



Santa Clara School

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5 March 2015

Important Dates:

Friday 6 March:

- > 9:00am to 12:00noon
Years 3 – 6 Faction
Super 8s Carnival
- > 1:30pm in the school
hall - 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
- > 6:45pm Board Meeting
in the Staffroom

Thursday 12 March:

- > Year 5/6 T20 Cricket
Carnival

Friday 13 March:

- > 9:00am Year 3
Participation Mass

Sunday 15 March:

- > Week 4 Lent

Sunday 22 March:

- > Week 5 Lent

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

Wednesday 25 March:

- > 9:00am Whole School
Mass – Feast of the
Annunciation of the
Lord - Year 2

Friday 27 March:

- > 2:15pm Palm Sunday
Assembly – Year 6 RE
Assembly

Sunday 29 March:

- > Palm Sunday – Passion
of the Lord

REFLECTING ON THE CHILDREN IN OUR CARE!

*Heavenly Father you have given us the gift of children.
We welcome such a responsibility with faith and love.
For children may be likened to seeds from many flowers.
At first they may seem more similar than different.
As they grow and mature their differences become marked.
Some may remain small and delicate while others are large and brilliant.
Some bloom early and some late.
One thing they may have in common:
Under good conditions they all bloom and have their own beauty.
Dear Lord help us as parents and teachers
to provide the best conditions for our children,
So they may blossom forth in all their glory.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord.
Amen*

Dear Parents, Children and Staff

LENT

Lent is a time of preparation and a time of self sacrifice. It is also an opportunity for reflection leading to a better understanding of the person that we are. During the Lenten season, let us all take the opportunity to value and develop the wonderful qualities which we all possess. At the same time let us work on identifying and refining the less attractive features of ourselves, knowing that God is with us to help us through.

SANTA CLARA P&F

The Santa Clara P&F hosted a *Welcome Picnic for all families*. It was a wonderful opportunity for parents to gather together and meet other parents and also representatives from the Santa Clara P&F Association.

At Santa Clara we are specially blessed to have such a dedicated and

professional staff who are totally committed to providing the very best education for your children as well as caring for and nurturing them. The classroom teachers are the first point of contact regarding any of your concerns or queries with your children and are available to meet with you.

PASTORAL CARE

Parents, if you would like to place a note in the Pastoral Care section of the newsletter in relation to a birth or death, could you please send your message to the office by no later than Wednesday afternoon. If you would like the school community to pray for any special intentions you may have, e.g. a family member who is ill or who has passed away, please let your child's class teacher or Mrs Walker know.

PARKING

Please be mindful when parking along Coolgardie Street and Palmerston Street, that you do not block lane ways and driveways. The streets are clearly marked with "No Stopping" signs – please respect the road rules and the residents who need to get in and out of their driveways. The residents are within their rights to call the ranger if their driveway is obstructed by an illegally parked car – and fines could be issued. The rangers patrol the area consistently. Please be mindful of where you park. Thank you.

God Bless

Richard Win Pe
Principal

SANTA CLARA SCHOOL BOARD 2015

Our first Board Meeting for 2015 was held on Thursday 19 February.

The following are the Santa Clara School Board Members for 2015:

Ex-Officio Member: Richard Win Pe
 Ex-Officio Member: Fr Chris
 Chair Person: Alex Manut
 Treasurer: Bevan Castle
 Secretary: Katie Closey
 Members: Justin Bettridge, Maria Papalia

SANTA CLARA P&F EXECUTIVE 2015

President: Sonia Thiel
 Secretary: Tanya Spiegl
 Treasurer: Jodie Matthews-Goobie

PARISH NEWS

2015 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME FOR YEAR THREE, FOUR AND SIX STUDENTS

All Year Three, Year Four and Year Six Catholic students who are participating in the Santa Clara Parish Sacramental programme should have received an information letter two weeks ago. 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
Commitment Ceremony – Santa Clara Parish: 9:30am Sunday 8 March 2015	Commitment Ceremony – Santa Clara Parish: 9:30am Sunday 8 March 2015	Commitment Ceremony - Santa Clara Parish: 9:30am Sunday 8 March 2015
Parent/Student Workshop: 4:45-6:00pm Thursday 23 April 2015 (Facilitated by Dr Carmel Suart / Mildred Rego)	Parent/Student Workshop: 4:45-6:00pm Thursday 14 May 2015 (Facilitated by Dr Carmel Suart / Mildred Rego)	Parent/Student Workshop: 4:45-6:00pm Thursday 13 August 2015 (Facilitated by Dr Carmel Suart / Mildred Rego)
Student Retreat Day / Excursion: 9:00am Tuesday 28 April 2015 Schoenstatt Shrine Excursion, Armadale	Student Retreat Day / Excursion: 9:00am Tuesday 28 April 2015 Schoenstatt Shrine Excursion, Armadale	Student Retreat Day / Excursion: 9:00am Wednesday 29 July 2015 Schoenstatt Shrine Excursion, Armadale
Celebrated on: 4:30pm Tuesday 19 May 2015	Celebrated on: 9.30am Sunday 7 June 2015	Celebrated on: 9.30am Sunday 13 September 2015

All parents and children who are wishing to celebrate a Sacrament this year (either Reconciliation, Holy Communion or Confirmation) will need to attend the **Commitment Ceremony Mass at the Santa Clara Parish on Sunday 8 March at 9:30am**. All forms need to be given to Father Chris on this morning.

If parents have any queries or concerns with regards the Sacramental programme, please contact Father Chris and Muriel on 94582944.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SUPPORTING PROJECT COMPASSION 2015



Last week, the children were given Project Compassion moneyboxes to take home. Thank you to some children who have already brought back their moneybox. Caritas Australia is trying to help to poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. All donations make a life-changing difference to marginalised communities around the world. Last Newsletter we looked at how Caritas assisted Eric and Margaret in Fiji and Maiiama in Niger. Below are another two stories on how your donations assist Caritas Australia help people and communities around the world.



Karen – choosing food for life

Karen is a First Australian living in a remote rural community. Like many she can't always afford or access healthy food. At the Centacare Wilcannia-Forbes Manage Your Income, Manage Your Life Program, supported by Caritas Australia, Karen gained the skills she needed to budget and choose healthy food for her family.

For the majority of Australians, good health and great food are part of everyday life. But the story is starkly different for First Australians living in rural communities, where low incomes, limited access to nutritious, affordable food, and poor food choices (due to lack of education) are severely compromising the health and well-being of families.

In Central New South Wales, sole mother-of-six Karen had limited education in life-skills such as money management, cooking, nutrition and health. Food and groceries in remote communities like Karen's are expensive due to freight costs and limited local competition. As a result, it was very hard to stretch her Centrelink payments to afford essentials like food and rent.

"I was in a lot of debt and wasn't handling my money properly," says Karen. "Feeding the kids was about what was easiest, not what is healthy."

Karen had never linked good budgeting habits to good food, good health and a better (less stressful) life. So, two years ago, when she enrolled in the Centacare Wilcannia-Forbes Manage Your Income, Manage Your Life Program supported by Caritas Australia, a new world opened up to her. Through a series of budgeting workshops and monthly budget planning sessions, combined with nutrition workshops and cooking activities, Karen gained the tools she needed to take control of her money and budget so she could provide regular, healthy food for her family.

"I learnt how to make quiche," says Karen. "My family loved it!"

"Now my kids eat healthy and they're willing to try new foods," Karen says. "I want them to be healthy and strong."

Centacare also introduced Karen to the Food Support Program, where people on low incomes can buy affordable groceries and make their dollars go further. Taking control of her finances, and learning a new range of life-skills has given Karen the ability and confidence to choose foods for a healthier life that will lead to a better future for her family.

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Sarita – sharing food for life

Sarita was struggling to grow enough food for her family on her tiny farm plot. In 2007, with the assistance of a program run by Caritas Nepal, she started a fish-raising business with 11 others. Now, they have a thriving enterprise and a life-long source of food and income.

Mother-of-three Sarita attended school until the eighth grade, making her one of the most educated women in her village. Yet, like the majority of people in rural Nepal, her family was very poor.

"With the produce from [our] land we did not meet our food security and basic needs," Sarita explains.

In 2007, Sarita's life changed. Caritas Nepal, supported by Caritas Australia, initiated the Kolkatla Fish Raising Group, an innovative, collaborative program that works for the common good of the wider community. Sarita and 11 other villagers were provided with the funding and training they needed to establish and run a business raising and selling fish.

"This program embraced the poorest of the poor like us, gave us skills and supported us with funds to invest and make something of ourselves," says Sarita.

Through hard work and dedication, the group has flourished. The farm produces around 8,000 kg of fish each year, which the group sells for a good price through local markets.

With steady income from the Fish Raising Group, Sarita's family has been able to feel secure. They've bought additional farming land, diversified their crops and now share a secure, sustainable source of healthy food for life.

"The program has provided our family with good health and hope," says Sarita. "And it has become a platform for the unity and growth of the community."

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FATHER CHRIS VISITING YEAR ONE – TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2015

On Tuesday 10 March, Father Chris will visit the Year One Classroom at 8:45am.

PARTICIPATION MASS – YEAR THREE - FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2015

On Friday 13 March, the Year Three class will be attending Mass at the Santa Clara Parish commencing at 9:00am. Parents and friends of the students are welcome to attend.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

Hello Everyone,

It is difficult to believe that we are already more than half way through term one and into the second week of our Lenten journey. It has been a busy start to our year and this term continues to be full of exciting events. **You are reminded of the parent-teacher meetings which will take place on Monday of Week 8. All students will be dismissed at 12:00 midday.** 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 12:00 midday 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 the Year Fives will begin an investigation and learning journey into Cyber-safety. It is vitally important that we as adults are aware of our children's online activities and just the same as when children are out in public, they are much safer in company when they are online. By ensuring children use devices in a family area rather than in their bedroom is one way to help keep your child safe and be aware of their online activities.

FUND-RAISING: I am looking forward to getting some new Tupperware from the **P&F Tupperware Party** on Friday 6 March at 1:30pm to 2:30pm in the hall. A note was sent home last week. A big thank you to the P&F for all the energy and work you put in to raising funds for the good of everyone in our school.

YEAR FIVE FUND-RAISING The Year Five class will also be launching their fund-raising drive to raise funds for contemporary furnishings in Year Five this week. There are four great hampers as raffle prizes detailed in this newsletter.

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.

SUPER 8's CRICKET CARNIVAL: The Years 3 to 6 classes will be participating in a cricket carnival this Friday at Wyong Reserve. Thank you to Mr Boxsell for organising this for the students and thanks to the parents who are helping out on the day.

COMING EVENTS: The Junior Primary classes will be enjoying an excursion to Kings Park on Wednesday of Week 6 and Mrs Ellis will be accompanying four Year 6 students on a student leadership day on Tuesday 10 March.

God bless everyone.

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Ms Evelyn Temmen
Assistant Principal

YEAR FIVE RAFFLE

Please support the Year Five Class raffle as they raise funds for contemporary furnishings in their classroom. There are four great prizes to choose from and winners will select their prize preference in draw order.

**TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE FROM FRIDAY OF WEEK 5
AND EACH DAY BEFORE SCHOOL OR FROM THE YEAR FIVE ROOM DAILY.**

**RAFFLE DRAW WILL BE ON MONDAY 30 MARCH AT 2:45pm
IN THE YEAR FIVE CLASSROOM.**

HERE IS THE LIST OF PRIZES.

1. We have an art pack consisting of a funky, colourful canvas print of a pink and grey galah, an artist studio pack, a box of oil pastels, acrylic paints, textas and coloured pencils.
2. A 2 Channel DVD player with remote control.
3. A pamper pack consisting of a body care pack, a box of Lindt chocolates, a tealight lantern and pack of tealight candles presented in a cane box.
4. Children's books, clock, writing pad, letter pack and coloured pens also presented in a lovely cane box.



Tickets are \$1.00 each or 8 tickets for \$5.00



Year 4 Class News

Greetings everyone

It has been a very busy start to Year Four and the children are beginning to settle in and get used to the routines of their new classroom. By far the biggest change for our class this year is the move towards a Contemporary Learning Environment. This has given the children much more flexibility and subsequently the opportunity to take more responsibility for their own learning. Although it is still early days the children are enjoying having a variety of seating and grouping options each day.

We have also been getting used to our newly configured Dell laptops which have been changed significantly by our ICT support people, making them now akin to Google Chromebooks. This means that any documents that the children are working on at school are now also available to them at home through Google Chrome. The children simply log in using their own unique account logins and they can continue to work on at home. Once complete, they are then able to e-mail the document straight to me and I am able to edit it (if necessary) and send it straight back.

This has been fantastic for the autobiographies that we have been writing in class. All children have completed their initial draft and many have sent me their final copy via e-mail. It has been very interesting and in most cases quite entertaining, reading about each child's life experiences.

Our Maths program currently focuses on number concepts and the children have proven to have satisfactory understanding of the concepts covered to date. Their favourite activity is counting number patterns. This is done with a twist while playing a game called Hot Potato. The children all enjoy the competitive element that this game brings to counting and the boys are now beginning to gain the upper hand in the results, having lagged behind the girls when we first started playing the game.



In Art, we have been experimenting with different ways to use line, tone and texture to create light and shade in a picture. We have also started to develop a better understanding of perspective, by breaking our landscapes into three sections. Over the past two weeks we have been working on a landscape drawing that requires at least one of the following elements: A mean old rooster, a rubbish bin, a spider's web, a boot or some baby chicks. Our sketches are nearing completion and we look forward to displaying them in our classroom soon.

Adrian Tulett
Year Four Teacher

**P & F NEWS**

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

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

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:	Christina Monte Silva
Year 3:	Katie Mavros & Leanne Hamilton
Year 4:	Sharon Morris
Year 5:	Mitzi Bettridge
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>

Thank you from the P&F

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 6 March Elsa Callanan	Monday 9 March Maria Papalia
Friday 13 March Margaret Foley	Monday 16 March Mitzi Bettridge
Friday 20 March Julia Pearson	Monday 23 March Michele Webb

A Note from the Community Health Nurse

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Fiona Ewing and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child's health or development, please contact me on:

Telephone no.: 92588053 | M: 0434070414 or fiona.ewing@health.wa.gov.au

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

Uniform Shop News

Winter Uniform order forms went home with the children last week. Please ensure they are **returned by Wednesday 11 March** so orders can be filled.

A date for collection will be advertised in the next newsletter.

The Uniform Shop is open on Wednesday mornings from 8.20am - 9.20am.

Thank you

Sonia Thiel
Uniform Shop Coordinator