



Newsletter

Thursday 5 March:

- 4:30pm Parent/Child Reconciliation Workshop

Friday 6 March:

- 9:00am Awards Assembly

Sunday 8 March:

- 2nd Sunday of Lent

Friday 13 March:

- 9:00am Awards Assembly

Sunday 15 March:

- 3rd Sunday of Lent

Monday 16 March:

- 9:30am Years 3 – 6 T20 Cricket Carnival at Wyong Reserve

Wednesday 18 March:

- 12:00noon Years 3 – 6 Swimming Carnival at Belmont Oasis Pool

Friday 20 March:

- 9:00am Class Assembly
- Interschool Cricket Carnival at Harrold Rossiter Reserve

Sunday 22 March:

- 4th Sunday of Lent

Monday 23 March to

Thursday 26 March:

- Parent/Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 24 March:

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

Wednesday 25 March:

- 9:00am Annunciation of the Lord Mass
- Interschool Swimming Carnival

**FRIDAY 27 MARCH:
SCHOOL CLOSED
FOR STAFF
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT**

Dear Parents & Carers,

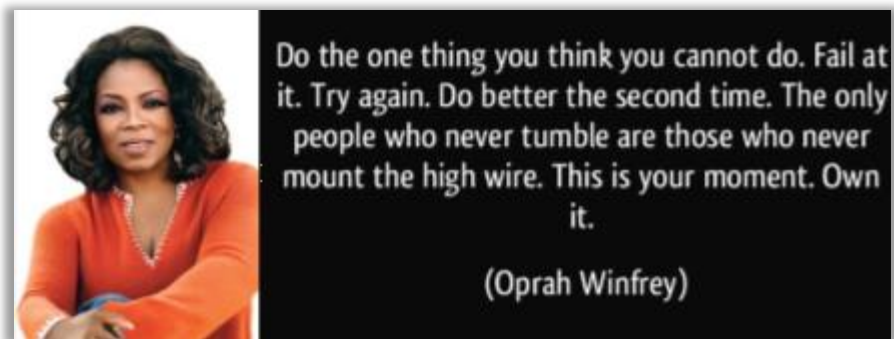
Lent is the season that makes us stop and think seriously about the relationships we have. When we have positive relationships, everything seems in sync. When our relationships are strained, it becomes overwhelming to deal with even the simplest things.

Lent gives us this opportunity to seek forgiveness and offer forgiveness. A willingness to let go of what was and to be accepting of what comes our way can be tough. To know that it is okay to forgive someone and not hold on to the negativity that can consume us is comforting. This is the heart of Lent, the heart of being merciful like the Father.



I have always been a person that wears their heart on their sleeve, not only in my personal life but also in my role as a teacher, Assistant Principal and now Principal. As I learn more about leadership in the area of education, this may not be the best way to be a Principal or leader. However, there is no point trying to fight the 'heart on the sleeve' stuff, that is just how I am. Some people will love it while others will think it is all a bit soft and ridicule me. Oh well, you see, Lent, is the perfect opportunity for me to be the person/Principal I love being.

This leads me into a quote from Oprah as I think about the person I love being.



The great thing about Oprah's quote is that we can learn lessons for ourselves, and also for our children. It certainly helps me with my thinking around teaching. How good is it to know we allow our children onto the high wire of learning,

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challenging them to have a go and that failing is okay. What a gift to expose our children to. Again, how good for us to have this attitude not just for learning but life! **Knowing that we don't need to be perfect is quite comforting.**

I think about our students and my own girls at home and I know I need to do this better. How do I get the very best out of them? How do I get them to be willing to take the chance of falling/failing? It is pretty exciting when you think about it, providing moments daily for our children to own their learning and to take responsibility. I think this is pretty much the best thing about the teaching profession. It is okay to fall sometimes. It is okay to have to do better the next time. This is also for our staff here at SC. Learning on the job is what makes teaching the best profession as it is a forever changing context.

This is life and what it is all about.

Being in education for 20 years now I thought I had the demands of teaching and learning under control. Each week I get to meet with all the teaching staff and discuss various issues in formal and informal meetings. Listening to these teachers has opened my eyes to the demands of the work within our classrooms; all the preparation, the emotional drain, the emotional highs and lows, the constant demand of teaching and learning, the needs of our students in our classrooms and this underlying premise that we need to get it right all the time. The moving from one lesson to the next, motivating the students and the need to be one step ahead. It is an exhausting profession, one that is continually changing and challenging. Seeing our teachers strive to meet these demands is inspiring. It is a privilege to work with the children and staff of SC. For many of our staff this year has been an interesting start. New roles, new year levels, new Principal. Seeing the effort they have put into accepting my expectations while setting a high standard in their classrooms makes me one lucky Principal!

I am sure you are aware of my little catch phrase that is becoming a bit of a focus of mine for 2020. **Ikigai for me is what it is all about, that the grass is greener on my side, our SC side.** Being surrounded by people that care is truly making me realise the grass is pretty green at SC. This was also the case at our first P&F and Board Meetings for 2020. Hearing the P&F's plans for various community events to bring us all together and the Board's interest in making SC even better ensures the students remain our number one concern.

And then there was our first P&F event on Friday night. Seeing the effort the **P&F, in particular Michelle Kinsman**, put into the preparation was inspiring for us a community. To those ladies, I truly say **thank you**. I am sure we did raise some much needed funds for the school but seeing and feeling the sense of **community** you help build at SC is what it is all about for us. I cannot urge families enough to involve themselves in our various bodies like the P&F. And, even if you cannot commit to our P&F meetings, your attendance at the various events is so appreciated.

As we commence our journey to our Easter celebration and last five weeks of Term One, we cannot help feel a little tired with the busy start we have had. The quote to the right from Ralph Waldo Emerson recently came across my desk.

This is exactly what Oprah talks of, to bounce back and go for it. I look forward to working on this myself and hopefully seeing others around me starting each day with a renewed spirit.

Have a blessed week and good luck with your Lent sacrifices. I will be aiming to stick to one coffee per day and giving up my chocolate almond ice creams. Please God help me!!

Finish every day and be done with it.
You have done what you could.
Some blunders and absurdities, no
doubt crept in. Forget them as soon as
you can, tomorrow is a new day;
begin it well and serenely, with too
high a spirit to be cumbered with your
old nonsense.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

P&F Contribution – Thank You!

As mentioned above I would like to thank Michelle and the P&F Executive for the continual community building they do at SC. Last week I approached the P&F to support the school rolling out **new furniture**

for all our classrooms. As Principal, I take full responsibility for the delivery of the curriculum and must ensure our students and staff have the environment in which this can occur. Although budgetary planning took place in 2019 through our School Board, **our P&F have committed \$20,000 to this project.** This is huge for our students here at SC as we will be developing flexible learning spaces in each classroom. Seeing the P&F and Board work together on a project like this keeps our students at the heart of every decision. **Thank you!**

Our goal is to get the furniture into our classrooms for the commencement of Term Two. Keep an eye out for future newsletters requesting families to assist with furniture assembling!!

Kindy 2021

To our families who have a child born between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017, we invite you to put in an application for Kindy 2021. We seem to have a lot of interest from the community so places may fill up quickly. Interviews will commence in the near future. If you have any questions regarding enrolments please see Suzanne in our Administration.

Staff Professional Learning Day

Our first staff Professional Learning Day will be on **Friday, 27 March**. As a staff we will be engaged in the topic of wellbeing and balance. Please mark this day in your calendar.

Please note, due to a change in our Presenter, our second Professional Learning Day in Term Two has changed. This will now take place on **Friday, 12 June**.

Parking / Drop Off

Last week I had a conversation with the local Traffic Inspectors as they have been visiting all schools in the area. Generally, they are very impressed with families following the various signs around the place. By doing so, our children remain in a safe environment. Unfortunately, the main concern is students being dropped off across the road on Coolgardie Street. By doing so, students are crossing the road unsupervised. If you pay attention to the traffic signs, this is not allowed and soon parents will be issued with fines by Traffic Inspectors. Please follow the various traffic rules around our school to keep our students safe.

School Fees 2020

The roll-out by CEWA of a new 'Administration of Schools' software package, means we have administered School Fees 2020 differently to previous years. Please note the following:

- School fees have been sent to parents via email this week.
- These fees will be in a different format to previous years.
- Key change 1 – A new BPay reference number. If using BPay, please note this change and use the new number on your schedule.
- Key change 2 [Section 1 – Payment Option Advice Form] – Payment Authorisation form will offer 6 options for fee payment. Please tick the instalment option you have selected and tick the payment method.
- Key change 3 [Section 2 – Payment Agreement] – For direct debit on credit cards, please complete the credit card authorisation section.
- Key change 4 [Section 2 – Payment Agreement] – For debit cards [cheque and savings] please complete the direct debit authorisation.
- Key change 5 – [Section 3 – Declaration] – Please sign the declaration, acknowledging that the account with Santa Clara will be paid in full by 18 December 2020.
- Key change 6 – The Payment Authorisation Form must be completed by 20 March 2020. You can return either hard copy to the office or return via email to accounts@santaclara.wa.edu.au.

Wishing you all a great fortnight. Stay strong with your Lenten promises!

Take care.

Clinton Payne
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings Everyone,

Well here we are halfway through Term One already. Where does the time go? I hope that everyone had an enjoyable long weekend. My own was quite busy with a number of outings to see family and friends across the entire weekend. Still, it was very relaxing at the same time and a welcome break from the hustle and bustle of school life.

Swimming lessons are now finalised and it was terrific to see all the children having a great time in the pool and working tirelessly to achieve their individual swimming goals. Having said that, it is also good for everyone, staff and students alike, to be able to settle back into a regular school routine again. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the children for their exemplary behaviour while at the pool and also travelling to and from Cannington Leisureplex on the bus. Thank you once again to Miss Ellen Fitzpatrick for her tireless efforts and organisation to ensure that these lessons were successful and fun for all. Thanks also go to all the staff of Santa Clara for their constant supervision of all students whilst they are in the water, and a special thank you to Dave, our regular BusWest bus driver, whose cheerful demeanour always endears him to all of the Santa Clara Community.

On the subject of swimming, one of our next big events, after a couple of weeks of relative calm, will be the school swimming carnival. This will take place on Wednesday 18 March, at Belmont Oasis Leisure Centre. This is always an exciting day, with all the students (and staff) getting behind their factions and all of the competitors, to create an amazing atmosphere at poolside. Following on from this event will be the Interschool Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 25 March, at Aqualife in East Victoria Park.

There are two more big sporting events coming up this month. The first is the School Cricket Carnival for Years 3 - 6. This will be held at Wyong Oval on Monday 16 March, during the morning. In the same week the Interschool Cricket Carnival will be played on Friday 20 March. I personally am very disappointed to be missing the school carnival, as I will be attending the Catholic Assistant Principal's Association Day on the 16, but I am certain that everyone involved will put in a fantastic effort.

Liturgically, we look forward to the next event in our Sacramental Program, which is this afternoon's Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshop. All students who are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this term, are expected to attend this workshop along with at least one parent. The afternoon starts at 4:30pm in the School Hall. Our next whole school mass is the Mass of the Annunciation, which takes place on Wednesday 25 March 2020, at 9:00 am. I invite those of you who are able to attend this celebration to join us at the Santa Clara Church on this date.

Sacramental Date Reminders:

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

Until the next Newsletter,

Adrian Tulett
Assistant Principal

YEAR 5 NEWS

It has been a super busy start for us in Year Five this year. We have been getting used to having two teachers, and we have been getting to know the three new students in the class. They are Delina and Deliana, who are twins, and we also have Rose. It is good to have some new friends in the class after we said goodbye to Amelie at the end of last year, and Yohanns left at the beginning of this year.

A lot has been happening this year, and we decided to report back on it for this newsletter through a series of video interviews. Our interviewer was Aurora and she asked us a series of three questions about Year Five. Aurora also got to answer the questions as well. Here are some of our answers:

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BEING IN YEAR FIVE?

I like having two new teachers and meeting new friends.

Emily Yau

I like being with all my friends and doing lots of new subjects that we didn't learn about last year.

Mary Austin

I like many things about Year Five. One being that we didn't have to buy all our own pencils and rubbers and other stationery. They were just all ready for us in the class.

Olivia Saldanha

I just like coming to school every day in Year Five and I like that we get to be part of more Interschool Carnivals this year.

Gloire Baraka

I like how Mr T tells us stories about him and how sometimes they're funny!

Wayne Loo

I like having my first man teacher and that it has been fun learning so far.

Jacob Anderson

I like the teachers because they are really nice and I like the fun work that we've been doing this year and how challenging it is.

Aurora D'Lima

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR FAVOURITE ACTIVITY SO FAR?

I like doing the 'Toyota Dream Car Design' activity because it's lots of fun and involves Art and Art is my favourite subject.

Rose Pickett

I like doing my Spelling work and playing our Maths games, it's fun playing these games with my friends.

Xavier Barraza

I liked the Design and Technology activity about the Dream Car because it was fun and enjoyable.

David Otim

I think the Art activity we did with Mrs Ellis with our initials. I liked this because it was very creative and we got to put our personal touch on it.

Ava Closey

I've liked designing my dream car because it's been really fun to design something that hasn't even been invented yet.

Mitchell Kinsman

I like the Art activities we do because I like drawing.

Bennell Collard

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO DOING THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE YEAR?

I'm just looking forward to having a lot of fun with my teachers and friends and to learning a lot.

Andre Dweh

I'm looking forward to doing NAPLAN and more maths tests because I love Maths and doing tests.

Tenielle Jabonete Ramirez

I'm looking forward to everything pretty much and especially Mr T reading us more stories 'cause he makes them so fun.

Teagan Weber

I'm probably looking forward to doing more Art and the chance to be in more competitions.

Tabitha Swinar

I'm looking forward to doing a lot of Art because it's my favourite subject.

Nina Diche

Nothing!

Veer Singh

I'm looking forward to entering lots of competitions and doing lots of hard work and reading lots and lots and lots, oh and getting homework, my favourite!

Aurora D'Lima

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM OUR SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE

How can we help prevent the spread of coronavirus?

Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence against most viruses (including colds, influenza, and gastroenteritis). You should:

- wash your hands frequently with soap and water, before and after eating, and after going to the toilet
- cover your cough and sneeze, dispose of tissues, and use alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- and if unwell, avoid contact with others (touching, kissing, hugging, and other intimate contact)

When teaching your child to wash their hands:

- Use clean water and soap, making sure they cover their hands and wrists.
- Use a brush to clean under nails if they're dirty too
- Dry their hands with something clean (like a paper towel)

Alcohol based sanitisers are useful when soap and water is not available. Use half a teaspoon of the product and encourage your child to rub their hands together until they're dry. If you can see dirt on their hands, it is better to use soap and water.

For more information on the importance of hand hygiene and for up to date information on the Coronavirus please go to www.healthywa.wa.gov.au.

Colour Blindness

Colour blindness means that a person cannot distinguish some colours or see the colours differently to other people. Very few people who are colour blind are 'blind' to all colours. Commonly, the colours seen differently are greens, yellows, oranges and reds.

An information leaflet on colour blindness will be distributed to all Pre-Primary students this year. Please take the time to read the pamphlet.

For more information and see the Colour Blind Awareness and Support Group on <http://www.members.optusnet.com.au/~doverton/>.

If you have any concerns, colour vision testing can be performed by some general practitioners, eye specialists or optometrists. You can also contact your local Community Health Nurse on **9258 8053**.

P&F Welcome Picnic

Thank you on behalf of the P&F to all who attended our Welcome Picnic last Friday evening. It was so lovely to see so many families supporting this event. We hope you and your child/ren had an enjoyable time. Wishing you all a fantastic 2020 at Santa Clara.

Michelle Kinsman
P&F President



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From 8:20am – 9:30am

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