23 July 2015

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Welcome back everyone and it’s so nice to start a school term with lots of smiles and excitement for the days ahead. Many of our staff members were in during the holidays to prepare lessons or pay bills or tend to the grounds in preparation for the students to return. We should celebrate this as a strength within the school community because it demonstrates a professionalism and dedication which is solely directed to providing the best we can for the children. Doesn’t time fly so quickly! I hope that everyone was able to enjoy a relaxing holiday with family and friends over the break.

It certainly has been chilly over the past few days but it doesn’t deter the joy in the children’s faces as they swing from the monkey bars, kick the footy around the oval or build castles in the sand. When I look at these children so happy and alive, I think to myself “Wow! There are such a lot of great things about being alive. Sometimes it is hard to remember what a fantastic gift life is!”

Staff

I am happy to inform you that Mr King has had a successful surgery and is recovering well at home. He will be away for the next four weeks of this term. During his absence, Mrs Karen Holden will be the replacement teacher. Mrs Holden comes to our school with an experience of over 7 years of primary teaching in a Catholic school.

I am delighted also to welcome Mrs Denise Grech who takes on the teaching of Science and History for the remainder of the year.

Please also welcome 2 Notre Dame students who are placed in the Year 2 and Year 5 classrooms for their final practum.

Mr Tulett is enjoying the last 2 weeks of his Long Service leave and will be returning to school on the third week of this term. His replacement teacher is Mrs Helen Sweeney.

We extend a warm welcome back to Mrs Renae Armstrong who was on maternity leave for the past 2 years and has returned to part time work at Santa Clara. Mrs Armstrong will be working 2 days a week doing Admin Relief in Years 3 and 5.

Strategic Plan - Santa Clara School

Each year the staff work on school priorities and an Annual School Plan. We are now at the stage where we need to develop a Strategic Plan for Santa Clara Catholic Primary School. Strategic Planning is the process of looking at all aspects of our school and planning how we wish to continue to move the school forward. It provides the ‘big picture’ of where we are, where we are going and how we are going to get there. It will assist us in our mission of being a purposeful, engaging and effective learning community.

A consultant from the Catholic Education Office will lead our school through the Strategic Planning process this year. More information coming soon.
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 of the newsletter week. 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 Ms Temmen know.

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE
Just a reminder about Children's Attendance at Santa Clara School
Children are required to attend school unless they are ill and this includes days for which special events are planned, e.g. camps or sport days.

To ensure the children’s safety and for legal requirements by the Education Act of W.A. parents are asked to comply with the following:

- If a child is to be absent or arriving late on a particular day, parents are asked to notify the school by 9.00am.
- Notification is also needed for dentist and other appointments.
- When a child returns to school after being away, a written, signed and dated explanation must be given to the teacher.
- Children are not permitted to leave the school grounds during school hours without written consent of parents and permission from the Principal.
- All extended absence requests from Santa Clara Catholic Primary School should be placed in writing to the Principal. This includes such absences as family holidays and a copy needs to be given to the classroom teacher.

Children must be signed in by parents/guardians when arriving late to school.

God bless
Richard Win Pe
Principal

SANTA CLARA PARISH NEWS
From Fr Chris Muteshi

Children’s Liturgy is every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month.
The next Children's Liturgy will be on 2 August and 16 August. Parents are encouraged to bring their children on these Sundays. The Sunday school teacher on those two Sundays is Mrs Julia Mathazia.

Safeguarding Project
If any parent from our parish is interested in becoming a Santa Clara Parish Safeguarding Children Officer, please collect a nomination form from the Parish Office.

The Sacrament of Confirmation's Parent / Student workshop will be on Thursday 13 August 2015 at 4.45pm in the school hall. Facilitator for this workshop will be Mrs Mildred Rego.

Sacrament of Confirmation Classes
Classes for children from Public Schools have commenced this term by the Missionary Sisters of Charity and are held every Tuesday from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Candidates for this Sacrament are to attend.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Benediction to commence next month August 2015 in our Parish. This will be held every Second Sunday and Fourth Sunday at 3:00pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

Santa Clara Parish Multicultural Night will be on Saturday 22 August 2015. Please note: Evening Mass will be at 6:00pm and NOT at 6:30pm. More information available next weekend.
ST CLARE’S FEAST DAY – TUESDAY 11 AUGUST 2015 – TERM 3 WEEK 4

The Feast Day of Santa Clara, whom our school is named after, occurs on Tuesday 11 August 2015. This day is always special to our community. We are going to celebrate her memory with three activities which will help the children remember her story.

We once again ask parents to help to make our Fundraising a success on our St Clare’s Feast Day. Each class will organise a stall to raise funds for the children who are in the Catholic Missions around the world. Our stalls will be run during the day and will begin operating at around 10:30am for an hour. We ask that parents volunteer items for the stalls your children’s classrooms are operating so that our event is successful. Most stalls will operate at a cost of 50 cents. Some may be as little as 20 cents. Please send your child/ren along to school on Tuesday 11 August with a few coins to spend. Could we please ask that you send along coins such as 10, 20 and 50 cents so that change does not become a concern.

Please note the Feast of Santa Clara Mass will be held on Tuesday 11 August 2015 at the Santa Clara Parish commencing at 9:00am.

The Stalls are:

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Raffles

The agenda for the day is as follows:

9:00am – 10:00am    St Clare Mass
10:15am – 10:20am   St Clare information (Year 6’s)
10:20am – 11:20am   Market Stalls in the undercover area
11:30am – 12:50pm   Talent Showcase in school hall
12:50pm – 1:30pm    Lunch
1:30pm – 3:00pm     Movies in classrooms

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to a new term. It is so good to be back and to see the students eager and prepared to take on the challenges of a new term.

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY:** In Week Three of this term staff will be participating in a professional development day focussed on grammar and writing. Please make sure you have Monday 3 August on your calendar.

**BISHOP’S LITERACY TESTING:** Next week Years Three and Five will be taking part in the Bishop’s Religious Education Literacy test, standardised testing that takes place in all Catholic schools across Western Australia.

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT:** Year Sixes will be taking part in a retreat to the Schoenstatt Shrine in Armadale as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation later this term.
LATE ARRIVALS: Just a reminder that classes commence at 8:40am with the first bell and students should be ready for class at that time. Arriving late to class is both embarrassing to students involved and disruptive to the rest of the class. Please be vigilant in ensuring students are at school and in class on time. A reminder also that absentees must be followed up with a signed note or an email.

ASSEMBLIES: This week and for the following two weeks our usual student assembly will take place at 2:30pm on Fridays. Our first curriculum assembly will be lead by Year Two in Week Four at 2:15pm on Friday 14 August.

CYBER-SAFETY: I would like to remind everyone, particularly the older students, of the importance of cyber-safety issues and legal responsibilities for internet uses. As parents and teachers it is important we educate ourselves and know what our children have access to and how it works. These are just a few of the platforms you need to know about.....many of our children are using these websites or social media platforms despite the legal age requirements.

We need to keep current, to keep informed and to ensure we ourselves are fulfilling our legal responsibilities to our children by not sanctioning use of social media sites that have age restrictions. This parent website is designed specifically for parents; it is interactive and offers age-appropriate strategies to help keep your children and teens safe online and links to parent quizzes, print-outs and other information in six different languages.


Have a wonderful term everyone.

God bless everyone.

Ms Evelyn Temmen
Assistant Principal
Santa Clara Quiz Night
21 August 2015
7pm for 7.30pm start
Donations for prizes - We need your help!!

Each year group will be asked to help by donating a variety of different products to make our prize baskets fun and interesting.

Please bring in your donations to the classroom and place in the Donation Bucket.

Thank you and we hope the Quiz Night will be a great success.

Tickets will go on sale early Term 3.

Santa Clara P&F

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Woolworths Earn and Learn Program
From 15 July till the 8 August

A reminder to keep collecting your stickers and place them on the sticker sheet available from Woolworths.
Collection boxes are located at the office and Pre-Primary. There is also a collection box marked with ‘Santa Clara’ at the Bentley Woolworths Store.
Remind all your family and friends to collect stickers as well.
Thank you from the Santa Clara P&F