



Newsletter

TERM 4 DATES

Friday 20 November:

- 9:00am Awards Assembly
- 9:00am Mass (Year 1)
- 4:30pm Reconciliation for Confirmation Candidates

Saturday 21 November:

- 11:00am Reconciliation for Confirmation Candidates

**SUNDAY
22 NOVEMBER
CONFIRMATION
9:00am MASS**



Tuesday 24 November:

- 6:00pm Sundowner
- 7:00pm AGM

Wednesday 25 November:

- 5:30pm Year 4 iPad Program Parent Info Night in the Year 4 Classroom – Please Note Change in Date

Friday 27 November:

- 9:00am Awards Assembly

Sunday 29 November:

- 1st Sunday of Advent

Wednesday 2 December:

- 6:00pm – 7:00pm Kindergarten 2021 Parent Information Session in the Kindy Classroom

Thursday 3 December:

- 9:30am Kindergarten 2021 Orientation Session
- 9:30am – 10:30am Pre-Primary to Year 6 Transition

Friday 4 December:

- 6:00pm Christmas Concert

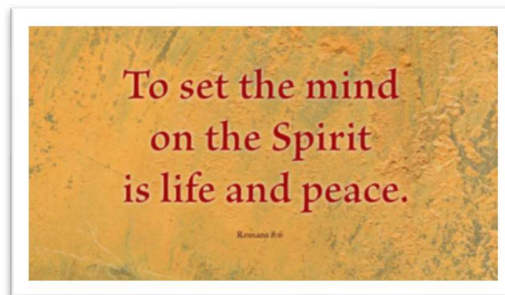
**WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER
6:30pm YEAR 6
GRADUATION MASS &
CELEBRATION - Please note
change in date**

**FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER
LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS**

Dear Parents & Carers,

Reflection — Spirit is Life!!

As I reflect on our recent Year 6 Camp, and the number of parents I got to chat with while the kids were getting on the bus, it is not hard to work out why so many of you bring your children to Santa Clara School. I mean, the benefit of being at a small school is that we are like a family. It can be tough for little schools like ours competing with larger schools. It is clear that you, as a parent body, get along very well and that many of you, through your children, have made strong friendships which is a main reason why you send your kids to SC - for that sense of belonging. This is evident in the way you are all so relaxed in each other's company. To me, this is what the spirit of life is all about.



This is why the quote from Romans above is one of my favourites from the Bible. Actually being in 'life', which is all about our relationships and love for others, has a direct correlation to our spiritual side. Spirituality is us connecting what we feel to our beliefs, our God. This connection is a very natural thing but it is something we rarely take the time to think about.

If you think about it, the times when you feel most peaceful is when you are in harmony with others. The next time you feel this peacefulness, take the time to stop and you will know that it is your spiritual side at work. We all thrive from that feeling of being connected. I always feel a strong sense of peacefulness when I attend a Remembrance Day assembly and even though I missed my first one here at Santa Clara due to being on camp, I heard it was a very special event. I find that one minute of pure silence very peaceful at the time. November is also the month we remember and connect with all those we love who are now resting in the peace of Christ in heaven waiting for us to join them. It is awesome how the earthly relationships we had with them are still very much with us even though these loved ones are no longer physically with us.

WE WILL INSPIRE

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We all have those moments of peace where we can feel those we love close. I can think of so many occasions where I think about my Grandpa and can literally feel his presence. My Grandpa was a great man. He was very knowledgeable and skilful with his hands. The funny thing is, as I am writing about him right now, I am thinking about how he taught me as a kid to make very cool paper aeroplanes and play Lotto! These are now things that I find myself teaching my two girls at home, well maybe not the Lotto yet! I am certain all of this reminiscing is what the quote from Romans is all about. Don't you find it when you think about the moments and milestones in your life that were impacted by those who have left us? I am sure you have hundreds of stories to share just like I do.

So it is simple, life is spirituality! Just like last week when I had a chat to a parent about my sneaker collection! From a very simple conversation I ended up giving her a 10 minute rundown on the Air Jordan shoes. I am sure she thought I was crazy but nevertheless we did make a connection. Needless to say we chatted for another 10 minutes or so. This is what it is about, people love to chat. They love having the chance to tell their story. Forming these connections is spirituality at work. I have studied this sort of thing and it has always been confusing. Now, as I am getting older, I realise it is all about relationships and accepting differences! Easy!

Spirituality will lead to connections to life and peace. We each have many opportunities, in all our interactions with others for the chance to be spiritual. I hope you enjoy this week as you go about your daily life making connections memorable for those you meet.

Wishing you a blessed fortnight.

Clinton Payne
Principal

Congratulations Year 6s!!

Our Year 6 camp was a huge success. The students represented our school with pride and demonstrated true leadership in the various activities and assisting one another throughout the three days. I am extremely proud of them. I would also like to thank Mrs Ellis, Miss Fitzpatrick and Mrs Madafferri for attending our camp. It can be tough to be on supervision all day and be away from loved ones, however, the dedication to our school and our students that these three staff members demonstrated made me feel like the luckiest Principal on earth! Well done to everyone involved in a successful camp.

Confirmation

Please keep our Year 6 students in your prayers as they make their final preparations for their Confirmation. We pray that the gifts of the Spirit become alive in each of them as they commence this new chapter in their spiritual lives. Thank you to Miss Messer, Mrs Ellis, Marietta and Father Chris for preparing our students.

AGM – Tuesday 24th November, 7:00pm

Please pencil our AGM into your calendars. On this night you will hear about our achievements and our future goals. There are many exciting things in the pipeline at SC for 2021 and it would be great for as many people from our community to hear about them! We will also be announcing our 2021 staffing which I know is a hot topic! Our AGM has also been sponsored by our stationery company Campion. Campion have provided us with five \$80 vouchers that will cover the cost of the Booklist Levy on the 2021 school fees. All those in attendance will go into the draw to win one of these vouchers. We look forward to seeing you there!

2021 Enrolments

There are limited places available for 2021 to join our Santa Clara School family. There are so many benefits of being a part of a single stream school especially seeing our older students caring for our younger students. We truly are a little family here at Santa Clara. If you know of anyone interested in enrolling their child, please direct them to contact Suzanne in the Office.

If your child is moving to a new school at the end of the year I ask that you put this in writing for our records and also pass it on to Suzanne in our Office.

Congratulations Dariana Dweh!

On behalf of our SC family, I would like to congratulate Dariana Dweh (Year 6) on being selected to represent WA at the upcoming Southern Cross Basketball Challenge. Dariana will be part of the Under 14s Women's Basketball Team. Dariana also plays in the Western Australian Basketball League for the Warwick Senators and recently won the Under 14s Championship. Well done Dariana, your hardwork and determination is truly paying off!



SEQTA Engage Access

It's time to start checking your login for SEQTA Engage in order to be able to access your child's school reports. When you access Engage, you will currently have access to last semester's report and last year's reports.

If you have already set up your account, please login now to make sure you have the correct username and password to gain access.

Any family who had not set up their account prior to this year will have received emails with a link prompting them to activate their account. If you have still not done this, the link in these emails will have expired so you will need to contact the office to arrange it to be re-provisioned.

Please don't wait until reports have been distributed to check your access. Use this link NOW to make sure you have no problems:

<https://santaclara.coneqt-p.cathednet.wa.edu.au/>

PLEASE NOTE: Year 6 parents (or those families leaving the school), ensure that you have printed off the reports that you need as you will no longer have access to them once you leave the school.

If you have any issues accessing your account, please email Miss Messer at fiona.messer@cewa.edu.au.



THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Cookie Dough Fundraiser and making it a **HUGE** success!

Your support is truly appreciated.

A reminder that pick up will take place on Friday 4th December - further details to follow.

**Year 6 Graduation Mass
& Celebrations
will now be held on Wednesday, 9
December 2020 commencing 6:30pm.**

AGM Reply Slip

Please advise if you will be attending the AGM from 6:00pm with light refreshments in the hall & 7:00pm start on Tuesday, 24 November 2020.

Kindly email admin@santaclara.wa.edu.au.

INFORMATION FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Miss Fiona Messer & Mrs Kristy Madafferri

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THE WORD

The Son of Man will separate the people like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. To the sheep he will say, 'Come into heaven, for I was hungry and thirsty, naked, sick and a stranger and you looked after me'. To the goats he will say, 'Go away! For when I was sick, naked, hungry or thirsty, you did not help me!' and they will say: 'When did we do this to you?' And he will say: 'Whenever you did this to the least of my brothers, you did it to me'."

LOOK CLOSER

King of Heaven:

Jesus' kingdom is not based on power or control, but loving invitation. Everyone is invited to be part of it but not all will enter it, for our actions towards others will speak of our willingness to live in love and peace in his kingdom.

Talk about it: If I were King for a day, what would I do with my riches and power?

PRAYER SPACE

Symbol: CROWN

Lord God,

Have mercy on us and bring us to everlasting life in your kingdom. Amen

DID YOU KNOW?

Advent

Next week, Advent starts and the Church year begins. Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for the celebration of God's amazing revelation in the birth of Jesus. Just as the Jews waited for the Messiah to come, so do we wait for the Second Coming of Christ. We don't know when or where it will happen, each Advent we renew our faith in this promise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 22 Nov** **Sacrament of Confirmation 9:00am in the Church.**
Please pray for the students receiving this sacrament.
- 24 Nov** **Santa Clara AGM** The Sundowner will commence at 6:00pm. The AGM will begin at 7:00pm. Come along for your chance to win an \$80 Booklist Levy voucher.
- 25 Nov** **Year 4 2021 1:1 iPad Program Meeting** Current Year 3 (2021 Year 4) families have received their information packs, if you have not, please contact Mrs Walker in the office.
- 2 Dec** **Kindy 2021 Parent Meeting** 6:00pm in the Kindy classroom. Information has been sent to our 2021 Kindy families.
- 3 Dec** **Kindy 2021 Orientation** This will be held in the Kindy room from 9:30am - 10.30am for our 2021 Kindy families.
- 4 Dec** **Christmas Concert** From 4:00pm - 5:45pm the P&F will run a sausage sizzle. At 6:00pm the Liturgy will begin, followed by the Christmas concert.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Reading isn't a test! To set your child up for success when you are reading at home, take some time before reading the book to do a book introduction. It should only take a minute and will assist in developing their understanding of all elements of the book.

How to do a book introduction:

- Talk about the illustrations and the title
- Read the blurb and talk about the author
- Talk about unusual words
- Discuss the characters



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Vinnie's Christmas Appeal The last day for items to be added to the Christmas Hampers is Monday 23rd November. The Christmas Hampers will be presented to a representative from the St Vincent de Paul Society at assembly on Friday 27th November. The St Vincent de Paul Society are extremely grateful for the generosity that is shown by the community of Santa Clara School. The donations given make a huge difference to the lives of many families in the area and help to make this Christmas a really special one – so Thank You!

Reports Please check your SEQTA Engage access. See information in newsletter for more information.