PRAYER:  

God of wisdom and might,  
we praise you for the wonder of our being,  
for mind, body and spirit.  

Be with our children as they begin a new school year.  
Bless them and their teachers and staff.  
Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow;  
wisdom and knowledge to their minds  
as they search for understanding;  
and peace and zeal to their hearts.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

I would like to say that it is a privilege  
to be leading such a beautiful school. I  
extend a sincere thank you to Fr Chris  
who leads us in faith, the outstanding  
educators at Santa Clara School, the  
office staff members, the cohesive and  
supportive community of parents and  
carers.

I look forward to working together in  
partnership with you to maximise the  
learning outcomes of your child/ren.

Meeting diverse learning needs

The diverse needs of our students are  
met through an engaging curriculum  
that encourages learning, identifies,  
and caters for the individual needs of all  
students. The school offers specialist  
teachers in the areas of Reading  
Recovery, Science and Humanities,  
Music and Phys Ed. A range of  
technology including Apple TVs,  
laptops, iPads and other mobile  
devices is available in our classrooms.

Parish and school working together

Together with Santa Clara Parish, the  
school provides regular opportunities  
for all students to worship and  
celebrate the Eucharist. The  
Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy  
Eucharist and Confirmation are offered  
for eligible students.

Best ever at school

Make this year your child's best ever at  
school a new school year means a  
fresh start for students. Regardless of  
your child's performance last year, they  
start school with a clean slate. A break  
ofers students the chance to begin new  
habits and adopt new behaviours. Here  
are five ideas to help you make the  
most of the fresh start and make this  
year your child's best year ever year at  
school:

1. Commit to your child going to  
school every day on time. One of  
the most important things you can  
do to ensure your child has a  
bright future is to make sure he or  
she goes to school every day –  
and gets there on time. Kids  
spend more time asleep than at  
school, so we need to maximise  
every day to get full value.

2. Help kids start each day well. A  
good night's sleep, a healthy  
breakfast and some words of  
encouragement from you will help  
set a positive tone for a day of  
learning. This may mean that you  
adjust your morning routine so  
that kids have plenty of time get  
up, eat and get ready for the day.
3. Establish work & study habits. The most successful students are those that develop regular study habits that suit their lifestyle, their study style and their school’s expectations. Find out the work expectations from your child’s or young person’s school and help them establish a work routine that matches.

4. Make sure your child gets enough sleep. Many children and young people are sleep-deprived, which impacts on their wellbeing and their learning. A good night’s sleep consolidates learning, as well as assisting future learning. Children need between 10-12 hours of sleep each day, while teens need a minimum of nine hours. Help kids get sufficient sleep by having a regular bedtime and get-up time each day. Have a 45-minute wind-down time each night, and remove screens and mobile phones from bedrooms.

5. Insist kids exercise. The old saying about ‘a healthy body and a healthy mind’ is so true. Exercise releases the chemicals needed for learning and wellbeing. Yet kids today get less exercise than those of past generations, which is an impediment to learning and mental health. Health professionals recommend a minimum of 60 minutes of exercise per day for kids of all ages. Encourage your child to play sport; promote free and active play and look for ways to make moving part of their daily lives.

God Bless

Richard Win Pe
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING – KINDERGARTEN, PRE-PRIMARY, YEARS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 – THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2017

This is a very important evening for ALL Parents (at least one parent from each family) with children in Kindergarten to Year Six and will be held on Thursday 23 February 2017. 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 Library. Children may bring a rug, pillow and book to read for your child’s comfort. Please do not let children bring electronic games or mobile phones.

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) and some specialist teachers’ information.

5:15 – 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.

5:45 – 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.

PARTICIPATION MASS – YEAR SIX – FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2017

Tomorrow, the Year 6 class will be attending Mass at Santa Clara Church at 9:00am. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS – WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH 2017

The Ash Wednesday Mass (Day of Fast and Abstinence) will be held at the Santa Clara Parish on Wednesday 1 March, commencing at 9:00am. We look forward to seeing parents and friends coming to participate in the mass with the
Pre- Primary to Year Six students. The Mass has been prepared by Miss Hibben and the Year Four students.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the church season of Lent. Lent is a time of changing yourself to become more like Jesus. Our journey through Lent is a time for reflection on how we are living in response to God’s love. Lent is a traditional time where we support the work of Caritas through their Project Compassion Mission to help disadvantaged countries. It is our mission of Baptised Catholics to continue the work Jesus began of showing compassion to others, especially those in need, Caritas works to make communities become independent in their ability to provide the basic needs such as clean water, education for the children and medical help.

We want to continue to open our eyes, our hearts and our hands as we respond to God’s love through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Your generous donations to Project Compassion enable communities to be architects of their own developments.

Love Your Neighbour
With the help of a program supported by Caritas Australia, Dinia gained the skills to earn a better income for her children and help neighbours in her vulnerable community.

Dinia’s story is a story of healing, through her own skill and perseverance, and through support from a Caritas-Australia funded program. Living in the Philippines, she struggled daily with poverty in a country with many vulnerable communities.

People living in rural and coastal areas have very little access to basic services. They face extreme weather events, environmental degradation and the effects of internal conflict and have little hope of a sustainable income. For Dinia, the untimely death of her husband meant an end to his small income and a greater struggle to feed and educate her children.

She struggled alone, facing a future without hope, until her community encouraged her to participate in the Socio Pastoral Action Centre Foundation Inc. (SPACFI) program supported by Caritas Australia.

SPACFI’s Integrated Community Development Program helped her develop diverse ways to gain a sustainable livelihood, continue to send her children to school and contribute to her community. The program foregrounds the need to work together for the common good, awakening Dinia’s innate generosity and leadership qualities. She was able to learn about organic farming, managing livestock, and starting a small business.

Now she has an integral role in her community, a sustainable livelihood, and a brighter future for her children. “My life is much better now. It is much easier,” she says.

T20 CRICKET CARNIVAL –
YEARS THREE TO SIX – WYONG RESERVE - MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2017
On Monday 27 February, the Year Three to Six classes will participate in a T20 Carnival at Wyong Reserve. Students will walk to the oval and the Carnival will commence at 9:00am and conclude around 10:30am. Thank you to Miss Fitzpatrick for organising this event. The Year Five and Six students will be selected from this Carnival and the physical education lessons to represent the school for the Interschool T20 Cricket Carnival, which will be held on Friday 17 March at Raphael Park in Victoria Park.

Larry King
Assistant Principal RE & Admin
It’s been a very busy start to the year for our Fantastic Year Five class! They have learnt all about the responsibilities of being a student in the Upper Primary, and have taken this on with ease. Perhaps two of the most exciting things that have been happening have been our focus on Digital Technologies through learning about coding, and the development of our class city. We have spent some time learning about what coding actually is, and how it is used, and students were introduced to “Hour of Code” where they began designing and creating their own Minecraft World! As part of our Civics and Citizenship studies, students have been learning about Democracy and the Australian electoral process. Throughout this unit, our classroom will be transformed into a mini city, with students taking on crucial roles to assist our city in running smoothly. Here’s Ella, our City Reporter / Blogger, with some more information on this exciting venture.

“Hello parents my name is Ella, and I am the first class blogger. I hopefully will be able to post blogs daily just telling you guys about our day and what we did. So today, I decided to tell you all about our class city. We have a class city set up and everyone has a job to help out. The jobs are as following: Prime Minister (1), Deputy Prime Minister (1), Police Officer (2), Inspector (2), Blogger (1), Prayer Leader (2), Librarian (1), Waste Management (3), City Clerk (1), Banker (1) and Head Banker (1). We all get paid (class money) depending on what job we have.

The payments are the following:

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The Prime Minister and Deputy are elected into their positions so they have to prepare campaign posters and a speech, and we then have a vote, or secret ballot to determine who is elected for that fortnight.

The Deputy does the same as the PM but not all the time so they can do any other job if they choose to.

The police officers have to be fair and honest people. They solve the class problems, but if they are not just common problems they will talk to the teacher. They can give $1 fines for inappropriate behaviour such as a messy bag area.

Inspectors make sure that everyone has a tidy tub.

The Blogger creates interesting blogs for the class website.

Prayer leaders make their own prayers to share with the class each day.

The Librarian helps make sure that the book shelves are always clean.

Waste Management inspects the floor for any rubbish, if they see any they will throw it out.

Every day the City Clerk will check that everyone has done their job. If they haven’t they will give a $1 fine. They also have to prepare the pay cheques for Friday.

The Banker’s job is to sit down with each person and discuss how much money they have earned for the week, based on whether they have completed their job adequately, and whether they received any fines. They then discuss with each “citizen” what money they want to put in their bank account. Finally the Head Banker puts all the money into the “vault” making sure it’s a reasonable amount.

So that is a mini description of the jobs.

Thank you Parents for reading my blog.”

Ella Phillip-Clarke
**SCHOOL FEES**

Please note that school fees are now charged annually, and you should receive your annual statement in the mail shortly.

All payments/direct debit forms are due in by 5th March.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to discuss a payment plan, please don't hesitate to contact me at the office Wednesday – Friday or via email: wyss.jaimee@cathednet.wa.edu.au.

Jaimee Wyss
Finance Officer

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Friday Specials

Available from this Friday 17 February & during Lent

Fish Burger $4.50
Fish ‘n’ Gems $4.00

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**Uniform Shop News**

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

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**P&F News**

The first P&F Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 February at 6:00pm in the hall.
ALL WELCOME

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**IMPORTANT CHANGES TO SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS PAID BY CREDIT CARD**

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club’s Linked Online Ordering and Payment platform used when ordering and paying online for your child’s book club order using your credit card.

If you wish to pay by cash or cheque, your order is completed as in previous years and is given to me via the front office.

An information sheet to help you register for LOOP can be picked up from me in the Kindy classroom or if you would prefer an electronic copy, email me on:
cotton.jenni@cathednet.wa.edu.au

Regards
Mrs Cotton
RUNNING CLUB

It has been great to see so many of you turning up for running club on a Monday and Friday morning. Exercise in the morning is an excellent way to kick start your day. Research has shown that exercise is beneficial to the brain and improves your memory and thinking skills. This is aside to the obvious fact that everybody needs some physical activity each day to live a happy and healthy lifestyle.

For anybody who wants to join us we run from 8.00-8.20am both Monday and Friday. Go at your own pace and have some fun! Let’s see how many of you can run the full 42km of a marathon by the end of the year.

Miss Fitz
Phys Ed Coordinator

NETBALL NEWS

Santa Clara’s Year 6 Netball team is moving to Hearts Netball Club to play in the Southern District’s Netball Association (at Langford on Saturday mornings). It is a lovely club and they welcome new players for NetSetGo (ages from 5 to 7), Juniors and Seniors. Registrations are now open and will close on the February 20th. For more information and to register please visit their Facebook page or website: https://www.facebook.com/heartsnetworkclub/ http://heartsnetballclub.myclub.org.au/

Sharon Morris

CALLING ALL SCHOOL BANKERS

The School Banking Bunny is back... Have you seen her in the white fluffy ears? (Often walking while Running Club is on).

Mariana from The Commonwealth Bank will be coming to Assembly on Friday 24th March, to tell us all about the School Banking Programme and to have an Account opening session, before and/or after Assembly. I will let you know about the times sooner to the date.

If you would like to open an account before then, pop into your local Commonwealth Bank and the staff will do it for you.

Next step is to come and see me, Susie (Ashley’s and Lachlan’s Mum), on Friday morning before School outside the school office or over in the Kindy – Pre-Primary area. With your bankbook of course! If you miss me, drop your book into Mrs Walker and she will keep it safe for me.

Lots of Love
SSBB (Susie, School Banking Bunny)
UPDATED FAMILY INFORMATION FOR 2017

REMINDER TO PARENTS:

- There are still a number of families who haven’t as yet completed and returned their information sheet. Please 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 20 February 2017.

- Please complete the attached Student Medication/Request Record if your child requires medication to be kept at school. 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 2017
ALL FAMILIES ARE ASKED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS REPLY SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY. THANK YOU.

Names of Students: _____________________________________________ Class: ___________

__________________________________________ Class: ___________

__________________________________________ Class: ___________

Address: ____________________________________________ Home tel no.: ______________

Mother/Female Guardian’s Name: __________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________ Home tel no.: ______________

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

Mobile Number: ____________________________ Email Address: ______________________

Occupation: ____________________________ Employer: ____________________________

Father/Male Guardian’s Name: __________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________ Home tel no.: ______________

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

Mobile Number: ____________________________ Email Address: ______________________

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Parent/Guardian’s Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________
**P & F Committee & Class Representatives**

*The first P&F meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 21 February 2017 at 6:00pm in the school hall.*

Please consider nominating for any P&F Committee position for 2017 by completing the Nomination form below and returning either to the school office or at the first P&F meeting.

We are also asking parents to volunteer to be Class Reps and complete the attached form below. 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 ie. Year Group Cake Stalls. Please return the reply slip by Tuesday 21 February.

Your involvement in our school is greatly appreciated!

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**Parents & Friends’ Association Nomination Form 2017**

I _______________________________ wish to nominate for:

- [ ] President
- [ ] Treasurer
- [ ] Secretary
- [ ] Committee Member

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________

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**P&F Class Representatives for 2017**

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

Name: ____________________________________________

Mobile No.: _______________________________________

Email: __________________________________________

*Please return to the school office before Tuesday 21 February 2017 or bring along to the first P&F meeting on Tuesday 21 February 2017 at 6:00pm.*
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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