THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“The Soul is healed by being with children”.

FYODOR DOSTOEVSKY

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students

There are many exciting things planned for this school year and in our planning I am constantly delighted with the generosity of staff to embrace new ideas and ‘apply shoulder to wheel’ in order for them to be successful. I have great cause to thank God for the opportunity to work with people who only apply their best to every initiative and task placed before them. All their efforts are of course for the benefit of the young people in our care. For that reason alone we can all claim pride in being part of the Santa Clara School community.

We are indeed fortunate to have the wonderful staff that we have looking after our children. This includes Suzanne Walker and Jaimee Wyss who are treasures within our school. I hear frequently from families new to our school just how good our teachers, specialists and teacher assistants, and ancillary staff are.

The school, too, is striving to be in a sound financial position and that’s due to good planning, careful spending and a clear vision as to what needs to be done and in what order. Our thanks go to the School Board and Ms Jaimee Wyss for their role in the financial structure of our school.

Our Out of School Hours Care operates efficiently, assisting working families with morning, after school and vacation care. The children are well looked after by our Supervisor Officer Mrs Barry and her team of workers.

All of the above gives credence to the good reputation the school enjoys. And I haven’t even mentioned the many wonderful parents who assist us in so many ways.

I’m fortunate to see the school as a whole and the goodness which I see is everywhere. Most importantly, this testament comes from you, the parents.

Thank you to all parents for your continued support as we work together maintaining a safe and healthy teaching and learning environment for all students and staff.

Parent-Teacher Partnerships
When families are involved in their children’s education in positive ways, children can achieve higher grades and test scores, have better attendance at school, demonstrate more positive attitudes and behaviour. The family is critical to student achievement. I know finding time to be part of your child’s education is not easy. One of the first
questions many parents ask is, “How can I be involved with my child’s school when I work full time?” It’s a fair question say teachers, but school involvement isn’t necessarily restricted to the classroom or even to out-of-hours activities. Involvement could incorporate reading school newsletters, supporting school’s values in the home and encouraging students to respect the policies even if you are not in full agreement with them.

Teachers agree that parental involvement can include helping with sporting activities, parent committees, fundraising, classroom assistance, and working bees. Look for opportunities to share knowledge and experience and respect the teacher’s professionalism. No matter what support or assistance parents can offer, regardless of whether it’s during school hours or out-of-school hours, it’s always appreciated.

Ultimately, your child will reap the benefits of your involvement.

Sacrament of Confirmation
Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation is a very special occasion for our students and an event that represents a particular and significant milestone in their faith journey.

Please pray for the candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 12 June at Santa Clara Church commencing at 9.30 am.

God bless

Richard Win Pe
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

This Sunday, 12 June 2016, Year Six students from the school and the Parish will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Mass will commence at 9:30am at the Santa Clara Parish.

LIFELINK LINK AT SANTA CLARA

Thank you to all the students who participated in this year’s LifeLink chain link promotion. Congratulations to the Year Five class who had the longest chain. The school raised $523 and all funds will go to this important Catholic organisation, an organisation helping Real People, in Real need, with Real Stories.

Yesterday, three students represented Santa Clara School at the LifeLink Day Launch at Lake Monger. There were approximately seventy-five Catholic schools in attendance. Dawit (Year 3), Breanna (Year 4) and Abbey-Mae (Year 5) enjoyed the morning by laying out the school’s link chains and having a delicious morning tea. Thank you to Mr Win Pe for driving the students to Lake Monger.

Regards

Larry King
Assistant Principal
Hello Everyone

What a busy time it has been for students and teachers over the last couple of weeks. Students have just completed two weeks of daily swimming lessons. Lessons went smoothly and all children participated well. They were especially well behaved and used beautiful manners whilst travelling on the bus and at the pools. Thank you to Mr Boxsell and Mrs Lewis who supervised all classes at the pool and to all class teachers for being flexible in your planning and teaching of lessons, along with supervision of your classes whilst on the bus and at the pools.

LATE ARRIVALS AND ABSENTEES
Just another reminder that a signed absentee note or email to the teacher and office is required for school records if your child is absent. This is in addition to phone calls to the school office. It has been good to see a real reduction in student late arrivals occurring. This is really beneficial to all; it avoids the students feeling embarrassed, interruptions to lessons, morning prayers or vital “housekeeping” time in class. Thank you to parents and students for your support in this matter.

STUDENT PICKUP
If parents are arranging someone to collect their children, other than the usual pickup person, we ask that you notify the school with a phone call or email to the office or classroom teacher.

REPORTS AND ASSESSMENT
Classroom teachers are in the midst of midyear assessments and writing student reports which will come home to parents on Monday 27 June. Teachers put a great deal of thought and care into reporting to parents and report time is always a good time for teachers, students and parents to reflect on student and teacher learning and set goals for the next semester.

SCHOOL EVENTS COMING UP IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS
YEARS 3 - 6 INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
This Friday, 10 June, a representative group of students from Years 3 to 6 will be participating in the Interschool Cross Country Carnival which will be held at Good Shepherd School in Kelmscott. The children will depart school at 8.50am and return by 3.00pm.

Students are now required to bring morning tea and lunch, along with water, a hat and a change of clothes in case of bad weather.

We wish all our participating students the best of luck on Friday.

YEARS 3 - 6 SWIMMING CARNIVAL
On Friday 17 June, the Years 3 - 6 students will be participating in our swimming carnival which will be held at Aqualife, 42 Somerset Street, East Victoria Park.

This Swimming Meet is a part of the Physical Education Program of the school and there is an expectation that all children from Years 3 – 6 will participate in some way. The focus of the carnival is participation and all competitors will be awarded points for finishing their event.

The carnival will commence at 12.00 noon and conclude at 2.30pm. Students will be given time at school to eat their morning tea and lunch. Please provide your child with afternoon tea and a drink, along with their towel and a dry t-shirt to change into after swimming. Students may wear their sports uniform with bathers underneath. Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child’s name.

WINTER CARNIVAL
The Year Five and Six students will be participating in the Interschool Winter Lightning Carnival in Maida Vale on Friday 24 June. Thanks to Mr Boxsell who plans, organises and coordinates with other schools so our students have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of physical activities and events. More information about this will be coming home over the coming weeks.

PUPIL FREE DAY
All staff will be participating in Professional Development on Friday 1 July 2016, focussing on the Year of Mercy and The Sacraments in Religious Education.

Students’ last day of term will be Thursday 30 June 2016.

God Bless.

Mrs Mim Ellis
Assistant Principal
OSC NEWS

- REMINDER - PUPIL FREE DAY ON FRIDAY 1 JULY 2016

Bookings are open now for the above date.

- Vacation Care programs will be available 13 June 2016.

Please complete and return by Friday 24 June 2016.

Thank you
Keren
OSC Supervisor Approval

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The event will take place on Monday 27 June for Pre-Primary to Year 6 and Wednesday 29 June for Kindergarten.

Students will receive a poster size Superhero Sponsorship Form (coming home with this week’s newsletter) with a great selection of toy brands including Apple, GoPro, Razor, Star Wars, Monster High and Nerf just to name a few. This form will assist with collecting sponsorship donations on behalf of the school.

All funds raised will be used to purchase new equipment for the students.

Thank you from the P&F Committee

FUN RUN VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help stamp hands on the morning of the fun run.

Please come along and cheer the children on as they raise important funds for our school.

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P&F Coming Events:

**Term 2**
- Friday 10 June: Years 1 & 3 Cake Stall - please note change in date
- Monday 27 June: Fun Run – For Pre-Primary to Year 6
- Wednesday 29 June: Fun Run – For Kindergarten

**Term 3**
- Friday 5 August: School Disco
- Friday 12 August: Kindy & Pre-Primary Cake Stall

**Term 4**
- Friday 28 October: Years 4 & 6 Cake Stall

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**Canteen Rosters**

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**Help Needed**

Friday 1 July
Pupil Free Day – School Closed

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**Relaxation and Mindfulness to Reduce Stress**

For Parents/Caregivers
With Hilary School Social Worker

**Date:** Tuesday 21st June 2016

**Time:**
- 9 - 10 AM Relaxation Session
- 10 - 10.30 AM Morning Tea

**Venue:** Kindy Room

Comfortable clothing recommended
Bring cushion or blanket if desired
Snapshots of Kindy this term!

We worked out how to make bridges to cross the water. We have looked at different types of bridges after reading “The Three Billy Goats Gruff”

How many rocks can you stack? Daniel stacked 6 rocks!

We made poppy paintings for Anzac Day

Putting numbers in order and counting out the correct number of objects to match.

Friends working together to complete a puzzle – persistence and cooperation!

In the block area – “We made a mouse trap! We are coming back at night time to get the ‘mouses’ and put them in a cage and give them lots of different food!”

Making our names with playdough!

Using the iPads to practice our Math concepts.