



St Augustine's Parish School

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UNIFORM SHOP every Tuesday 8.30am – 9.00am and
Thursday: 8.30am – 9.00am and 2.45pm – 3.15pm

RECEPTION HOY



In History Reception Hoy have been learning about families. We know that our families all look different. We have discussed who the members of our family are and how they are related to us.

Learning Intention: Name the members of your family and describe how they are related to you.

DIARY DATES

- Fri 20/3** National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence
- Wed 25/3** Showdown donut day
- Mon 6/4** Holy Week
- Thurs 9/4** Term 1 Ends (12.30pm)
- Mon 27/4** Term 2 Begins (9.00am)



HIGHLIGHTS

We're still here and we're doing well!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the families for your patience around the endless letters and COVID-19 updates. We have endeavoured to keep the school running as close to normal as possible but we have had to postpone some events for the health and safety of the children and the general community. We hope you understand.

AGM

Whilst the AGM was cancelled, information surrounding the school and its activities in 2019 are available on request at the Front Desk. I would like to thank the outgoing members of the Board for their commitment and dedication to the community and congratulate Parisa Mohammadi, Lyra Angeles and Winston Pestana who have been elected to the School Board for 2020. Because of the cancellation, we will be inviting members of the school community to the first Board Meeting in 2020 to be held in May (unless we are advised against holding this gathering as well).

The following are the Members of the School Board for 2020:

Fr Shibu Jacob mfs (President)

Georgia Dennis (Principal)

Lyra Angeles (Chair, Finance Committee)

Ian Aitchison (Staff Rep)

Kevin Blake (Parish Rep)

Kim Moffatt (Parent Rep)

Rose Musolino (Parent Rep)

Parisa Mohammadi (Parent Rep)

Winston Pestana (Parent Rep)

Natasha Shields (Parent Rep)

We thank these people for contributing their time and energy to the St Augustine's Parish School community.

The Annual Report to the Community is available at www.saps.catholic.edu.au

ASSURANCE

We would like to assure the community that we are taking every precaution to keep you and your children, as well as the staff, safe at St Augustine's Parish School. We have implemented practices and procedures which may appear cumbersome but are in place to do the best that we can to stem the spread of illness in our community. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

COMMUNITY

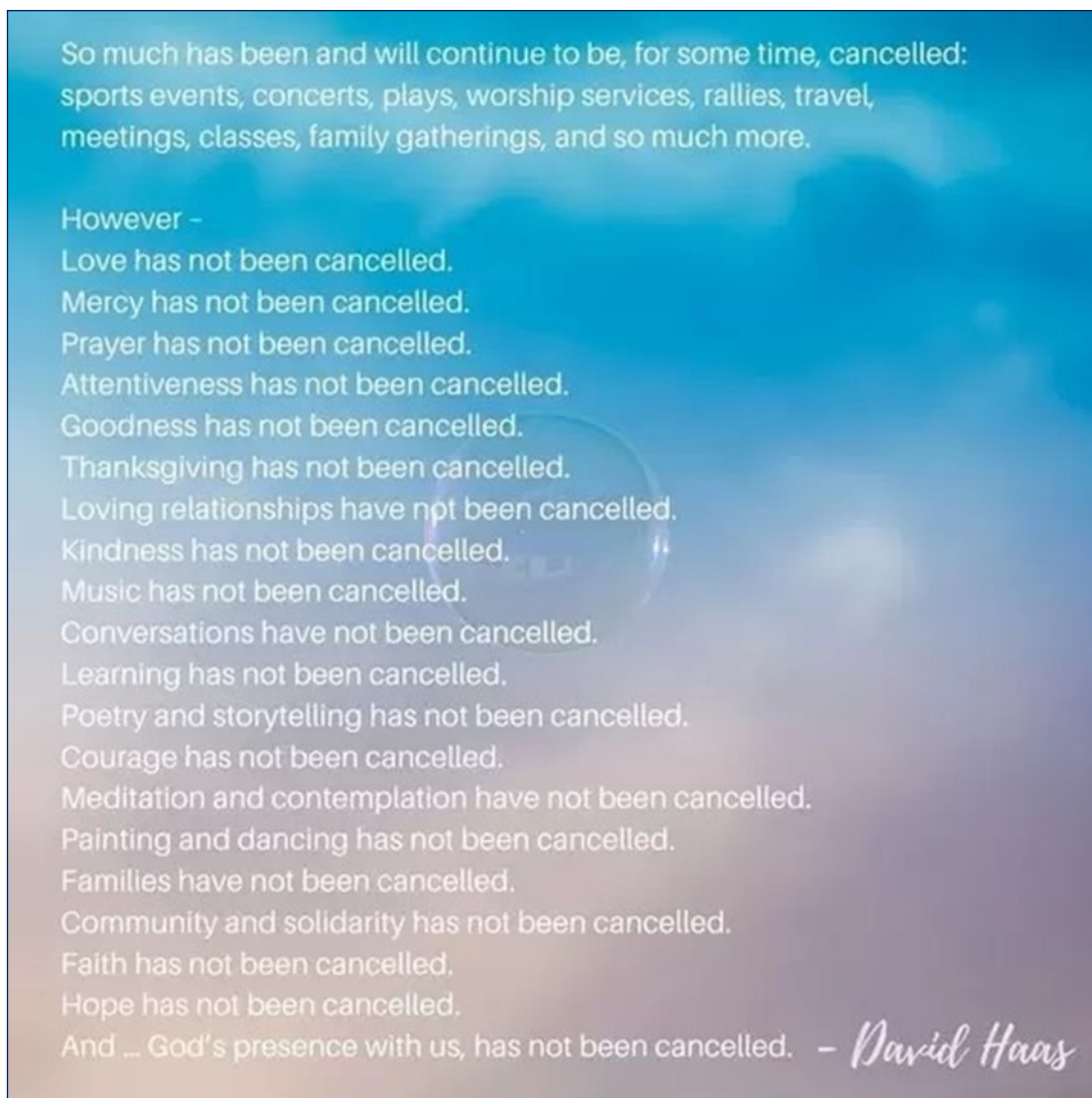
It is with sadness that due to the present health climate of COVID-19 we have had to suspend our Community Hub, Occasional Care and Playgroup. We trust families understand and appreciate that this is being done for the health and safety of all concerned. We will advise families as soon as we are able to resume these community projects and look forward to seeing you all around the school again.

DID YOU KNOW?

***St Augustine's Parish School has a Facebook page
www.Facebook.com/StAugustinesParishSchool
and website
<https://www.saps.catholic.edu.au/newsletter.html>
that contains updates and important relevant
information for families.***

FACEBOOK

For those of who have not seen our Facebook page I invite you to consider the following words in the light of the current global situation:



David Haas / The Emmaus Center for Music, Prayer & Ministry

Blessings and Peace, *Georgia Dennis, Kerri Dent & Phillis Johnston*

PE NEWS

On Friday 13 March, students from St Augustine's competed at the SACPSSA Swimming carnival at Magill Swimming Pool. Students from year 4 to year 6 competed in a variety of 25m and 50m mixed swimming events.

Our students won overall champions for 'Year 5' and we also had two individual swimming champions, Zyla A (4AP) and Ruby S (5M/H).

All students should be very proud of their efforts with over 10 first place ribbons as well finishing in the top 3 in both relay team events.

Kas Pillay
Physical Education Teacher





CANTEEN



Term 1 Week 9: 23 March - 27 March

Monday	Rosie
Tuesday	Judith
Wednesday	Inger & Sally (Showdown Donut Day)
Thursday	Carolyn & Estrella
Friday	Estrella & Sally

Term 1 Week 10 30 March - 3 April

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Tuesday	Judith
Wednesday	Inger & Sally
Thursday	Carolyn & Estrella
Friday	Estrella & Sally

Please use current Canteen Price List dated 28/01/2020.

TERM 3 2020 ENROLMENTS

If you have a child who turns 5 before 31 October 2020 we invite you to enrol them to begin in Reception
Term 3 2020 or Term 1 2021.

Applications are available online (<http://www.saps.catholic.edu.au/Enrolment>) or from the Front Office.



Notice from CommBank School Banking

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority.

Due to the rapidly developing situation with coronavirus, School Banking has been temporarily paused from **20 March 2020** until the start of **Term 2**.

Please don't bring your deposit book with your weekly banking into school and we will notify you when banking will recommence.

Veronica Howarth

Head of School Banking
Retail Banking Services

School FEES

Term 1 Fees – Now Overdue

On Friday 6 March, Term 1's fees (one quarter of full year's fees) were due. If you have not updated your payment plan for 2020 or paid Term 1 fees please do so immediately to **avoid an overdue fee of \$50 being added to your account**. If you are experiencing difficulties or require a negotiated payment plan, please contact me via the Front Office or email me at finance@saps.catholic.edu.au

School card

If you have already applied for School Card this year and have received a letter from the School Card Department stating that you are ineligible, please come in and see either Kate Uren or myself to apply for a re-assessment. This needs to be done prior to our next submission date 3 April.

Also if you have not already applied THIS YEAR, please do so immediately to avoid paying full fees. We cannot apply for this after the final submission date. **You must apply for School Card every year. Failure to submit a School Card application will result in reversal of the discounts already applied on your statement. (Additional charges will apply.)**

Liz Polljonker - Business Manager

COVID-19 Fact Sheet

Information for Parents

Updated 17 March 2020



The issue of coronavirus (COVID-19) is being reported on daily by the media and you are no doubt aware of the information that is available concerning this virus.

This fact sheet does not intend to replicate advice that is provided by official channels – please refer to these websites for the latest information:

www.health.gov.au

www.health.gov.au/covid19-travellers

Catholic Education SA is in close contact with government and health authorities and we will keep parents updated.

Here are some typical questions being asked by parents/caregivers:

1. What should I do if my child is unwell?

If your child is ill or displays flu like symptoms, seek medical advice and do not send your child to school.

If you receive confirmation that your child or a member of your family has coronavirus (COVID-19) please notify the school as soon as this is known. The child will need to be picked up immediately if he/she is at school.

2. Are students from families who have recently travelled overseas allowed to be at school?

All people who arrive in Australia from midnight 15 March 2020 are required to self-isolate for 14 days. For more information go to the [Smart Traveller website](https://www.smarttraveller.gov.au/).

3. What happens if my child or another child seems to display coronavirus like symptoms while at school?

While coronavirus is of concern, it is important to remember that most people displaying symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat or tiredness are likely suffering with a cold or other illness – not coronavirus. Nevertheless, if a child becomes unwell at school, the usual school routine of care, separating that child from their classmates and calling a parent/caregiver to collect them would be followed, if it is deemed preferable for the child to go home.

4. What will happen to my child's education if he/she is to be isolated for 14 days?

If a child is unable to attend school, we will work with you to ensure that we minimise the impact on their learning.

Latest updates will be provided at:
www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/alerts

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5. What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in the school?

The school will communicate with families and follow the advice from relevant authorities, like SA Health. It is likely the school would close for at least 24 hours while it is cleaned, and health authorities trace virus contact between individuals. Health authorities will declare that the school has followed all expected protocols and allow the school to reopen.

The school will keep you informed during any closure period. Parents would be advised when students are able to return.

6. What education is happening about coronavirus at school and what can I do to help relieve any anxiety for my children?

Schools are encouraged to use [materials](#) that health authorities have available. Students are reminded about general health and the importance of handwashing and refraining from touching their face.

Here are some useful tips for talking to your child, depending on their age and level of understanding about coronavirus:

- Assess what they know already. Find out what they understand so you know where to start
- Don't dismiss or minimise your child's fear — validate their concerns. It is reasonable to be concerned because most have probably never experienced anything like this before
- Make your explanation age appropriate, provide facts, and keep it positive and calm. Tell them scientists and doctors are working on treatments. Reassure them that right now the risk of getting the coronavirus is low and if contracted most people only get cold-like symptoms and then they are immune
- Give them some control over what is happening. Teach the importance of handwashing and how to do it properly, remind them of their responsibility to protect others from coughs and sneezing.
- Make it an opportunity to learn. Talk about how our bodies fight viruses. Understanding the science can alleviate fears. Get them to do their own fact-checking on what they have heard at school.
- Remind children that no-one should be ostracised or bullied because they have been associated with the virus
- Do not make it a one-time conversation. Keep checking in to see if they need reassurance or if they have any new questions

Source: [ABC Online: How to talk to your children about coronavirus](#)

Catholic Education SA has a team developing a range of strategies to support students and schools at this time. A response team has been meeting regularly to prepare for the impact that coronavirus might have on Catholic Schools. We will keep you updated. Please be assured that we have the welfare of our students and staff as our focus.

If you have particular concerns about how your child is responding to information about coronavirus, please speak to your principal.

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