



Newsletter

TERM 4 DATES

Friday 6 November:

- 9:00am Awards Assembly
- 9:00am Mass (Year 4)
- Year 1 & Year 3 Excursion to Perth Hills Discovery Centre
- Kindy Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 11 November:

- Year 6 Camp
- 10:50am Remembrance Day Ceremony (Year 5)

Thursday 12 November:

- Year 6 Camp

Friday 13 November:

- 9:00am Awards Assembly
- 9:00am Mass (Year 2)
- Year 6 Returning from Camp

Tuesday 17 November:

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

Thursday 19 November:

- 9:00am Confirmation Rehearsal

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

Dear Parents & Carers,

It's What We Do With It That Counts!

As I sit here trying to think of what to write during this hectic time of the year, I cannot get out of my mind what a blessing the students here are at Santa Clara School are. I have had the pleasure of working with many of them over the past few weeks, and I have to tell you they make my time here extremely rewarding. Last week during our P&F Colour Run they once again shone in the spirit of our faith and school. I had a number of parents chat to me this week expressing their gratitude towards our Year 6 students assisting the younger students through the obstacle course with such joy. They not only are a credit to you all as their parents and guardians but they also emulate what type of person we hope to create here at Santa Clara.

The effort of the staff and parents also that day is something to remember and is what truly makes a difference in the lives of our students. Seeing parents at the various stations, and walking groups of Kindy and PP students around to obstacle course, is what it is all about, these are the things our students will remember.

The best thing about days like our Colour Run is that our children just want to be here because they love it. They appreciate everything and they show gratitude for being able to participate in special days. The effect of the positivity around our school should never be underestimated and we all have a responsibility to ensure the spirit of the Dominican Order continues to shine. This responsibility can take some getting used to and a fair amount of effort, however, our students accept the challenge head on.

In the Bible Jesus talks about the innocence of children and how they represent the true image of the Kingdom of God. Sometimes as adults we develop an idea that 'what's mine is mine'. To an extent that is true. In fact, Pope Francis says what's yours is yours but it is what you do with it that makes a difference. This was summed up by a very special child in Year One who said to me while I was out on duty, "When you go into the office can you put my 20c in the box for the poor people?". How special is that? That will stick with me.

WE WILL INSPIRE

CREATIVITY • CARING • RESILIENCE • COURAGE • TRUTH

This brings me to the following quote: 'God is the greatest trainer. When you think you cannot give anymore, he will challenge you and ask you to give him six more. God will challenge you when he knows you have the capacity within you, for God always believes in you.'

I love the concept of this quote. I actually do not know who the author is but I believe it is spot on. Our challenges we face are sent by God. There are a number of times I ask Him, "Come on mate, another one? Are you serious?". However, this is God's role in our lives, He challenges us to improve and always give more. This is something I hope our children learn, especially for the role we play in helping those less fortunate than us.

This quote also reminds me that God is not unreasonable. He urges us to ensure we are ready for the next challenge. We all at SC are truly giving people but we must also find time to regenerate and take some time out. Having a lazy weekend, catching up with family and friends, these times are invaluable and are the times that I realise how blessed I am. What I have realised is that the jobs will never stop. The garden will still be there along with the basket of ironing. God wants us to stop so make sure you do! A good friend of mine said I need to be more spontaneous!

One thing I teach my own girls is that we are made in the image of God. They are better than no one and no one is better than them. Knowing that it is important to acknowledge that every person you encounter carries God within them. Keeping this in mind, you can see why we all have an unlimited potential, especially our children. This is why we continue to challenge our children, staff and parents with issues such as Social Justice. It can create opportunities that are exciting and go beyond what we believe is possible. Pope Francis is right, what we have is ours, but how we use it is what counts, this also includes our own personality and gifts.

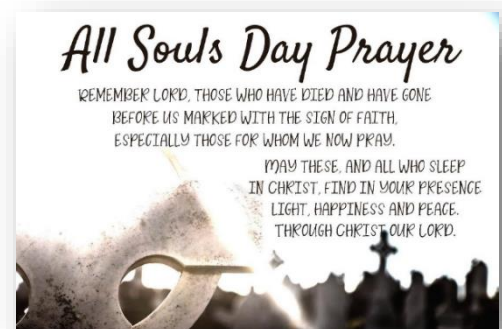
Thank you all for what you do to make our school so special. Your contributions are all very much appreciated.

Wishing you a blessed fortnight.

Clinton Payne
Principal

All Soul's Day

All Soul's Day was held on Monday, 2 November. It was a time of contemplation and reflection, as we remember those close to us who have passed and are now resting peacefully with Jesus in Heaven. How good is it to know our loved ones are okay, and live on in our hearts forever. This week take a moment to remember and give thanks for what those we loved brought to us and our families.



Year 6 Graduation – Change of Date

Last week I sent a letter to our Year Six families informing them that we have changed the date of our **Graduation Mass to Wednesday, 9th December at 6:30pm**. This will ensure we maintain social distancing requirements as well allow our parents and grandparents to attend this special occasion. I thank you all for being so understanding with these changes due to COVID-19.

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 your Booklist Levy on your 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!

Noongar Language Program 2021

As part of our Western Australian Curriculum requirements, in 2021 we are proud to announce that we will be the first metro Catholic primary school to implement a Noongar Language Program. This program will replace our Italian program which is currently running in Year 3, 4 and 5. Our new Noongar Language Program will run from Pre Primary to Year 6. As part of our implementation, we have recently employed a qualified Noongar language teacher, Miss Maddie Smith. We welcome Maddie to our Santa Clara community and look forward to working with her next year.

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 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.coneq-t-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.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Uniform Price List Order Forms will be coming home this week.

Sizes for uniforms will be out in front of the Kindergarten & Pre-Primary classrooms for try ons.

Mrs Sonia Thiel
Uniform Shop Coordinator



CANTEEN NEWS

Summer menu is now available on QuickCliQ and over the counter sales.

Mondays – Try out our Sushi or Homemade Pizza.

Fridays – The Mexican Chicken Taco Boat is back.

Watermelon Slushies have been popular at recess.

**Don't forget to order before school
or online so you don't miss out.**

Sadly Yowies are no longer available as they have been discontinued.

INFORMATION FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Miss Fiona Messer & Mrs Kristy Madafferi

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THE WORD

Ten bridesmaids went to meet the bridegroom with their oil lamps. Only five were wise and took extra oil. At midnight there was a cry, 'He is coming!', but the foolish ones had run out of oil and while they were fetching more, the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went with him to the wedding, while the others were left behind.

LOOK CLOSER

Wise Maidens:

Most of us go through life putting off doing the things we know we should when we believe we have lots of time left. But what if we don't? Jesus tells us that we do not know the day nor the hour when he will come to meet us. Will you be like the wise maidens and be ready to greet him when he comes? *If you only had one year left on earth, what would you do with your time and talents?*

PRAYER SPACE

Symbol: LAMP

Lord God,

You are the lover of our souls, the bridegroom who longs to be close to us. May we be watchful and ready to greet you when you come. Amen.

DID YOU KNOW?

A traditional dish eaten on the Feast of St Martin of Tours is roast goose. According to the tradition, St Martin was preaching and an especially noisy goose was honking and distracting the congregation. St Martin went outside and with a look, silenced the goose. He then ordered it to be slaughtered and served to the poor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11 Nov Remembrance Day** 10:50am in the undercover area. Parents are welcome to attend.
- 11 Nov To Year 6 Camp** An information pack has been sent home, if you have any questions please contact Mrs Ellis.
- 13 Nov**
- 22 Nov Sacrament of Confirmation** 9:00am in the Church. Please pray for the students receiving this sacrament.
- 24 Nov Santa Clara AGM** 7:00pm in the Hall. Attendees will go in the draw to win an \$80 voucher for their 2021 Booklist Levy.
- 25 Nov Year 4 iPad Program Parent Information Night** 5:30pm in the Year 4 classroom. (Please note the change in date)
- 2 Dec Kindy 2021 Parent Meeting**
- 3 Dec Kindy 2021 Orientation**
- 4 Dec Christmas Concert 6:00pm** Our Christmas concert will be held on the school oval. The children will participate in a whole school liturgy and then the Christmas concert will follow afterwards.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Fluency in Reading

Fluency is the ability to decode a text. When readers become more fluent, they can quickly and accurately decode the text with ease. Once reading fluency is developed, the reader can focus more on the comprehension of the text rather than working out how to read the words.



How can you support reading fluency at home?

- Model fluent reading to your child
- Listen to your child read, give lots of praise and encouragement
- Encourage your child to re-read their favourite books. Encourage them to read with expression when they have mastered the text.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Vinnie's Christmas Appeal The St Vincent de Paul Society has again asked us to support their appeal this year. Each class will be asked to make a Christmas Hamper for a needy family in our society. By now, a note has come home with each student requesting they bring in a donation of food or a toy for these hampers. The baskets will be presented to a representative from St Vincent de Paul at the Friday morning Assembly on the 27th November.

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

PRE PRIMARY

2020





Margaret

"My favourite thing about Pre Primary was playing outside. I get to play with my friends. I love playing with my friends. I loved learning about frogs. They cannot be poisonous but some can be. They can jump a lot and they carry their baby tadpoles."

In Religion we have been learning about Baptism. This is a special time when you are welcomed into God's family.



Tiffany and Martha

"We made the number 10 in addition. I like doing addition on the whiteboard."



Nkirote

"My favourite thing about Pre Primary is when all the Pre Primary, Year Two and Kindy classes went on the Zoo excursion. We saw lots of different animals. My favourite animal we saw at the zoo was the painted dog. I like dogs."



We have been so excited to see our mulberry tree grow. We have to stop Miss Carcione from eating all of the mulberries!



"I loved the colour run this year because it was the best because Mrs Kinsman was there. We got to spread powder at the colour run. We go sprayed with colour paint. The colour was all over me. I liked when I went through the bubbles." - Zarah

THANK YOU

To our wonderful volunteers for helping make our Colour Run a memorable and unforgettable experience for our children. It was so wonderful to see the smiles on their faces and hear the laughter as they made their way through the course.

A reminder that all sponsorship forms and money need to be returned to the Admin Office by Monday, 9 November.

Thanks so much for your support!

Michelle Kinsman
P&F President



**Hands up if you like
cookie dough...!!**



Students have now received their Sponsorship Form with further information and instructions on how to raise money and order prizes. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Please note, all donations are required to be finalised and forms returned to the Admin office no later than **Tuesday 17th November**.

**Pick up will take place on
Friday 4th December.**

Thank you in advance for your support.

Colour Blindness

A Message from the Community Health Nurse

Colour blindness means that a person cannot distinguish some colours or see the colours differently to other people. Very few people who are colour blind are 'blind' to all colours. Commonly, the colours seen differently are greens, yellows, oranges and reds.

An information leaflet on colour blindness will be distributed to all Pre-Primary students this week. Please take the time to read the pamphlet.

For more information follow the link below to the Colour Blind Awareness and Support Group at:
<http://www.members.optusnet.com.au/~dovertol/>.

If you have any concerns, colour vision testing can be performed by some general practitioners, eye specialists or optometrists. You can also contact your local Community Health Nurse, Fiona Ewing on 9258 8053.