



# Santa Clara School

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 4 August:

- 2:30pm Assembly

Sunday 6 August:  
The Transfiguration  
of the Lord

Tuesday 8 August:

- 9:00am Mass - Feast of St Mary of the Cross – Mary MacKillop – and in class activities

Wednesday 9 August:

- Year 6 Schoenstatt Shrine Excursion
- Year 5 Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment

Thursday 10 August:

- 4:30pm Confirmation Parent/Child Workshop

Friday 11 August:

- St Clare's Feast Day
- 9:00am Mass (Year 1)
- 10:20am Fete
- 11:40am Talent Show
- 1:30pm Tabloid Activities

PLEASE NOTE THAT  
THE CANTEEN WILL  
ONLY BE OPEN FOR  
RECESS TODAY.

Monday 14 August:

- Book Week Incursion

Tuesday 15 August:

- 9:00am Whole School Mass – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Year 5)

Wednesday 16 August:

- UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED TODAY
- Book Fair Sales 8:20am – 8:40am 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Year 3 Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment

Thursday 17 August:

- UNIFORM SHOP OPEN FROM 8:20am TODAY
- Book Fair Sales 8:20am – 8:40am 2:45pm – 3:15pm

Friday 18 August:

- Book Fair Sales 8:20am – 8:40am
- 9:00am Year 6 Participation Mass
- 1:30pm Walk Through Art Gallery
- 2:15pm Year 3 Curriculum Assembly

3 August 2017

## PRAYER:

*Lord, help us to remember that the children we teach  
do not come to school empty handed.*

*They bring with them the habits,  
attitudes and feelings engendered by living within the family.*

*Remind us that we share and care in the lives  
of these children in partnership with parents.*

*Grant us the wisdom and grace  
to use our professional skills effectively  
to make this a fruitful partnership which will benefit the child,  
the family and the community.*

*Be with us each day, Lord,  
that Your presence may inspire us in a life of service.*

**Dear Parents/Carers, Staff and  
Students**

### Happy St Clare's Feast Day.

We celebrate St Clare's Feast Day on Friday 11 August, the patron saint of our school. Let us recall our school prayer.

***Father in Heaven,  
as a member of the Santa Clara  
School community,  
I honour You today.***

***Thank you for all the gifts  
we have received from You.  
Help us to develop our talents  
and grow daily  
more like Your Son, Jesus.  
Stay with us in all that we do  
and help us in our work.  
St Clare and St Dominic,  
pray for us. Amen***

As we celebrate our feast day, we remind ourselves that at Santa Clara School, we treat all people with kindness and respect. We respond politely when spoken to. We accept correction and take responsibility for our actions.

### FEDERAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS

Over the past few months, there has been a lot of information in the media

about the Turnbull Government's Quality Schools funding package and its impact on Catholic school fees.

The package proposed by the Government is a 10-year funding model, which will see significant changes to how Catholic schools are funded in the future. Like the majority of Catholic schools, our school aims to be open and accessible to all families seeking a Catholic education.

Our Executive Director, Dr Tim McDonald, has assured families, in a letter sent to all parents, via our school, that CEWA (Catholic Education Western Australia) will continue to maintain a laser focus on affordability, to ensure accessibility for every family seeking a Catholic education.

CEWA's current federal funding arrangements will remain in place for 2018. The next 12 months will also provide CEWA, as a system, with the time to consider how the additional funding, provided by the Federal Government, will be distributed across the system, meeting the needs of our students.

## ANAPHYLAXIS

You would have read the headlines and seen the news stories: food allergies are growing concern in schools across Australia. Millions of children – 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.

As part of our Christian 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 the parents and medical professionals because of the seriousness of the possible reactions.

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I thank you for your cooperation in making our school a safe school for all children.

## STUDENTS LEAVING

If your child will not be returning to school in 2018, please advise the office as we have children waiting for places in some year levels.

## PRINCIPAL ON LONG SERVICE LEAVE

**The Executive Director of Catholic Education Western Australia has granted my request for Long Service Leave, commencing 8 August until 18 August 2017. During my absence, Mr King will be the Acting Principal.**

God bless

***Richard Win Pe***  
***Principal***

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

### ST CLARE'S FEAST DAY – FRIDAY 11 AUGUST 2017 – TERM 3 WEEK 4

**The Feast Day of Santa Clara**, whom our school is named after, occurs next Friday 11 August 2017. This day is always special to our community. We are going to celebrate her memory with three activities, which will help the children remember her story.

We once again ask parents to help to make our Fundraising a success on our St Clare's Feast Day. Each class will organise a stall to raise funds for the children who are in the Catholic Missions around the world. Our stalls will be run during the day and will begin operating at around 10:20am for approximately seventy minutes. We ask that parents volunteer items for the stalls your children's classrooms are operating so that our event is successful. Most stalls will operate at a cost of 50 cents (with exception of the Year Three whole cakes stall). Some may be as little as 20 cents. Please send your child/ren along to school on Friday 11 August with a few coins to spend. Could we please ask that you send along coins such as 10, 20 and 50 cents so that change does not become a concern.

Please note the Feast of Santa Clara Mass will be held on Friday 11 August 2017 at the Santa Clara Parish commencing at 9:00am.

The agenda for the day is as follows:

9:00-9:45am	St Clare Mass at the Santa Clara Parish
10:20-11:30am	School Fete

The Stalls are:

Year Level	Stall	Please send along ...
Pre-Primary	Popcorn	Miss Partington to advise parents
Year One	Pop Stick Raffle	Red Dot prizes
Year Two	Cup Cakes	Cup cakes and other single serve cakes
Year Three	Whole Cakes	Whole cakes with name and ingredients in cake
Year Four	Savoury Foods	Savoury muffins etc.
Year Five	Art Gallery	Parents have been advised by Miss Cooper
Year Six	Games/Raffles	Fun packs as prizes

11:45am-12:50pm	Talent Showcase (various Year Six Leadership students to compare)
12:50-1:30pm	Lunch – P&F to supply a sausage sizzle for all children and staff
1:30-3:00pm	Tabloid afternoon (3 mixed groups – Pre-Primary-Year 6) – 30 mins per session.
	1. Dance in Hall – Just Dance (Lia & Christina)
	2. Art in Pre-Primary
	3. Tabloid Sport – Footy goal shooting, Beat the goalkeeper - soccer goal shooting, Adventure playground activity, basketball shooting

**THE YEAR TWO ASSEMBLY SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW (FRIDAY 4 AUGUST) WILL NOW BE HELD IN TERM 4. PARENTS TO BE ADVISED.**

### **THE BISHOPS' RELIGIOUS LITERACY ASSESSMENT 2017**

At the request of the Western Australian Bishops, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 9 students in Catholic schools across Western Australia will take part in *The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment* (BRLA) from the week commencing next **Monday 7 August 2017**. The assessment will be accessible to students only online.

Students enrolled in Year 3, Year 5 and Year 9 who are following a regular classroom program are expected to participate. Students with disability are also entitled to participate in the assessment. Exemptions may apply.

#### **The Nature and Role of the BRLA**

*The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment* is a large-scale, standardised assessment program that consists of a series of Religious Education (RE) assessments. The purpose of the BRLA is to measure student learning of the content in the RE curriculum. The test items in the BRLA are developed and mostly marked by the Office of Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA). Formal school and student reports are produced by the CEWA for students in Year 5 and Year 9.

The BRLA provides a 'point in time' snapshot of student performance in RE. Students' knowledge and understanding of the content of the RE curriculum is assessed using a combination of multiple choice, short and extended response items. Students' faith is not assessed. The use of the BRLA complements the school based assessment programs in RE.

The important dates and times for the Year Three and Five students are:

- Wednesday 9 August 2017 - 10:50am to 12:50pm  
BRLA Assessment (Year 5)
- Wednesday 16 August 2017 – 8:40am to 10:50am  
BRLA Assessment (Year 3)

**REMINDER: Athletics Carnival Practice (this term) on Mondays & Wednesdays from 8:40am to 9:00am. Students are permitted to wear their sports uniform on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for this term.**

### **WHOLE SCHOOL MASS – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – TUESDAY 15 AUGUST 2017**

The Assumption of Mary into Heaven, often shortened to the Assumption and also known as the Falling Asleep of the Blessed Virgin Mary, according to the beliefs of the Catholic Church, was the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life.

A whole school mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 15 August 2017 at the Santa Clara Church commencing at 9:00am. The Year Five class will be organising the mass.

### **YEAR SIX SCHOENSTATT SHRINE EXCURSION – SACRAMENT FOR CONFIRMATION**

The Year Six class will be attending an excursion at the Schoenstatt Shrine next Wednesday 9 August, in preparation for the Sacrament for Confirmation. The following afternoon (Thursday 10 August), all students (with the parents) receiving the Sacrament for Confirmation will be attending a Parent/Child Sacrament Workshop in the school hall at 4:45pm.

Regards

**Larry King**  
(Assistant Principal Religious Education)

## **SCHOOL FEES**

Term 3 statements have been sent out for your information. If you are paying by instalments, please make sure your payment is made by the end of Week 5 (20 August). For any queries, or to discuss options if you are unable to make your payment, please contact myself or Richard Win Pe prior to the due date.

Many thanks.

**Jaimee Wyss**  
Finance Officer





**Please note that the Uniform Shop will be closed on Wednesday 16 August but will open on Thursday 17 August from 8:20am.**

## Kindy & Pre-Primary



Dear Families,

When was the last time you cleaned out your kitchen cupboards or gardening shed?

**Now is the time!!**

The Kindy and Pre-Primary classes would love to make use of any old buckets, mixing bowls, pots, pans, cake tins, large tupperware containers, funnels, sieves, kitchen utensils, small gardening tools and PVC piping that you may have for our nature playground.

Even if you aren't sure, bring it down and we will decide (nothing sharp please). Please bring it down to Miss Partington or Mrs Adams.

Many thanks!!

**Lia Partington**  
Pre-Primary Teacher



## Escape to Everywhere ...

Scholastic Book Fair and Book Week Celebration

Book Fair Sales in Hall

8.20-8.45am 2.45-3.15pm Wednesday 16/8 Thursday 17/8

8.20-8.45am Friday 18/8

Classroom  
Walkthrough  
Art Gallery

Teacher's  
Favourite  
Book Display

Competitions to  
Win Scholastic  
Vouchers



## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The uniform shop has a limited number of track tops and track pants for sale, as we are phasing out this style and bringing in a new tracksuit from 2018. *A letter has been sent home with more details (and also attached to this newsletter)*

Track tops \$15 / Track pants \$10

Kindy track tops, pants and T-shirts all \$5

We will no longer accept the current tracksuits for second hand sale.

Thank you

**Sonia Thiel**  
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

## Canteen News

**St Clare's Feast Day**  
**Friday 11 August**

The canteen will only open for recess.

A sausage sizzle lunch will be provided for all children and staff by the P&F Committee.

Thank you

**Sonia Thiel**  
Canteen Manager

## CANTEEN ROSTERS TERM 3

Friday 4 August <b>Tanya Spiegl</b>	Monday 7 August <b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Friday 11 August <b>Sharon Morris</b>	Monday 14 August <b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Friday 18 August <b>Lyn Nurzenski</b>	Monday 21 August <b>HELP NEEDED</b>

## Catholic Performing Arts 2017

On 26 July, the Year 3 and 4 students braved the stormy weather to perform in their first Performing Arts performance at the Don Russell Performing Arts Centre in Thornlie.

Students performed two pieces in the Instrumental Ensemble category, Au Clair de la Lune and Midnight Bossa. Students played on recorders, xylophones, egg shakers and woodblock. Other instrumental ensembles included clarinets, flutes and saxophones.

Despite being the youngest group, the students performed with focus and professionalism. A short snippet from adjudicator Chris Goff's comments read:

*'Congratulations on this wonderful performance. You prepared very well and were able to play confidently and accurately. Some excellent ensemble playing'.*

I would like to thank Mrs Ellis, Mr King, Mr Mallen and Mrs Wong (Emily's mum) for their help and support. Well done Year 3s and 4s on the promising ensemble playing.

**Tiffany Tan**  
**Music Teacher**



**Dawit Abraham**  
receiving a hand  
shake from  
adjudicator  
Chris Goff.  
(Photo courtesy  
of Mrs Wong)

**Years 3 and 4**  
receiving  
applause for  
their  
performance.  
(Photo  
courtesy of  
Mrs Wong)



## Sports News from the End of Last Term!

### 'Staff vs Student' Netball

A 'Staff vs Year Six Student' netball game was held during a lunch break at the end of last term. A huge amount of skill was shown by both teams but in the end the staff's extra height and wisdom won them the game. Miss Cooper lead the staff's team to victory in centre position, with Mr Win Pe preventing the goals in defence and Mrs Ellis making a come back in her past goal shooting position. We, also, were lucky enough to have Mr King and Mrs Hawkins umpiring the game. Big thanks to all who participated. It was a lunchtime full of laughs, smiles and cheering.



### Interschool Lightning Carnival

On 23 June, we had our Year Four to Six students representing Santa Clara in the Interschool Lightning Carnival. These students made up a football team, a soccer team and 2 netball teams. It was great to see all having an excellent day and doing their school proud. In particular, the soccer team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and the Year 6 netball team in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. What an amazing achievement! A huge thank you to those parents who came out and spent their day coaching one of these teams. Your time and effort is immensely appreciated. Well done Santa Clara!



**Miss Fitzpatrick**  
**Physical Education Teacher**



## Santa Clara School

### New Tracksuits for 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you that, in 2018, the present windcheaters and tracksuit pants will be replaced with a new Micro fibre jacket and tracksuit pants.

This change has come about due to several requests from parents and, after many a discussion with Mr Win Pe, Leadership Team and School Board, it was decided that a change to the tracksuit was long overdue.

The new track top and pants have many great features. They are made from Micro fibre with a jersey lining. The jacket has a full zip front, two zippered pockets and elasticated cuffs with adjustable flap. The pants are also jersey lined to the knee and below the knee, they are lined with polyester taffeta. They have an elasticated waist with a drawstring, two open side pockets and back zipper pocket and also featured is a bottom leg zipper to allow pants to be pulled over shoes.

The jacket will be maroon in colour with a white splice and stripe with the school crest embroidered on the left hand side. The pants are also plain maroon in colour.

The new tracksuit will have a two year phase in period, however, families with children enrolled in the Pre-Primary class in 2018, will be required to purchase the new style of tracksuit along with any new families that start in February 2018. We aim to have all children wearing the new tracksuit by 2020.

Order forms with prices for the new track tops and pants will be sent home at a later date.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely

**Sonia Thiel**  
**Uniform Shop Coordinator**  
**Santa Clara School**





**Support our  
School**

### **WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN**

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**Thank you for your support.**



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