent De Paul Society Christmas Appeal over the last month. The goods will be picked up tomorrow by Daniel from St Vinnies and will make up Christmas hampers to give to families within the community. It is great to know that we, the Santa Clara community, will give some smiles to needy families around Christmas time.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER 2016

This year's Christmas Concert will be held next Thursday 1 December 2016, commencing at 6:00pm. The P&F will be serving sausage sizzles from 5:00pm. We look forward to all families attending this annual event.

YEAR SIX GRADUATION MASS FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER 2016 - 9:00am

This year's Graduation Mass for the Year Six students will be held on Friday 9 December at the Santa Clara Parish commencing at 9:00am. It will be great that all the school community will be able to witness this special event before our wonderful Year Six students depart Santa Clara School before entering their next journey of school life.

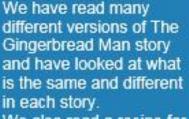
END OF SCHOOL YEAR FOR STUDENTS - FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER 2016

Parents are reminded that the last day of the school year for students is Friday 9 December 2016

Larry King
Assistant Principal Religious
Education



Snapshots of Kindy this term!



We also read a recipe for Gingerbread and then we made some! The Kindy smelt really yummy while they were cooking and we were watching out in case any jumped out of the oven!



Gingerbread math! Measuring and counting.

Gingerbread literacy-matching uppercase to lowercase letters.

Problem Solving – We had to work out a way to get the Gingerbread Man across the river using the materials provided. Looking for the gingerbread man that escaped from the board! We had ten and when we counted again there was only nine!



In the Home corner we were dressing up as characters from the story and baking Gingerbread Men too! Using the iPads to listen to a Gingerbread Man story. We scan the QR code to get the link!

Gingerbread men

at the play dough

table! We had to count out the

correct number.

CANTEEN ROSTERS	
Friday 25 th November	Monday 28 th November
Elsa Callanan	Help <mark>Needed</mark>
Friday 2 nd December	Monday 5 th December
Sharon Morris	Help Needed
Friday 9 th December Michelle Kinsman	

P&F Coming Events:

Term 4

Santa Clara Christmas Concert-Thursday 1st December 5pm P&F Sausage Sizzle



Uniform Shop News

Pre-ordered Uniforms are now ready for collection Please note the Uniform Shop Opening Times:

Wednesday 30th November 8.20 – 11.30am Wednesday 7th December 8.20 – 11.30am Wednesday 16th December 8.20 – 11.30am Tuesday 31st January 2017 9 - 11am







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