

Newsletter

DATES COMING UP IN TERM 3:

Friday 14 August:

 9:00am Year 4 to attend Mass

Saturday 15 August:

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 18 August:

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

Friday 21 August: Pupil Free Day – Staff Faith Day – School Closed

Friday 28 August:

9:00am Book Fair
 Dress Up & Parade

Thursday 3 September:

4:30pm First Eucharist
Parent Workshop in
the Hall

Friday 4 September:

Faction Athletics
 Carnival at Wyong
 Reserve

Friday 11 September:

- 9:00am Awards
 Assembly Year 2 to
 attend Mass
- School P&F Disco

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER: 9:30am MASS FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATION

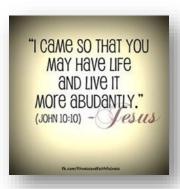


THURSDAY
24 SEPTEMBER:
LAST DAY OF TERM 3 FOR
STUDENTS & STAFF

Friday 25 September: Catholic Day – Pupil Free Day – SCHOOL & OSC WILL BE CLOSED Dear Parents & Carers.

SERVICE

The theme for my Post this week is based around a YouTube clip I watched over the break. It was on this idea of SERVICE, and more specifically Servant Leadership. Whenever I attend a professional learning session or watch an inspirational video, I focus on one thing that inspires me, something I know I can bring into my life immediately. For me, this new learning brought into focus that servant leadership is about leading with your heart. This means to lead with a focus on humanising people. Bringing the sacredness of the human into every part of our day, every interaction.



The video spoke about how Jesus was a natural at this, it made him who he was and it allowed those around him to flourish. As the quote clearly points out, Jesus came so we could have life and live it abundantly, live it to the full, for us to flourish.

Jesus was a top bloke, he led through his actions, his gentleness, his acceptance of all and his ability to stand in another person's shoes. Empathy is a gift and is something we all need to have. Servant leadership is all about being there for others, to be focused on others wellbeing. The idea of abundance is all about relationships and how we meet with others in all situations. I guess for me as a dad, husband, son, brother, mate, teacher, Principal, I love the fact that I get the privilege of speaking with so many people. I get to be in so many conversations every day. Some of the best conversations are with our students here at Santa Clara.

I especially love talking to my two girls, Izabella and Sienna. We talk constantly. I am not sure whether this is because they want something, or because we have been watching a fair bit of footy together, or whether it is just because the weekends have been a bit wintery, but we just seem to be talking more. Maybe it is me, maybe I am just in a really good space, enjoying my time at SC so much. Some of our best conversations are when I am dropping them off somewhere or picking them up. I do love it when

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they sit in the front seat and immediately unplug my phone and put their music on!

Here at SC I see so many of you engaged in conversation, from our staff, to our parents to our kids. Conversations by the thousands each day. Think of the opportunities we all have to bring an abundance of life to these conversations. These conversations set the tone for our day. There is an energy, a vibe, that we cannot explain, but one that you know you feel when you are out there. It is one of the reasons I love my morning duty. There is a joy about it, chatting to you all and saying hello.

Aristotle, a pretty famous Greek lad, spoke about this human connection and human flourishing. The word he used was 'eudaimonia'. It means 'doing and living well'. It is what the Greeks believe will bring great happiness and contentment. To live a life of 'eudaimonia'. I do think that when we hear a unique word, such as this, we get to bank it away in our minds and it brings a consciousness that allows us to live it. I have found getting this word out of my head is not that easy. It means I am continually reflecting on the 'humanising people' aspect of every moment and every experience.

eudaimonia (n.) lit. "human flourishing"; a contented state of being happy and healthy and prosperous pronunciation | "U-de-'mOn-E-a

Over the next fortnight I hope you get an opportunity to find some time to reflect on the conversations you are engaged in, how you bring an abundance of life to others, how you bring a humanising of the person in all your connections. It is pretty exciting I think. Ever thought just how much you are of service to others when you engage and listen to them with care and generosity.

Last week I felt very special when the staff and students celebrated Principal Day with me. It was very unexpected and I do feel a little embarrassed when I am fussed over, but it was very special, you know, my first Principal Day. The best part was reading the messages from all the students. They seem to get it, the humanising thing as the main thing they acknowledged me for was visiting their rooms and chatting to them. That alone shows me I am on the right track as a Principal.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

To all our children who made their first Reconciliation last week, thank you for teaching us about the importance of forgiveness and how it helps us to build positive things in our life. Being present with you as you have received this sacrament is something very special. Special thanks to our teachers, Alyssa Adams and Claire Daniels, along with Fiona Messer who assisted with the preparation of the children. Special thanks also to our parents and families who prepared their children as part of the home program activities. Thank you also to Fr Chris who always makes our connection to our church and our Sacraments as something that creates this sense of belonging.

BOOKWEEK PARADE

Our Book Week Parade will be held on Friday, 28 August at 9:00am in our Undercover Area. We will be holding the parade outside so as to have parents attend, weather permitting. Parents will need to stand in the designated area and will need to adhere to 1.5m social distancing. Please refer to our flyer for further information.

SCHOOL AWARDS ASSEMBLIES

Our school award assemblies return on Friday, 11 September (Week 8) at 9:00am. Please remember we can only have parents of merit award winners present at this stage. Parents must follow the 1.5m social distancing at our assembly. I will give a reminder at the assembly. Thank you for your support with these new measures, as breaches will lead to us having to cancel future assemblies.

AFTER SCHOOL DUTY

Last week I sent out a letter to parents and carers regarding children on playgrounds after school. As mentioned, no staff are on duty from 3:00pm so supervision is the responsibility of parents and carers. Our school gates are locked at 3:20pm so all families are asked to leave the school grounds by this time. Thank you for your support.

KISS AND DRIVE

Just a reminder that when parents are using the Kiss and Drive for before school drop off and after school pick up they should not be exiting the car as this causes the traffic to bank up. If you find your child needs assistance getting out or into your car, please use the car park rather than the Kiss and Drive.

As we head into the next week, I wish you many blessings. Look after yourself and thank you for your continued support of our staff, each other and our SC kids.

Take care

Clinton Payne Principal

A Special Thank You

We would like to say a big

THANK YOU

to

Mrs Kinsman & to Mrs Thiel



for organizing the Sausage Sizzle for our St Clare's Feast Day celebrations.



BOOK COVERING

If you are able to help with some book covering, please come and see me in the Library on Tuesdays and maybe grab a bundle or two.

Thanks so much from Mrs Kinsman



INFORMATION FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Ms Fiona Messer & Mrs Kristy Madafferi

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THE WORD

A Canaanite woman called to Jesus, "Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is sick." Jesus was reluctant to help saying, "I have been sent only to the lost sheep of Israel". At this the woman fell at his feet, pleading with him. Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith!" and her daughter was well again.

LOOK CLOSER

Faith:

The woman believed in Jesus and did not give up even when Jesus tried to turn her away. Her faith was so persistent. Many people lose faith in God when things go badly in their life. Sometimes they even blame him. Jesus does not promise that we will never suffer if we believe in him, only that we will never suffer alone. He promises to walk beside us even in our darkest hour.

Make it: Trace the outline of your footprint and cut it out. Talk about a tough time in your life and how Jesus walked beside you.

PRAYER SPACE Symbol: Footprint

Lord God,

When we turn away from you, help us to remember that you walk with us. Amen.

DID YOU KNOW?

Out of all 12 apostles, St Bartholomew got the worst execution; he was skinned alive! Ouch! This fact has also dictated how he has been depicted in art over the centuries. St Peter has keys, St Paul has a sword and St Bartholomew holds his own skin and a knife.

UPCOMING EVENTS

21 AUG Pupil Free Day Don't forget to book into OSHC if you require care for your child.

28 AUG Book Week Parade We will be celebrating Book Week with a dress up parade. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character from a book.

3 SEP First Eucharist Parent Workshop

4 SEP Faction Athletics Carnival Will be at Wyong Reserve. Miss Fitz will send out information shortly.

11 SEP School P&F Disco Look out for more information regarding this in the newsletter over the coming weeks.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

The teaching staff have been busy unpacking the Reading Curriculum during our Professional Learning time. A large emphasis has been placed on breaking the curriculum into child friendly language so that the children can be made aware of the learning intention for their lessons and also what success looks like.

Reading is a skill that is not acquired, it requires being taught in a systematic way. In K-Y2 the focus is on teaching our students to *learn to read*, and from Y3-Y6, it is teaching



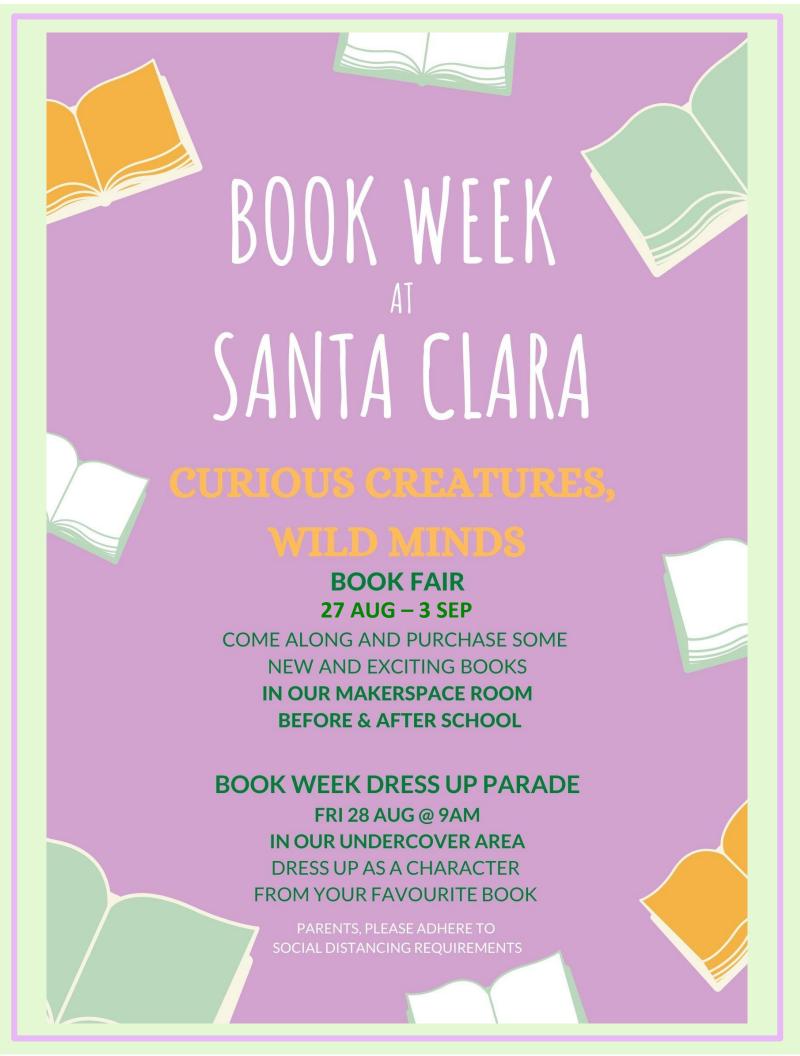
our students to read to learn. Teaching students how to read is a complex skill and it requires practice. We encourage families to read together every night.

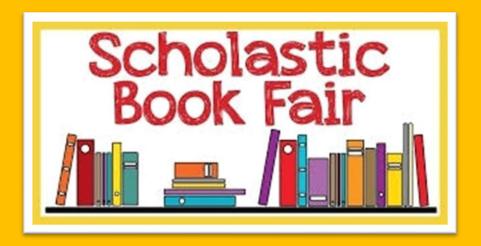
For more information on how you can support your child's reading, please click on the link. https://bit.ly/2PKwRt5.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Saint Clare's Feast Day was a great success! We raised \$634.60 for Lifelink and Project Compassion. Thank you for your generosity!

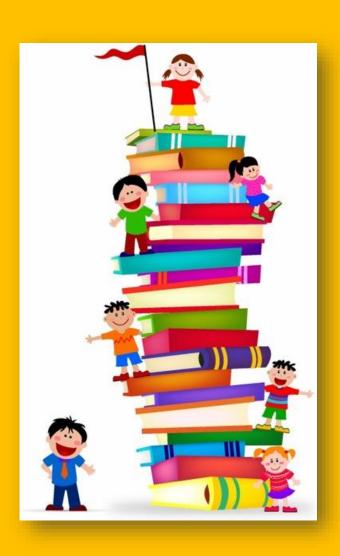






SANTA CLARA BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

THURSDAY 27th AUGUST - THURSDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER



HOURS OF OPERATION

Thursday 27th August 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Friday 28th August, Monday 31st August, Tuesday 1st September AND Wednesday 2nd September 8.15am - 9.00am & 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Thursday 3rd September 8.15am - 9.00am

Pop into our MakerSpace Room & say Hello & maybe grab a book, or 2!

Proceeds of ALL sales go back to our School!

Thank you for your support!

Mrs Kinsman



CANTEEN & UNIFORM SHOP



UNIFORM SHOP OPEN WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

From 8:20am – 9:30am

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

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen now offers a choice of a side salad with any Chicken Nugget order for an extra \$1.00.

Side salad will consist of carrot sticks, cucumber, tomato and shredded lettuce.

Also available on Fridays are Crumbed Fish and Salad for \$4.00.

You can also add a side salad to your Fish and Gem order for an extra \$1.00.

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

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

Please read the instructions at: https://quickcliq.com.au/LearnMoreParents.aspx





Friday, 11 September 2020 School P&F Disco Details will be provided soon.

The next P&F Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 18 August at 6:00pm in the MakerSpace room. ALL WELCOME.

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



https://www.facebook.com/groups/1434716 443415256/?ref=bookmarks



Athletics Carnival Lunch Order

The P&F are organising Subway Lunch for all students for our Athletics Carnival, being held on

Friday 4th September.

Please Note –

The Canteen **WILL NOT** be open for any orders on this day.

Order forms will be sent home with your child next week.

Thank you for your support.

Loose



Change??

THANK YOU to all who have kindly donated to our coin competition thus far.

Please keep them coming.

Here is the current leaderboard.

Kindy - \$97.55

Year 2 - \$92.20

Pre-Primary - \$87.45

Year 6 - \$54.45

Year 1 - \$43.85

Year 5 - \$41.65

Year 3 - \$37.05

Year 4 - \$35.85

Don't forget, the class who collects the most money will win a class party courtesy of the P&F on the last day of Term.

Stay tuned for the next update...

