



Newsletter

Sunday 5 April:

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**FRIDAY 3 APRIL:
LAST DAY OF TERM
FOR STUDENTS**
(Please note
change in date)

**THURSDAY 9 APRIL:
HOLY THURSDAY
LAST DAY OF TERM
FOR STAFF**

**FRIDAY 10 APRIL:
GOOD FRIDAY**

**MONDAY 27 APRIL:
ANZAC DAY PUBLIC
HOLIDAY**

**TUESDAY 28 APRIL:
TERM 2 BEGINS FOR
STUDENTS**

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are all doing ok under these unusual circumstances. Who would have thought that in 2020 we would be requesting students to stay at home. Up until now, we have no further clarification from CEWA Ltd or the Government as to what Term 2 will look like for our students at Santa Clara. When this information comes to hand we will pass it on. Until now, your number one priority is your children and ensuring you are looking after yourself in order to look after them.

Last week, I had a Principal mentor of mine ring me just to simply check-up. Being completely honest, I have a bit of a crush on him because he is simply honest and caring. He gave me a good quote to reflect on, DOES MY FACE LIGHT UP? Over the last few days I did see many faces lit up. In the Kiss and Drive parents saying goodbye or hello to their kids was very inspiring for me. Even spending some time down in Pre-Primary playing Pictionary, the students light up like nothing else. It even made me go home and reflect on my two girls, Izabella and Sienna and how they are supporting me as their dad through these times. I am hoping, for you all out there, that my face has been lit up. As your children now move to remote learning, ask yourself, does my face light up for them? This challenge might just be the positivity you and your beautiful kids need.

At the start of the year I also mentioned one of my favourite quotes, Ikigai: The grass is greener on my side. The one thing I try and do when times get tough is to take something positive from it. I mean, COVID-19 is a pretty full on virus. But, I do think it is teaching us something very important, that the most important thing in life is US. At the moment, nothing else seems to matter, at all. There is a lot going on and I think we will once again restore balance, God will make sure this happens. So I think we need to leave things in His hands, He will take care of it. The most critical thing is for you to look after yourself so that WE can look after others. This will only occur if we believe in the WE. How we treat others is crucial at this time. Whatever you may be feeling at this moment is completely normal, but be there for each other. If you feel like you need to talk or be supported contact us at the school.



With the grass being greener on the SC side, I have seen the notion of WE in action. The number of emails I have received from parents asking how the staff and I are shows the quality of our community.

WE WILL INSPIRE

CREATIVITY • CARING • RESILIENCE • COURAGE • TRUTH

we fall.
we break.
we fail.

but then,

we rise.
we heal.
we overcome.

The quality of the staff is also a standout. Moving to remote learning is scary. Being organised and pushed out of your comfort zone can be daunting. But, they are all just getting on with it. Seeing them support one another in this is and have a go at making videos and online lessons makes me feel like the luckiest Principal in the world. I am so grateful to be going through these times with these people and believe God has put me exactly where I need to be. I feel so blessed because of this.

Remote Learning

As per the Premier's instruction, parents now need to keep their children at home to avoid the spread of COVID-19. This week we have remained open for children whose parents are Health or Essential Workers. As per the letter I sent through email last week, students were able to attend if I was personally contacted by parents. This was to keep student numbers to a minimum. The students that are in attendance did not receive classroom instruction, they participated in the same remote learning that students at home received.

This Friday, 3 April will be the last day of term for all students. We are not sure what Term 2 will look like for our students but the assumption is students will be asked to stay home and continue their remote learning.

Over the last week, staff have worked together to establish what remote learning will look like for our students at SC. As Principal, I cannot stress enough that we do not want you to replicate the school environment or daily routine, or become experts at delivering the curriculum. Don't attempt to log on to various programs or download worksheets from websites. Don't create recess breaks or lunch breaks or even a classroom. We are not asking you to home-school. Think about it. Your kids are taking a lot in at this present time. They are probably realising that they are not going to see their teachers or friends for an extended period of time which is pretty upsetting. Right now, you are their parent or carer. You are there to create that sense of comfort and support they need at this moment. Keep life as normal as you can. Continue to do housework, bake cakes, play games, watch TV, you know, the normal stuff. Whatever happens over the next term, I am confident our teachers will pick up where the kids are at and develop in them the skills they need. For now, focus on FAMILY.

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Home should be
an anchor, a port in
a storm, a refuge,
a happy place in
which to dwell, a place
where we are loved
and where we can love.

MARVIN J. ASHTON

Our remote learning delivery will be pretty basic and parent friendly. Our teachers are being very creative in the delivery of the curriculum through video and interactive lessons. As time goes on this will become more refined. The one thing I have asked from the teachers is to maintain the relationships with their students and look for ways to connect with them. They will do this daily with an uploaded video that focuses on positivity, prayer and give the students an outline of the day. Hopefully by now you have seen these in action. I mean, how good are our teachers? We are also including three tasks; Literacy, Numeracy and Integrated. The tasks are presented under the following headings:

- **Curriculum Link** for teachers
- **Task Explanation** in child friendly language
- **Learning Intention** outlining what the students will be learning
- **Success Criteria** letting the students know what they need to do to demonstrate successful learning
- A **Timeline** so parents are aware of when their child will receive feedback
- **Parent Involvement** explaining what parents need to do (if an assessment you do not need to do anything!!). There will also be instructions on uploading student work so teachers can mark it!
- **A Bit More** if students want to do something further

Students will also receive uploaded content from their Specialist Teachers each week (Science, Italian, Music, Phys Ed, Health).

We ask that students complete assigned tasks in their Remote Learning exercise book we sent home last week.

We believe our remote learning model will ensure students continue to receive a high quality education at home. Our focus on keeping it simple will hopefully not create any unwarranted stress for you.

Finally, if you need support do not hesitate to contact us. As parents, your lives are busy at the moment and we want to be there for you. We must all take one day at a time. Many families are experiencing hardships so remember to look after yourself so that your kids are feeling safe. When this challenge passes, and it will, Santa Clara staff will once again do what they are so talented at doing.

Right now, the quality of our community needs to shine so that we can face this challenge together, you know, the grass is greener on our side! Remember the need for your face to light up for others and to be gentle on your kids and yourself. If you need any assistance please contact the school.

Take care,

**Clint
Principal**

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings Everyone,

Well it certainly has been an exciting and challenging time to be involved in education over the past few weeks and especially this week. The switch to an online learning format has presented a number of issues, not the least of which have been some complications on Microsoft's end with their Office 365 platform. This is the preferred platform for Catholic Education in WA and the complications that arose on Monday as we went "live" online certainly didn't help the cause.

The great thing about challenges though is that they are not insurmountable. When we are resilient, and capable of problem solving then it is truly amazing and inspiring to see people rise up to meet those challenges. This was very evident with my own class this week when so many of the children had struggles accessing the work that had been posted to the Teams App on Office 365. The way that many of them responded with suggestions of help, for those who were having difficulty, often before I had a chance to reply myself, was truly wonderful. It made me very proud of the class the way that they rallied around each other trying to help each other out in what is still a very 'new world' for many of us. Great work Year Fives, you have shown us all how well you embody the Santa Clara School Values of Resilience, Creativity, Courage, Caring and Truthfulness in your online actions this week. Thank you all for being there for each other.

In the last newsletter I wrote about Samuel Clear, who in December 2006 set out to walk around the world and ask Christians to pray for unity. If the 'Unity' of the Year Five students, even in this

time of self-isolation, is anything to go on, then I would suggest that we will all come through the other side of the COVID – 19 problem in pretty good shape for the future. The unity that they, and other members of our community throughout Perth are showing is fantastic to see. Let us all continue to support each other and show that we are unified, in God and in each other.

Until the next Newsletter,

Adrian Tulett
Assistant Principal

