## Santa Clara School

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#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

#### Friday 17 August:

- 9:30am PAF Year 4
   & Year 6
- 2:15pm Year 2 Curriculum Assembly
- 5:30pm School Disco

#### Friday 24 August:

- 9:00am Year 3 Participation Mass
- 9:00am Kindy & Pre-Primary Athletics Carnival
- 2:15pm Pre-Primary Curriculum Assembly

#### Tuesday 28 August:

- 8:45am Year 1
   Classroom visit by
   Father Chris
- 6:00pm P&F Meeting
- 6:45pm Board Meeting

# Thursday 30 August: • Father's Day Raffle

### Friday 31 August:

Faction Athletics

 Carnival for Years 1
 6 at Wyong
 Reserve, Pollock
 Street, Bentley

SUNDAY 2 SEPTEMBER FATHER'S DAY

## Friday 7 September:

2:15pm Year 3 Curriculum Assembly

SUNDAY
9 SEPTEMBER
9:30am
CONFIRMATION MASS
AT SANTA CLARA
CHURCH

Thursday 13 September: Harmony Day Celebrations



FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER PUPIL FREE DAY –

# **ENCOURAGEMENT**

It must be tempting to succumb to what I call the **FUD** factor.

I know because I've been there.

The Fear, Uncertainty and Doubt

Is only put there by the detractors and critics Who don't know you anyway.

You are there because you are the best and they are not, Remember that.

I know you will ignore the distractions.

FOCUS on the job at hand, and
ONCENTRATE on yours and the team'

**CONCENTRATE** on yours and the team's **GOALS** (in that order).

You will succeed because you have what it takes ........

Kieran Perkins, b. 1973
Australian Olympic Swimming Gold Medallist.
From a fax in June 1997 to Mark Taylor, Australian Cricket Captain 1994-1999.

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

# FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION: WEDNESDAY, 15 AUGUST

This was a Holy Day of Obligation. Mary was a very special person in every sense of the word. She was the Mother of Jesus and, as such, was born without original sin. As a fitting reward for the life she dedicated so wonderfully to God, she was taken up to Heaven, body and soul, when the course of her life on earth was finished.



'Almighty, ever-living God, you raised to eternal glory the body and soul of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Your Son. Grant that our minds may always be directed heavenward and that we may deserve to share her glory. Amen'.

# Sensory Play in Early Childhood Education at Santa Clara School

Learning experiences for the children have included buckets filled with water so that the children can pour, measure, mix and stir. They use utensils and tools to play with the water and this helps to develop their early numeracy as well as their knowledge

of cause and effect.

Sensory experiences are a way to facilitate exploration and naturally encourage children to use scientific processes while they create, investigate and explore. It excites the senses, allowing them to gain a better understanding of taste, sight, smell, touch and even hearing.

I extend my gratitude to Mrs Adams, our Kindergarten teacher, and Miss Partington, our Pre-Primary Teacher, along with the Education Assistant team of Mrs Raschella, Mrs Nunn, Mrs Rebello and Mrs Wilson for their patience and tireless work with the children in their care.

#### **Plenary Council**

WA Archbishop, Timothy Costelloe SDB, launched the 2020 Plenary Council during the Vigil Mass of Trinity Sunday on 26 May at 6:00pm.

In announcing the launch, Archbishop Costelloe affirmed that this would be a momentous occasion for the Catholic Church in Australia and carries with it the hopes, dreams and aspirations of

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everyone involved.

The Plenary Council invite all Australians to engage in an open and inclusive process of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

"Your voice is needed – join in! Speak boldly and with passion, listen with an open and humble heart. With faith and guided by God's Holy Spirit, we journey together, toward the future."

#### Santa Clara School – Inclusive Education

All schools are required to adhere to the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*. Santa Clara School, therefore, makes reasonable adjustments to ensure students with disability are able to participate in education on the same basis as students without disability.

The Students with Disabilities (SWD) program is a State Government funded program that aims to support the education of students with disabilities to access curriculum.

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on Schools Student with Disability (NCCD) is the Federal Government's implementation of a nationally consistent approach to collecting data on school students with disability and provides all Australian schools, education authorities and the community with information about the number of students with disability and the level of adjustment provided for them to participate in schooling.

Santa Clara has participated in the 2018 NCCD and the collection of data applies only to students with disabilities.

#### **School Dates**

Please ensure you stay up to date with all school dates via the numerous communication avenues which includes school/class newsletter, assemblies and website.

#### **ABSENCES AND LATE STUDENTS**

#### Not Returning to School

If you are withdrawing your child's/children's enrolment, an 'Exit Form' needs to be completed and returned to school. These are available from the office.

#### Leaving

If your child is leaving the school grounds at any time during the day (ie for doctor or dental appointments), you are required to sign your child out at the school office. These details are recorded in the 'Early Departures' book with a green form issued for your child's teacher.

#### Late

If your child arrives at school after the first bell (8:40am), please send them to the front office to be

signed in. If they are not signed in, they will be recorded as an unexplained absence.

#### Going on Holiday or Away Sick

If your child/ren are going to be away during the school term, please notify the front office via:

- Email to admin@santaclara.wa.edu.au OR
- Phone call, with an email to admin OR
- Completing an Absentee Form at Administration or Dropping in an Absentee Note to the school office

Written notification or email is required for all absences and must contain:

- Your child's name & class
- The beginning date and return date of their absence AND
- The reason for your child's absence

It is a legal requirement in maintaining class rolls so it would be greatly appreciated if parents could send in notes or emails for absentees as soon as possible.

Your child's absence will only be recorded as a notified absence if you advise the school on the day of absence or provide a medical certificate.

#### HATS & OTHER CLOTHING

Please label your child's hat using a permanent marker or white out on the brim of the hat to assist the front office and teachers with the return of missing hats to their owners.

#### CHILD SAFETY AND WELLBEING

Parents are reminded that staff supervision commences at 8:40am. Parents who require care before this time are asked to book their child into the 'Before/After/Vacation School Care Programme'.

#### **Mobile Phones**

A reminder to all parents that the use of mobile phones whilst driving is widely considered dangerous due to its potential for causing distracted driving and accidents. Many people fail to realise that being on their phone whilst driving their car endangers not only their life but the lives of everyone around them as well.

It has been brought to my attention that a parent was on their mobile phone whilst driving inside the school premises. I urge parents not to be on their mobile phones whilst entering or exiting school premises and elsewhere, too. You need to be good role models to your children. Thank you.

#### God bless

Richard Win Pe Principal

#### **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS**

#### **NAPLAN ONLINE - School Readiness Test**

You may have heard that NAPLAN Online was introduced in 2018, with 274 Western Australian schools participating. Our school will be transitioning to NAPLAN Online in 2019.

NAPLAN online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. Your child's results will be returned to the school faster, within a few weeks rather than a few months

This trial, called the School Readiness Test (SRT), will enable us to assess our technical readiness to implement the new online assessments. In addition, it will give us a chance to try out the new national online assessment platform in a real-life classroom environment.

During August of 2018, **all** students in Year 5 will participate in a trial of the assessment platform by undertaking two online readiness test/s that include examples of the new NAPLAN online questions. Each test will take about 45 minutes to complete.

Participating in this trial is important as it will help us ensure we have adequate internet connectivity, and whether students have access to a sufficient number of devices for NAPLAN Online testing. During the trial, our teachers will have the opportunity to practice managing the classroom logistics for an online assessment and the new test administration processes.

The readiness test has not been constructed to assess curriculum knowledge, but rather to provide students with an opportunity to experience the types of questions that will be included in the new online assessments. As such, reports will not be provided.

Participation in the SRT is a key step to ensuring a successful NAPLAN online experience in 2019.

#### St Clare's Feast Day

We had a terrific time on Monday celebrating St Clare's Feast Day. Coming together as a school community to celebrate Mass was a great way to start the day.



A huge "THANK YOU" to Miss Carcione and Year 1 for leading us so beautifully throughout the Mass. I would also like to acknowledge the terrific

turnout of parents and grandparents who were able to come along and join us for the Mass. Your presence was greatly appreciated and certainly helps us to develop in the children that notion of different generations of people coming together to share and celebrate their faith.

After recess, the rest of the day was spent in some fun-filled group activities including our Fete, Talent Show, an amazing sausage sizzle and Tabloid sports. I never realised how many talented actors and actresses we had amongst our students! All in all it was a great day that I think all the children and staff enjoyed very much. Special thanks must go to Miss Partington, Miss Carcione, Mrs Grech, Mrs Daniels and Mrs Rebello for planning and organising the activities.

Many thanks to all the parents who provided items to be sold at the fete and a BIG thank you to those who came and assisted with the BBQ and manning the fete stalls. Your help is greatly appreciated.

#### The Feast of the Assumption Mass

Thank you to the Year 5 class who organised our Mass yesterday for the Feast of the Assumption. It was a Holy Day of Obligation, so it was an important feast day to honour the day that the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken up to heaven, body and soul. Thank you to everyone who attended this Mass and came together as one school and parish community to give praise and thanks to Mary and God.

#### **Athletics Carnival**

A reminder that we have our Athletics Carnivals coming up.

- ➤ The Kindy/Pre-Primary Carnival will take place on Friday, 24 August (Week 6) at 9:00am.
- ➤ The Faction Athletics Carnival for the Years 1 to 6 will occur at Wyong Reserve on Friday, 31 August (Week 7).

**REMINDER:** The Canteen will be closed on the day.

There will be a coffee van at the Faction Athletics Carnival for parents, so we encourage you to please come along and celebrate a great day of athletics!

Fiona Messer Acting Assistant Principal





Our very own **Sue Hawkins** received a Certificate of Appreciation for her 30 years of service in Catholic Education at the CEWA breakfast on Wednesday, 8 August.

We are so proud of Sue and her contribution to Catholic Education; she has made an impact on many students' and families' lives in her 30 years as a teacher.

Well done Mrs Hawkins!

# Harmony Day Celebrations at Santa Clara Thursday 13 September 2018

Do you practice Tai Chi, meditation, yoga, dance or any pass time that is unique to a particular culture? Would you like to share that pursuit with the students from Santa Clara? The school is celebrating the different cultural backgrounds of all our students and would love to hear from anyone who would be willing to present their particular craft, practice or hobby to our students. If this could be you, or a group that you may belong to, please contact Helen Jackson via email: Helen.Jackson@cewa.edu.au.

We are also looking for Santa Clara students who would like to present their particular hobby, craft, martial art, dance etc to their school community. Please use the email address above if this could be your child.



# **Canteen News**

The Canteen will be closed on Friday, 31 August for the Faction Athletics Carnival.

Sonia Thiel Canteen Manager



Santa Clara School LEAD Award Winners

Santa Clara received a LEAD award at the CEWA breakfast on Wednesday, 8 August for our Santa Clara Core Values Program.

The Core Values Program Coordinators, **Mrs Denise Grech & Mrs Kristy Madafferi**, were presented with the award by the Honourable Sue Ellery MLC, Minister for Education and Training.

Our Core Values program was recognised for providing excellence in education under the LEAD category for Accountability. We are thrilled to receive this prestigious award. Congratulations to all the staff and students for their efforts in making our unique program come to life by embedding these values into our everyday lives.



## **BOOK COVERING**

If you are able to help with some book covering, please come and see me in the Library on Tuesdays and maybe grab a bundle or two.

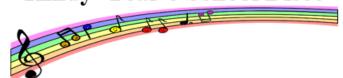
Thanks so much from Mrs Kinsman

## **Uniform Shop**

Open Wednesday mornings From 8:20am – 9:20am

CANTEEN ROSTERS	
Friday 17 August Lyn Nurzenski	Monday 20 August HELP NEEDED
Friday 24 August Theresa Lwin	Monday 27 August Sharon Morris
Friday 31 August ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – CANTEEN CLOSED	Monday 3 September HELP NEEDED

# Santa Clara P & F Kindy–Year 6 School Disco



Come dressed as your favourite MOVIE character

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August 5.30pm till 8.00pm

In the School Hall

**Entry \$5 per child** 

Parents are welcome to stay for a gold coin donation

Glow Sticks, Drinks &Treats available to purchase Professional DJ and MC Lots of games & prizes

Drop off and pick up at the Pollock St gate

This event is for Santa Clara Students only





Our Entertainment Fundraiser to support Santa Clara School is coming to an end.

Hurry, we only have few hard copies left and we will be returning the books by **Friday**, 31 **August 2018**.

You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do and help our fundraising at the same time!

Please contact Michelle Kinsman if you would like to place an order, have any questions, or would like to have a browse through one of the books.



# **Father's Day Raffle**

The P & F will be running a Father's Day Raffle.

Spoil your Dad this Father's Day with a signed AND framed Guernsey **from** 

West Coast Eagles
OR
Fremantle Dockers

\$2 each or 3 for \$5

Tickets have been sent home with your child. The prize will be drawn after lunch Thursday, 30 August.

Thank you for your support.

## Athletics Carnival Lunch Order

The P & F are organising lunch for all students for the Years 1 - 6 Athletics Carnival on **Friday**, **31 August.** 

Please note – the Canteen **WILL NOT** be open for any orders on this day.

Order forms have been sent home this week.

# Cadbury Fundraiser – NEW LOOK!! We are selling Freddo Friends & Goody Boxes!

We're asking all members of our school community to sell at least one box for us. Feel free to grab another box if you have lots of hungry buyers lined up!

Please collect your box of Freddo Friends or Goody Box from Michelle Kinsman. I am available most days in the Undercover Area or I can be contacted on 0409 05 05 22 or email <a href="mailto:michellek05@bigpond.com">michellek05@bigpond.com</a>.

Alternatively, you are more than welcome to buy 1 or 2 of your favourite flavours.



# Perth Goju Karate

Perth Goju Karate teaches karate classes at Santa Clara Catholic Primary School, in the school hall.

A special offer for Santa Clara students - 4 WEEKS FREE beginners karate lessons!

Classes are held after school and are a great way for children of all ages to learn self-defense in a fun and safe environment.



We also teach classes for teens and adults in Melville and Willetton at night and they are fantastic for fitness, wellbeing and of course, selfdefense.

Students who attend the schools on-site After Care are collected and taken to the class in the hall and returned to After Care when their class is finished.

Classes continue over the school holidays (with a short break over the Christmas period) which makes it perfect for the kids who are looking to try something on the holidays.

Karate has many benefits which include confidence, respect, discipline and fitness.

Call now to take advantage of this 4 week trial.

Sensei Johnny Moran - 0402 830 402