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Dear Parents and Caregivers

The 2020 school year has once again been a time of excitement at Santa Clara School, St James. There is no doubt that the words of Saint Claire, our patroness, set the foundation for who we are as a community. It is in this spirit of acting with love that shapes who we will become, and the love that exists in this community is abundant. We achieve what we achieve through the many blessings we have received throughout the school year.



In reflecting upon 2020, I continue to be grateful for the opportunities that are created for committed members of our community to work together to create a place of belonging. This sense of belonging is what I hear mentioned often when speaking with parents and staff. There is something about the spirit of St Claire that permeates our existence here at SC which makes us who we are as a community.

It has once again been another successful period in the life and times of Santa Clara School and the School Board. In 2020, the work of the School Board has been of the highest order and I thank them sincerely for their hard work and sharing of their talents for the good of the children of our school. Decisions are always considered with diligence and consideration of the impact on our students. Their commitment to the children, parents and staff is outstanding. I wish to sincerely thank all members of the Board for always being willing to support us in our role as leaders and teachers of this community. The support of them as both people and professionals has been a constant source of 'energy' for me. I especially thank Matthew Keane for his committed leadership as chairperson. Thanks also to the other members, Bevan Castle, Naomi Pitt, Alicia Crook, John Mpala and Father Chris who have worked closely with us in 2020. Special thanks to Jac Wilson for her professionalism and dedication as the finance officer to the Board. I would also like to thank Wayne and Jo Barton who leave the Board this year, for their many years of service to our school through their involvement with the Board. Your service is greatly appreciated by all our past and present students and staff.

I would like to acknowledge the work of Michelle Kinsman our P&F President and Jodie Matthews-Goobie our Treasurer, who have led this group of wonderful parents known as our P&F. Our parents have worked quietly in the background to continue to build community spirit within the school. As a group they have been quite remarkable in how smoothly they have worked with our families in continuing many of the past traditions within the school in

FRIDAY
11 DECEMBER
LAST DAY FOR
STUDENTS

UNIFORM SHOP
OPEN
WEDNESDAY 27
JANUARY 2021
FROM 9:00am

TERM 1 2021
BEGINS
FOR STUDENTS
MONDAY
1 FEBRUARY
2021

MERRY CHRISTMAS

a challenging year. The team of parents have done this with one focus, and that has been on the wanting to do it for our children. We thank you all sincerely for the time and commitment to the people within our school and the fundraising events throughout the year that have resulted in the upgrading of many resources across the school. A fabulous year of working tirelessly for our school and its people.

The Santa Clara Parish and school maintain a very close relationship. We continue to build relationships between the parish and school as part of our on-going commitment to keeping the values of our Catholic school alive within our students, staff and parents. We have been blessed to have Fr Chris as our parish priest. Fr Chris' kindness and gentle manner allows for the building of close relationships with our staff and our families. We wish to acknowledge Fr Chris' calmness and accommodating manner throughout all special liturgies, especially in the year levels who have received the sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist and Penance. We also thank Marietta for her commitment to our students in our Sacramental Program.

We are fortunate at Santa Clara School to have committed staff members who enjoy working together to ensure students' educational needs are met. Their support for each other is something that creates strong bonds and unity. Thank you for your high standards and professionalism. It is about 'one-in, all-in' attitude to what we are establishing in our support for each other as a professional organisation, but also one strongly focused on positive relationships. I wish to thank all our staff for their contributions to making the students the number one focus and for the unwavering commitment to providing the very best education for the students in your care. To all our staff, thank you for what you bring to the life of our school community. It has been a challenging year for us all but we have done it! I am so grateful to have commenced my first principalship with you all and look forward to our continued journey together.

I would also like to acknowledge the service of Mrs. Cheryl Rebello to our Santa Clara School community and Catholic Education in Western Australia. This year Cheryl was recognized for 40 years of service, a tremendous accomplishment. You have played a part in so many lives here at Santa Clara and we thank you for what you continue to do.

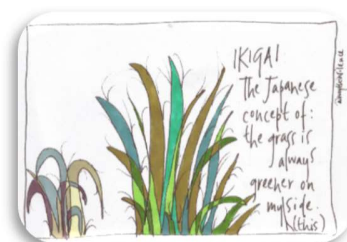
I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Elena Fraser for serving our community and students during 2019 and 2020. Every conversation Leadership had with Elena this year had the children at the center which emphasises the type of person and teacher she is. We wish you all the best for your journey ahead at Our Lady of Lourdes. They are extremely lucky to have you.

I would especially like to thank my Leadership Team, Kristy Madafferi and Fiona Messer. The support you have given me this year is something I will never forget and cannot thank you enough for. Your dedication to our school improvement journey and focus on our students is the driver for all that we do here. I look forward to another successful year in 2021.

To all our parents of Santa Clara School, I wish to thank you for your support and encouragement. Strong parent/school relationships assist in shaping the culture of our school environment. We continue to be encouraged by the support of our parents in what we are focused on at SC. Our goal is to continue to meet the needs of our children and assist them in their development as confident young people who are excited by their learning in partnership with you.

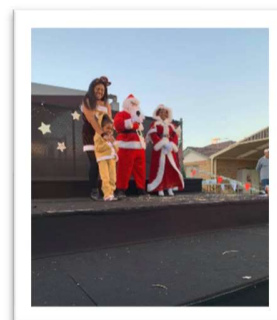
Finally, to our beautiful students. You inspire us each and every day. Thank you for the joy you bring to our school. The standard you set in your work and behaviour highlights who we are and what we stand for. I look forward to many more visits in 2021 of students showing me their achievements. This is what makes teaching the best profession on earth.

We are truly blessed to be members of such a beautiful community and I believe we live out Ikigai as the grass is greener on our side, a quote that has driven me in my first year of Principalship. Santa Clara School is truly a special place and I am so grateful to be leading it into its journey ahead. I sincerely wish all members of our school and Parish a peaceful and joyous Christmas. May we all appreciate the significance of this time of rest and renewal as we gear up for a bright and exciting 2021.



Christmas Liturgy & Concert

What a great night! The turn out from our students, parents, carers and relatives highlighted what a blessed community we are all a part of. At one stage during our Pre Primary's nativity play, I looked out at the audience and felt very overwhelmed by your presence for which I am truly grateful. A night like that does not simply happen without careful planning and commitment from staff. I would like to thank Renae Armstrong, Simone Carcione, Ellen Fitzpatrick, Elena Fraser, Chris Nunn and Kristy Madaffer for their behind the scenes organisation of our concert. Extra special thanks to Lia Partington who went above and beyond all expectations with organising decorations, stalls and pretty much everything!! I will also be sending a very special thank you to the North Pole to thank Santa and Princess Fairy Snowflake Unicorn, our MC on the night. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of our P&F President, Michelle Kinsman and her band of parent helpers for their organisation of the food and various stalls. Thank you for always keeping the children at the centre of all we do at Santa Clara.



Congratulations Year 6 Graduates!

On behalf of our Santa Clara School and Parish community, I would like to congratulate our Year 6 students on their graduation from Primary School. In education you come across a class every now and then that completely gels as one cohesive groups and this year's Year 6 students truly are one of those groups. I would like to thank our Year 6 students for their leadership during a very difficult year and for their resilience when our usual Year 6 events had to be cancelled due to COVID-19.

We wish you all the best for the next phase of your lives and hope that the foundations set by your parents and teachers here at Santa Clara guide you in the years ahead. You will always be remembered as my first every graduates as a Principal and I would like to thank you for the positive impact you have had on me. Enjoy this special time and find the opportunity to thank your parents and teachers over the coming days.

All blessings to you

Clinton Payne
Principal



SANTA CLARA SCHOOL STAFFING 2021

Principal	Clinton Payne	
Assistant Principal	Kristy Madafferi	
Assistant Principal	Fiona Messer (Mon, Wed, Thurs)	
YEAR GROUP	CLASSROOM TEACHER	
Kindy	Lia Partington	
Pre-Primary	Simone Carcione	
Kindy/Pre-Primary DOTT Relief	Fiona Messer	
Year 1	Denise Grech	
Year 2	Lia Partington (Mon)	Renae Armstrong (Tues – Fri)
Year 3	Ellen Fitzpatrick (Mon – Tues)	Alyssa Adams (Wed – Fri)
Year 4	Adrian Tulett	
Year 5	Sue Hawkins	
Year Six	Fiona Messer (Mon)	Mim Ellis (Tues – Fri)
Sport 2 days	Ellen Fitzpatrick	
STEM 2 days	Claire Daniels	
SCiTEAM Year 3-6 (half a day)	Claire Daniels	
Noongar Language 2 days	Maddie Smith	
Music 2 days	Tiffany Tan	
Support (MiniLit, MacqLit)	Kristy Madafferi (Mon-Thurs 8:45 – 12:50)	
Social Worker	Hilary Campos	
Cluster Release/Liturgical Singing	Carla Klomp (Thurs 11:50 – 3:30)	
ADMINISTRATION		
Bursar	Jac Wilson	
Administration Assistant	Suzanne Walker	

TEACHER ASSISTANTS & ANCILLARY STAFF

Kindergarten	Chris Wilson (Wed – Fri)	Michelle Kinsman (Wed – Fri)
Pre-Primary	Sonia Raschella (Mon – Thurs)	Susannah Naim (Fri)
Support (MiniLit, MacqLit)	Susannah Naim (Mon – Thurs, 8:30 – 11:50)	
Special Needs	Cheryl Rebello (Mon – Tues)	Chris Nunn (Wed – Fri)
Library Technician	Michelle Kinsman	
Canteen	Sonia Thiel	
Cleaner	Zac Abraham	

2021 Initiatives

Reduction in School Fees

We are pleased to announce that there will be a reduction to the school amenities fee. The reduction will be \$155 per student. The school will also be funding handwriting textbooks and all online subscriptions for each student, which is an additional saving of \$30. We are committed to supporting our community and providing an affordable Catholic education for our students.

Partnership with St Norbert's

Santa Clara School has partnered with St Norbert's College to provide the families of Santa Clara with a sibling discount. This discount means that if you have your children enrolled at St Norbert's and at Santa Clara you will receive a discount on your Santa Clara school fees.

The discount is as follows:

First child at St Norbert's – Full Fee
Second child at either school - 20% discount
Third child at either school - 40% discount
Fourth child at either school - 100% discount



To apply for this discount please see Suzanne in the office.

MultiLit

In 2021 we will be rolling out a new Literacy program in Kindy to Year 1 and a Literacy support program from Year 1 to Year 6. The program is considered a gold class Literacy program and is grounded in scientific evidence-based best practice. We will hold a parent information session in Term 1.



SCiTEAM



Santa Clara School is proud to offer a unique and targeted Academic Extension program for selected students in Years 3-6. The SCiTEAM Program represents a select group of students who will form the Santa Clara Innovation Team working together through a range of authentic, problem-based tasks. Throughout the program, students will be set challenges that require them to THINK outside of the box, EXTEND their knowledge, ACHIEVE their goals and MASTER a range of key skills, all while designing and implementing innovative solutions to real world problems. The SCiTEAM program will be split into two core curriculum focus groups, one to target students working above the expected standard in Literacy, and another to target students working above the expected standard in Mathematics. Mrs Daniels will send out more information regarding the selection criteria in Term 1, 2021.

Noongar Language Program

In 2021, our students from Pre Primary to Year 6 will participate in Noongar Language classes as part of our Languages Curriculum. This program meets the requirements of our Language other than English Curriculum set by the Curriculum & Standards Authority. It will assist in providing our students with cultural immersion and intercultural understanding of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Culture. We welcome Miss Maddie Smith to our Santa Clara School community.

Kindy Speech Screening

All students in Kindy in 2021 will be screened by a Speech Therapist in Term 1. These speech screens are fully funded by the school and will provide information to the parents and teachers about the language skills of all students in Kindy and recommendations for further development in the area of speech.





On behalf on the P&F Committee, I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas, filled with laughter, joy, and the love of family and friends.

Wishing you all a wonderful and safe holiday and looking forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

Thank you so much for all your continued support throughout the year.

We have been able to provide our children with some wonderful resources, experiences and great memories and without your support, the Santa Clara P&F would not be possible.

To our beautiful families who are leaving the Santa Clara community at the end of this year, we hope that the new year will bring many wonderful opportunities.

To the Year 6's, we congratulate you on your graduation and wish you all the very best in High School.

To Mr Payne and staff, thank you for your continued support and commitment to the P&F throughout the year. Our community is truly blessed to have such dedicated staff who go above and beyond in their efforts to support our children.

God Bless,

Michelle Kinsman
P&F President

Thank You Canteen Volunteers

A very big **THANK YOU** to all of our Canteen volunteers who have given so generously of their time this year.

Your help is always much appreciated!

We look forward to a new year and the prospect of new families joining our canteen volunteers' roster. Please feel free to come and see me at the Canteen or leave your name and contact details at the office.

Have a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in the new year!

Mrs Sonla Thiel
Canteen Manager

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIME DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The Uniform Shop will be open
Wednesday, 27 January 2021 from
9:00am to 2:00noon.



SCHOOL BANKING

**\$\$We are still looking for the next
School Banking Coordinator\$\$**

Do you love Cold Hard Cash?

Do you love 5, 10, 20 & 50 cent pieces?

Do you love 1 & 2 \$ coins?

Maybe even 5 \$ notes?

Then this is the job for you!

**Become Santa Clara's next
School Banking Bunny.**

**Please see Suzanne in the Office and we'll
start the coins rolling!**

Lots of love from

\$\$\$ Susie the School Banking Bunny \$\$\$