

Welcome to all Staff, Father Chris and Parents to the 2019 Santa Clara School AGM.

This year the P&F have been busy fundraising and involving the Staff and Students in our various fundraisers projects.

Our year started with our Welcome Picnic in Week 6 of Term 1, where we welcomed all families of Santa Clara and entertained the children with a Bouncy Castle and Face Painting. This was well attended with our School oval bustling with excitement and families enjoying a warm evening socialising.

We then moved onto our Annual Easter Raffle, which was a great success with many donations of chocolates received by the School Community resulting in lots of prizes for each class.

Moving on to our Mother's Day Raffle, also in Term 2, the Mother of Bethany and Daniel Fawcett took home a hamper filled with lots of goodies donated by the P&F.

Our School Disco was also held in this Term and was a lot of fun. This year, the wonderful Father of Malaika in Pre-Primary volunteered his professional DJ services and had the children on the dance floor for the entire evening! It was wonderful to see all the children having a great time. It was also fantastic to see the Staff dancing with the Students and having a great time also. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped set up, run the shop and clean up afterwards.

For the whole of Term 2, we ran our Glass Jars Competition where children donated their silver coins. There was a lot of competition amongst the Students, and the Teachers, and Miss Partington was forced to admit defeat (which doesn't happen very often) with Mrs Ellis, Mrs Armstrong and the Year 3's taking out the prize of a class party on the last day of Term. Thank You to all the Teachers for your support with this fundraiser.

Our Bi-Annual Quiz Night was held in Term 3. This was a well attended event by both Families and Staff of Santa Clara with 14 tables booked. We received many donations from local businesses and these were used for various prizes, raffles and games. Thank You to everyone who helped walk the Albany Highway strip seeking donations. Bamboozled Entertainment, our host for the evening, did an amazing job entertaining everyone. Thank you to all the Parents and Staff for supporting this Fundraiser and booking tables.

This year, for our Athletics Carnival we provided lunch for the Staff and Students from Subway Bentley. All Students and Staff were able to order a 6" Sub along with a drink and a cookie of their choice. Thank you to Sonia Thiel and Jac Wilson for helping to collect the 175 lunch orders and deliver them to Wyong Oval and the Kindy & Pre-Primary classes. Thank You also to Miss Fitzpatrick who organised such a great event.

In Term 4 we held the "Santa Clara Colour Run". The children were very excited that this was on the agenda again this year. Unfortunately we had to postpone this event due to the weather in week 4, holding it the following week. Despite it being an extremely warm day, the kids (and Staff) enjoyed being sprayed with coloured powder as they entered the stations, and water pistols to help cool them down. Students received a participation pack which consisted of sunglasses, a wristband and a satchel of coloured powder which was used at the end of the event to spray one another with colour. They were also treated to an icy-pole the following week which were handed out at the canteen. The foam pit was introduced this year and this was a big hit. Lots of positive feedback was received from Staff, Students and Parents who expressed "this was the best one yet". This is a definite yearly event and already locked in for 2020 to be even bigger and better.

We introduced our Farewell Picnic & Fete this year which will be held this Friday evening, where we will welcome all the Families of Santa Clara,

including our new Kindy Families for 2020. The children will be entertained with a Bouncy Castle, Face Painting and various arts and crafts activities while the Parents can browse the numerous Food Vendors and Fete Stalls. We are anticipating that this will be a well attended event, with many families enjoying a warm evening socialising. Our surprise guest will also make his grand appearance and hand out gifts to all the Children.

We have also donated to various Year Groups throughout the year which has included Building Blocks for Kindy, Reading Books for Year 2, Hokki Stools for both Year 3 and Year 4 and Painting Easels for Pre-Primary, along with a contribution to the Year 6 camp which covered the cost of the transportation. We also participated in Woolworths Earn & Learn where we selected various items and donated them to our Maker Space, along with contributing to various recycling projects throughout the year. Thank You to all the Staff and Families who sent in their Woolworths stickers.

The P&F also contributed to the St Clare's Day celebrations by providing a sausage sizzle for all Staff and Students. Thank You to Mr Nunn for cooking for us. For Shrove Tuesday Celebrations this year, we introduced a Sports Colours Day, where the children wore their favourite sports teams colours for a gold coin donation. All monies received was donated to Caritas.

As the year draws to a close we will end with a sausage sizzle at the Edu-Dance Christmas Concert.

In the New Year the P&F will start the year off with our Welcome Picnic in Week 4 of Term 1.

Just a reminder to all Teachers that there is a budget of \$2000 set aside each year for your Teacher's requests along with a budget of \$1000 for the School. If you feel you need something in your classrooms or that children as a whole would benefit, you are welcome to put in a request in writing to the P&F President. All requests will be considered and discussed at the P&F meetings.

Thank You to all the Staff for all your amazing support throughout the year. I have enjoyed working with and being part of the Santa Clara Community and seeing the smiles, laughter and enjoyment from the Children is rewarding, my reason and my goal. I believe we have achieved great things and provided the Staff and Students with some wonderful resources, experiences and memories.

To all our wonderful Committee members, thank you for all your help, dedication and enthusiasm throughout the year. Without you, the Santa Clara P&F would not be possible. I've had a great time working with you all and looking forward to seeing you all again in 2020!

Thank You!