“It will be a Holy Year of Mercy”. – Pope Francis

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students

I am truly pleased with the great start to the school year during the past few weeks.

It gives me such a pleasure walking in through the gates and be greeted by the happy sounds of laughter coming from the children as they begin their learning journey each day.

Our school is immaculately clean and the lawns are kept neat and tidy. I extend my sincere gratitude to our cleaner, Zak Abraham, and to our handyman/grounds person, Tony Nunn, for their exceptional dedication in ensuring that Santa Clara School is most welcoming for our students, families and staff alike.

Our students have settled well into new classes and are engaged well in their learning. Our Kindy students have also settled in their classroom and playground and the Year 1 students have transitioned well into their new areas and on to the playground with all students.

I would like to pay tribute to the staff for the excellent transition programs set up at the end of 2015 and for their organisation and preparation for the new school year. The children’s calm, purposeful approach to their learning is no accident!

Student Well Being

One of our goals in 2016 is to further develop the students’ well-being. Ms Hilary Campos and the Teachers use age-appropriate programs across the classes which help students develop resilience, independence and improve their organisational and interpersonal skills. As adults, teachers and parents, we have a big part to play in this. We are role models for the children and it is often the small, incidental, every day conversations and actions which are the most powerful. As responsible adults, we need to be aware that what we say and do is keenly observed. We need to be thoughtful about the way we speak of other children or adults and we need to let children see us managing anxiety, problems and stress in a calm, fair, and respectful way. If we can incidentally teach that, it is a gift for life for the children.

Friendship Benches

To enhance student well-being and to develop reliance, independence and confidence, our school engaged the generosity of Bunnings to provide us with Benches.

The Friendship Bench, also known as Buddy Bench, is an interactive tool and represents a safe place for child/ren to congregate when they are in need of a friend. The Friendship Bench is a special place in the school playground where a child can go when they want someone to talk to.
**Student Leadership**

Student leadership is an integral part of the Year 6 learning program. All Year 6 students are involved in leadership through participation in student committees. There are four student committees:

- Public Relations Committee
- Environment Committee
- Sport Committee
- Communication Committee

Each student is placed in committee for Semester One and then changes committee for the second semester.

The committees assist in a variety of ways throughout the school year – organizing school liturgies, assisting at sports carnivals, running assemblies, supporting younger students and assisting in environmental projects.

There are four staff members who work with the student committees throughout the year – Mr Tulett, Ms Campos, Mr King and myself.

Being on the Student Committee is a privilege. It is very much a role of ‘service and giving’ as well as a role of leadership and responsibility. I wish the Year Six students all the best this year as they embark on many exciting new adventures, including their Student Leadership roles.

**Parent Information Evening**

The Kindy – Year 6 Parent Information Evening took place on 25 February. After a reflective prayer there were presentations about our school and its operations. Then parents met with the respective Year Level teachers and were given information pertaining to those particular classes. Thank you to all parents for your attendance at the meetings. Your support of the classroom teacher and the great interest that you have in your child’s education was clearly evident by your presence.

If for some reason you were unable to attend the meeting please contact the class teacher who would be more than happy to pass information on to you.

I would like to thank all the teachers for their preparation and time given towards making these evenings as informative as possible for parents.

**Richard Win Pe**

**Principal**

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**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**SUPPORTING PROJECT COMPASSION 2016**

Three weeks ago 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 reduce 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 Doney and her community in Malawi. Below is another story on how your donations assist Caritas Australia help people and communities around the world.

Dominic (36) lives with his wife and four children in the Jiwaka Province of Papua New Guinea (PNG), where generational poverty has led to many challenges, including inequality, alcohol abuse and violence.

Dominic admits that he too faced some of these challenges. But when Caritas Australia and local partner, the Sisters of Notre Dame, established the Community Conversations program, he saw an opportunity to create change.

“I was inspired to hear of the different issues highlighted and processes used to come up with solutions,” Dominic explains.

Through regular Community Conversations training sessions, Dominic learnt communication and problem-solving skills that helped him lead open, respectful community discussions in his village. By empowering everyone to voice concerns and play a role in community decisions, Dominic’s village
has achieved greater peace and increased respect, as well as reduced violence and alcohol abuse. Now, Dominic’s community has a chance to thrive and create a better future for themselves.

“When we start to realise we have power to stand independently to change ourselves, help ourselves, we feel liberated,” says Dominic. “I am most proud of the positive changes I am witnessing. I pass my big thanks and pray God will bless our supporters in Australia.”

Now everyone, women and young people, have a voice and peace is maintained that way.” - Dominic

**PARTICIPATION MASS – YEAR THREE**
**FRIDAY 11 MARCH 2016**

On Friday 11 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.

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**PARISH NEWS**

**Santa Clara Sacramental Program**

Please note these dates in your calendars.

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**FOOTY COLOURS’ DAY**
**– SUPPORTING PROJECT**
**COMPASSION & CARITAS**
**– WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2016**

On Wednesday 23 March 2016, students will have the opportunity to wear their favourite AFL team colours. The official season will commence the next day and the cost will be a gold-coin donation. All money raised to be donated to Caritas Australia, to assist them in helping communities around the world. So remember this date, and proudly wear your favourite AFL team colours.

Regards

**Larry King**
Assistant Principal Religious Education

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**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Circle of Security Invitation to Kindergarten & Pre-Primary families
2. Winter Uniform Order Form for Years 1 – 6
3. Pre-Primary Uniform Order Form
4. P & F Easter Raffle Note

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**NUDE FOOD**

As part of Santa Clara’s commitment to become more environmentally aware, we are planning to introduce a series of “Nude Food” days.

"Nude Food" is food without excess packaging which reduces the amount of waste going to landfill. It has been estimated that up to 50 per cent of items in school bins consists of packaging brought from home. The best type of nude food is mainly fresh food, so it is healthy and nutritious as well as being environmentally friendly.

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer with more information for parents and caregivers.

**Mrs Ann Ball**
Hello everyone,

It is difficult to believe that we are already halfway through term one. 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 Tuesday of Week 7. All students will be dismissed by 12:00 midday. Details are below.

**PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS – TUESDAY 15 MARCH 2016**

Parents are reminded that the Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on the above date. Students will depart school at 12:00 midday and the Teacher/Parent interviews will commence at 12.30pm. Timetables for interviews will be displayed on classroom doors from Wednesday 9 March 2016. Parents are asked to select and write the time/s they would like to attend the interview.

**Uniform Shop News**

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

**Second Hand Uniform Sale**

The uniform shop has a supply of second hand uniforms that have been donated.

I will be holding a sale on:

**Wednesday 9 March**
**From 8.20am till 9.00am**
**Outside the Uniform Shop**

All items will be reasonably priced between $5 and $10. **CASH ONLY.**

Thank you

*Sonia Thiel*  
*Uniform Shop Co-ordinator*

**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.

**T20 FACTION CRICKET CARNIVAL:** The Years 3 - 6 classes will be participating in a cricket carnival this Friday at Wyong Reserve. Please ensure that your child has returned their permission slip to their classroom teacher before this Friday. Thank you to Mr Boxsell for organising this for our students. Also thank you to parents who have offered to help on the day.

**PUPIL FREE DAY**

Just a reminder that Tuesday 8 March will be a Pupil Free Day. All staff will be participating in Professional Development.

*Mrs Mim Ellis*  
*Assistant Principal*

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**New Hair Accessories available at the Uniform Shop**

- Thick Soft Hair Elastics 2 pack $1.50
- Satin Headband $1.50
- Bows $1.00
- Hair Elastic with Bow 6 pack $2.00
- Click Clack Hair Clips 4 pack $2.00

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Special for Lent  
FRIDAYS - Fish Burger $4.20

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**  
**TERM 1 2016**

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Parents from Year 2 and 5 Will be running the next P&F Cake Stall

A delicious range of cakes, biscuits and slices will be on sale.

So come along and support the P&F and stock up for afternoon tea.

Cake Stall in the undercover area 2.45pm Friday 18th March

Parents from Year 2 and 5 please drop your goodies at the hall before school or before the sale starts. We will also require some helpers from these year groups to sell our wares if you are able to lend a hand please arrive at the hall at 2.15 to help.

Thanks from the P&F.

P & F News
Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 March at 6:00pm.
ALL WELCOME

P & F Coming Events

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The P&F need some volunteers to fill the positions of Class Representatives for the following year groups: Pre-Primary, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 & Year 6

The role of the Class Representative is to form a contact list from your Year group. This enables parents to help get to know each other and also to be kept informed of up and coming P&F events that may require extra help i.e Year Group Cake Stalls.

If you would like to be a Class Representative please fill in the form below and return to the office.

Thank you

Santa Clara P&F

P & F Class Reps

I would like to be a Class Representative for Year ________.

Name: _______________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________
**OSC NEWS**

- **Tuesday 8 March** is a Pupil Free Day - Book Now.
- **Tuesday 15 March** is Teacher/Parent interviews commencing at 12-30pm. OSC will be open from 12-00noon to cater for any children who need to come to the centre.

*It is important that you book now to avoid disappointment of not getting a place on the day.*

Regulars are still booked in.

- In **Advance**, the centre will be closed on:
  - **Friday 25 March** – Good Friday
  - **Monday 28 March** – Easter Monday
  - **Tuesday 29 March** – Easter Tuesday

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**Save the Date!**

**PFFWA Conference and AGM 2016**

*Congratulations! We Hear You’re Engaged!*

The Parents and Friends Federation of WA are excited to be putting the last touches to our conference program for this year. As usual the conference opening dinner will be held on **Friday evening 20th May at Crown Perth.**

The conference will commence the following morning and go through until 5.00pm. Refreshments including morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are provided on the day of the conference, along with great speakers, interactive sessions and the usual fantastic networking opportunities.

With both Federal and State elections on the horizon, PFFWA have invited politicians from the major parties to attend and you will have the opportunity to hear what their vision is for education in Western Australia in the foreseeable future.

**Dates for your diary – 20th & 21st May 2016**

*At Crown Perth*

For more information, please keep an eye on the PFFWA website and our Facebook page or contact admin@pff.wa.edu.au tel 9271 5909

https://www.facebook.com/pffwa @ www.pff.wa.edu.au

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**Keren Barry**

*Supervisor Approval*
What is Nude Food?

Nude Food is simply food that is not wrapped in foil, plastic or commercial packaging.

The best type of nude food consists mainly of fresh food, so that it is healthy and nutritious PLUS environmentally friendly.

Promoting Nude Food empowers students to make conscious choices about what they eat, and encourages them to think about their impact on the environment (and their health). You might be amazed with how enthused your child can become on this...

✅ To pack a Nude Food Lunch or Snack, you will need:

- Cutlery from home is better than throwaway plastic ones
- Plastic or metal drink bottles are recommended for refilling with water
- Reusable containers for putting all of your food, snacks and drinks into
- Lunch boxes that have lots of separate sections can be useful to avoid lost lids or containers

❌ Try to avoid:

- Zip lock or plastic bags, plastic wrap or aluminium foil
- Tetra packed drinks, single serve yoghurts and cheese
- Single use plastic forks and spoons
- Prepackaged food, i.e. biscuits, snack bars and chips

Tips for Packing Nude Food Lunches:

- Try to involve the kids in helping decide what to take. This will help to avoid uneaten foods being thrown out, plus will save your family money as well. Also, remember to praise your child if they do eat something healthy which is new for them.
- Try to pack the lunches the night before and store in the fridge overnight to avoid the mad rush in the morning.
- If your child normally enjoys chips, yoghurt or other prepackaged snacks, buy these in a larger format and you can decant these into smaller reusable containers or lunchbox.
- If your child does enjoy chips, why not try making your own vegie versions using sliced beetroot, parsnip or sweet potato and baking in the oven?
- Try to use fruit and vegetables that are in season. Seasonal produce is friendly to the environment as well as to your budget, as less fuels are used to transport it into your supermarket.
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