

#### Newsletter

#### Monday 17 February to Friday 28 February

Swimming Lessons for Pre-Primary to Year 6

#### Thursday 20 February:

o 5:00pm Parent **Information Night** 

#### Friday 21 February:

NO ASSEMBLY **TODAY DUE TO SWIMMING LESSONS** 

#### Tuesday 25 February:

- Shrove Tuesday
- o 6:00pm P&F Meeting
- o 6:45pm Board Meeting

#### Wednesday 26 February:

o ASH WEDNESDAY -9:00am Mass led by Year 5

#### Friday 28 February:

- NO ASSEMBLY **TODAY DUE TO SWIMMING LESSONS**
- o P&F Welcome Picnic

#### Sunday 1 March:

1st Sunday of Lent

#### **MONDAY 2 MARCH:** LABOUR DAY

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY** 

#### Wednesday 4 March:

Year 5 Growth & Development Workshop

#### Thursday 5 March:

o 4:30pm Parent Child Reconciliation Workshop

#### Friday 6 March:

o 9:00am Awards **Assembly** 

#### FRIDAY 27 MARCH:

SCHOOL CLOSED **FOR STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** 

Dear Parents & Carers,

#### **HOPE**

Over the last few weeks I have met so many people here at SC. I have thoroughly enioved the conversations. I have come to realise that everyone has a number of things going on in their lives that they are dealing with. My parents have always instilled in me to be gentle with others as you never know if they are going through some sort of hardship. And this week I found myself saying in these conversations, "I HOPE all is ok" or "I HOPE things get better". That got me thinking about the word hope. I love the word HOPE.

#### 'Education is an **act of hope**.'

Pope Francis

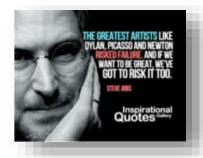


The above quote is one of my favourite quotes from Pope Francis. As he says 'an act of 100c.' I like to think that we can bring out hopefulness in all our children here at SC. Hopefulness is a wonderful gift to impart upon all those we have contact with. As a Principal and teacher, being hopeful has such positivity. If we can impart hope through education to our children, then we are achieving something quite exciting. With hope, you never stop trying, you always commit to what you do and you show courage in the times when things get tough.

With hope you can achieve anything. You will find examples in your own life that in every day occurrences things will turn out alright. Think about all of our students that participated in the various testing over the past few weeks. students gave it their all in completing the various problems in front of them. This week I had a chat to one of our students who was telling me that he was disappointed in his reading level. He said he also felt upset because many of his friends went up a level. I suppose for some of our students their hopes come to fruition, for others their hopes may be dented. It takes courage to hope for what is possible, but it can open us to disappointment when things do not turn out how we may have hoped.

#### WE WILL INSPIRE

CARING • RESILIENCE • COURAGE • So there is the flipside to hope, which is **risking failure**. This risking failure is something we need to open our children to more often. Failing seems to have an impact on us as individuals in a negative way. We feel if we fail, then it is a disaster. We have it wrong. I have had it wrong on so many occasions in my life as a dad, as a friend and as a teacher/Assistant Principal/Principal. But I have discovered that failing is okay! We are all okay when we fail. In fact, if we think about it, failure leads to further learning!



Steve Jobs talks about the greatness that comes from these risked failures. If we want to be the best we can possibly be, then we will need to put ourselves out there. Every time we go for a job interview, suggest something in a meeting, offer a solution to something at work, be creative in our designs for clients or quote a job for someone, we take a risk. We enter each of these situations with hope, but there will be times we fail to pick up the job, or someone knocks our suggestion. It does not mean we do not continue to put ourselves on the line.

We all put ourselves out there. Think of that student who was down because his reading level did not go up. Hopefully he will be inspired to continue to work hard in class and demonstrate his full potential in all he does, now and in his school years ahead.

Our students take risks for greatness every day. They have to put themselves on the line to answer questions in class, they have to present their work to be marked and assessed. They are always taking a chance. They do so with hope for success, hope for learning, hope for greatness within the four walls of their classroom. Is there anything better in education? Seeing this risk of putting yourself out there as a good thing and knowing that at SC, these risks, if they are failures, we accept them as a means for further growth. I would rather see my own daughters taking a risk than never risking for the fear of failure. I want them and our students here at SC to be courageous.

By now you are probably getting to know me, who I am as a person and who I want to be as the Principal for this community. Every day I am surrounded by staff and students that simply want to do their best. My job is to create the environment that allow our staff and students to take risks, succeed or fail but continue to learn. How lucky am I!!

#### **NEW FAMILIES**

A very special welcome to our new students and their families who have recently joined the SC community. We know you will love it here. Many of our new parents have already spoken about how beautiful our families are here at SC. I so appreciate all the effort you all place into making SC a very special place. Please keep an eye out for the new parent faces and say hello. A simple smile can really be the best thing for someone feeling a little nervous.

#### **P&F WELCOME PICNIC**

Our P&F have once again been busy preparing for our first event for 2020. The evening is set to be a fantastic opportunity for us all to get together and celebrate the commencement of the 2020 school year. Please continue to support our P&F. Their work is always for the kids. The funds they raise are used to make SC even more special. I am very much looking forward to the night to catch up with you all.

#### **BEFORE and AFTERSCHOOL SUPERVISION**

Before school supervision commences at 8:25am for our students in Year 1 - 6. There are two areas which are supervised by staff, the school oval and Undercover Area. If children feel like running, they are asked to move to the school oval. We are hoping to keep the traffic in the Undercover Area to a minimum for the safety of students and parents. If students feel like reading or sitting down to have a chat, the Undercover Area is the perfect place.

Students in Kindy and PP are asked to stay off the playground in their area before school as there is no supervision. Student safety is so important to us here at SC and we ask all our Kindy and PP parents to assist us in reminding their children to stay off the playground.

Afterschool, all students are asked to move quickly to the pick-up area. Again, students are not to play on any equipment due to there being no set supervision. Thank you for your support in this.

#### **BEFORE SCHOOL and AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Before school and after school care is available on-site every day of the school year as well as during the school holidays. Please visit our school administration for further information.

#### STAFF FUNDRAISING - SOCIAL JUSTICE

You may notice on Fridays staff dressing a bit more casually! As a staff we have discussed what little extra we can be doing to live out our faith. We have decided to do a bit of fundraising and make a donation to a Catholic agency at the end of the year. And how are we going to do this? Through a casual dress Fridays. If you see a staff member dressed in casuals on a Friday, tell them well done!

Please look after yourself over the coming weeks and find the time to stop and enjoy some stillness. Our staff are always here to support you and your children.

God Bless,

Clinton Payne Principal

#### **PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**

Tonight in the School Hall

5:00pm Mr Payne's Address 5:15pm Kindy, Year 1, Year 5 & Year 6 5:45pm PP, Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4

**NO ASSEMBLY ON:** 

Friday, 21 February & Friday, 28 February due to swimming lessons.

#### FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings everyone,

Phew! What a busy start to the year, with settling classes (and teachers), lots of new students starting, and the addition of swimming lessons this week as well. The buzz of Week One has continued through and everyone is really getting into the swing of school life.

It has been wonderful to see so many of the children out on the oval before school having a run around or playing on the climbing equipment in the sandpit. It has been a fantastic opportunity for the students to get the blood pumping and oxygenating their minds ready for the start of the day in the classrooms. May I ask all parents to support the children in this activity by reminding them that they need to wear their hats when playing on the oval, whether it is before school, at recess or at lunch time.

Swimming lessons began on Monday and the children have been fantastic in the way they have been organised for these lessons. Aside from the occasional pair of goggles that have been left at home almost all the children are coming to school with everything that they need for swimming and with their change of clothes ready in their bags. One small reminder though is the children's footwear. Even though they are allowed to wear thongs, sandals or similar footwear to and from the pool, the staff have noticed that a number of students are wearing these to school in the morning and then going out to play on the oval or in the sandpit before school starts. Unfortunately, thongs and the like are not appropriate footwear for school play spaces and as such I would ask all parents to please ensure that your child/ren wear the appropriate school shoes or sneakers to school and carry their thongs etc, in their swimming bag until they are needed.



As mentioned in the last newsletter the season of Lent is fast approaching, with next Wednesday being Ash Wednesday. Even though we are still involved with swimming lessons in the morning, the school will mark this special day with a Whole School Mass led by the Year Five Class. The children who are at swimming lessons first thing, will commemorate the day on their return to school with the signing of ashes on their foreheads to take place in their classrooms. This involves the Year One and Three students only. I would like to invite all parents and family to join in this celebration of mass next Wednesday to mark this the beginning of Lent. If you are unable to make the school mass in the morning, the Parish will host another mass on Wednesday evening.

A reminder that the enrolment forms for students participating in all of our Sacramental celebrations this year have already been sent out to parents. If you have not completed and returned these forms as yet, please contact Marietta in the Parish Office on 9458 2944.

The sacramental dates for the year are as follows:

Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshop: Thursday, 5 March at 4:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 2 April at 4:30 pm

First Holy Communion Parent/Child Workshop: Thursday, 28 May at 4:30pm

Sacrament of First Holy Communion: Sunday, 14 June at 9:30am Confirmation Parent/Child Workshop: Thursday, 25 June at 4:30pm

Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday, 2 August at 9:30am

That's all from me for now. Enjoy the week and the long weekend ahead from 29 February until 2 March.

'Til the next newsletter,

Adrian Tulett Assistant Principal



Please send in your Scholastic Book Club orders, with payments, to the school office by tomorrow, Friday, 21 February 2020.

### **Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop will NOT be open next Wednesday, 26 February 2020.

We apologise for any inconvenience.



First P&F Meeting will be held next Tuesday, 25 February at 6:00pm. All welcome to attend.



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I would like to be a Class Representative for Year
Name:
Mobile No.:
Email:

#### P & F Class Representatives

The P&F are looking for volunteers to fill the positions of Class Representatives for our year groups:

Kindergarten, Pre-Primary, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

The role of the Class Representative is to form a contact list from your Class Year. This enables Parents to help get to know one another and also to be kept informed of up and coming P&F Events.

If you would like to be a Class Representative, please fill in the form below and return to the School Office as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding this role, please do not hesitate to contact me @ michellek05@bigpond.com or 0409 05 05 22.

Thank you

Michelle Kinsman



## WELCOME TO YEAR TWO!

What an amazing start to the year it has been! We have enjoyed getting to know all the beautiful people in our care and finding out about the fun things they have done on their holidays!

We are already building good literacy behaviours by practicing our stamina during independent literacy activities. This is the first step in learning about the Daily 5 literacy tasks that we will be completing in Year Two to help grow our knowledge. We know our teachers love reading! They got us our very own book shopping bags so we can shop our book library for best fit books to read each week during the Daily 5. We learnt a math game called Buzz Off! We love it and want to play it every day! We get very excited to see who is left standing at the end of the game.

Mrs Armstrong and Ms Partington

# SOME THINGS ABOUT US IN YEAR TWO!

## Come in and check out the rest!

My favourite game is hide and seek - Awany My favourite word is SONIC! - Michael My favourite place is Japan - Matyas I am already good at math! - Aayan I want to learn how to read chapter books -Laura I love myself because I am kind - Harry My favourite place is the city - Rudra I am already good at piano and skating - July My favourite place is the beach - Frankie I am already good at lego – Logan My favourite word is HI! Daniel I love myself because God made me - Haben I want to learn how to draw Pokemon - Sadie My favourite place is Canada – Jasraj My favourite game is Soccer - Naod I want to learn how to

I am good at hiding Iollies – Robert I want to learn how to do lay ups – Ashlee

build 100 blocks high -

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#### Santa Clara P&F

## Welcome you to our Family Fun Welcome Picnic

Friday 28th February

4.00pm – 8.00pm on the School Oval

Come relax with your family and catch up with friends and welcome in the new School Year.

FREE Bouncing Castle & Face Painting.

Slushies & Popcorn will be on sale.



\*Pizza orders need to be returned by Tuesday 25th February.

No late orders will be accepted.\*

Please note - This is not a supervised event. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

#### Find us on Facebook:



#### Santa Clara Primary School P&F

https://www.facebook.com/groups/14347 16443415256/?ref=bookmarks

## Community Health Nurses In Primary School

Community Nurses visit all primary schools in the Canning Region throughout the year. My name is Fiona Ewing and I am the contact for your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of our work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child's health or development, please contact me on **9258 8053**.

