



Newsletter

Sunday 10 May:

- o Mother's Day



Sunday 24 May:

- o The Ascension of the Lord

Tuesday 26 May:

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

Sunday 31 May:

- o Pentecost Sunday

MONDAY 1 JUNE:
WA DAY PUBLIC
HOLIDAY

Sunday 7 June:

- o The Most Holy Trinity

FRIDAY 12 JUNE:
STAFF
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT DAY –
SCHOOL CLOSED
(Please note
change in date)

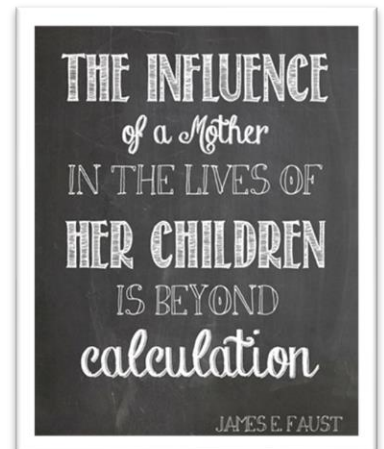
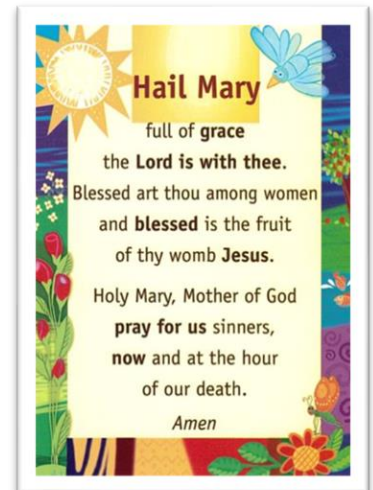
Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy Mother's Day (a little early!!)

May is the month we tend to focus on the life of Mary. It is during the month of May that many people say the rosary, or simply say a Hail Mary as a way of giving thanks for the good things in their lives. This week, as I was saying the Hail Mary, I was thinking of the list of things I needed to do. The meaning of the words was lost. That day I made it a priority to say the words slowly and to focus on what I am grateful for in my life, and boy did that make a difference. My mum always made us say that prayer and it tends to make me relax when I find things getting tough. I have even heard the Hail Mary while I have been walking around the school this week and thought what a special environment I work in where we can stop and pray!

Over the past week and a bit I have thought a fair bit about my mum and how the busyness of life and COVID-19 stops me from seeing her. In all seriousness it's not hard to find the time but it seems impossible to get there. I know if I was to drop in unexpectedly my mum would be so excited and the curry puffs would keep on rolling out of the oven! This is something I am going to try and do more often as it is the simple things in life that mean the most especially now that some of our social distancing measures are being relaxed! When I think about my mum and in fact all mums, I realise just how special they are. Mums just seem to stop what they are doing and give. We all know dads do this also, but the relationship between a mother and her children is something beyond our understanding.

So, happy early Mother's Day! I hope your family spoils you rotten. As a family we just hope to spend time together. In fact, I heard my mum tell Sienna on Zoom, "I don't want presents, instead I just want your presence". A pretty hard concept to teach a Year 4 child but it did hit home with me. So remember, mums (and dads) don't need all that fancy stuff. Make her a nice card and give her your 'presence'. Treat her very special this Mother's Day (and everyday) and she won't need anything else. I am sure I will also see those curry puffs make an appearance and am certain they will not last long.



WE WILL INSPIRE

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Term Two

It has been extremely positive to see some of our students returning to school this week. We continue to look forward to the day when all our students are back at Santa Clara School and the noise and joy of our students fill the classrooms. At this present time, parents are able to keep their child/ren at home should they choose to.

We continue to implement our remote learning for students whether they are at home or at school so as to provide all our students with a quality Catholic education. Our teachers are so committed at Santa Clara School and I am so proud of what they have planned and delivered for the start of Term Two. If you choose to send your child back to Santa Clara School please know they will be facilitated in their remote learning by their classroom teacher.

As there are continuing low levels of transmission of the COVID-19 virus within the WA community, we hope as parents and carers you become more confident to send your children back to Santa Clara School. We look forward to the day all our students are back with us.

We have also implemented a number of extra hygiene measures across the school including new Antibacterial Soap and Dispensers and Sanitiser Stations for our students. As well as this, our playground and sports equipment is being sanitised twice a day. The safety and wellbeing of our students is paramount and we are confident our processes we have put in place is providing our students with a hygienic learning environment.

We will continue to keep you up to date regarding education and COVID-19 as it comes to hand. I thank you for your continued support and positivity. We are truly blessed here at SC!

Staffing Update



I wish to inform the community of two staffing changes at Santa Clara School. At the end of last term, Mrs Keren Barry resigned from her position as Nominated Supervisor for our Outside School Hours Care. On behalf of our community, we acknowledge Keren for her service at our school.

Mr Tony Nunn has also informed me that he has resigned from his position of Maintenance as of the start of Term Two. Again, on behalf of our community, we thank Tony for his years of service and dedication to our school.

We have begun the process of advertising for these two positions. On completion of our process we will inform the community of our successful applicants. We call upon the Holy Spirit to guide us in making these very important decisions.

Classroom Furniture – THANK YOU!!!!

On behalf of our community I would like to thank our School Board and P&F for their careful planning and dedication to our new classroom furniture rollout from Kindy to Year 6. This could not have occurred without the P&F contributing \$20,000 to this project. Each classroom now has flexible tables, student and teacher storage, soft furnishings, book shelves, 20 student chairs and 10 stools so as to ensure all our students have a comfortable working environment, and an explicit teaching table.

We are so grateful to have a committed School Board and P&F that work together to improve the

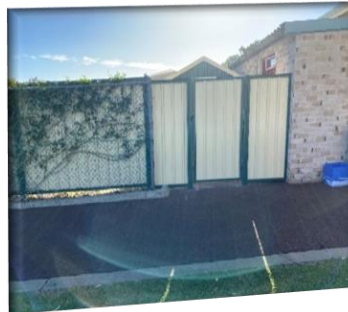
educational outcomes for our students here at Santa Clara. I feel the following pictures from Year 3 speak for themselves!



Capital Works

During these uncertain times it is also important that we celebrate some enhancements to our beautiful school. The following photos highlight some of these enhancements.

Fencing / Gates



Student Toilets – Paint, New Cisterns



Gutter Cleaning, Gutter Maintenance, Replaced Broken Downpipes



New Blinds – Year 1 - 6 Classrooms, Library & Administration



Signage / Marketing



***Administration
– New Paint, Floor,
Hallway Door***



**Staffroom
– New Kitchenette**



Oval Maintenance



**Clinton Payne
Principal**

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings Everyone,

A very warm welcome to Term Two to all of our Santa Clara Community, whether you are remaining at home or have returned to school. It really has been a joy to see so many students returning to school over the first two weeks of this term and we are all looking forward to the time when all our community are able to be present with us once again. So much has happened over the past few weeks, that it seems an eternity ago that I was in my classroom teaching in a 'traditional face-to-face' manner.

The school is looking fantastic with a number of 'facelifts' and maintenance activities having been carried out during the school holidays. Gone are the leaks; the student toilets have been painted; and thanks to some generous support from our fantastic P & F team, we have new furniture in all of our classrooms. There is also some new signage at the front of the school to help promote our presence in the wider community. Along with the students returning, these improvements have created a real buzz around the school, like a springtime forest coming alive after hibernation.

Our enforced isolation has been an interesting experience for most of us. The American Author, Jeanne Marie Laskas has said that "*Isolation is aloneness that feels forced upon you, like a punishment*" (Mr Payne's love for quotes must be rubbing off on me). If the feelings of our Year Five students is anything to go by this seems to be an accurate reflection. Last Friday, I asked the Year Fives to reflect in writing on their experience of having to be at home during the last few weeks. Their honesty and openness has been really refreshing to read. Pretty well all of them missed being at school and being able to physically interact with family and friends. I think that Teagan summed up the feelings of the class the best, with the following comment: "It's like the movie Jumanji you can only get out once you finish the game but in real life you can only get out of your house when they find a cure or vaccine."

For my own part, and that of my family, isolation has meant a slowing down of the busy pace that all of us parents of school-age children lead. The loss of after school and weekend sporting activities, sleepovers and other social gatherings, has provided an opportunity to just relax more and enjoy some good old-fashioned 'family time', playing board games, watching movies, or just going for bike rides around the neighbourhood. Another of the Year Five students, Xavier, agreed

with this sentiment, saying that: "Isolation has showed me how important family is, being all together. We all got a break from our busy lives and got to reconnect."

Humans are social animals, we are meant to be together, among family and friends to enjoy this connectedness that Xavier mentions. Our customs, practices and religious beliefs are best enjoyed and celebrated when we are together. Sitting here at my desk in the Assistant Principal's office, I am looking at the Term calendar and marvelling at how blank it looks without all the assemblies, sporting events, masses and other events that shape the routine life of our school. I have mentioned in previous newsletters, Samuel Clear, an Australian Catholic who undertook a solo walk around the world to ask people to pray for Christian Unity. As a school community, let us pray that God unites us all once again soon, be it at school, with family, friends, in our sport, pastimes and hobbies, and that we emerge from the isolation of Coronavirus with renewed connectedness as well as a vaccine against this disease.

Until the next Newsletter,

Adrian Tulett
Assistant Principal

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

BOOK CLUB IS COMING!

We're really excited to have **BOOK CLUB** running this Term, but it will look a little different! It will be a **virtual catalogue** rather than the printed catalogues that you're used to receiving.

To order from this issue go to:

[Scholastic.com.au/Book-Club/virtual-catalogue-1/](https://www.scholastic.com.au/Book-Club/virtual-catalogue-1/)

Place your order on LOOP as normal. All orders will need to be placed by 18th MAY.

We will receive your order here to our School like normal. Once your order arrives, we will contact you to arrange for collection if your child is not attending School.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact:

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School Entry Health Assessment

A Message from the School Health Nurses

School Entry Health Assessment - Kindergarten & Pre-Primary

All children in Western Australia are eligible for a School Entry Health Assessment when they are of school entry age. The School Entry Health Assessment is provided by the local School Health Nurse. It is an excellent opportunity to look at the health and development of your child at the beginning of school life.

The assessments are simple, non-invasive, quick and easy. They screen for problems which are best addressed, if picked up and treated early. The assessments include:

- *Vision*
- *Hearing*
- *Teeth*
- *Growth (including weight, height and Body Mass Index)*

Your child's results will be sent home after their health check has been completed. Results are always treated confidentially.

Please note, if the assessment results for your child suggest there may be a concern, the School Health Nurse will contact you to discuss.

School Entry Health Assessment forms are distributed for parents to complete several weeks prior to the assessment date. **Please complete and sign the back page of the form before you return it.**

Please return the form to the class teacher as soon as possible.

We look forward to working with you and your family.

If you have a concern about your child's health, development or wellbeing, or wish to discuss a future or completed assessment, please contact us on 92588053.