Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students

It finally feels like Spring has “sprung”! The grass has begun to change from ugly brown to lush green. A few more weeks of warm weather will certainly help.

ST MOTHER TERESA

Last term, we saw Mother Teresa canonised as a Saint. It was heart-warming to see St Peter’s Square at the Vatican filled to overflowing with people who came from around the world to witness this special occasion.

Given her life story and the way she selflessly helped the poor, marginalised and dying, I think that she was a Saint long before she passed away. Mind you, one of the pre-requisites for being a Saint is that you have to have “turned up your toes” first.

To me, she was a living Saint in the sense that her whole life was lived in the service of God. She was, for many thousands of people, the “Hands of God” at work in our world.

Through her example, she formed the Sisters of Charity who have continued her work of helping those most in need in the world.

Through her example and that of the Order of Nuns that she established, she was able to show the world what God’s love, care and compassion is all about. What an inspiration! What a role model! What a SAINT!

I can only hope that the beautiful children in our care grow up with some of her attributes. What a beautiful future the world would hold if that were to be the case.

SCHOOL FEE NOTICES

School fee notices are being sent home. I would appreciate if these could be attended to as soon as possible please. If payment presents a problem, then please make an appointment to see me. There are a few families that I will be contacting over the next week or so as I have yet to hear from them and no action has been taken for a while to address their school fee responsibility.

SANTA CLARA YEAR 5 STUDENTS FEATURED IN THE WEST AUSTRALIAN

We engaged with media to cover school activities that recognized students and staff. The students of the Year 5 class were featured in the ED section of The West Australian on Tuesday 11 October and Tuesday 18 October, 2016. The students were asked to respond to two of the following questions:

1. “If you could make one rule that all Australians had to follow, what would it be?”
2. “Which explorer would you like to meet?”

The responses to the above questions were published in the West. We are so proud of the 10 students and a big thank you to their class Teacher, Miss Claire Cooper.
**PRINCIPAL REVIEW**

I inform you that I am required to have a review this term. The review will involve a sample of staff, the School Improvement Officer, the Parish Priest, the School Board and the P&F executive. The review dates have been set for 31 October and 1 November. CEWA Consultant, Ms Christine Garstin has met and provided information to the staff, Board members, and P&F executive.

**SCHOOL BOARD & P&F AGM 2016**

I would encourage as many parents as possible to keep Thursday evening, 24th November free so that you can be in attendance at these important meetings. These meetings are a way of showing your support for the hard work that both of these parent bodies do throughout the year. The sundowner will commence at 5pm, followed by the AGM at 5.30pm in the school hall.

God bless

*Richard Win Pe*

*Principal*

**OUT OF SCHOOL CARE**

Please note OSC will not be open on November 4th as it's a Catholic Day and children will not be attending school.

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**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS**

Hello everyone,

There is a lot happening over the coming weeks including World Teacher’s Day this Friday (28th October). Remember to thank our wonderful Principal, teachers and education assistants for all the hard work they do to provide a safe and nurturing environment for the children in their care.

See below for further information on happenings and events around the school over the next two weeks.

- **28th October** - **Year 5 Participation Mass** at 9.00am.
- **1st November** - **Whole school mass** - Feast of All Saints mass lead by year 2.
- **2nd November** - **All Souls Day.**
- **4th November** - **Catholic Day** - no school for students and teaching staff. OSC closed
- **11th November** at 10.50am - **Remembrance Day Ceremony** - organised by Year 5.

**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.

**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. Many of our children are using many websites or social media and 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 below 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.


God Bless.

*Mrs Mim Ellis*

*Assistant Principal*

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**Out of School Care**

Closed on Friday 4th November
**YEAR FIVE PARTICIPATION MASS – FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER 2016**

Tomorrow, the Year Five class will be attending a Participation Mass at the Santa Clara Parish at 9:00am. All parents from the Year Five class are welcome to attend.

**WHOLE SCHOOL MASS - FEAST OF ALL SAINTS MASS – TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2016**

Next Tuesday, 1 November, the Year Two class will be organising the All Saints’ Mass at the Santa Clara Parish at 9:00am. All parents are welcome to attend this whole school mass.

All Saints’ Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls’ Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints’ Day observances tend to focus on known saints - that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church.

**CATHOLIC DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY – FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2016**

Parents are reminded that there will be no school (pupil free day) on Friday 4 November as it is the annual scheduled Catholic Day for staff.

**HELPING THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL - 2016**

It has been the tradition at Santa Clara that the school community rallies together to support the very worthwhile charity of St Vincent de Paul. It would be great if we could receive non-perishable goods to allow St Vincent de Paul to make up Christmas hampers for those who are struggling around the St James / Bentley area. Some Christmas Appeal items could include:

- Christmas pudding
- Tea / Coffee / Milo
- Fruit mince pies
- Long life juice
- Vegemite / Peanut butter
- Cleaning products
- Custard
- Long Life Milk
- Tinned vegetables
- Christmas cake
- Muesli bars
- Tinned Fruit
- Cereal
- Bon Bons
- Dried fruit
- Tinned peas / corn
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Pancake mix
- Jelly
- Jam
- Socks
- Long life juice
- Christmas cake
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Pancake mix
- Socks
- Nappies

Please remember it is important that the goods purchased must be non-perishable food items within the expiry date to be used.

Our appeal began on Monday 24 October (Term Four Week Three), and continues until Monday 14 November 2016 (the beginning of Week 6) when the hampers will be collected by St Vincent de Paul volunteers and distributed to those in need around Christmas time. Please be as generous as you can – maybe picking up one or two items for a hamper each time you go to the shop is a great way to help others. Many of us have “too much” and have never struggled to pay the rent or put food on our table. We can only imagine what it would feel like to tell your children to go to bed hungry because there is no money to buy food. Please be like Jesus and help others. All donations are to be given to your child’s teacher or at Administration.

Larry King
Assistant Principal Religious Education
The Santa Clara School Annual General Community Meeting will be held on Thursday 24th November 2016 at 5:30pm. (Sundowner from 5:00pm)

Santa Clara School Board

Nomination forms by Friday 18th November 2016 to the school office.

Santa Clara School Parents and Friends’ Association

Nomination forms should be returned to the school office no later than Friday 18th November 2016.

We look forward to your attendance at the meeting and sharing light refreshments with other community members from 5:00pm in the hall, with 5:30pm start. Please complete the attached reply slip for catering purposes and return to the school office also by Friday 18th November 2016.

Richard Win Pe
Principal
School Board
Nomination Form 2017

I __________________________________________ wish to nominate for election to the Santa Clara School Board:

Signature: _______________________________ Date: __________________

(Nominations close Friday 18th November 2016)

Parents & Friends’ Association
Nomination Form 2017

I __________________________________________ wish to nominate for:

President
Treasurer
Secretary
Committee Member

Signature: _______________________________ Date: __________________

(Nominations close Friday 18th November 2016)

Santa Clara School
Annual General Community Meeting Reply Slip

I will be attending the Annual General Community Meeting (from 5:00pm with light refreshments in the hall and 5:30pm start) on Thursday 24th November 2016.

Name: __________________________________________
HEALTHY EATING

In Pre-Primary we have been learning about healthy eating. We have made so many yummy treats including avocado dip with carrot sticks and wholegrain crackers, strawberry smoothies (we like it more than strawberry milk), kale chips, pumpkin soup, healthy apple and oat muffins and bircher muesli and we haven’t finished cooking yet!! On the menu this term is hommus dip, choc banana bites and that’s just to name a couple. We can’t wait, cooking is so much fun!!

Our lunches are getting healthier too. If we ask our parents to give us wholemeal bread and a vegetable in our sandwich we get a pom pom in our sock! When we get ten pom poms we get a prize. This week Noah had three salads plus cheese in a wholegrain bread Sandwich. WOW!!! We were so impressed with his healthy lunch. He got two pom poms!
We are going on a bear hunt

We have also been doing a re-count of “We are going on a bear hunt”. We turned our re-counts into books. We did such a good job that some of us showed our work to Mr Win Pe. He thought we were very clever Pre-Primaries. We agree!

Have a look at some of our front covers.
P&F Coming Events:

**Term 4**

Due to international food festival, we decided to cancel the Year 4&6 cake stall on Friday.

International Food Festival & Fete – Sunday 13th November

Thursday 24th November
5 pm - P&F School Board Sundowner
5.30pm - AGM

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**SCHOOL NURSE NEWS**

**Scoliosis**

Scoliosis is an abnormal sideways curvature of the spine. It can be detected by a simple examination of the back.

The normal spine has three curves – one in the neck, one in the upper back and one in the lower back. These curves can be seen from the side, but when you look from behind the spine should appear straight. If the spine has a sideways curve, this is scoliosis.

An information leaflet about Scoliosis will be distributed to all year 6 students. Please read through the information provided and check your child for scoliosis as described in the leaflet.

If you have any concerns, please contact your General Practitioner or Community Health Nurse, Fiona on 92588053.

**Colour blindness**

Colour blindness means that a person cannot distinguish some colours or see the colours differently to other people. Very few people who are colour blind are ‘blind’ to all colours. Commonly, the colours seen differently are greens, yellows, oranges and reds.

An information leaflet on colour blindness will shortly be distributed to all year 6 students. Please take the time to read the pamphlet.


If you have any concerns, colour vision testing can be performed by some general practitioners, eye specialists or optometrists. You can also contact your local Community Health Nurse, Fiona on 92588053.

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**CANTEEN ROSTERS**

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**JUICEE CRUSH JUICE**

350ML

Has hit the canteen

Flavours Available:

Orange
Tropical

- $2

Reminder: Orders due Friday 28th October

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**SCHOLASTIC Book Clubs**

Every Child Deserves a Good Book

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**AGM 2016**

Thursday 24th November - P&F School Board Sundowner @ 5pm followed by AGM in the School Hall
Santa Clara P & F International Food Festival and Fete
Sunday 13th November
11am - 3pm

WE NEED YOUR HELP
If you would like to run a stall with your favourite International dish please contact
Sonia on 0419 897 560 or see me at school to secure a spot.

Current stalls are -
Scentsy, Sanatize, Malaysian, Doughnuts, Vietnamese, Indian, Louisiana, Old Fashioned Lemonade & Lolly, Cool Drinks, Face Painting, FREE Bouncy Castle, and Plant Stall

We need help running the following stalls
Second Hand Toys and Books Stall, Sausage Sizzle, Ticket Booth, Raffle Ticket Sales

Even if you can spare half an hour to help, it would be very much appreciated.
All food or fete items are donated and the proceeds go to the P & F to go towards the upgrade of the playground.
If you can’t help on the day don’t worry there are lots of different ways you can contribute such as cans of soft drink or juice boxes, plastic takeaway food containers with lids, napkins or plastic cutlery, red dot toys for prizes and lucky dips, tomato sauce, barbecue sauce, bread rolls, sausages
Please come along and enjoy the great food and fun for all the family.

Thank you from the P&F for your support.
Santa Clara School
International Food Festival
And Fete
Sunday 13th November 2016
11am-3pm
Santa Clara School
91 Coolgardie St
St James

International Food Stalls
Fete Items
Free Bouncy Castle for Kids
Face Painting
Raffles

All products sold will be on a ticket system. Ticket books will be available for sale on the day.

Come and enjoy a great day out and support our school. Money raised will go towards the planned upgrade of the children's playground.

All enquiries to Sonia Thiel
0419 897 560