**THE HAND PRAYER**

*This prayer could be the basis for a quiet reflection.*

Lord, I look at my hands, my clenched hands.
My fist ready to strike, either in attack or defence, but still a fist.
My white knuckles, drained of blood, drained of life, hard, tense, closed.
Lord, I look at my fist and I see the symbol of so much of my life.
My striving for my goals, my determination, my power,
my drained, lifeless existence without you.

Lord, I open my hand, slowly folding back the fingers and look at my palm.
The softer skin so much more vulnerable.
I look at a hand that has cradled a baby's head,
a hand that my parents held to keep me safe,
a hand that still reaches out for other hands to hold.

Lord, in my hands I see a mirror of my life, so often, closed and hard.
Help me Lord, to open my heart to you now as easily as I have opened my hand.

AMEN

**Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

1. When we refer to Jesus Christ, the word ‘Christ’ is a title, not a proper name. The name Christ means ‘anointed one’?

2. Jesus may have been born in 4BC. The reason for this anomaly is that the calendar we use today was formulated in the sixth century, when historians could not accurately date the time of Jesus' birth?

3. There were a number of gospels written in the early years of the Christian church, of which four – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John were chosen to be included in the Bible?

4. There are various titles given to Jesus of Nazareth: ‘Son of Mary’, the Messiah’, ‘Son of God’, ‘Son of Man’, ‘the Lord’, ‘the Suffering Servant’, ‘the Good Shepherd’?

**STAFF MATTERS**

It is with regret I inform you that our Physical Education Teacher, Mr Andrew Boxsell, will be leaving us at the end of this term. Andrew has accepted a full time job at Loreto Nedlands. I like to bid farewell to Andrew who has worked as an excellent PE teacher for the past 5 years. We thank Andrew for his contribution to the life of Santa Clara school during this time and extend our best wishes for his future endeavours.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

I would like to reinforce the importance of all children in Years 1 – 6 wearing their correct school uniform on the correct day. This is not only an equity issue, but also helps to identify us as a community. Please remember that coloured nail polish should not be worn to school and that any shoulder length hair must be tied back. For children who need further prompting, teachers will send home a note detailing what part of uniform is missing or incorrect. If your child is missing an item of school clothing, please have a look in the lost property container near the Admin Office as it is currently overflowing! Thank you for your support in this matter.
PARENT CONTACT DETAILS
The School needs to successfully communicate with families, especially at short notice and it is important that family contact details are kept up to date. On many occasions, we encounter difficulties in trying to contact parents or guardians by telephone. Home and mobile numbers are often out of service, mobiles switched off, or message bank facilities lacking. Occasionally work situations have changed making daytime contact by phone or email difficult. We ask that all families pass on any changes of contact details to the school as quickly as possible.

Santa Clara School Board and P&F Sundowner Combined AGM – Thursday 24th November at 5.00pm

The Annual School Board and P&F, AGM's will be held in the school hall on Thursday 24th November, commencing with a Sundowner at 5.00pm and followed by the AGM at 5.30 – 6.30pm. Your presence would be most appreciated.

God bless

Richard Win Pe
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

Hello everyone,

The children have been working so hard to prepare for the many end of year events that will be happening later in the term. Below are a few important events coming up.

11th November - Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10.45am.
16th November - Kindy classroom visit by Father Chris.
17th November - Kindergarten 2017 Parent information session commencing at 6.00pm.
18th November - Yr 4 Participation Mass at 9.00am.
18th November - Kindy Orientation from 9.00am - 10.00am.

BOOKLISTS FOR 2017
Today you would've received your child's booklists for next year. Please ensure that you read all the information closely and adhere to the timelines for ordering the books in order to gain the maximum savings. If you have any queries regarding the booklists, please contact me via the office.

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 our favourite food or pet 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.

Mrs Mim Ellis
Assistant Principal
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RE NEWS

KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM VISIT BY FATHER CHRIS

Next Wednesday, 16 November, Father Chris will be visiting the Kindergarten students. I know Father Chris really enjoys talking to the children and answering their inquisitive questions.

HELPING THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL - 2016

A H-U-G-E thank you to all the students and parents who have brought in non-perishable donations to assist our St Vincent De Paul Society appeal. 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 continue to 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
- Tinned peas / corn
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Toiletries
- Bon Bons
- Dried fruit
- Jelly
- Jam
- Pancake mix
- Washing powder
- Socks
- Nappies

Help make tomorrow a better day.

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

Our appeal continues now continues to Monday 21st November (the beginning of Week 7) 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.

Sonia Thiel will be resigning as P&F President at the end of the year. The position is available for any interested person.

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: ________________________________
Shapes

This week we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. A 2D shape is a flat shape. A 3D shape isn’t, it is solid.

- David

“MY cube has 6 faces and 8 corners”
**P&F Coming Events:**

**Term 4**

**International Food Festival & Fête** – Sunday 13th November from 11am

**Thursday 24th November**

5 pm - P&F School Board Sundowner
5.30pm – AGM

**Santa Clara Christmas Concert** - Thursday 1st December
5pm P&F Sausage Sizzle

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**CANTEEN ROSTERS**

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**Santa Clara Christmas Party 2016**

**Held on Thursday 1st December**

P&F holding a sausage sizzle $3 from 5pm,
First in first serve basis
Special guest appearance & surprise gift for all children from the P&F
Christmas Concert to begin at 6pm in the Undercover Area

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**AGM 2016**

Thursday 24th November - P&F School Board Sundowner @ 5pm followed by AGM in the School Hall
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 13\textsuperscript{th} 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