Santa Clara School

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday 3 August:

2:30pm Assembly

Tuesday 7 August:

 Year 5 Bishops' **Religious Literacy** Assessment

Wednesday 8 August:

St Mary of the Cross, Virgin, Mary MacKillop & St Dominic - In class activities

Thursday 9 August:

• 4:30pm – 6:00pm **Confirmation Parent / Child Workshop**

Friday 10 August:

2:30pm Assembly

Saturday 11 August:

St Clare's Feast Day

MONDAY 13 AUGUST:

- St Clare's Feast Day o 9:00am Mass (Year 1)
- o 10:20am Fete
- o 11:45am Talent **Showcase**
- 1:30pm Tabloid Activities

Tuesday 14 August:

· Year 3 Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment

Wednesday 15 August:

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

Thursday 16 August:

School Photo Day

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**

FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER **PUPIL FREE DAY -SCHOOL CLOSED**

2 August 2018

Father in heaven. We the family of our school, ask you to unite us all in love, truth and courage. We want to learn the ways that Jesus taught us. Give us the courage to live good lives. Help us to treat each other as special members of our school and parish community. Create a closer bond between students, teachers, parents and friends. Give us pride in our school, and may our school always be proud of us. We thank you for being our Father who gives us life and love. Help us always to live as your children.

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

We strive to live out the Gospel values in a supportive, caring and nurturing environment that acknowledges and celebrates the gifts and talents of all those in the community. Our school rules are based on respect: respect for ourselves, respect for others, respect for the environment and respect for property.

At Santa Clara Catholic Primary School, we offer a curriculum that provides quality teaching and learning programs to meet the learning needs of students living in the 21st Century. Our learning programs provide a range of educational experiences for all students that will challenge, motivate and encourage them to reach their full potential.

The staff at our school are committed and dedicated to provide a stimulating learning environment to cater for the individual needs of each student. We work as a team to ensure that we provide quality teaching and learning programs innovative. that are contemporary and instil a love of lifelong learning.

Santa Clara School - Good Newsing





Please join me in congratulating Mrs Sue Hawkins for her 30 years of dedicated service to the Catholic Education System of WA.

Mrs Hawkins in her 30 years of teaching and learning has provided excellent catholic education to the endless students in her care and she continues to do so with great passion and enthusiasm. We wish Mrs Hawkins many more teaching and learning years ahead of her. Her profound wisdom and experience as a teacher is to be commended.

Mrs Hawkins will be acknowledged for her 30 years of service by the Executive Director of the Catholic Education of Western Australia at the Catholic Schools Breakfast on Wednesday 8 August at the Crown Casino.

It is also with great delight that I inform you that Santa Clara School has won the Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) 2018 LEAD Award for Excellence for the development of our Core Values, namely Resilient Ricky, Creative Christina, Caring Cameron, Courageous Courtney and Truthful Thomas. All Catholic schools in WA were invited to showcase some of the good teaching and learning practices that occurred in their schools and we submitted our Core Values as an entry for the award. The judging panel from CEWA had a difficult task of picking winners as they had a large number of entries to judge from.

Our school was picked as one of the winners and deservingly so. I offer my sincere gratitude to all staff for their collaboration and endless team work in developing our Santa Clara Core Values. I extend my special thanks to Mrs Denise Grech and Mrs Kristy Madafferi who truly deserve this award. It is a symbol of their hard work and efforts. They have made us proud. The award reflects the endless hours these two teachers have spent in writing our submission and I have deep admiration for them in ensuring that we were successful in winning the LEAD award.

Please join me in congratulating ALL Staff.

Student Well-Being

Many of our children are coming to school tired and informing the teachers they are going to bed late. This has always been a great concern for educators, so below are some findings from recent research on academic performance and the impact of sleep.

"A new study explored the relationship between the sleeping habits, hours slept, and academic performance of children aged between five and twelve years of age. Experts have found that sleeping less than nine hours, going to bed late and no bedtime routine generally affects children's academic skills.

We believe that more than 9 hours sleep and a nightly routine favours academic performance," "To this end, the lacking hours of sleep distorts children's performance in linguistic knowledge, grammar and spelling rules, and key aspects in the organisation and comprehension of texts, to name a few examples." The authors concluded that maintaining a healthy sleep pattern at this age contributes to positive cognitive development.

"Nowadays, there is great concern because children are glued to the television, computers, and video games, but the same importance is not given to them going to bed at the same time every night,"

concluded the study.

Perhaps it is timely that you review the bedtime routines in your house and see if some changes will make a difference for your children both at home and school.

Tinned Food

Several children are bringing small tins of food with ring pulls to school. The children are trying to open these themselves and they are very sharp. Parents can you please assist us by discouraging the children from bringing them to school and finding other options for snacks and as we don't wish to see children cutting themselves.

Parent Communications

We have many means of communicating with staff and parents are always welcome at Santa Clara. You can email staff or contact them during school hours and leave a message. Please note that staff may choose to respond outside reasonable school hours but are not obliged to do so. On some days, they may be teaching all day and not even get time to read emails until the following day. Staff may respond but they also choose to responsibilities outside of school as well as needing some 'down time'. For urgent communication regarding your children please contact the front office. Please do not contact staff on private mobile phone numbers.

Feast of St Clare

A reminder that our school will be celebrating the feast day of the patron saint of our school, St Clare, on Monday 13 August. The day will commence with a whole school Mass in honour of St Clare, at 9.00am. Fr Chris will be the chief celebrant. You are invited to attend. My sincere thanks to the P&F for providing a Sausage sizzle for students and staff.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION: WEDNESDAY, 15 AUGUST

This is 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."

All classes, Years Pre-Primary – Year 6 will attend Mass commencing at 9:00am at Santa Clara Church. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Feast of Mary MacKillop

We celebrate the feast day of Mary MacKillop on Wednesday 8 August. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop was a courageous woman of action. Born in Australia 1842, she showed compassion and love for everyone in need regardless of race, background or faith. Mary believed in the power of education for all and set up schools across Australia and New Zealand to make sure those disadvantaged by poverty and distance received a Catholic education. Mary MacKillop (with Fr Tenison Woods) started the religious order of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites). She is remembered as a religious figure, educator, and social reformer who was the first Australian beatified by the Roman Catholic Church and the first Australian to be recognised as one of its saints.

Thank You P&F

On behalf of the School Board, staff and students,

I extend my gratitude to the P&F for donating a further \$5500 towards the purchase of the much needed resources for our school. This money has aided the teachers to purchase contemporary teaching and learning tools and following is the list:

- Bee Bots Kindy, Pre-Primary & Year 1
- Sphero's Year 2
- Mee Bots Years 4 & 5
- Astro Bots Year 6

Thank you P&F and we appreciate any funds that assist in providing quality education for the students in our care.

Have a good weekend.

God bless!

Richard Win Pe Principal







ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS



Thank you so much for making me feel so welcome since starting this week. I am very excited to be part of such a generous and friendly community and I look forward to a wonderful year ahead.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photo day will be THURSDAY 16 AUGUST 2018. Please ensure that your child is dressed in their full winter uniform. The timetable will be as follows:

Time	Class			
8:15am	Staff			
8:30am	Sibling photos			
9:00am	Kindy			
9:30am	PP			
10:00am	Year 1			
10:30am - 10:50am - RECESS				
10:50am	Year 2			
11:10am	Year 3			
11:40am	Year 4			
12:10pm	Year 5			
12:30pm	Year 6			
	Graduation Photo			
	Committee Photos			
12:50pm – 1:30pm – LUNCH				
Sibling photos				

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOP -THURSDAY 9 AUGUST

This Thursday 9 August, Mildred Rego, Catechist Service Team at Catholic Education Office, will be facilitating the Sacrament Parent/Child Workshop in the school hall. The Workshop will commence at 4:30pm and conclude at 6:00pm.

BISHOP'S LITERACY ASSESSMENT

In the next few weeks, students in Years 3 and 5 will take part in The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment. This is a standardized assessment that has been developed to measure student learning of the content in the RE curriculum.

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.

Dates for the assessments are:

Year 5: Tuesday 7 August Year 3: Tuesday 14 August

IN-TERM SWIMMING - WEEK THREE & WEEK FOUR

In-Term Swimming commenced this week and will conclude until Friday 10 August 2018. Children should wear their bathers under their sports uniform and bring their towel and a change of underwear.

The schedule for the two weeks is:

Year Level	Depart School	Lesson Time	Depart Pool	Return to School
Years 1 & 6	9:05am	9:30-10:10am	10:20am	10:30am
PP & Year 4	PP & Year 4 9:55am 10:20-11:00am 11:10am		11:20am	
Years 2, 3 & 5	10:35am	11:10-11:50am	12:00pm	12:10pm

Parents are welcome to attend these sessions.

Fiona Messer Acting Assistant Principal Fitness on Tuesdays
Students to wear their
Sport Uniform until
Tuesday 11 September.





ST CLARE'S FEAST DAY – MONDAY 13 AUGUST 2018 – TERM 3 WEEK 5

The Feast Day of Santa Clara, whom our school is named after, occurs on Saturday 11 August 2018. However, as the Feast Day occurs on a weekend, the school will celebrate the day on Monday 13 August. 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 Monday 13 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 Monday 13 August 2018 at the Santa Clara Parish commencing at 9:00am.

The agenda for the day is as follows:

9:00am - 9:45am St Clare Mass at the Santa Clara Parish

10:20am - 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	Lucky Dip Jars	Star jars	
Year Six	Games / Raffles	Fun packs as prizes	

12:50pm - 1:30pm

1:30pm - 3:00pm

11:45am - 12:50pm Talent Showcase (various Year Six Leadership students to compare) Lunch - P&F to supply a sausage sizzle for all children and staff Tabloid afternoon (3 mixed groups – PP-6) – 30 mins per session

- 1. Dance in Hall Just Dance
- 2. Activities in Pre-Primary
- 3. Tabloid Sport Footy Goal Shooting, Beat the Goalkeeper Soccer Goal Shooting, Adventure Playground Activity, Basketball Shooting etc)

St Clare's Feast Day

P & F Sausage Sizzle Pre-Order Forms



to be returned to the P & F box in the front office by no later than Wednesday 8 August.

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

• Recess will be **pre-order** only during swimming. Please place orders at the canteen window by 9:00am Monday & Friday. Pre-Primary to order with the class teacher. Thank you.

Sonia Thiel Canteen Manager



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



Scholastic Book Club orders are due back by Monday 6 August 2018.

LOST PROPERTY

There are a number of size 6 & size 8 jumpers in the lost property box (in the school office) with no names.

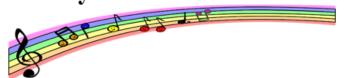
Please check your children's uniforms to see if one of these jumpers belong to you.

Please label your children's belongings.

Any uniform items left in lost property that are not claimed from the school office before next Wednesday 8 August, will be sent to the Uniform Shop.

CANTEEN ROSTERS		
Friday 3 August Dina Hickmott	Monday 6 August Michelle Kinsman	
Friday 10 August Dina Hickmott	Monday 13 August HELP NEEDED	
Friday 17 August Lyn Nurzenski	Monday 20 August HELP NEEDED	

Santa Clara P & F Kindy–Year 6 School Disco



Come dressed as your favourite MOVIE character

Friday 17th 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





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 will be sent home with your child next week. The prize will be drawn after lunch Thursday 30 August.

Thank you for your support.

Uniform Shop News

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







NOW IN STOCK!

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.

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



Cadbury Fundraiser
We are still selling Freddo &
Friends Fun Packs & Goody Boxes!

Pick up a box of Freddo & Friends Fun Pack or Goody Box from Michelle Kinsman if you are interested in selling to family and friends.





