



## Newsletter

### Sunday 7 June:

- o The Most Holy Trinity

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

### Sunday 14 June:

- o The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

### Tuesday 23 June:

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

### Monday 29 June:

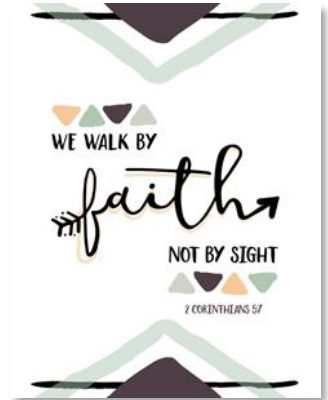
- o Reports go home

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

Dear Parents & Carers,

### Faith

This weekend I didn't get a chance to attend mass as I missed the deadline for registering at my Parish due to the restrictions on gatherings. I did manage to get some time alone on Monday and spent some time praying for a friend who was unwell. The funny thing is, as I was praying for this person all I could think about was how they made me feel, even though I only knew them for a short time. I think that is what life is all about, the impact we make on others no matter what length of time. I always enjoyed chatting with this person and there was no expectation, just being was enough.



It then got me thinking about 'faith', my faith I guess, our faith. Like Corinthians says, 'we walk by faith not by sight'. Faith is something personal to all of us. It is about believing in what we cannot see, trusting that there is a heaven. I guess the spiritual side of life is something I connect with pretty easily. Not sure why. Not sure how come it is that I have this belief, this faith, maybe it was from my parents, in fact it was from my parents, but it just seems to grow more and more as I get older. I am becoming more reflective with each moment. I do feel a peacefulness each day. I think it definitely has something to do with walking through our school every morning and evening to go to and from my car. I have this habit of saying a Hail Mary as I walk through our school, just a habit I have formed this year. As corny as it sounds, I do say hi to the bloke upstairs every time I open the door to the passage way in our Admin. I always say thank you, I am loving this. It connects me to the start of my school day and then back to my girls on the way out later that afternoon. It is funny, but I had never realised just what a gift this is to me.

Thinking of this quote from Corinthians, I have this belief that those we love, who do pass away, go straight to their place in heaven. It is just how I feel. I believe that God takes us straight there to be with our family and friends who are already with Him. For me there is no doubt that they come to take us with them, welcoming us to this idea of 'eternity'. Maybe it is

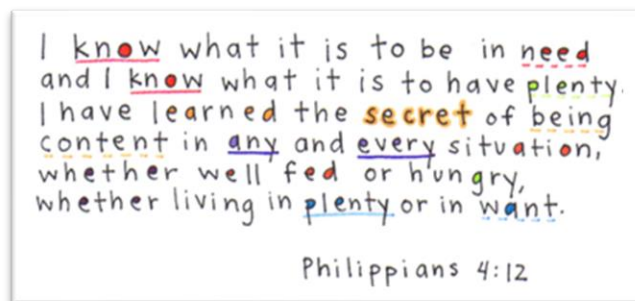
## WE WILL INSPIRE

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just my way of seeking comfort, not sure really, but I always find that this thought grounds me, connects me back to the earth and back to my faith.

It is different for all of us, but is this not why we can find peace in life, knowing that those we love are always close, still with each of us. Is this not why when driving along some days, out of nowhere, we just become overwhelmed with emotion when we think of those close to us. These are the moments where God reminds us what is important, we just forget sometimes because time passes and the busyness of our life gets in the way of us stopping and remembering. While I was sitting there on Monday I also thought about how my Grandpa used to peel apples at the end of a family dinner each night when we were little kids. We would sit around the table and be mesmerised by the way he would peel and cut up the apples into pieces. We would just sit there waiting for our pieces of apple, waiting our turn. He was like a master craftsman in apple peeling. Man, it is as clear as day. Hmmm! Might peel my apple next time just to remember him. I told my girls about this and they cannot believe there was time to just sit after dinner. Yes, our world has changed. So much happening all the time.

I like this next quote by Martin Luther King Jr as it reflects the truth around faith and what it means in trusting in something that we will discover more and more of as we travel through our days, our lives. Just embrace it I think!



I hope you are able to find some time this week to stop, and find stillness. I mean, if you are getting time to read our Newsletter and my waffle, then you are already doing well. It is good for us to find even two minutes, and to think about someone we love who has impacted our life. Just think of three things that made or make them special to you. What was it about them? Then ask yourself, those special things, how do I make them a part of me today, in these moments? I will be trying to make every person I come in contact with feel like they are welcomed into my moments. You will find contentment in this.



### Reconciliation Week

Over the past week we have celebrated Reconciliation Week. Reconciliation Australia promotes and facilitates respect, trust and positive relationships between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal peoples.

Our students have had a wonderful week of learning and sharing together starting with Sorry Day and finishing with Mabo Day.

For me, the highlight of National Reconciliation Week was watching the critically acclaimed film, In My Blood It Runs. What stood out for me throughout the film were the themes of family and connection to the land. I loved the sense of grounding I experienced when watching the film as it made me reflect on our connection to Aboriginal people and their traditions and culture here at Santa Clara. I hope this continues to strengthen over the coming years.

### **The Kiss and Drive on Coolgardie Street**

Thank you for your patience as we transition to our left turn in and out of our Kiss and Drive. I fully acknowledge that at times things haven't gone as to planned, but I also acknowledge how good it has been! I am pretty happy with everything staff and parents are doing. We are doing our best to get the kids out by 3:00pm to help with traffic flow. Parents are doing their best also, so I am truly grateful. You all get it, so while it is hectic, your understanding takes away any stress for me and our staff. Hopefully, it lowers your stress also. Priority 1 is our kids' safety.

Two things will assist us and may be something you wish to consider.

1. Name cards on dashboards. If you do not have one, maybe your kids can make one on the weekend. Mrs Wilson in the Office showed me her family sign from her kids' school. Great idea! These are really handy. While we know most parents' cars, we still get them wrong at times. This will help us get the kids to their cars quicker.
2. Feel free to delay your pick-up time by 5-10 minutes. We are still on duty till 3.20pm if needed. We have major congestion around 2:45-3:05pm. Feel free to delay your pick-up as this allows for the spread. Just an idea you may wish to consider.

### **Student Illness**

Thank you to all our families for the support in ensuring students who are feeling unwell remain at home. We appreciate the challenges around this for families and are grateful for your efforts in keeping our school as germ free as possible. For the safety of your children and others and staff, if your child is in any way unwell, i.e. runny nose, head ache, sore throat, coughing, feeling lethargic etc., we ask that you keep your child at home. If a child presents unwell at school, we will contact parents to collect their child. This is in line with Government directives. Thank you for your support.

### **Uniform Shop**

Our Uniform Shop may now open to parents and carers. Physical distancing requirements will still need to be followed. Parents and carers visiting the Uniform Shop will need to sign in, providing contact information in the event that this information is required by the Department of Health. I would like to thank Sonia Thiel for her efforts in managing our Uniform Shop during these unusual times.

### **Parent and Carer Access**

**Parents and carers are allowed onto school grounds to drop off and collect their children from Monday, 8 June. To ensure the physical distancing requirements are adhered to,**

parents are asked not to enter classrooms at the beginning or end of the school day. Should you need to see your child's teacher, please email them to make a time to meet.

### **COVID-19 Update – Parents Allowed Back Onsite**

I am pleased to advise that the State Government has announced it will further relax restrictions in line with phase three of the COVID-19 WA Roadmap to Recovery, effective Saturday 6 June.

Included in the overall directions, the Premier announced that parents and caregivers will be allowed to enter school properties again from Monday 8 June.

**Pupil Free Day - Friday 12 June**

The OSHC will be open this day. Please make your bookings through My Family Lounge or email [osc@santaclara.wa.edu.au](mailto:osc@santaclara.wa.edu.au).

As we head into the final weeks of Term Two, I wish to thank you all for continuing to support your kids and our staff during these very unusual times. I was talking to one of my mentors the other day saying how blessed I feel to be part of this community. There will continue to be times where things get busy and even go wrong, but your willingness to see the big picture makes me feel like the luckiest Principal.

Be good to yourself and enjoy time with your loved ones.

**Clinton Payne**  
Principal

## **FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Greetings Everyone,

Where does the time go? Already we are in the second half of Term Two and it feels like we have only just begun the year. So much has happened in our classrooms, in the whole school, the wider community and across the world that it feels like time is literally rushing past us. It has been one heck of a year so far and we still haven't reached halfway. I was only saying to Mrs Madaffer this week that there just doesn't feel like there is enough time in each day to get everything done.

Whilst the isolation brought on by the Coronavirus pandemic was in many ways trying and in some cases downright traumatic, I found that I appreciated the slower pace of life. Even though school was still busy, we just seemed to have more time to take care of the necessary and still deal with everything else that came up. Sure, working with the students remotely had some initial troubles, but that gave plenty of opportunity to communicate with students, both at home and at school. I found that I was able to sit back and look at each child who was at school with more time to really observe how they approached their learning. With both the home learning students and those in class

it became more obvious than usual, which students were coping well with the daily activities and which ones needed more input from me.

In turn it also gave me the chance to reflect deeply about my teaching and my school administration duties. Coping with time pressures has always been a large part of teaching and school leadership duties and with the busyness of life it is easy to feel snowed under at times. The feeling that the pace had lessened during the isolation period gave me the chance to look at what I was doing and find some new ideas for dealing with the load.

With the return of all students to school, it has been a good opportunity to try out some of these new ideas. Some have worked well, and some have left me feeling flustered and needing to regroup. Such is life! Not everything is going to work perfectly and as a number of very wise people have said before, 'we all learn from our mistakes'. It also provides an excellent chance to model my personal favourite of our school's core values, 'Resilience': The ability to recover from setbacks and persevere with the daily challenges that life throws at us.

Coping with busyness and being resilient in the face of life's challenges is something we all deal with. Giving ourselves the luxury of taking time to look around, breathe in and 'smell the roses' is something we deserve, and I believe, we should embrace every opportunity to do just that. God has given us our beautiful planet to allow us to take these chances. This morning I was out at 'Kiss and Drive' greeting children and parents as they arrived at school and I found myself looking over at the Tipuana trees that line the fenceline of our oval. As I stood there, watching the sun shining above the fluffy, white clouds and through the leaves, I just felt a sense of ease and wonder at the simple beauty of that scene. And I knew that, there will always be time for the next task, activity, or challenge, when we approach them in faith and unity.

Until the next Newsletter,

**Adrian Tulett**  
**Assistant Principal**

## **School Fee Information** **Collection Notices & Direct Debits**

Dear Families,

Some of you may have received a collection notice last week and are wondering why. There are a couple of common reasons why this may have occurred so I've prepared the below list so that you can compare your situation:

- 1. I've been paying my term/monthly/fortnightly/weekly payment but I still received a collection letter.***

This is probably because you haven't returned the payment arrangement. The system defaults to a yearly payment option so unless you've returned that payment arrangement you will continue to get collection letters.



**2. I'm on a direct debit arrangement why am I receiving this?**

If you had a direct debit arrangement in the previous year you must renew your arrangement every year. Direct debit arrangements are for a specific amount for a specific time period. I do not have the authority to take money from your account at a different time or for a different amount unless you fill in the correct authority.

**3. I'm in financial hardship because of COVID-19.**

If you are in financial hardship for any reason please contact me as soon as possible. We have a number of new measures to help families with financial hardship. The sooner you get in contact with us the sooner we can help.

I would like to thank families for their patience whilst Suzanne and I have learnt the new system and am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours truly,

**Jacqueline Wilson**  
**Bursar**

**Uniform Shop News**

Winter uniforms are still available to order online through QuickCliq or via email and phone payment.

The **NEW** uniform shop email address is [uniform@santaclara.wa.edu.au](mailto:uniform@santaclara.wa.edu.au).

Thank you

**Sonia Thiel**  
**Uniform Shop Coordinator**

**Canteen News**

A reminder that the children now collect Pre-Ordered recess and lunch orders from the canteen window to minimise unnecessary contact between children and lunches.

Check out the Winter Menu on the school website or on QuickCliq.

*Find us on Facebook to keep up to date with the latest news.*

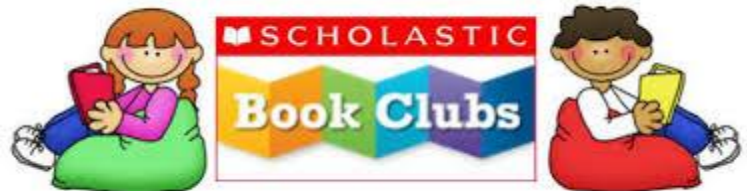
**Sonia Thiel**  
**Canteen Manager**

**P&F News**

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Santa Clara Primary School P&F



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



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



**OSHC Family Information**

This is a reminder that from 1 July 2020, the Government prepares to transition back to the previous CCS system. If any families have changes in income or circumstances, please update Centrelink to ensure you are on the current and correct rebate level.

**Karen Kelly**  
**Nominated Supervisor**

# PRE-PRIMARY



We have loved learning about shapes, patterns and measurement!



Today I made a colour pattern.

We love it when Mr Payne comes to visit us in Pre-Primary. "Mr Payne made a snake with me. Mr Payne's snake is taller than me" - Menkem





"We made a volcano."

Toby

"Yesterday we made a hot volcano."

Chelsea

"Yesterday we made a bubbly volcano."

Stephanie

We have loved making volcanoes using different materials such as pipes and sand. We have even used water to make our volcanoes erupt. We recently made a volcano erupt in our classroom and wrote about our volcanoes.

# Singing in the Rain



**We love to start our morning by dancing and singing. Please scan the QR code to see us singing one of our favourite songs, 'Singing in the Rain.'**