Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students

The Teachers, EAs, OSC and other ancillary staff have prepared well for 2016. The classrooms look wonderful and the children are very excited about their new classes. Ms Jaimee Wyss and Mrs Suzanne Walker have also been busy doing the myriad of administrative tasks that need to be completed as the new school year begins. The current staff list was circulated in the last newsletter for 2015.

Jubilee Year of Mercy at Santa Clara School

8 December 2015 began the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Pope Francis invites us through his encyclical Misericordiae Vultus, which means the Face of Mercy, to contemplate the need for and meaning of mercy in our daily lives and the wider world.

Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s Mercy and His Mercy endures forever. We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace.

MV Pope Francis.

This year, worldwide, has been declared by Pope Francis as the Year of Mercy. The Pope wants the whole world to focus on bringing mercy to all people because he believes that mercy is the highest quality at the heart of God and also the most needed quality in our world today. During this special year, we are reminded that, even in our human frailty and sinfulness, every

PRAYER: “Jesus is not a figure from the past: he continues now and always to light the way for us.” Pope Francis

LENTEN REFLECTION - HOW TO FAST

Fast from judging others; Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of light.
Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.
Fast from thoughts of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify.
Fast from anger; Feast on patience.
Fast from worry; Feast on Divine Providence.
Fast from unrelenting pressure; Feast on unceasing prayer.
Fast from negatives; Feast on positives.
Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.
Fast from hostility; Feast on non-resistance.
Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.
Fast from anxiety; Feast on hope.
Fast from yourself; Feast on a silent heart.
person is deeply loved, valued and cherished by God and that mercy is at the heart of all loving human relationships. To this end, Pope Francis encourages each of us to “never tire of extending mercy, and be ever patent in offering compassion and comfort”.

How do we at Santa Clara become an image of Mercy?

**How do we show mercy:**
- in the school environment?
- in our relationships with others

We are positively challenged to not only think about the idea of Mercy but to respond:
- to God’s presence by doing something through the living out and putting into practice the Mercy values of compassion, excellence, hospitality, justice and respect through our daily interactions with each other.

In this way we will ensure that at Santa Clara School, we will continue to look after each other so that the true spirit of the Year of Mercy will be truly alive and visible in our learning and faith community, that is Centred in Christ.

**Digital Technology at Santa Clara School**

Technology is effectively used to enhance learning across all stages of the Australian curriculum. At Santa Clara School we cater for the students of the 21st century learning community where teachers aim to incorporate electronic devices to enhance rich and relevant outcomes and engage children in a contemporary, collaborate and creative opportunities. The teachers are provided with opportunities to engage in valuable Professional Learning in order to achieve deeper student engagement, participation through effective classroom teaching and learning. The school currently consists of several Chrome Books, iMacs, iPads that are in circulation throughout the stages, while classrooms are fitted with Apple TVs and quality Wi-Fi system. Already I have witnessed the dedication and commitment of Santa Clara teachers and support staff and the children’s joy for learning.

**Parent Information Evening**

A friendly reminder that the Parent Information Evening, (Kindy-Yr 6) will take place on Thursday 25 February. These meetings form the basis of our school/family communication process. I strongly encourage at least one parent per family to attend the sessions to receive important information about your child’s learning, classroom routine and teacher expectations.

**Healthy Food and Drink Policy**

Schools are well placed to support healthy eating and in fact have a vital role to play in helping to reduce the worldwide epidemic of childhood obesity. Children should eat a wide range of foods so that they have the energy for learning and growing. Nutrition and physical activity messages are being taught in the classroom to promote healthy lifestyles.

Santa Clara has a long term vision of embracing a whole of school approach to ensure that the standards for healthy food and drink choices are consistent with these curriculum messages and apply to canteens, class parties, cooking activities, birthday treats, camps and excursions etc as well as other school community events involving the students.

The policy is based upon the Catholic Education Office of WA policy for schools which incorporates the Traffic Light System for foods/drinks. Current research also aided discussions and decisions. The policy also incorporates the Anaphylaxis Management Policy which will be reviewed in 2016.

**P&F**

Our first P&F Meeting for the year was held last week. All parents are invited to attend these meetings and a special invitation is extended to our new families. P&F Meetings are a great opportunity to gather together with the Principal, P&F Committee and other parents and find out what you can do as a parent body to make Santa Clara Catholic Primary School an inviting place for all, especially new families. The P&F Association also works extremely hard to fundraise throughout the year to help purchase resources for the children. The staff and children are most grateful when these new resources are purchased.

**Richard Win Pe**

Principal

**P & F News**

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 March at 6:00pm. ALL WELCOME
SUPPORTING PROJECT COMPASSION 2016

The theme for Project Compassion 2016 is “Learning more, creating change”.

As Pope Francis says “Education is an act of hope”, so this year Project Compassion celebrates the power of learning, and the many ways in which Caritas Australia is working with local partners around the world to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

Last 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 is a story on how your donations assist Caritas Australia help people and communities around the world.

CADECOM worked with Doney’s community to harness their natural resources. Families were trained in new farming techniques, and already they’re producing more plentiful crops. “The problem of malnutrition in my household is an old song now,” says Doney. CADECOM also worked with the community to install a borehole so Doney and her family now have access to clean water, dramatically improving their health.

Doney’s passion for education was recognised as a strength of the community, so she received training as an Adult Literacy Facilitator through the CADECOM program, and is now teaching adults in her village.

These days, the people of Doney’s village have access to clean drinking water, flourishing crops and are building their knowledge to create a better future. “My life has been transformed,” smiles Doney.

Doney’s Story - Malawi

Learning more, Creating change

Doney is a quiet and humble woman, but thanks to an innovative program supported by Caritas Australia, she’s creating big changes - in her life and in her village.

Malawi in East Africa is one of the poorest countries in the world. Most people rely on farming small plots of land to produce food to feed their families. But many, like Doney and her family, have often gone months without enough food to eat.

Yet, when Caritas Australia and the local Caritas, CADECOM (the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi), began working in Doney’s remote village, they saw beyond the community’s challenges. Together they identified the community’s strengths, and each family created their vision for a healthier, more sustainable future.

SACRAMENTAL ENROLMENT COLLECTION 2016

Tomorrow, Friday 19 February, the Santa Clara Parish Sacramental Co-ordinator, Mrs Laura Munut, will be in the school Hall to collect all the children’s documentation (eg. application form, baptism certificate etc), together with the enrolment funds, for this year’s Sacramental programme. All Year Three (Reconciliation), Year Four (Holy Communion) and Year Six (Confirmation) students have been given a Sacramental brochure on the requirements to participate in this year’s Sacramental programme. A Sacramental Enrolment Mass will be held on either Saturday 27 February (6:30pm) or Sunday 28 February 2016 (9:30am). Sacramental candidates and parents are required to attend one of these Masses.

PARTICIPATION MASS – YEAR SIX - FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY

Next Friday week, 26 February 2016, 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
Hello everyone,

We have had a wonderful start to the term and students and teachers are into full swing in this very busy term.

**SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES**
Classes commence at 8:40am and the gates are opened at 8:20am. Students are asked not to enter the school grounds through the side gate near the church or other entrances but to wait for the front gate to be opened to ensure duty teachers are aware of their presence at school. Finish time is 3:00pm. It is appreciated by all staff that students not enrolled in Out of School Care are collected by 3:20pm at the latest and do not arrive prior to 8:20am.

**PROCEDURE FOR LATENESS TO SCHOOL/EARLY DEPARTURE**
If your child arrives late to school you must enter the office and sign a late slip which your child will take to their class teacher and if your child will be leaving school early then you must see Suzanne at the office to sign your child out. A form will then be given to you to hand to the class teacher as your child leaves.

**PARENT INFORMATION EVENING – THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2016**
This is a very important evening for ALL parents (at least one parent from each family) with children in Kindergarten to Year Six. The format will be similar to previous years with all classes held on the one night and child-minding facilities will be provided in the hall.

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS**

We understand that a small number of families will have some clashes with having two class meetings at the same time and for this we apologise. Following is the planned outline of the evening:

5.00 - 5.15pm Parents of students in Kindergarten to Year 6 meet in the School Hall for a short prayer and information session with Mr Richard Win Pe (Principal).

5:15pm - 5:45pm Parents of students in Pre-Primary, Year 2, Year 3, and Year 6 move to respective classrooms for information particular to that year level by the class teacher.

5.45pm - 6:15pm Parents of students in Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5 move to respective classrooms for information particular to that year level by the class teacher.

6:15pm End of final sessions.

Please make every effort to attend. It is vital that you hear procedures, expectations, student management plans and information regarding your child’s year at school.

Mim Ellis
Assistant Principal

**PARISH NEWS**

Santa Clara Sacramental Program
All Catholic children who are eligible to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2016 are invited to register for their respective sacrament by Sunday 21 February. An information brochure and enrolment form can be picked up from the Church foyer or obtained from the teachers or catechists. Completed enrolments by parents/guardians can be handed in to Laura Munut, Sacramental Coordinator, Santa Clara Hall on Friday 19 February from 2:30-3:30pm or 20/21 February after weekend Masses.

**STUDENT MEDICATIONS**
For any student requiring short term medications to be administered during school hours including antibiotics, pain reliever tablets etc, parents are asked to fill in a Student Medication Request Record attached to this newsletter.

Parents of students with ongoing medical conditions such as Anaphylaxis, Asthma and Allergic Reactions are asked to:

- Complete the attached Student Medication Request Record
- Check that their child’s Emergency Action Plan is current ie. Action Plans are valid for 12 months & need to be reviewed each year by your doctor, signed and dated.
- Check that medication kept at school has not expired as we are not permitted to administer medication 1 month past its expiry date.

Please send in medication forms to the school office as soon as possible.
**SCHOOL FEES**

All school accounts were posted to you last week and are due for payment by 26 February (for the Term amount only, not annual).

If you would like to set up a direct debit, please ensure your form is received by the office prior to the due date. If you experience any difficulty in paying your fees, please let us know.

Jaimee Wyss  
Finance Officer

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**Uniform Shop News**

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

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**Queens Park Junior Football Club – 2016 Season Registration**

Your local community club is going into its 53rd competition year and is looking forward to welcoming back players from last year as well as inviting anyone interested in getting involved to join the mighty Bulldogs!

There are teams across all year levels:
- Auskick (PP - Year 2),
- Junior (Years 3 - 7)
- Youth (Years 8 - 12) and
- Specialised Female Competitions for Years 3 - 6 and 7 - 9

Online registration and payment is done through FoxSport. The link to register your child: [http://tinyurl.com/2016QPJFCsportingpulse](http://tinyurl.com/2016QPJFCsportingpulse)

Or come along to our first Registration Day at the QPJFC Clubrooms, Treasure Rd Queens Park, on Sunday 21 February from 10am - 1pm. (EFTPOS will be available)

Enquiries can be directed to:  
The Club President  
Craig O’Donoghue  
At president.qpjfc@gmail.com

Visit the website – [www.queensparkjfc.com](http://www.queensparkjfc.com)  
Like us on Facebook – [www.facebook.com/QueensParkBulldogs](http://www.facebook.com/QueensParkBulldogs)

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Special for Lent**  
**FRIDAYS - Fish Burger $4.20**

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**ATTACHMENT**

1. Letter re: Friendship Bench – coming home today & can be viewed on school website.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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UPDATED FAMILY INFORMATION FOR 2016

There are still a number of families who haven’t as yet completed and returned their information sheet.

Please endeavour to either send an email to admin@santaclara.wa.edu.au with changes to your details or fill in the attached form and return to the school office by Monday 22 February.

REMINDER TO PARENTS: Please also inform the school office in writing of any changes to your child’s/children’s health or medical conditions.

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UPDATE OF FAMILY INFORMATION – FEBRUARY 2016
ALL FAMILIES ARE ASKED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS REPLY SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY. THANK YOU.

Names of Students: ____________________________________________ Class: _______________

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Address: _____________________________ Home tel no.: _______________

Mother’s/Female Guardian’s Name: __________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

(If same address, write ‘as above’) Home tel no.: _______________ Work tel no.: _______________

Mobile Number: __________________________ Email Address: __________________________

Occupation: __________________________ Employer: __________________________

Father’s/Male Guardian’s Name: __________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

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Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
In Week One of this term the Year Five class watched a video that described one of the many ways that Caritas Australia helps those in developing countries. The video showed the story of Doney and her community and how the introduction of a device called a Tippy Tap, helped to improve the general hygiene of the community. The students were posed the question “How can I wash my hands without a tap or running water?” and were set the task of designing their very own Tippy Tap for use within the school. In small groups, students planned and designed their taps and gathered everyday materials that could be used in their design. Throughout this task, students were able to learn a great deal about the conditions of different communities in developing countries, and how everyday materials can be combined to make a working, environmentally friendly resource. Not only does a Tippy Tap help to maintain personal hygiene, it can also be used for a variety of creative uses such as clothes washing or showering. For more information on how to make your very own Tippy Tap at home, please watch the video at the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JuSTMTUq2zM

Student Responses to the Task:

We made Tippy Taps to show people how it feels to wash with a tap that is easy to make, and is a hygienic way to wash your hands in places with not a lot of water available.

By Adeday and Ziyada

I really loved the Tippy Tap project because we learnt about, designed and created a working Tippy Tap, and shared our learning with other years.

By Jaimee

I liked building a Tippy Tap because it is probably a good way to be more creative and improve your survival skills. The task was actually to build it to show how people in developing countries get fresh water.

By Anthony

Last week, our Year Five class designed, and built a range of Tippy Tap’s. A Tippy Tap is a hygienic way to wash your hands when you don’t have access to piped water. Miss Cooper put us into groups of four, and first we talked about how we would make our tap. Next, we designed it and bought the materials that we needed in from home. The materials were two “Y” shaped sticks, one straight stick, a bucket, a bar of soap and some wire. Lastly, we built the Tippy Tap on the oval. Many people tried it and it worked well! It was a fun project to do.

By Maia

A Tippy Tap is a hygienic way of washing your hands in developing countries. You start by collecting everyday objects that could be helpful. Then you start building it however you like.

By Adeday and Ziyada

A Tippy Tap is a good resource because when you wash your hands it doesn’t waste water because it goes into the soil. When we were making the Tippy Tap we had to all work together to make it happen. The Tippy Tap was really fun to make and it is useful.

By Selena and Tayla
2016 STUDENT MEDICATION REQUEST/RECORD

Where possible, student medication should be administered by the student or be administered by the parent/guardian at home in times other than school hours. As this is not possible in all instances, before the Principal approves school staff to administer prescribed medication to students, the following requirements must be met:

1. The doctor prescribing the medication is to be aware that school staff will administer or supervise the administering of medication to students.
2. The doctor is to provide in writing any additional information to staff regarding special requirements that may exist for the administration of the medication.
3. The doctor should provide in writing all information of any side effects of medication and consequences of providing medication when it is not necessary.

Prescribed student medication is to be presented to the Principal and should be stored in the original dispensing case in a container clearly showing the name of the student, the name of the medication, the dosage and frequency.

I __________________________ being the Parent/Guardian of student ___________________________ Class: _______
request that STAFF OF SANTA CLARA SCHOOL administer the following medication:

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