#### Santa Clara School

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#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

#### Friday 26 October:

- 9:00am Year 5 Participation <u>Mass</u>
- 2:30pm Assembly

#### Sunday 28 October:

P&F Car Rally

#### Monday 29 October:

 Celebrating WORLD TEACHER'S DAY – Coffee Van from 7:15am

#### Tuesday 30 October:

- 6:00pm P&F Meeting
- 6:45pm Board Meeting

Thursday 1 November 9:00am Feast of All Saints Mass (Lead by Year 2)

FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER CATHOLIC DAY FOR ALL STAFF – SCHOOL & OSC WILL BE CLOSED

o ALL SOULS DAY

#### Friday 9 November:

• 2:15pm Year 1 Assembly

SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE DAY

Monday 12 November 10:50am Remembrance Day Ceremony – Year 6

Wednesday 14 November:
• 9:00am Fr Chris to visit
Kindergarten Classroom

Thursday 15 November 6:00pm Kindy 2019 Parent Information Session

> Friday 16 November 9:10am Kindy 2019 Orientation Session

Tuesday 27 November CHANGE OF DATE School Board & P&F AGM 5:00pm Sundowner then meeting in school hall

#### Spread Love

Spread love everywhere you go,
first of all in your own house.
Give love to you children,
to your wife or husband,
to a next door neighbour...
Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier.
Be the living expression of God's kindness;
kindness in your face,
kindness in your eyes,
kindness in your smile,
kindness in your warm greetings.

Mother Teresa

25 October 2018

## Dear Parents/Carers, Staff and Students

What an exciting and productive term we are having! Our hard working and dedicated teachers and supportive parents are busy ensuring that our children's learning environments and teaching programmes are dynamic and focused upon developing and celebrating the education of our children. Our teaching strategies and experiences provide curriculum that is inclusive of all our students. We are privileged to be able to work with teachers across the school in a support role and see how well our staff work in collaboration with each other.

#### **Well Being**

Dear Lord, we thank you for the rain but ask for abundant rain to restore our land. Please watch over our farmers and give them strength and faith to continue their daily work. Give each of us the courage to reach out to those that need support in our community. AMEN

I share with you an extract from an

article on "Walking the Best Way to fitness" ....

"Walking is simply one of the best ways to keep you healthy;

- It's a great energy-booster
- It helps regulate your hormones
- It feeds your brain
- It can cut cravings
- It helps fight major diseases
- Walkers are less likely to guit
- It's a natural mood-booster
- Walkers have stronger bones for life."
  - Good Health Magazine June 2018

#### School Uniform

Just a reminder that at this point in the term all students should be wearing the full and correct Summer Uniform. Our uniform has been established over time in consultation with our parent body and is an important part of expressing who we are as a school and assists in building our community and establishing a deep sense of belonging and pride in our students and our school. I ask that you please help the teachers in

maintaining this important part of our identity. Your assistance in maintaining these standards is gratefully appreciated.

Can I also stress the importance of labelling clothes as during this season they are often taken off and left around, mainly when playing during our break times. Having clothing items labelled assists us with making sure that they return to their owner.

#### IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION

It is important that clear communication be kept with the school if there is a change of circumstances in your details. This can relate to, not only contact details (phone, mobile phone, address, email address, etc.) but also details surrounding family custody arrangements for your children. The school can only operate on the information that we currently have on our records. Our first and foremost concern is always the children and therefore we ask, that pertinent information be communicated to allow correct processes to be followed with regards to the myriad of contacts and details the school uses throughout any school day!

Please check, if not sure, that details under the headings below are current:

- Medical Information
- Personal Information
- Emergency Contact
- Email Address
- Custody Arrangements

The school cannot (and will not) be held accountable for acting on information which is no longer current. Clear and transparent communication is vital between home and school. Thank you!

#### Child Safe Framework

The wellbeing and safety of our students is the highest priority for our school.

We have a Code of Conduct that promotes positive work practices and establishes expectations for personal and professional boundaries concerning appropriate and inappropriate behaviours for staff, students, volunteers, guardians and visitors.

The Code of Conduct has clear procedures for raising concerns, facilitating discussions and promoting professional behaviours and healthy relationships to prevent problem behaviours and abuse.

## School Board & P&F AGM 2018 – Change of Date

I would encourage as many parents as possible to keep **Tuesday** evening, **27 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 followed by the meeting will commence at 5:00pm in the School Hall.

## STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO SANTA CLARA SCHOOL IN 2019

If your child is not returning to school in 2019, I earnestly ask you to let Mrs Walker know as soon as possible.

God bless

Richard Win Pe Principal



#### ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS



#### World Teacher's Day

Next Monday, 29 October, we will be celebrating World Teachers' Day.

It is a day where we acknowledge the professionalism, dedication and expertise of those responsible for educating the students at Santa Clara School.

As many parents know instinctively, the impact

individual teachers have on a child's education can be great. Teachers are central to learning and, while there are other important factors, including the quality of the curriculum, school environment and student ability and commitment, it is teachers that breathe life into what is being taught and who engage and motivate students.

As a Catholic school we recognise that parents are their children's first teachers, during the course of primary and secondary school it is often

individual teachers who enliven education and cause students to identify what is most exciting and rewarding.

Each one of us, if asked, could most likely name one or two special teachers who made what was being studied engaging, lively and relevant and who sparked an interest and passion for learning that was life changing.

Teachers in Catholic schools, given their faith-based nature and commitment to the Church's teachings, are especially important. Teaching is a vocation, a calling from God, not just a 'job'. I encourage you to take the time to personally thank your child's teacher on World Teacher's Day.

#### **COFFEE VAN**

Lachi from
The Groovin' Bean
Coffee Co
will be here between
7:15am - 8:45am on
Monday, 29 October.



Please help us support this small business.

Small coffee - \$4.00 Large coffee - \$5.00

50c discount if you bring and use your own Keep cup.

50c extra for soy, almond, lactose milk.

#### **Canteen News**

Summer Menu: Sushi \$5.00

Mexican Chicken Taco Boat \$4.00

Thanks so much.

Sonia Thiel Canteen Manager

CANTEEN ROSTERS	
Friday 26 October Sharon Morris	Monday 29 October  Dina Hickmott
FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER STAFF CATHOLIC DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	Monday 5 November HELP NEEDED
Friday 9 November HELP NEEDED	Monday 12 November Sharon Morris

#### **All Saints Day**

Next Thursday, 1 November, is All Saints Day, a solemn holy day dedicated to the saints of the Church, who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed the next day on 2 November, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints - that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church.

Year 2 will be leading the whole school in a Mass commencing at 9.00am for those free to join us.

#### St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas



It's coming up to that special time of year again! The time of year when Santa comes knocking and the joyous sounds of carols can be heard in the air. While most of us will be busily organising Christmas gifts and parties, it is also important to remember those around us who may not have the same opportunities to enjoy Christmas quite as much.

The St Vincent de Paul Society has again asked us to support their appeal this year. Each class will be asked to make a Christmas Hamper for a needy family in our society. This week a note has come home with each student requesting they bring in a donation of food or a toy for these hampers. The baskets will be presented to a representative from St Vincent de Paul at the Friday afternoon Assembly on 16 November.

Miss Fiona Messer Assistant Principal

#### **Uniform Shop News**

- New Faction Shirts for 2019
  - A letter and order form will be coming home with students in the next week.
- Uniforms for Pre-Primary 2019 & Year 1 2019 Students are available for purchase.
   An appointment schedule will be put up in front of the Kindy and Pre Primary glassrooms in

of the Kindy and Pre-Primary classrooms in Week 4. Please put your name down for an appointment time for fittings and purchases.

Thank you from **Sonia Thiel Uniform Shop Coordinator** 



## STEM Showcase



The Year Six and Year Four classes were invited to participate in the CEWA STEM Showcase on the 16th of October held at the Catholic Education Office, in Leederville. The purpose of this showcase was to highlight learning in primary schools involving STEM, and all projects needed to relate to the overall theme of "Community". The Year Six students were given a topic dedicated to saving the ocean. It was titled, "Without Blue, there is no Green". Their work was based on the world - wide community. Their aim was to get the message around to people to help stop problems that affect our oceans.

The Year Four students were involved in a project called "Bentley 360" which is focussed on redeveloping a large space of empty land in the area surrounding the school community. Their work is based on the Local Community, and with that open area, they are trying to use people's opinions to decide what to build in that space.



Throughout the day, the Santa Clara students were asked questions about their project by teachers, students and lots of other important people who work at the Catholic Education Office. At the Showcase, there were lots of other schools displaying the work that they had done also. We had a chance to look at the information that the other schools had put together for this Showcase.

At the end of the showcase, the CEWA Coordinators gave out awards for different areas and Santa Clara was lucky enough to get two awards, won by the Year Four class, for their explanation of the learning behind their task, and the Year Six class, for the way their solution was addressing the needs of the community. It was a very enjoyable day that was a great experience for all of the students in both classes, because we were able to get feedback from a lot of different people about our projects, to help us design the best solution possible.





















### Phys Ed News

With swimming pools and beaches being a big part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring your children can swim competently and safely is essential.

You can now enrol your children via the following link to join a VacSwim program during the January school holidays.

https://apps.det.wa.edu.au/sws/regis tration/family

Ellen Fitzpatrick Physical Education Teacher

# Santa Clara P & F The Amazing Valley Chase



Looks like it's going to be great weather in the valley this weekend!

Final chance to secure your place. Please contact Michelle Kinsman on 0409 050 522 or via email michelle05@bigpond.com.

"A fun, family car adventure exploring the Swan Valley"

When - 10.00am Sunday 28th October

Where – Swan Valley Visitor Centre (corner of Swan & Meadow Street, Guildford)

Cost - \$20 per vehicle

A chase is kind of like a treasure hunt in a car. In this chase you will start and end at the Swan Valley Visitor Centre, but you will have no idea where the journey is going to take you in between.

The entry fee includes your Clue Sheet which will help you find your way around in conjunction with a Swan Valley Map.

At the conclusion of the Rally, you are welcome to walk across to Stirling Square Gardens and join us for a BYO picnic lunch.

## Santa Clara P & F International Food Festival and Fete Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 11am - 3pm



#### WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you would like to run a stall with your favourite International dish or craft item please contact Michelle on 0409 05 05 22 or see me at school to secure a spot.

If you are unable to run a stall but would still like to donate your special cuisine or craft items please contact me – we are more than happy to help.

All food or fete items are donated and the proceeds go to the P & F to go towards valuable resources for our School.

#### Current stalls & Entertainment are -

Cool Drinks, Sausage Sizzle, Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, Fire Engine, Dunk Tank, Lucky Dip, Reindeer Food, Board Games, Raffles, Cadbury, LIVE Band, Stationery, Fairy Floss, Show Bags, Coffee, Ice-cream, Pizza, South African, Hungarian

#### We also need help running some stalls!

Even if you can spare half an hour to help out it would be very much appreciated.

If you can't help on the day don't worry there are lots of different ways you can contribute such as donating cans of soft drink, plastic takeaway food containers with lids, napkins or plastic cutlery or red dot toys for prizes and lucky dips. Please see

Michelle for a detailed list.

Thank you from the P & F for your support.

#### **Cadbury Fundraiser**

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 michellek05@bigpond.com.

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









WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR

College Open Day

SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 10AM

For further information or to register, visit: www.corpus.wa.edu.au/opendays
Or contact the College Admissions Registrar on 6332 2567

