17 September 2015

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Another term comes to an end. Time flies when we are busy learning. But what an exciting and productive term it has been, both for students, teachers and other staff.

On behalf of the whole school, I do hope you and your family have a relaxing and renewing school holiday break and that all children return to school safe and well.

We also farewell, our two student teachers, Sabrina and Olivia who spent this term learning the craft of educators. We wish them well for their future in their teaching profession.

PRAYER

We have a number of people in our school community at the moment who are in need of our prayerful support. These include students who are unwell, very young babies, adults and former staff members.

Please remember them in your prayers and pray that the loving hand of God will sustain them through difficult times.

I am aware that many of you are offering amazing support behind the scenes. It is gratifying to be part of such a supporting and considerate community.

Catholic Education at Santa Clara School

The students are engaged in many and varied learning activities achieving very pleasing results. When we take stock of all the work we do together at school for the educational benefit of our students, it is amazing just how much we are involved in. This is because we as Catholic Educators believe that our students must experience a wide range of learning experiences covering all areas to cater for their spiritual, intellectual, physical, creative and social emotional needs. This vision is very comprehensive. In order for the school to achieve this vision we must have the full support of parents and guardians, as well as assistance and involvement as required. School/Home partnership means working closely and collaboratively so that our students experience a positive involvement of staff, students and parents/guardians.

I encourage and urge you to become fully involved in the education of your child/ren by attending school functions, becoming involved in the P & F and School Board, assisting teachers in the classrooms, volunteering to help with events such as those organised by the P & F, and the school staff. The school is a community and it requires all members to contribute in some way.
Early Childhood Education “born to learn”
An article in the West Weekend Magazine some time ago, outlined the study of Professor Elizabeth Spelke, a cognitive psychologist at Harvard University’s Department of Psychology, in which she claims that we are born with a significant amount of “core knowledge” hardwired into our brains. Her study is dedicated to understanding what shapes the most powerful known learning machine – the infant mind.

*We at Santa Clara take our Early Childhood Education based on play seriously. We believe that play is something more than a way for restless children to work off steam; more than a way for chubby children to burn off calories; more than a frivolous luxury. We believe that play is a central part of neurological growth and development – one important way that children build complex, skilled, responsive, socially adept and cognitively flexible brains.*

UNIFORMS, JEWELLERY, HAIRCUTS
Thank you parents for taking the time to ensure that your children are attending school looking smart and clean in their school uniforms. Please refer to the Parent Handbook which is available on the school website, for the school policy on uniforms including hair and jewellery. It is vital that parents support the school by following this policy thereby ensuring that their children are wearing the correct uniform and jewellery and have appropriate haircuts.

God bless

*Richard Win Pe*
Principal

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
Congratulations to the twenty-four children, fourteen Year Six students and ten Parish children, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday morning. It was a beautiful mass and thank you to Father Chris for making it a special occasion for the children. Special thanks also to Mrs Laura Munut, Parish Sacramental Coordinator and Mrs Mim Ellis, Year Six teacher, for all their preparation for the day.

AFL GRAND FINAL FOOTY COLOURS DAY
**THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2015**

Wear the colours of this year’s Grand Finalists next Thursday 24 September 2015. It is down to four teams at that stage, but who will be in this year’s AFL Grand Final on Saturday week. On Thursday 24 September, students are asked to wear the AFL Grand Finalists’ footy colours. The cost is a gold coin donation and all monies raised will assist the more needy people around the world.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
I would like to wish all Santa Clara School children, parents and staff the best for a relaxing and safe holiday (Friday 25 September to Sunday 11 October 2015). Term Three concludes for students on Thursday 24 September 2015. Term Four commences for staff and students on Monday 12 October 2015.

*Larry King*
Assistant Principal Religious Education
Hello Everyone,

Week nine already; we are so close to holidays after such a busy term. I would like to congratulate all the Confirmation candidates who took part in this Sacrament on Sunday. It was lovely to see so many families together for this milestone in the children’s spiritual development.

END OF TERM: Term Three finishes for students on Thursday 24th September. The teachers will be taking part in a professional development day on Friday before commencing their holidays. At the end of this term we farewell our Notre Dame student teachers. Thank you to Miss Olivia van Moorsel and Miss Sabrina Guest for their great contributions to Santa Clara School this term.

TERM FOUR: Term Four commences on Monday 12th October for staff and students.

INTERSchool ATHLETICS: The interschool athletics carnival is coming up on Friday 18th September at Xavier Catholic School. Mr Boxsell has prepared notes for participants and these have been sent home on Wednesday. A big thank you to Mr Boxsell who puts in a lot of time and effort to prepare students and organise events such as these.

SCHOOL HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: Our school athletics carnival will be taking place on Friday of week Two, Term four, 23rd October. This is always a fun day with lots of assistance from parents. More information will be coming home later.

CYBER-SAFETY: At Santa Clara School cyber-safety and awareness is a priority: Here are some safety tips to share with your children:

- Do not reply to rude or nasty comments.
- Immediately tell an adult if you feel uncomfortable or worried online.
- Have your computer in a common area of the house NOT IN THE BEDROOM!
- Help your parents to learn about the internet. Teach your parents the language of the cyberspace.
- Let your parents know where you go online, just as you would in real life.
- Ask your parents to spend time online with you - learn and explore together.
- Make sure that there are filters and other monitoring/blocking software to minimise dangers.
- Together with mum or dad, set house rules about what information you can put onto websites or share with others.
- Never ever share PERSONAL INFORMATION such as your name, address, phone number or school!
- Social Networking profiles such as MySpace, Facebook and Bebo MUST BE SET TO PRIVATE.
- An 'online friend' that you don’t know in real life is a STRANGER.
- Passwords MUST NOT BE SHARED!!!!! Choose passwords that others can’t guess…..not your fav food or pet’s name.
- Change passwords 4 times per year (last day of every term).
- Be aware that information on the internet is not always reliable.
- If you are playing games online, YOUR parents should know how to play the game too in case of problems. Play online games together.
- Learn about search engines and how they work.
- The internet and the various applications are a lot of fun …..surf safely with your parents!

God bless everyone. I would like to thank parents and families for your support this term and wish you a happy and safe holiday.

Some of our families have recently experienced the loss of loved ones and we keep those families in our prayers, hearts and minds at this difficult time.

Ms Evelyn Temmen
Assistant Principal
P&F Coming Events for Term 4

Friday 23 October
(Please note change in date of carnival)
Sports Carnival Lunch - Subway

Friday 30 October
Cake Stall – Kindy, Pre-Primary & Year 4

A MESSAGE FROM
HILARY CAMPOS
SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

As Term 3 draws to a close, I await the birth of my granddaughter. I am very excited as she will be my first grandchild. Living only two kilometres from my daughter and son-in-law, my services are requested and I can’t think of a better way to spend my time. Therefore I will be taking Term 4 as long service leave.

I wish all the students a smooth and satisfying Term 4 and special “Good Luck” wishes to the Year 6 preparing for their very important life change - moving to high school next year.

May all parents/caregivers and staff have a gentle and calm end to 2015. May you be surrounded and supported by family and friends for the festive season, ready to begin a new, refreshing year.

Thank you to those who gave up their time to attend Morning Teas and Workshops. I hope they have been of interest and help. Thank you, too, to the P & F for their interest and support of these events.

I look forward to my return to school to continue my role as social worker at Santa Clara in Term 1, 2016.

God Bless

Hilary Campos
Social Worker

KINDERGARTEN DAYS FOR 2016

We would like to inform all Kindergarten families of the change in attendance days for the 2016 school year.

Kindergarten sessions will now be on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:50am to 2:45pm.

3 YEAR OLD PROGRAM FOR 2016

These sessions will now take place on Monday & Tuesday mornings from 8:45am to 11:30am.

3 YEAR OLD PROGRAM ENROLMENTS FOR 2016

If your child has attained 3 years of age and will turn 4 after 30 June 2016, they are eligible to attend our 3 Year Old Program in 2016.

Enrolment forms must be completed for all children wishing to attend Santa Clara School (including siblings).

If you haven’t completed an enrolment form, please do so as soon as possible. Forms are available from the school office.

OSC NEWS

- A reminder that Friday 25 September is a Pupil Free Day and bookings are required by Tuesday 22 September.

- Vacation Care programs are now available either on the school website or in O.S.C.

Forms due back by Tuesday 22 September.

Thank you

Keren Barry
Supervisor Approval
Confirmation
13th September 2015

Last Sunday, 13 students of Santa Clara Primary School and 10 Parish children received the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was a very spiritual event and the cake was delicious. The children received the Holy Spirit so it can empower them to be part of God’s family and help them to follow God in their daily lives.

The candidates chose a Saint name to have in Confirmation. They renewed their Baptismal Promises and were anointed with the Oil of Chrism.

Confirmation helps to strengthen the candidates’ connection to God and allows them to become an adult member of the church community.

After the Sacrament, the candidates attended a morning tea in the hall to celebrate the newly confirmed children. The candidates were showered with gifts from their generous sponsors, family and friends.

Special thanks to all the people who helped run this excellent event.

Article by:
Gemma Harrison
and Isaac Klomp
(Year 6)
Perth Seido Karate – Youth

Seido Karate is a traditional style of karate founded by Kaicho Tadashi Nakamura. Seido is an international organization and is practiced in many countries around the world.

Seido Karate Perth has a youth programme catering for children from the age of 8. We practice in a safe and structured manner, and the youth members are taught to have high levels of etiquette and respect for both themselves and others.

Benefits
- Fitness
- Co-ordination
- Confidence
- Self defence
- Patience
- Discipline

Young people who practice Seido karate nearly always excel in other areas.

What we teach and practice
- Traditional martial arts basic technique
- Traditional forms (kata)
- Mediation
- Martial arts history and understanding of Seido system
- Fitness
- Self defence
- Free fighting (advanced students only – after at least 2 years)

When we train
- Tuesday 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm
- Saturday 9:00 am – 9:45 AM

What to wear
- Comfortable gym-type clothes
- No shoes in dojo (This includes parents and other family members)
- Karate Gi (uniform) available for purchase

Cost (2015 pricing)
- $50 per month per student
- Capped at $100 per month per family – includes parents

We are non profit, all fees cover costs of hall hire and equipment. All instructors work as volunteers.

Contact Details
Head Instructor: Sensai Paul O’Docherty
Phone: 0408 216 206
Email: paul.o'docherty@gmail.com
Facebook: Seido Karate Perth
Australian Website: www.seidoukyu.com.au
International website: www.seido.com

CANTEEN NEWS
The new Summer Menu is out now and will be coming home this week.
Please note the changes in prices and lots of new specials.

CANTERBURY ROSTER

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YEAR 4 NETBALL NEWSFLASH

Our team played a Semi-Final cliff hanger to the end!!

SANTA CLARA: 11 / PANTHERS: 12

Spectators witnessed sheer determination from all players. Santa Clara fought back from 5 goals down in the first quarter against the top team on the ladder. Controlling our play on court and then the goals came magnificently. An outstanding effort girls!!

Thank you to the players, parents and supporters for another FUN season of netball.

Sharon Morris & Gilda Barbato
Coaches

CANNING COUGARS
TEE-BALL CLUB (inc)

An exciting summer sport for boys and girls of age 5 to 12

Tee-Ball is a fast moving, non-contact team sport that provides lots of fun whilst developing hand-eye coordination, ball skills, general fitness and confidence.

Season runs from mid-October to March excluding school holidays.
Games played on Saturday at 8:30am or 9:30am and run for approx 1 hour.
All games played at Centenary Park, Centenary Avenue, Wilson WA 6107.
Weekly training day set by the Team Coach after consultation with parents.
Membership fees are $130 for first and $110 for subsequent players.

Important Season Events
Registration Day: 11:00am-2:00pm Saturday 5 September 2015
Meet the Coach: 1:00pm-3:00pm Saturday 19 September 2015
First game: 8:30am Saturday 17 October 2015

More info at www.cctbc.com.au
Contact registrar@cctbc.com.au

First 50 new members get a FREE Tee-Ball Starter Pack
including glove, ball, bag and other goodies

TEE-BALL – it’s a GREAT HIT with kids!
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