



Saint Helena's Catholic Primary School

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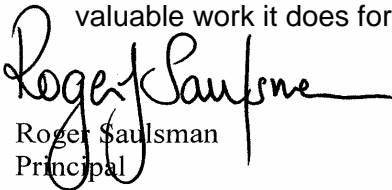
Something Beautiful for God

Important Dates

Tuesday	11 August	P&F Meeting 7.00pm in Staffroom
Thursday	13 August	Assembly (Geckos) 2.00pm
Saturday	15 August	Family Mass 6.00pm
Tuesday	15 September	Edu-Dance Concert Yr2-7 2.00pm

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

- † **School/Parish Family Mass.** The next Family Mass will be held this Saturday at 6.00 p.m. to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. This is a special Mass as Bishop Sproxtton will be in the parish. I would very much like you to bring your family to this special celebration of the Mass. Any children from the school who come and sing in the choir and wear their school uniform are most welcome.
- † **Bishop Sproxtton Visit.** As mentioned above Bishop Sproxtton will be in the parish from Friday through to Sunday. On Friday he will be meeting our Year 6/7 students as well as talking to the school's leadership team and having lunch with the staff.
- † **Sacrament of Confirmation.** This will be held tonight in the school library commencing at 7.00 p.m. Parents and sponsors and the candidates are required to attend. I would ask the school community to keep the children in Years 6 and Year 7 in your prayers as they prepare for this very important event.
- † **School Boundary Fence.** The side and rear metal fence has been erected. The front brick and iron fence is awaiting City of Swan approval before work can begin. To avoid disruption to the carpark it is anticipated that this work will take place during the school holidays.
- † **Staff Professional Development.** Three teachers are currently attending the two day Catholic Education Raising Achievement in Schools Conference at the Perth Convention Centre. The teachers will become better informed on the teaching of literacy and numeracy and will share this new expertise and knowledge with the rest of the staff.
- † **2010 Kindergarten Enrolments.** We have received a large number of enrolment enquiries (currently at 75) for the school's 2010 Kindergarten program. I have applied to the Director of Catholic Education for approval to operate three classes of Kindergarten in 2010 to cater for the increased demand. This will raise our enrolment capacity to 90 students.
- † **2010 Three Year Old Program.** I would anticipate that this program will be over subscribed as this is the case with this year's program. Interviews for this program will take place at the completion of the 2010 Kindergarten interviews.
- † **Student Free Days.** The first two days of Term 4 (Monday 12 October and Tuesday 13 October) will be student free days. Children will commence Term 4 on Wednesday 14 October.
- † **P & F Meeting.** The next P & F meeting will take place on Tuesday 11 August 7.00pm in the school's staff room. As always parents are invited to come along and assist the P & F in the valuable work it does for the children of the school.


Roger Saulsman
Principal

There are no great things, only small things with great love. Happy are those.
[Mother Teresa](#)

ST HELENA'S CATHOLIC PARISH, ELLENBROOK

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Pastoral Assistant – Rev. Ivan Sands (0439 919 585)
masses

MASS TIMES

Sat 8am & 6.00pm, Sun 8am & 9.30am
Weekdays Mon-Fri 7.30am
Reconciliation prior to all weekend

MARY MACKILLOP PRAYER

Most loving God,
We thank you for the example
of Blessed Mary MacKillop,
who in her living of the Gospel
witnessed to the human dignity
of each person.
She faced life's challenges with
faith and courage.
We pray through her intercession
for our needs.....
May her holiness soon be
acknowledged by the
universal Church.
We make this prayer through
Jesus the Lord.
Amen.

Dear God, We pray that Mary MacKillop will soon be recognized as a Saint, especially in our land Australia. May we follow in her footsteps as we learn to follow Jesus. We ask this in Your Name. Amen.



Parents of Year 6 & 7 students

The time has come to organise the end of the year graduation. This will take place on Friday, 10 December. Parents of graduating students need to attend the next P&F meeting (11 August) as there will be a meeting straight afterwards to discuss the graduation dinner.

Faction Athletics Carnival -

We need parents to help out at the carnival. If you are able to help with ball games, fun games and move around with the teams, please give me a call. Help us make the carnival a great success. Katrina Bennett.

Art News

Art department/Fair needs your help. If there are any parents who own a sewing machine, and can help with sewing of student-made denim bags, please leave your name and contact details at the office. Thank you, Melissa Sutterby

Communion Photos

The photos of the Holy Communion candidates have arrived and are available in the school office for your perusal or you can go online at www.midlandphotos.com.au

Uniform Shop

Open every morning from 8.20am to 8.45am or orders can be taken. The new track pants have now arrived and are available for purchase. They will cost \$30.00.

School Canteen

Extra Products for Term 3 Menu

Noodles – chicken/beef - \$2.00

Fried Chicken Rice - \$3.50, Cruiser Pie - \$3.50

Sausage Rolls - \$3.00

The canteen will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please remember to put separate money into each order bag or see Mrs Gregory at the canteen.

Canteen Roster	
Wed 12 August	Antonella Simmonds
Fri 14 August	Cathy Muraszko Adelle Alberts
Mon 17 August	Cheryl Smith
Wed 19 August	Amanda Sultana
Fri 21 August	Jaki Casali Katrina Bennett
Mon 24 August	Trish Salvo

Helping Hands - Helping Hands is held on Tuesday Mornings after drop off. Nothing too difficult and no experience is needed. Children are welcome, so come along and have a cuppa and a chat. It is held in the Staffroom. For more information, please contact Maria Pradhan on 0432 845 060 or Geraldine Nolan on 0419 964 268.

P&F News

DISCO

The disco will be held on Friday, 21 August 2009.

Times are as follows	Kindy-Yr2	5.00pm-6.15pm
	Yr3-Yr7	6.30pm-8.00pm

Tickets will be on sale outside the school office as of Wednesday morning. Tickets can be purchased before and after school.

Costing of tickets	Kindy-Yr2	\$6.50
	Yr3-Yr7	\$7.00

This will include a drink, snack and glowstick.

We have arranged to have portable toilets delivered so the children will not have to leave the hall. This will mean that it is not necessary for all parents to attend the disco; however, you will need to pick up your children promptly at the end of their session. If you are able to help on the night, please let Estelle know (0409 901 092).

P&F Meeting

Please remember that the P&F meeting is on tonight at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

Recipe Book

This is still in progress. If you have any recipes, please send them in. We have an abundance of chocolate recipes and main courses so we are preferably looking for other types of recipes – slices, entrees, soups and snacks. A typed or written copy can be handed in at the office or emailed to admin@sthelenas.wa.edu.au

Scholastic Books

There was a delay in the delivery of some books. Thank you for your patience. If you have any enquiries, please contact Wendy on 0403 152 224.

Fete

Finalising of class stalls is in place. If you have a great idea for your class's stall, please see me at the front office. Thank you to the class representatives who have already nominated their stalls. Look out for a fete flyer later in the week. Thanks Narelle.

Community News

Feast of Assumption

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be held at 8.00am on Saturday 15 August. In addition, the Archbishop has advised the Feast be celebrated on Saturday Vigil Mass which will fulfill both the Holy Day and Sunday obligations. Sunday morning Masses are the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary time.

Canonical Visitation

This will be conducted by Bishop Don Sproxtton from 14 – 16 August. A copy of the visitation program is kept on the notice board for your reference. There will be a meet and greet with him after Mass. Please bring along a plate for morning tea to share with the Bishop on this great occasion.

Raffle Tickets

At the front office, there will be some raffle tickets which you can purchase. The funds will go towards the 'Honouring Indigenous War Graves Incorporated' which is set up for recognizing the services and sacrifices of our "Indigenous Veterans". Prizes include a number of paintings created by indigenous painters. Tickets are \$2.00 each.

Parents with businesses

Parents with businesses are invited to leave their cards with the office staff and they will be displayed in the noticeboard at the Lychgate, so the community can access numbers

Swan Hills Swimming Club

Get into swimming. Want to swim FAST, Improve FOCUS, have FUN keeping FIT and meet new FRIENDS? We invite you to come on Friday 14 August at 5.30pm. Swan Park Aquatic Centre – Lap Pool. Cost in \$5.00 per family. Club Night suitable for skill level stage 5/over. Ring Sarah Burke 9248 3647.

NOW YOUR CHILD CAN LEARN A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT!

Learning a musical instrument brings many benefits to your child's overall academic and emotional development. Please take advantage of the opportunity that now exists for your child to participate in our school's instrumental music program. We offer a range of brass; woodwind and stringed instruments all conducted within school hours. If your child doesn't have an instrument of their own to practice on we also offer reasonable priced rental instruments on a month-by-month basis! To enroll your child please call SCOTT HUNTER, MUSICORP AUSTRALIA 9202 6818

Swan Districts Tee Ball Association

North Swan Park, Patterson Drive, Middle Swan. Ages from 4 to 12 inclusive.

Registration days are Sat 15 August (10am-3pm); Wed 19 Aug (3.30pm-6pm); Sat 22 Aug (10am-6pm); Wed 26 Aug (3.30pm-6pm), Sat 5 Sept (12pm-4.30pm).

For further information, please feel free to contact Leanne Ludin on 0407 186 880 or Leanne Shaw on 0438 508 766.

Sport News

What a busy start to Term 3! So far we have had our Faction Cross Country and the Inter-school Cross Country, Eagles Cup Faction Footy Grand Final as well as taking 3 Netball teams and a Football team to the Swan Districts Lightning Carnivals.



Green Faction won the Faction Cross Country by 5 points.

White Faction won the Eagles Cup Faction Footy with Eagles Brad Ebert and Scott Selwood coming out to help umpire and present awards. Most improved players were Alicia Thornbury and Jarred Barden. The best girl player was Aimee Buckingham and the best boy player was Jace Tomlinson.

At the Swan Districts Carnival the students were enthusiastic in their participation as well as demonstrating some great skills and fantastic behaviour. The Footballer's were runner's up of their division and the Year 5 Netball team won their division. A big thank-you to the wonderful parents that helped out on the day- Mr Walker, Mrs D'Evelynes, Mrs Gobald and Mrs Ford.

Last Tuesday at the Inter-school cross country, the students had a very demanding course including a big hill. I was very impressed with the effort that every student put in and how well behaved they all were. A special mention goes to Chelsea Church who won the Yr 5 girls race, Shania Wallace, first in the yr 7 girls race, Neneh Fitzmaurice, second in the yr 7 girls race and Bayley Woodrooffe, second in the yr 7 boys race.

