



Newsletter

Friday 7 February:

- 9:00am Opening School Mass (led by Year 6)
- 2:30pm – 3:30pm Collection of Sacrament Enrolments in the School Hall

Friday 14 February:

- 9:00am Awards Assembly
- 2:30pm – 3:30pm Collection of Sacrament Enrolments in the School Hall

Monday 17 February to Friday 28 February

- Swimming Lessons for Pre-Primary to Year 6

Thursday 20 February:

- 5:00pm Parent Information Night

Friday 21 February:

- 9:00am Awards Assembly

Tuesday 25 February:

- Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 26 February:

- ASH WEDNESDAY – 9:00am Mass

Friday 28 February:

- 9:00am Awards Assembly
- P&F Welcome Picnic

Sunday 1 March:

- 1st Sunday of Lent

MONDAY 2 MARCH: LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to Santa Clara School. I hope you all had a restful break and enjoyed the special time with your children. My two girls seem to be growing up so fast so enjoying family time seems even more important to me. In the busyness of the holidays I also hope you managed to simply stop and just be. It is those moments that make me realise just how good things are in my life.

Now that the school year has started so, too, has the routine of making lunches, after school sports and the dreaded ironing of school uniforms. Remember to be gentle on yourselves and your kids when things don't go to plan.

Last week I had the opportunity to meet with staff to set the scene for 2020. It was an opportunity for them to get to know me as a person and as a Principal. It was important for me to acknowledge the hard work of Richard in making Santa Clara the place it is today. I spoke to the staff about my vision for Santa Clara School moving forward and the education encompassed by our Catholic faith we offer our students. As you get to know me you will discover I love a good quote or two as it makes me reflect on who I am as a person. I tend to use quotes and videos I find on YouTube as part of my life for a couple of weeks. I presented to the staff the concept of **IKIGAI** that I was given from one of my mentors who is also a Catholic school Principal. I mentioned to them that this concept has grounded me on who I want to be as a Principal and person and gave the staff a bit of an insight into my thinking for 2020. If you are keen to learn more on this, here is a Ted Talk link that you may wish to watch. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pk-PcJS2QaU>.



If you have just watched the Ted Talk, then you will get what I am saying. What I like about Ikigai is that it can take away worries and help us find ourselves in flow and in a grateful mindset.

We know that 'fear disappears when we are grateful'. Gratefulness and knowing that the grass is greener on this side, changes our whole mindset. Ikigai is about 'life's purpose'. It is all about why we wake up in the morning, what is our purpose for being. When I drive to school each morning there are three things I try to do; think of three things I am grateful for, who will I serve today and what I am excited about. This is really hard some days. Some days the excitement for me may be cleaning my sneakers, lame I know but we each have our own special thing!! Anything can be exciting.



WE WILL INSPIRE

CREATIVITY • CARING • RESILIENCE • COURAGE • TRUTH

This is all about wellbeing. Looking after yourself is what this is about. You will find you will create time for you and your loved ones. What is best about Ikigai, is that it is an action. It means to serve, to create, to delight, to nourish, to provide, to heal, to teach, to connect, to build. Is there any word here we would not want to be a part of our day? Get into Ikigai, discover how it will be a part of you. I think you are going to love it. This is what I want for our kids here at Santa Clara. For them to find their 'thing' that gives them purpose. They will start to shine which will then effect how they treat others.

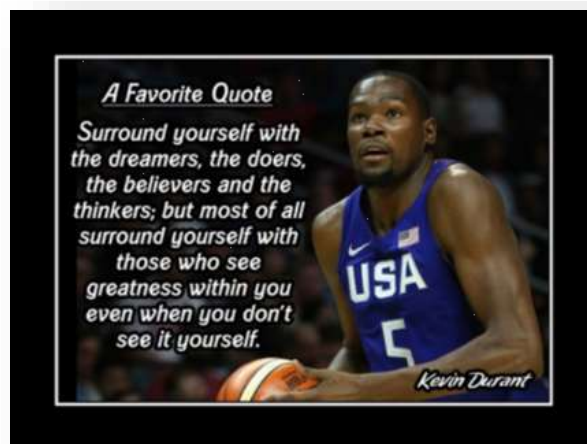
Quality relationships is the key to our students' wellbeing. Making our students aware of the impact they have on others within our community is the most important quality we can instil in them. This is what Jesus taught us through his words and actions. How do we achieve this here at Santa Clara? By modelling it through our interactions with each other. All of us within this community; students, staff and parents must take full responsibility of the culture we create. My hope is that all members of the Santa Clara community work together always keeping Christ and the students at the centre of every discussion and decision. How lucky am I to be given the opportunity to work towards this with you all at Santa Clara!

I do love the NBA and have had little 'crushes' on a few players who have come from tough times to be highly successful. Kevin Durant is a shining example of someone who gives back. Although he has more money than you could ever imagine, he always talks about where he came from. And to this day goes back to work with kids to inspire them to greatness in whatever that might look like for them. What I love about this bloke, is that he focusses on KINDNESS and has a brand called, 'STRONG and KIND'.

I feel like the purpose for us is to continue to develop our students here at Santa Clara with this inner strength, a spirit and a kindness, using the 'heart stuff' to impact upon not only their own lives, but of those around them. Your kids, our SC Kids, have an unleashed potential that will change lives. We can all be their guides and be the enablers for allowing them to be 'humans' who nourish, connect and delight in their own gifts and the gifts of those they meet.

As my first week at SC comes to a close I reflect on my challenges, knock backs and achievements and am affirmed in my purpose. I truly believe God put me here for a purpose and SC is now a major reason of my being.

I leave you with this quote from Kevin Durant.



I look forward to meeting you all throughout the term. Please do not hesitate to come and say hello and have a chat.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Our annual Parent Information evening for Kindergarten to Year 6 will be held on Thursday, 20 February 2020 commencing at 5:00pm with a brief introduction and welcome to the community. Sessions will then follow for you to meet and greet your child/ren's teacher and to find out what is happening in the classroom in 2020. Our ultimate goal is to work together for the benefit of your children. I look forward to seeing you all on the night.

CITY OF CANNING – SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

I have received communication from the City of Canning Ranger informing Santa Clara that they will once again place priority on safety around schools. At the commencement of the new year, Officers will resume rotational parking patrols at our school. Please ensure you observe all parking restrictions and stick to the school zone speed limit. Once again, the reason these things are in place is for the safety of our children. Thank you for your support.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Hopefully you would have noticed some of the work completed around the school over our break. This year we aim to place priority on our school grounds to highlight what a great school and community we are. With limited funding, the only way things like this can happen is through careful planning and support of various school fundraising events. Please continue to support our School Board and P&F.

Other school works include our vacation clean consisting of carpet cleaning, vinyl flooring cleaning, windows and gardens. I would like to thank Tony Nunn for all the effort he places into making our school look like the wonderful place it is. Also, I thank Zac Abraham our school cleaner for all the extra he has done for our school over the break. One again, I feel extremely lucky to be working with such a committed staff.

IMPORTANT – Administration of Schools (AoS)

Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) has committed to a new Administration software platform that has been a work in progress for the last couple of years.

As the demands of modern schools increase, the services required to support schools increase faster still. AoS (Admin of Schools) is a comprehensive engine designed to integrate all of these services and unite them in one central management system. Santa Clara School administration staff have been working with staff from CEWA in preparation for the installation of AoS, to replace our current Administration system.

Please be aware that this will occur as of 24 February 2020. There will be several changes such as a new BPAY reference number and SEQTA logins.

This means that you will not receive your statement of fees until some point after this date. We estimate that the new system will be in place by Week 5 and hope to have your fee schedule out to you by then. Please note that it will look different to your existing fee statement but we will endeavour to keep it as similar as possible.

BPAY reference number: When you receive your Fee Statement please take note of your new BPAY reference number. Prior to making any BPAY payments, please update your bank account details to the new BPAY reference number.

SEQTA Engage: We will send Parents/Carers a link to setup their accounts. All families are required to setup their new account within a week of receiving the link in order to access past reports. Please ensure you keep your username and password, in order to use this again at the end of the year. We appreciate your patience during the transition period.

As part of this process, Mrs Suzanne Walker will not be in the office on Monday, 10 February, and as such the school will not be able to process any payments. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

Clinton Payne
Principal

Please ensure you have updated your contact details at the school office if they have changed over the holidays including addresses, phone numbers, emails etc.



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all families back to the start of a fantastic new year at Santa Clara School. I would also like to particularly welcome all of the new families, who have joined our community for the first time this year. If there is anything that I can do to assist you with any matters to do with school, then please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is adrian.tulett@cewa.edu.au. In addition, I also take this opportunity to welcome our new Principal, Mr Clinton Payne into our school community.

It has already been a busy few days settling back in and I must say how wonderful it has been to see all the children looking so happy and excited in their new classes for this year. There has been a real buzz around the school this week and there is a great sense of anticipation for both staff and students, looking forward to a new chapter in the school's history. One thing that I have noticed however, is that a number of children are being dropped at school before the gates are opened. Subsequently, I would like to remind all families that the **official opening time for the school gates is 8:25am**. Should you need to leave your child/ren at school prior to this time, then you will need to book she/he/them into our Outside School Hours Care Service. This may be done by contacting Mrs Keren Barry, the Service Director on 9251 0405.

Liturgically, the season of Lent starts in just a few weeks with Ash Wednesday being on Wednesday 26 February. This week our first whole school Mass for the year will be held on Friday 7 February, at 9:00am in the Santa Clara Church. The mass will be hosted by the Year Six Class and I invite all of you who are able, to join us in this celebration.

As usual, we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this term. Enrolment forms for students participating in all of our Sacramental celebrations have been sent out already this week. These forms will be collected by a parish representative this Friday 7 February and next Friday, 14 February between 2:30 and 3:30pm. Please do not return these forms to the school as they must go directly to the parish. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Thursday, 2 April, in the church, commencing from 4:30pm. In addition, there will be a workshop for the children who are participating in the sacrament and their parents on Thursday, 5 March in the school hall, also commencing at 4:30pm.

The other sacramental dates for the year are as follows:

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

Sacrament of First Holy Communion: Sunday, 14 June 9:30am

Confirmation Parent/Child Workshop: Thursday, 25 June 4:30pm

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

For our Year Three and Five students the NAPLAN testing will be held once again in Term Two this year. The dates for the testing are from Monday, 11 May through to Friday, 15 May. Further details to be provided at a later date.

Bye for now,

Adrian Tulett
Assistant Principal



ATTENDANCE DOCUMENTATION

If your child / children will be absent from school, or will be in late due to doctor/dentist appointments etc, please email the school office via admin@santaclara.wa.edu.au before 9:00am, on the morning the child is absent.

Please ensure that your email contains the following information:

- *The Name of the Student*
- *The Year Level of the Student*
- *Date of Absence and Date of Return to School*
- *The Reason for the Absence*
- *The full name of the parent/guardian at the end of the message - The 'from' email address is not sufficient as it does not necessarily have the full name of the person sending it.*

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Scholastic Book Club Issues have been sent home this week. Kindly send in orders, and include payments, to the school office by **Friday, 21 February 2020.**

Canteen Volunteers Reply Slip

Yes, I would love to help in the canteen.

Name: _____

Mobile No.: _____

Email Address: _____

I am available on: *(please tick)*

MONDAY FRIDAY BOTH DAYS

I would like to be rostered on: *(please tick)*

As Required Monthly Emergency

Once a Term Twice a Term

STANDARD COLLECTION NOTICE: PUBLICITY AND THE USE OF STUDENT IMAGES

Attached to this week's newsletter is our policy on the use of students' photos being used in school publicity activities, such as newsletters, classroom activities, sporting events and CEWA documents.

Most families have already completed this form which is effective for the duration of the child being at Santa Clara School.

Please read this carefully and **return only if you do not give permission** for the school to use your child's photos for all school publicity activities.

Note: In all instances where images are to be used in local media, newspapers, videos or CEWA documents, parents will be contacted and written permission sought.

Santa Clara School Canteen Volunteer Roster Form

We are looking for volunteers to help in the Canteen.

Our Canteen is open on Mondays and Fridays from 8:30am to 1:30pm and time can be arranged to suit. We need at least one volunteer each day plus a few emergency helpers on call.

If you are able to assist in any way, we ask that you complete the attached reply slip and return to the school office by **Friday, 14 February 2020.**

The Canteen cannot operate without your help.

A reminder is usually published in the newsletter prior to your roster. Morning tea, lunch and a drink are provided. For safety reasons, children are not permitted in the canteen.

This is a great way to get to know other members of the school community.

I look forward to meeting you.

Thank you for your help and support.

Sonia Thiel
Canteen Manager

P&F News



On behalf of the P&F I welcome all existing families back to school with a special mention to our new families who have joined this year.

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and looking forward to a great year ahead.

For those who are not aware, the P&F is a community of Santa Clara Parents & Friends.

It provides a valuable link between the Teachers, the Parish, the School and the Parents.

Becoming involved with the P&F is a great way to become part of Santa Clara and also to socialise and make new friends. Not only will you be supporting the School Community, you will be supported by the School Community. Your contribution can be as large or as small as you can manage.

We organise activities throughout the year through fundraising events, along with various raffles, which provides valuable resources for our children.

Our first event for the year will be our "Welcome Picnic" being held on Friday, 28 February - further details will follow.



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

Uniform Shop

OPEN WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
From 8:20am – 9:30am

P & F Class Representative for 2020

I would like to be a Class Representative for Year _____.

Name: _____

Mobile No.: _____

Email: _____



Santa Clara School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

As part of the school's publicity activities, there may, on occasion, arise the situation whereby the school, Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) or local media will need to take photographs and/or video footage of your child/ren for publication in newspapers, school documents, CEWA and Catholic agency documents (e.g. Caritas, CDF, Life Link, etc), training videos and/or the school/CEWA website.

Please complete the information below and return it to the school office.

I _____ Parent/Guardian of:

Student's Name: _____ Class: _____

Student's Name: _____ Class: _____

Student's Name: _____ Class: _____

Student's Name: _____ Class: _____

PLEASE TICK BOX

I **DO** / **DO NOT** give permission for the use of my child's/children's photo/video image in school publicity activities undertaken by the school, CEWA or local media, for the duration of my child's/children's schooling at Santa Clara School.

Signed: _____ Date: _____