



Santa Clara School

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IMPORTANT DATES

9 November 2017

Friday 10 November:

- 10:50am Remembrance Day Ceremony – Year 6 Curriculum Assembly
- 2:15pm Year 2 Curriculum Assembly - *Please note change in date*

Wednesday 15 November:

- 9:00am Kindergarten Classroom visit by Fr Chris

THURSDAY

16 NOVEMBER
6:00pm – 7:00pm
Kindergarten 2018 Parent Information Session

FRIDAY

17 NOVEMBER
9:10am – 10:00am
Kindergarten 2018 Orientation Session

Friday 17 November:

- 9:00am Year 4 Participation Mass
- 2:30pm Assembly

Monday 20 November:

- St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper collection

THURSDAY
23 NOVEMBER

3:15pm Year 3 (Year 4 2018) 1:1 Program Parent Session

5:00pm Combined P&F & Board Sundowner 5:30pm AGM

SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER
FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

WEDNESDAY
29 NOVEMBER
9:30am PRE-PRIMARY GRADUATION

Thursday 30 November:

- 6:00pm Christmas Concert

PRAYER:

“People are often unreasonable and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you.

Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway.”

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Dear Parents/Guardians, Staff and Students

Parent Contact Details

The School needs to successfully communicate with families, especially at short notice and it is important that family contact details are kept up to date.

On many occasions, we encounter difficulties in trying to contact parents or guardians by telephone.

Home and mobile numbers are often out of service, mobiles switched off, or message bank facilities lacking. Occasionally work situations have changed making day time contact by phone or email difficult.

We ask that all families pass on any changes of contact details to the school as quickly as possible.

SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS

There are a significant number of accounts that have not been paid.

Accounts are now overdue and I would ask parents to please pay these by the end of the week as a matter of urgency. Reminder notices may need to be sent out next week.

2017 End of Term 4

A final reminder that school closes for students on Friday 8 December and for staff on Friday 15 December.

2018 Start of School Semester 1, Term 1

Students start Wednesday 31 January 2018 and end Friday 13 April 2018.

Teachers start Monday 29 January 2018 and end Friday 13 April 2018.

SCHOOL BOARD & P&F AGM 2017

I would encourage as many parents as possible to keep Thursday 23 November 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.

The Sundowner will commence at 5.00pm, followed by the combined School Board and P&F, Annual General Meeting at 5.30pm in the Santa Clara School Hall.

Santa Clara School

Annual General Community Meeting

**The Santa Clara School Annual General Community Meeting
will be held on Thursday 23 November 2017 at 5:30pm.
(Sundowner from 5:00pm)**

Santa Clara School Board

School Board Function:

The Board shall carry out the following functions in pursuit of its objectives:

- Planning for the present and future operation of the School
- Providing membership of the panels for the employment of staff to the School in accordance with CECWA policy
- Providing membership of the panel which recommends the appointment of a Principal in accordance with CECWA policy
- Disseminating information about the School and about Catholic education to persons and organizations in the local Catholic community
- Liaising in all matters relating to the financial management of the School with persons and organizations in the local Catholic community
- Managing all the finances associated with the School and
- Advising the Principal with respect to School policy

When vacancies exist, each year at the Annual General Community Meeting, Board Members are elected for a two-year term.

We invite persons who are interested in nominating for the Santa Clara School Board, or nominating someone else, who possess the following criteria, to complete the nomination form attached.

Criteria for membership for the Board shall be:

- Possession of special skills that will be an asset to the Board
- A deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff
- A desire to give service to the Catholic School Community
- A keenness to promote Catholic schooling
- An ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all other members of the Board, and
- A sufficiency of time to devote to Board duties

I urge you to give serious consideration to being on the School Board and complete and return nomination forms by **Friday 17 November 2017** to the school office.

Santa Clara School Parents and Friends' Association

The Education of our Children

The Role of Parents and Parents & Friends' Committee

ROLE OF PARENTS

The education of children takes place at home, at school and in the wider community.

Parents, having conferred life on their children, have a solemn obligation to educate them. Therefore the family is the first school, the atmosphere of learning and love that teaches children language, social virtues, Christian values, reverence for God and respect for their fellowman.

When schooling commences, parents have a continuing role as educators in partnership with the professional teacher. Education is lifelong and schooling, although vitally important, is only part of it.

The participation of parents in the education of their children can occur only when both teachers and parents feel comfortable and confident in a welcoming climate brought about by open communication between the school and the parent community.

The success of this important partnership is dependent on the attitude of teachers and parents and their mutual recognition and respect for their different but equally important roles. Education, whilst being child-centred, is a sharing of knowledge between teacher, parents, children and the community.

Members of the P & F should:

- Strive to develop at the school a real community of parents, teachers and students
- Work closely with the school Principal to achieve common goals
- Act as a liaison between the wider school community and the Board
- Ensure that a high level of social and educational interaction exists between home and school, parents and teachers
- Endeavour to have all parents enjoy the experience of their children's formal school years by active participation and personal involvement in the school programmes
- Provide a healthy forum for ideas and discussion
- Work to provide additional resources which are considered necessary for the children
- Assist in planning and organising functions with the social, sporting, cultural and educational life at the school and
- Organise guest speakers for the P & F Association on current and suggested educational programmes, faith development and other matters of interest

Nomination forms should be returned to the school office no later than **Friday 17 November 2017**.

We look forward to your attendance at the meeting and sharing light refreshments with other community members from **5:00pm in the hall, with 5:30pm start**. Please complete the attached reply slip for catering purposes and return to the school office also by **Friday 17 November 2017**.

Have a good weekend.

Richard Win Pe
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

HELPING THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL - 2017

Thank you to all the students and parents who have already brought in non-perishable donations to assist our St Vincent De Paul Society appeal. 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 continue to 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	Custard
Tinned Fruit	Bon Bons
Tea / Coffee / Milo	Long Life Milk
Cereal	Dried Fruit
Fruit Mince Pies	Tinned Vegetables
Tinned Peas / Corn	Jelly
Long Life Juice	Christmas Cake
Pasta & Pasta Sauce	Jam
Vegemite / Peanut Butter	Muesli Bars
Pancake Mix	Socks
Cleaning Products	Toiletries
Washing Powder	Nappies

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

Our appeal continues until Monday 20 November 2017 (the beginning of Week 7) 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.



Help make tomorrow a better day.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY – FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2017

Tomorrow, the Year Six class will be presenting a Remembrance Ceremony at 10:50am. Parents are welcome to attend.


YEAR TWO CURRICULUM ASSEMBLY – FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2017

Parents and friends are welcome to attend tomorrow’s Year Two Curriculum Assembly in the school hall. The Assembly commences at 2:15pm.

FATHER CHRIS VISITING KINDY – WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2017

Father Chris will be visiting the Kindergarten children on Wednesday 15 November at 9:00am. Parents are welcome to attend.

Larry King
Assistant Principal



Orders and payments for Scholastic are due by Monday 20 November 2017. This is the last issue for the year!

Thank you from Ms Cotton

OSC News

OSC Vacation Care Programs for December & January 2018 will be available from Friday 17 November.

All Forms need to be returned no later than Monday 4 December.

Thank you
Keren

CANTEEN ROSTERS TERM 4

Friday 10 November Lyn Nurzenski	Monday 13 November HELP NEEDED
Friday 17 November Michelle Kinsman	Monday 20 November HELP NEEDED
Friday 24 November Tanya Spiegl	Monday 27 November HELP NEEDED
Friday 1 December Thuy Phan	Monday 4 December Sharon Morris
Friday 8 December Lyn Nurzenski	



We have a number of Sipahh Straws still available.

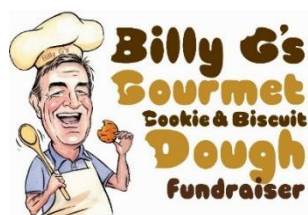
They come in a pack of 4 of each flavour for \$2.
That's only 50c per straw!

Available in Choc Mint, Cocoa Bean Chocolate, Strawberry and Cookies & Cream.

Each straw contains less than half a teaspoon of sugar!

I will be available every morning and afternoon in the school undercover area if you would like any further information or wish to make a purchase.

Thank You for your support!



**FUNDRAISING HAS NEVER TASTED SO GOOD!
BAKE YOUR VERY OWN DELICIOUS COOKIES!!**

The current scheduled day for pick-up of your orders is Friday 24 November.

(I will notify you immediately if this date changes)

They will be available for pick up in the undercover area from 2:30pm.

Thank you to all who placed an order and for your continued support.

School Banking News



Congratulations to all who are part of the School Banking Programme at Santa Clara. In Term 3, you collectively banked just over \$1,650.00, bringing the total for the year so far to about \$5,157.54!!!!

****If you're not part of the programme, then now or anytime is the perfect time to ask Mum or Dad to open a Bank account for you and you can start saving for that "special" thing that you want.****

\$\$ Younger siblings can also be part of the programme; just open an account. \$\$

If you are part of the programme and haven't been making deposits to your bank account, then come and see me (Friday mornings).

Also, if you have lots of Dollarmites at home and are wondering what to do with them, please return them to me so that I can re-use them.

Don't forget that when you've made 10 deposits you can order Rewards! (Make sure that you choose something that is available in the correct Term)

I am looking forward to next Year.

Account opening session scheduled for Friday 23 February 2018.

**Lots of love from
\$\$\$ Susie the School Banking Bunny \$\$\$**



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School Board - Nomination Form 2018

I _____ wish to nominate for election to the Santa Clara School Board:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Nominations close Friday 17 November 2017)



Santa Clara School

Parents & Friends' Association - Nomination Form 2018

I _____ wish to nominate for:

President Treasurer Secretary Committee Member

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Nominations close Friday 17 November 2017)



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Annual General Community Meeting Reply Slip

I will be attending the Annual General Community Meeting (from 5:00pm with light refreshments in the hall and 5:30pm start) on Thursday 23 November 2017.

Name: _____