



Newsletter

Tuesday 23 June:

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

Wednesday 24 June:

- 9:00am Years 2 – 6 Cross Country Carnival

Monday 29 June:

- Reports go home

**FRIDAY 3 JULY:
LAST DAY OF TERM 2
FOR STUDENTS
AND STAFF**

**MONDAY 20 JULY:
FIRST DAY OF TERM 3
FOR STUDENTS
AND STAFF**

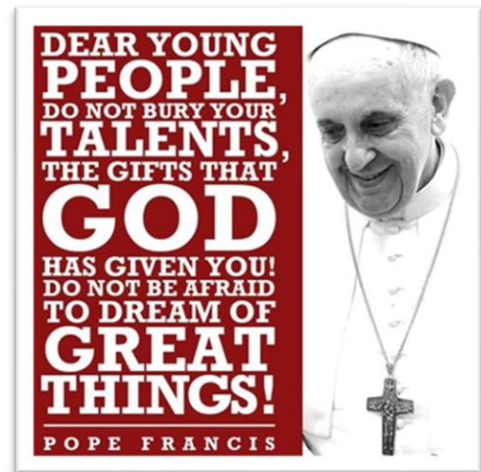
DATES COMING UP IN TERM 3:

- **Tuesday 11 August:**
9:00am St Clare's
Feast Day Mass led
by Pre-Primary
- **Tuesday 18 August:**
6:00pm P&F Meeting
6:45pm Board
Meeting
- **Friday 21 August:**
Pupil Free Day –
School Closed
- **Wednesday 23
September:**
School Photo Day
- **Friday 25
September**
Staff Catholic Day –
OSC & School
Closed

Dear Parents & Carers,

Just a Reflection!

As I am currently sitting here in my office on Saturday while our roof is being cleaned and repointed, I am reflecting on some notes from the Aspiring Principals Program I was involved in last year. I feel very privileged to have participated in this program as I was selected by my peers. The program also gave me the confidence to take the next step in my role as an educator, and here I am now, the Principal at SC! The luckiest Principal ever!



I am very inspired by one of the quotes from the program by a guy named Chris Lowney. Lowney has also written a book on leadership based on Pope Francis. It is an excellent read. If any of you would like to borrow it please come and see me.

The main focus of Lowney's work is to walk with humility and he uses this quote in the image.

As this term is nearing its end, I have decided to use this as a reflection of our children here at Santa Clara School. After spending the last few days checking reports, it is evident our children here have many talents that come in many forms. Some children stand out in their class work. Others stand out in the area of Physical Education or the Arts, in music or the visual pieces they create. Some shine in the leadership skills they demonstrate. What these talents reveal is that our children will one day be amazing teachers, writers, artists or quiet achievers. Whatever the future holds their talents will influence them.

As parents and staff, we all play such a vital role in the lives of our children. The question is how do we provide them with a safe place and moments that allow their talents to flourish? It is our modelling that influences their talents to grow. I get to see this each day when I pop into different classrooms. The kids seem switched on all the time. Each of

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them has their own specific talents and gifts that allow them to shine. The challenge is to keep that shining constant. Sometimes it might be something as simple as taking an interest in the things our children are into. This is where we discover their passion, what excites and motivates them! I can assure you there is so much talent in our classrooms.

Have you ever just stood there at home in awe watching your children and how easily they get things? My own two girls amaze me each and every day. They seem to know what I am thinking before I even speak. On the other hand, when they explain things to me I need them to slow things right down. Corinne tries to tell me this is the difference between males and females! My two girls are so similar and yet so different and boy are they talented (again, something Corinne tells me they get from her!). We all want our children to be the best they can be by encouraging their talents to grow rather than helping them avoid failure. Sometimes, however, it is the failing that allows them to learn!

I get to see amazing things with our staff also each day here at SC. Watching them in class master their craft and participate in various professional conversations as a staff is inspiring. The things they do each day are beyond what I was ever doing in a classroom. Their dedication to our school and your children is truly visible each and everyday. I am sure their talents have evolved over their time teaching and their spirit strengthens our community here at SC. I can assure you your children are in extremely safe hands! They really are an amazing group of people to work with.



This is what Pope Francis is talking about. Talents make us who we are. They don't need to be praised or in the limelight. They can be subtle. Over the next fortnight, take the time to watch your children. You know what their talents are but just celebrate them. I am going to do this also and make it a goal of mine to notice the little things and tell my girls about things I love in each of them.

Kiss and Drive

A huge thank you to all our parents, carers and grandparents for your support and patience during our afternoon Kiss and Drive. There were some awesome afternoons last week where the traffic was spread out over the 20 minutes allowing our traffic flow to run smoothly. How blessed am I to be in the great community!

Some of my observations:

- You are all smiling and waving which I appreciate.
- You all understand it is about keeping our kids at SC safe.
- You understand we are on duty until 3:20pm to spread out the flow of traffic
- There are times some of you turn right when you think we are not on duty!! Please try and not do this as we want the Kiss and Drive to be fair for all our families.

Parents On School Grounds

It has been wonderful to see parents back at Santa Clara. At this stage, parents are not allowed in classrooms. If you need to see your child's classroom teacher please arrange a time to meet with them so that we can stick to social distancing requirements.

A few parents have requested we still open the oval gate as they would like to use that as a gathering spot. We think it is a great idea!

Sacramental Program

At this stage, no dates have been set for the recommencement of our 2020 Sacramental Program. The dates that were on our Term Planners pre COVID-19 are not current and will be revised over the next few weeks. Once the dates have been set, parents and carers of children in Year 3, 4 and 6 will be notified. We appreciate that these Sacraments are special celebrations for families and we thank you for understanding as we work with Fr Chris to arrange new dates.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

Please be aware that Santa Clara School is required to provide information to the Government each year through the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) regarding students with disabilities or learning difficulties. Students who are on medical action plans may also be included in this data collection. Further information regarding NCCD is attached to our Newsletter.

Staffing Update

We welcome back Fiona Messer and Claire Daniels who will be recommencing their roles at Santa Clara School on a part-time basis from Term Three. I would like to also acknowledge the efforts of Miss Sarah Massam who will finish her time at Santa Clara School at the end of Term Two.

Due to these staffing changes, the following year level changes will commence from Term Three:

- Year 3: Mrs Claire Daniels (Monday, Tuesday) and Mrs Alyssa Adams (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)
- Year 5: Mr Adrian Tulett (Full-Time)
- Year 6: Ms Fiona Messer (Monday) and Mrs Mim Ellis (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)
- Assistant Principal: Ms Fiona Messer (Wednesday, Thursday)

Finally, I would like to thank the 'few' parents who have contacted me saying that they enjoy reading my posts! I enjoy writing them, although I get told I waffle too much. Hopefully you get something out of my posts that bring you a little bit of joy.

I know I say it a lot, but this place is special. I am so grateful that God has brought me to Santa Clara for the start of my time as a Principal. Enjoy the next couple of weeks.

Take care,

Clinton Payne
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings Everyone,

It's that time of year when all of us here at school have one thing on our minds. Reports!

For the past few weeks teachers have been busy checking assessments and the data that they have collected to be able to deliver an honest and accurate report on each student. Report writing is an intense and stressful business for teachers, because we want to ensure that we get it right. We want to give the best information that we can to parents about the progress of each child.

The children feel a variety of emotions at this time. Some are nervous about what the teacher will say about them, some excited to find out how well they have been doing. Many like to compare their results with others in their class, or with siblings. Bragging rights become popular when reports go home. Some children, however; can get quite anxious about reports. They get quite stressed thinking about how they have done or what their parents' reaction to their results may be.

Parents can also be anxious around report time as they worry about how their children are doing in class. Sometimes reports can be quite confusing, particularly when the comments written relate to curriculum outcomes rather than being in plain English. Speaking as a parent I know that my wife often wonders what my boys' teachers really mean and she will often ask me to interpret really academic language. At Santa Clara, we try to keep away from too much of that academic stuff in our report comments. This helps you, our parents to get a more realistic picture of how your children are performing at school.

This year, with everything that has happened surrounding COVID-19, the first semester reports will look somewhat different. Rather than an A, B, C, D, E grading, your children will be given 3 descriptor scale. They will be determined to be either; achieving above target, achieving at target, or working towards target. These grades give an indication of what your child is achieving right now and what they have achieved throughout Semester One. It does not mean that this will be their end of year result, especially as all indications are that we will revert back to the usual grading system in Semester Two.

When you read your child's report, please keep an open mind. If your child doesn't seem to be where you think they should be, then be gentle with them. Remember the circumstances that have impacted their education this year and take this into account. And please, if you have any questions, then don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Until the next Newsletter,

Adrian Tulett
Assistant Principal



Student Absences

When your child/children will be absent from school, please contact the school office before 9:00am by:

1. Email to admin@santaclara.wa.edu.au **OR**
2. Telephone 9251 0400, with a follow up email as soon as possible to admin@santaclara.wa.edu.au

Written notification or email is a legal requirement in maintaining class rolls for all absent students.

Please ensure that your emails contain the following information:

- Name & Surname of Student
- Year Level
- Date of Absence
- Date of Return (if more than one day)
- Reason for Absence
- From Parent/Guardian/Carer Full Name



Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



CROSS COUNTRY



Wednesday, 24 June 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Wednesday, 24 June 2020, students from Years 2 to 6 will be participating in the Santa Clara Cross Country Carnival here on the school grounds.

The carnival will commence with the Year 2 class at 9:00am and conclude with the Year 6 class at approximately 10:00am.

- Your child/children will need to wear their sports uniform and faction shirts for this day.

The Year 2 class will run 400m, the Year 3 & 4 classes will run 800m and the Year 5 & 6 classes will run 1200m. This year the students will be running a track around the school grounds.

Parents and spectators are most welcome to come along and watch the event.

Thank you,

Ellen Fitzpatrick
Physical Education Teacher

STUDENT MEDICATIONS

For any student requiring short term medications to be administered during school hours including antibiotics, pain reliever tablets etc, parents are asked to fill in a [2020 Student Medication Request Record](#) accompanying this newsletter.

Parents of students with ongoing medical conditions such as Anaphylaxis, Asthma and Allergic Reactions are asked to:

- [Complete the 2020 Student Medication Request Record attachment](#)
- **Check that their child's Emergency Action Plans is current ie. Action Plans are valid for 12 months & need to be reviewed each year by your doctor, signed and dated.**
- **Check that medication kept at school has not expired as we are not permitted to administer medication 1 month past its expiry date.**

Please provide medication & form to the school office for the start of Term 3, Monday 20 July 2020, to ensure that your child's needs are appropriately met.

STUDENT REPORT ACCESS FOR PARENTS THROUGH SEQTA ENGAGE (PRE-PRIMARY TO YEAR 6)

Parents are reminded that Semester 1 Reports at the end of Term 2 will be accessed through SEQTA Engage.

Information was sent home earlier requesting you to check that you have access to this site:

<https://santaclara.conegtp.cathodnet.wa.edu.au/>

If you:

- require a new account to be set up or
- have forgotten your username and/or password details or
- have issues with access to this site please complete the Parent Access attachment and return via email to the school office as soon as possible.



CANTEEN & UNIFORM SHOP



UNIFORM SHOP OPEN WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

From 8:20am – 9:30am

New Email:
uniform@santaclara.wa.edu.au

- Parents are now able to come in to organise their children's Winter Uniform requirements.

CANTEEN NEWS

- Children to collect their pre-ordered recess and lunch orders from the canteen window.
- **Canteen Volunteers are most welcome for Term 3 – Please fill in the reply slip on the last page if you are able to help. Thank you.**

Quickclik can be accessed at the following website address for Canteen & Uniform Shop purchases:
www.quickclik.com.au

Please feel free to sign up to the service now and set up your account.

Please read the instructions at: <https://quickclik.com.au/LearnMoreParents.aspx>



P&F News
PARENTS & FRIENDS

- The next P&F Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 23 June at 6:00pm in the MakerSpace room. ALL WELCOME.

Find us on Facebook:
Santa Clara Primary School P&F



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1434716443415256/?ref=bookmarks>

The amazing and fabulous Kindergarten class have been learning all about plants!

At recess one day the children were pretending that small stones were seeds. They began to dig holes in the sand pit and plant their stones. At lunch-time the children came outside to discover that their "seeds" had not grown. They began to ask lots of questions about how they could make their "seeds" grow so we decided to find out.

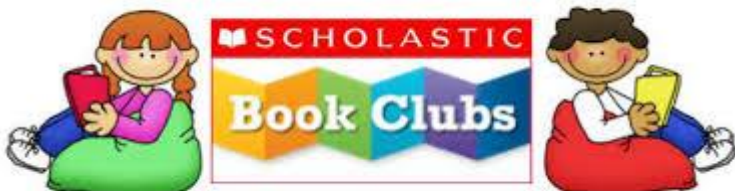
First, we learnt about the life-cycle of a plant. Next, we researched what plants need to survive. Then, with our heads full of knowledge about plants, we decided to plant our very own seeds.



Look how much they have grown!!!

We have been watching our seeds grow into plants and recording the changes we see everyday, just like a scientist!! It has been SO much fun!!





A reminder for all book club orders and payments to be in by tomorrow, Friday 19 June 2020.

Please have a **LOOK** at this

Lost Property

Please check your child's uniform as a number of items have gone missing.



There is, also, clothing in the lost property box, located outside the MakerSpace room, which you are most welcome to look through.



Thinking of Booking Your Child into Our Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)?



Here's what you need to do.....

Bookings for the OSHC can be done through:

- The 'My Family Lounge App' OR
- An email to osc@santaclara.wa.edu.au OR
- Telephone call to OSHC Direct line 9251 0405 – May need to leave a message – Which will be forwarded to the OSHC mobile contact.



Please Note:

The OSHC mobile contact is available between 7:00am – 10:30am and 2:00pm – 6:00pm, Monday to Friday, during Before and After School Care.

During Vacation Care and Pupil Free Days, the OSHC mobile contact is available between 7:30am until 6:00pm.



Canteen Volunteers Reply Slip for Term 3

Yes, I would love to help in the canteen.

Name: _____ Mobile No.: _____

Email Address: _____

I am available: *(please tick)*

| | Monday | Friday | Both Days |
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| As Required | | | |
| Monthly | | | |
| Emergency | | | |
| Once a Term | | | |
| Twice a Term | | | |