



# Santa Clara School

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## Important Dates:

### Friday 20 February:

- > 5:00pm – 7:00pm P & F  
Welcome Picnic & Car Wash

### Sunday 22 February:

- > Week 1 Lent

### Tuesday 24 February:

- > 8:45am Fr Chris to visit Year 2

### Friday 27 February:

- > 9:00am Year 6  
Participation Mass

### Sunday 1 March:

- > Week 2 Lent

**MONDAY 2 MARCH:  
LABOR DAY  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**TUESDAY 3 MARCH:  
STAFF PD – PUPIL FREE  
DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**

### Friday 6 March:

- > P & F Tupperware Party  
Fundraiser

### Sunday 8 March:

- > Week 3 Lent

### Tuesday 10 March:

- > 8:45am Fr Chris to visit  
Year 1
- > 6:00pm P & F Meeting  
in the Staffroom

**TUESDAY 24 MARCH  
PARENT / TEACHER  
INTERVIEWS  
COMMENCING AT  
12:30pm  
STUDENTS FINISH  
SCHOOL AT 12:00noon**

## REFLECTION

*Live each day to the fullest. Get the most from each hour, each day, and each age of your life. Then you can look forward with confidence, and back without regrets.*

*Be yourself - but be your best self. Dare to be different and to follow your own star.*

*And don't be afraid to be happy. Enjoy what is beautiful. Love with all your heart and soul. Believe that those you love, love you.*

*Forget what you have done for your friends, and remember what they have done for you. Disregard what the world owes you, and concentrate on what you owe the world.*

*When you are faced with a decision, make that decision as wisely as possible - then forget it. The moment of absolute certainty never arrives.*

*And above all, remember that God helps those who help themselves. Act as if everything depended upon you, and pray as if everything depended upon God.*

## Dear Parents, Children and Staff

Let us remind ourselves that the season of Lent is a time to turn back to God. It is a time not only to sacrifice some of the things that our dear to us, like chocolates and sweets, but also to endeavour to make a difference to someone else's life. Some examples are to greet others, share a treat with others, or willingly offer assistance to Mum or Dad with a task. I ask that during Lent, we be peacemakers, endeavouring to make a difference to the lives of others.

## Staff Professional Development

I am a firm believer of providing professional development to teachers so that they may keep up with the rapidly changing educational needs. Teachers are then expected to improve their new knowledge and skills and progress to incorporating

their new knowledge into their teaching practice and student learning.

## Principal Review

The Catholic Education Commission has endorsed a process of review for Principals. I am one of a number of Principals in Catholic schools to be reviewed this year.

This Principal Performance Review relates only to the Principal's Duties and Responsibilities (as enunciated in the Principal's Deed of Agreement) and is not a School Review or Evaluation.

The process involved the following members of the school community:

- > Selected Staff;
- > School Board;
- > Parents and Friends Executive; and
- > Parish Priest.

This review will be conducted by means of written evaluation, followed by interviews with the reviewers which will take place during Term One.

I take this opportunity to thank all those who are taking part in my review.

### Parent/Teacher Meetings

Thank you to the parents who took the time this week to attend the parent's night. The teachers appreciate and value your partnership in the education of your child/ren. And thank you also to those families who tendered their apologies for various reasons. We appreciate your support. God bless you.

### 3 Year Old Program

The 3 Year Old Program is running smoothly. The littlies are settling well as they embrace the surroundings of a school. The Pre-Primary class are now enjoying the reverse cycle air-

conditioning that was completed during the holidays.

### Dress & Hair Standards

Santa Clara has traditionally set very high standards, including personal standards of presentation for its students. I am asking for your cooperation and support in maintaining these standards.

No student is permitted to have a colour put into his or her hair. This includes streaks. Boys are required to have short hair above the collar and behind the ears - short back and sides - No mullets. Girls with long hair must have it tied back with ribbons or headbands being in school colours only. Only one earring per ear and only studs or sleepers are permitted in gold or silver. Nail polish is also not permitted to be worn.

### Etiquette

Parents we ask your support by

discussing with your children, etiquette and consideration for others when attending the school toilets. It has been a concern that children are flushing whole toilet rolls down the toilets (boys in particular) or using the toilet rolls as play, thus wetting them and rendering them unusable. This is a very costly exercise which must not continue. I am sure that those involved would not like a call to their parents if caught. At the same time we ask you to remind your child of the importance of washing their hands after visiting the toilet and once again to use the soap provided in an appropriate manner. Thank you.

God Bless

**Richard Win Pe**  
**Principal**

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### 2015 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME FOR YEAR THREE, FOUR AND SIX STUDENTS

Last week, Year Three, Year Four and Year Six Catholic students were given an information letter about the Santa Clara Parish Sacramental programme for 2015. If your child did not receive a copy of this letter, or it has been misplaced, please see Mr King for another copy.

In summary, the Santa Clara Parish Sacramental programme for 2015 is as follows:

| Sacrament of Reconciliation  | Sacrament of Eucharist   | Sacrament of Confirmation   |
|--|--|---|
| <b>Commitment Ceremony – Santa Clara Parish:</b><br>9:30am Sunday 8 March 2015   | <b>Commitment Ceremony – Santa Clara Parish:</b><br>9:30am Sunday 8 March 2015   | <b>Commitment Ceremony - Santa Clara Parish:</b><br>9:30am Sunday 8 March 2015  |
| <b>Parent/Student Workshop:</b><br>4:45-6:00pm Thursday 23 April 2015<br>(Facilitated by Dr Carmel Suart / Mildred Rego) | <b>Parent/Student Workshop:</b><br>4:45-6:00pm Thursday 14 May 2015<br>(Facilitated by Dr Carmel Suart / Mildred Rego) | <b>Parent/Student Workshop:</b><br>4:45-6:00pm Thursday 13 August 2015<br>(Facilitated by Dr Carmel Suart / Mildred Rego) |
| <b>Student Retreat Day / Excursion:</b><br>9:00am Tuesday 28 April 2015<br>Schoenstatt Shrine Excursion, Armadale        | <b>Student Retreat Day / Excursion:</b><br>9:00am Tuesday 28 April 2015<br>Schoenstatt Shrine Excursion, Armadale      | <b>Student Retreat Day / Excursion:</b><br>9:00am Wednesday 29 July 2015<br>Schoenstatt Shrine Excursion, Armadale        |
| <b>Celebrated on:</b><br>4:30pm Tuesday 19 May 2015  | <b>Celebrated on:</b><br>9.30am Sunday 7 June 2015   | <b>Celebrated on:</b><br>9.30am Sunday 13 September 2015  |

If parents have any queries or concerns with regards the Sacramental programme, please see me personally or ring Father Chris on 94582944.



## SUPPORTING PROJECT COMPASSION 2015

Love begins at home. Mother Teresa said, "Love begins at home and is not how much we do, but how much love can be put into action." This year, Caritas Australia is celebrating 50 years of love and compassion for children, women and men worldwide. Every day, Caritas Australia's programs are focussed on addressing the extreme poverty that afflicts marginalised families and communities.

Over the next week, the children were given Project Compassion moneyboxes to take home. Children, women and most men vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice are rich in the eyes of Jesus, whose life and compassion inspires Caritas Australia. Through effective partnerships in humanitarian relief and development and by transforming hearts and minds in Australian community, Caritas Australia helps to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. All donations make a life-changing difference to marginalised communities around the world. Below are two stories on how your donations assist Caritas Australia help people and communities around the world.



Eric and Margaret ('Ma' for short) live in a rural area of one of the islands in Fiji. They enrolled in a Married Couples Course at the Caritas Australia supported Tutu Rural training centre (Tutu) twenty-five years ago. Using the skills they learnt there, the couple have built a successful family life, and a thriving farm that provides them with a healthy diet and sustainable source of income. "I think we were blessed to be part of the program in Tutu. Tutu opened a new door for us. Without Tutu we wouldn't be where we are now", said Eric.



Life is very tough for people living in Niger. Many live in extreme poverty, often unable to afford or access food and water. In Niger, more than half the children under five years old have experienced malnutrition. A Nutrition Centre in Niger (supported by Caritas Australia) admits over 500 malnourished children every week. When Fati (2 and a half) became malnourished her mother, Mariama, took her to the Centre to receive the food, nutritional supplements and medical care that she needed to recover. Mariama too was able to regain strength, and learn new income-producing skills.



Visit [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion) to learn more about Eric and Ma (and life in Fiji), and Mariama, Fati (and life in Niger).

### FATHER CHRIS VISITING YEAR TWO

Next week, on Tuesday 24 February, Father Chris will visit the Year Two Classroom at 8:45am.

### PARTICIPATION MASS – YEAR SIX - FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY

Next Friday, 27 February 2015, the Year Six class will be attending Mass at the Santa Clara Parish commencing at 9:00am. Parents and friends of the students are welcome to attend.

**Larry King**  
Assistant Principal Religious Education

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

Hello Everyone,

We have had a great start to the school year and students and teachers are into full swing in this very busy term. It was great to see so many parents at our parent information evening on Tuesday. Parent support is so appreciated by us all. In week eight more personalised parent meetings will take place with the parent teacher interviews. Details are below.

### **PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS – TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2015 – COMMENCING AT 12:30pm:**

Parents are reminded that the Parent / Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 24 March 2015. Students will depart school at 12:00pm and the Teacher / Parent interviews will commence at 12:30pm. Timetables for Parent / Teacher interviews will be displayed on Classroom doors from **Monday 16 March 2015**. Parents will be asked to select and write the time/s they would like to attend the interview. Further information will be provided closer to the week.

**CYBER-SAFETY:** This week I have included a link to an online safety booklet for parents. I hope you find this useful. This guide is a practical, issue-focussed information and advice for parents of children of all ages published by the Australian Government.

[http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents/Resources/~/\\_media/Cybersmart/Documents/Documents/Parents\\_guide\\_to\\_online\\_safety.pdf](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents/Resources/~/_media/Cybersmart/Documents/Documents/Parents_guide_to_online_safety.pdf)

It is so important that we all ensure our children's online safety by developing our awareness and monitoring our children's online activities.

**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL:** A reminder that the school day commences at 8:40am and it is important that students are punctual to school. I have noticed that some students are regularly late and this seems they miss vital information at the beginning of the day and it can cause the student embarrassment when regularly late. At the end of the day children are reminded to remain seated in the pick up area until they are directed to their parent's car by the teacher. It is important for the safety of everyone that children are not making their own way to their car from the Church end of the school.

**ABSENTEE NOTES OR EMAILS:** A final reminder for this week that when a child is absent from school a note or an email is required for our legal obligations. Thank you for your support in this.

**YEAR FIVE FUND-RAISING:** The Year Fives are working towards contributing to the school and their current classroom by holding a fund-raising raffle to purchase mobile storage units in lieu of desks. They are currently gathering donations of suitable new items to make up prize hampers. As soon as they have collected enough items tickets will go on sale to the school community. See the Year Fives' newsletter information and watch this space for prize details.

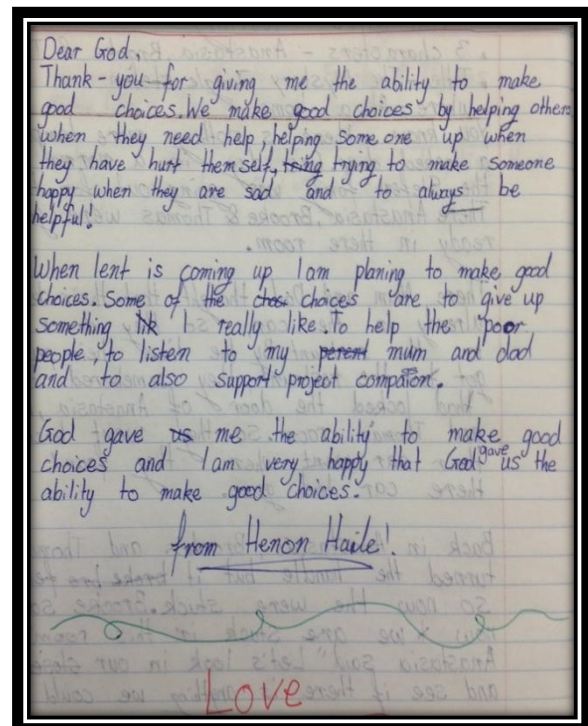
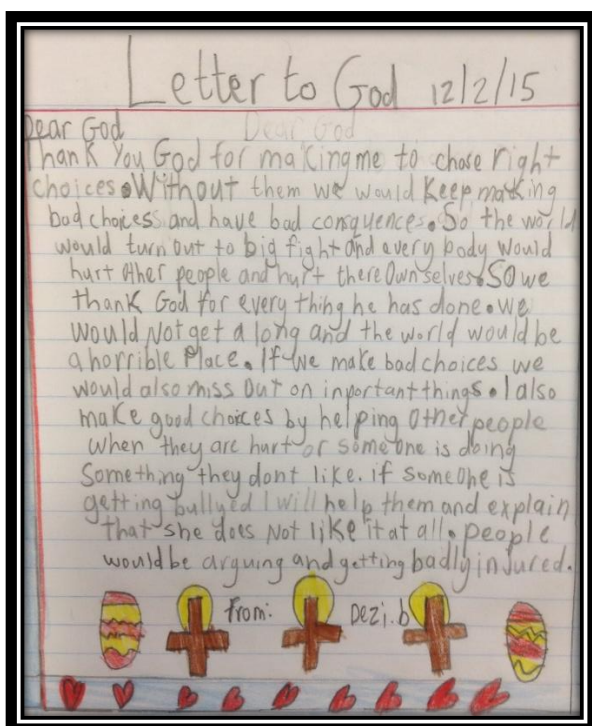
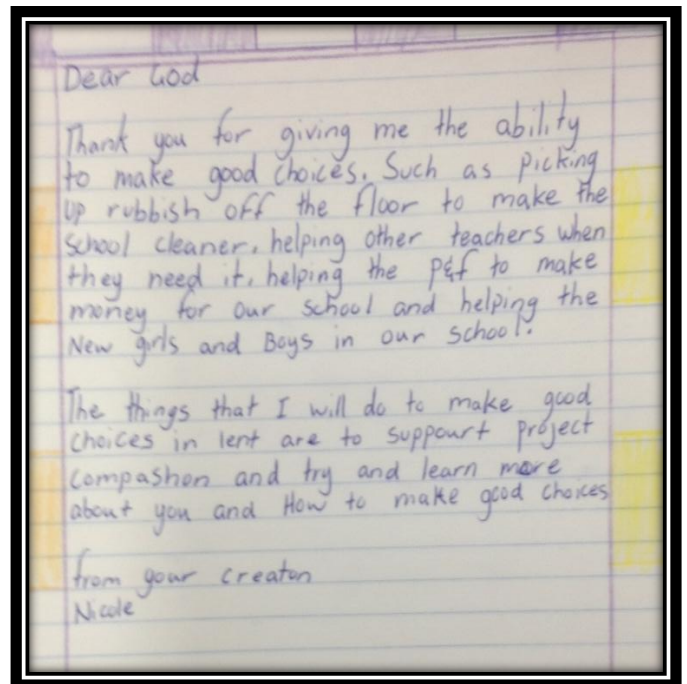
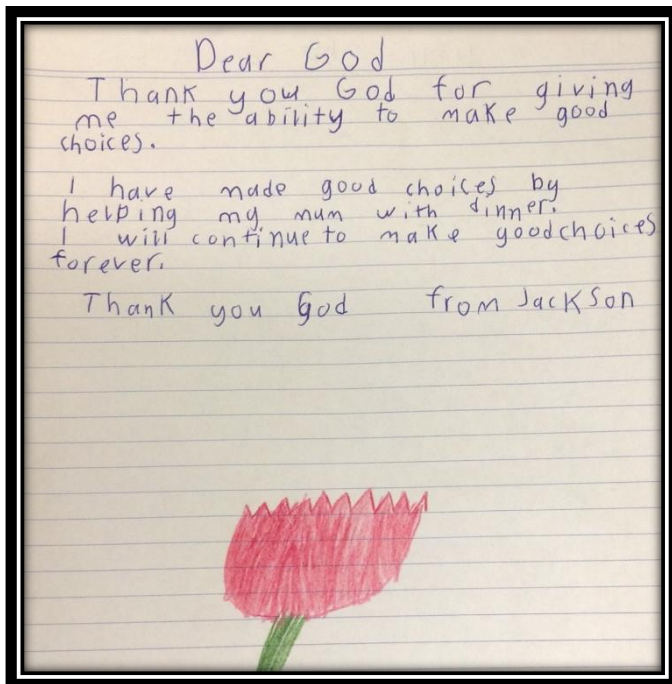
I am looking forward to seeing families at the P&F picnic this Friday. God bless.

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**Ms Evelyn Temmen**  
**Assistant Principal**

# Thank You God For Our Ability To Choose what is Right.

Here is a selection of letters to God written by the Year Fives expressing thanks for our ability to make good choices.



### YEAR FIVE RAFFLE.

The Year Five class will be holding a raffle. This raffle is for fundraising money to buy a storage system for our contemporary classroom. We will be raffling hampers and prizes. The P&F have also given us some money to buy six Hoki stools for our classroom but we need more money to buy some contemporary storage furniture. We are working on raising this money ourselves.

The price of the raffle tickets is \$1 for a ticket or \$5 for eight tickets and \$2 for three. All the year five parents will be helping to fill the hampers. After the raffle we will collect all the money at the end of the term to put towards buying storage systems. Some of our fit-balls will then be given to the Year Six classroom and we will get the six Hoki stools Ms. Temmen has ordered. Please buy tickets, they will go on sale soon and you can buy them from the Year Five class before or after school. Keep an eye out for our pop-up ticket stalls at lunch-times or before school.

Thank-you!



\$1 for one ticket \$5 for eight tickets \$2 for 3 tickets.

By: Michael, Nicole, Nicolas, Henon and Peter.

### Religion Report

This term the Year Five class are working on getting ready for Ash Wednesday. We have been writing letters to God about our gift of making choices. Some of them are included in this newsletter.

We are doing two sections in religion this term. We are doing Relationship Restored with Mrs Hodges and Choosing To Do Good with Ms Temmen.

In Choosing To Do Good we are learning about the differences between moral choices and everyday choices and the conditions of sin. We learnt that a moral choice can change your life and an everyday choice doesn't make a big change at all.

In Relationship Restored we are learning about differences about boys and girls. We did an anonymous questionnaire and we found out boys are more into bringing their friends over to dinner while girls would rather bring people like Katie Perry, Taylor Swift or The Queen.

By Ephrem, Erin, Jacinta and Brandon.

### Our Year Five Contemporary Classroom.

In Year Five we have started a contemporary learning environment and learning space. This environment can give us free choice to choose who we sit with, where we sit and what we sit on. This helps everyone in our classroom to cooperate with others and learn to work with other people. We have a variety of seating to choose from like fitballs, hoki stools, couches and bean bags. We have also made paper Chinese New Year lanterns and paper scrolls to decorate our amazing Year Five classroom, add more colour and make it look even better. We have filled our classroom with kindness, creativity and wonderful things. We all love our new contemporary fabulous Year Five classroom!



By  
Zoe, Orlando, Shayan, Desmond and Jackson

### Chinese Zodiac Animal Webquest

In Year Five we have been learning about the Chinese Zodiac animals and Chinese New Year. Ms Temmen set us a webquest on Edmodo to help us find information about Chinese New Year Traditions and Zodiac Animals.

Edmodo is a children's digital workspace. It helps us communicate with Ms Temmen and other classmates about homework. The webquest includes the order of the Animals which are the rat, the ox, the tiger, the rabbit, the dragon, the snake, the horse, the goat, the monkey, the rooster, the dog and the pig.

The work that Ms Temmen set for us in the webquest is to find out about the Chinese traditions like calligraphy, t-chart, venn diagram and a final project that will be made into a memoir booklet that we have to prepare in a group.

The Year Five class thank you for reading this week's newsletter we hope you enjoyed it. 😊

By Chanel, Dannielle, Lisa, Avelyn and Abby.

**P & F NEWS**

The next P&F Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 March at 6:00pm in the staff room.

**ALL WELCOME**

**Shrove Tuesday**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day on 17 February. We raised an incredible \$135.15 to be donated to Caritas.

We would also like to thank the following parents who generously gave of their time to help make pancakes and to serve them to the children:

*Thank You*  
Mitzi Bettridge  
Connie Harrison  
Julia Pearson  
Michele Webb



*Thank you from the P&F*

**Welcome Picnic  
and Car Wash 2015  
Friday 20 February  
5:00pm till 7:30 on the school oval**

Come and meet new parents in a relaxed atmosphere.

BYO Picnic, rugs and chairs.

Get your car washed for \$10 while you relax and enjoy catching up with friends.

Bouncy Castle, face painting and an icecream for the kids.

*This is a family event funded by the Santa Clara P&F.*

**Please do not drop your children and leave as there is no supervision provided.**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Friday 20 February<br>Laura Munut | Monday 23 February<br>Trina Green            |
| Friday 27 February<br>Karen Boys  | <b>Monday 2 March<br/>Labour Day Holiday</b> |
| Friday 6 March<br>Sharon Morris   | Monday 9 March<br>Mitzi Bettridge            |

**SCHOOL BANKING**

Would you like to buy your first XBOX, Playstation, Wii or maybe your first car?

Then join school banking and start saving!

Come and see us every Friday morning before school, open your own bank account or make a deposit.

For every ten deposits made, there is a reward!

**Susie Punch & Alvy Galicinao  
School Banking Coordinators**

**P&F Coming Events for Term 1**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| 20 February   | Welcome Picnic 5:00pm - 7.30pm school oval            |
| 6 March   | Tupperware Party Fundraiser 1.30pm in the school hall |
| 10 March  | 6:00pm P & F Meeting in the staffroom                 |
| P & F Easter Raffle - Tickets go on sale & Easter Egg donations to take place in Week 7. Easter Raffle drawn end of Term 1. |   |

**P&F CLASS REPS**

Thank you to the following parents who have volunteered to be our new P&F Class Reps:

|              |                       |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| Kindy:       | Yeasmin Monowar       |
| Pre-Primary: | Michelle Kinsman      |
| Year 1:      | Camellia Kago         |
| Year 2:      | <b>Still required</b> |
| Year 3:      | <b>Still required</b> |
| Year 4:      | Sharon Morris         |
| Year 5:      | <b>Still required</b> |
| Year 6:      | Sonia Thiel           |

Our Executive Committee Members are:

|                   |                              |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>President:</i> | <i>Sonia Thiel</i>           |
| <i>Treasurer:</i> | <i>Jodie Matthews-Goobie</i> |
| <i>Secretary:</i> | <i>Tanya Spiegl</i>          |

We are still in need of class reps for Years 2, 3 and 5. If you are able to help, please leave your name and contact details at the school office.

*Thank you from the P&F*