



St Augustine's Parish School

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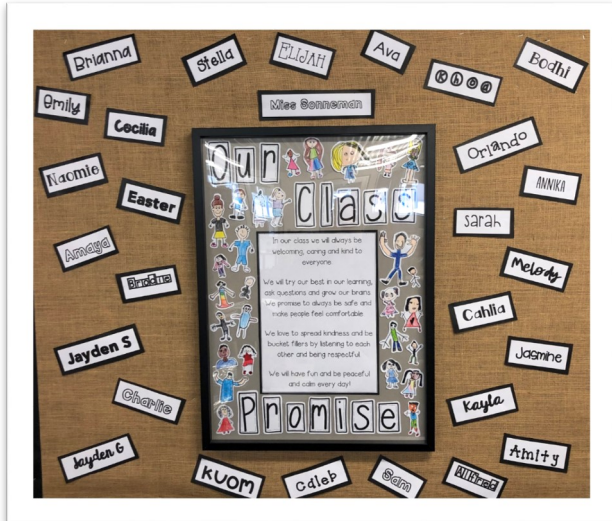
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HIGHLIGHTS

Dear Families

Welcome back to a very changed situation in schools. At the end of Term 1 it appeared to be all gloom and doom as we prepared to work remotely with the children and their families. While we are still providing some home learning for children who have 'very high risk' family members in their house, nearly all of the children have returned – and it is SO GOOD! School looks and sounds like the real thing again and we could not be happier.

While everyone was away, teachers were spending time perfecting their remote learning programs and contacting families to make sure that everyone felt connected in a fairly scary time for us all.

South Australia is the best place to live and so safe! Our social distancing and care for each other has meant that our state is doing really well and schools can return to face to face learning and full attendance in Week 2 Term 2.

Hopefully some of the other restrictions will soon be gradually lifted and jobs and businesses will return to normal operational mode. This can only happen if we all practise the physical distancing as well as good hygiene protocols.

At St Augustine's we are asking all parents except Reception parents, to drop children off at the **Carey St** or **Church car park gates** and to phone the Front Office for all **canteen** and **uniform shop** orders. Your co-operation with this request has been brilliant and we sincerely thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe and well.

Mr Mardy has continued to look like someone out of Ghost Busters as he cleans toilets, drink fountains and taps as well as the outdoor furniture and play equipment twice each day. The cleaners from Lavender Cleaning scrupulously clean the school each night. Staff at the school clean their work areas every day paying particular attention to surfaces, doorknobs and handles as well as phones and counters. Each classroom has hand sanitiser and children are reminded constantly about hand washing. We have soap products in all of our toilets. **WE ARE SO CLEAN** and the school smells great!

So it is safe to send your children back to school to learn and socialise with their friends.

Further to our advice on 16 March 2020 in the COVID19 Update, we are still not able to open the next School Board Meeting to all members of the school community. As soon as the restrictions of no more than 10 persons meeting are lifted, the school community will be invited to attend a **School Board Meeting** to review and discuss the 2019 School Year Report.

There is no doubt that this pandemic has created havoc across people's livelihoods and placed many people in financial stress. St Augustine's Parish School is here for our families and for anyone considering a quality Catholic education for their child or children. In Term 2 we offered **full fee remission** for families and many families certainly appreciated this support. Some families continued to work and they offered to continue to pay their fees. We were very grateful to these families.

Next term, we will have our **mid-year intake** and we realise that school fees may still be an issue for our families. Luckily, the Director of Catholic Education, Dr Neil McGoran, has declared that children who commence Reception in the mid-year intake will not be charged fees for Terms 3 and 4 in 2020.

Any of our families who are experiencing ongoing financial difficulties in Term 3 are warmly invited to contact our Business Manager, Liz Polljonker, about our very generous **fees remissions**. We are always here to help our families and never more than during these unprecedented times of upheaval. Please give Liz a call.

While **Easter** seems like forever ago, we are still celebrating the Easter Season of hope and a God who is always present to us. We pray for all of our families and families around the world that they will feel that sense of belonging, hope and comfort from a God who is ever present and steadfast.

We pray for the deliverance of the world from this pandemic and the travails that adversely affect our people and our planet. We give thanks for those who have served throughout world conflicts to bring peace and freedom and for those who bring support and freedom from illness and disease.

May all those who strive to help others and to bring comfort and a sense of hope to people, be kept safe and well in their work and in their family life. We pray for strong, just and ethical leadership from those in positions of trust and influence. We give thanks for the children and the community of St Augustine's Parish School.

This Sunday is **Mothers Day** and we wish all of our mothers and those who provide the care of a mother, a very happy and joy filled Mothers Day. Please remember mums that are not living in your house as we want all mothers to feel connected to their families and the ones they love.

Happy Mothers Day from all of us at St Augustine's Parish School



Blessings and Peace, *Georgia Dennis & Kerri Dent*.

DIARY DATES

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| Fri 5/6 | PUPIL FREE DAY |
| Mon 8/6 | PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
| Fri 3/7 | TERM 3 ENDS |

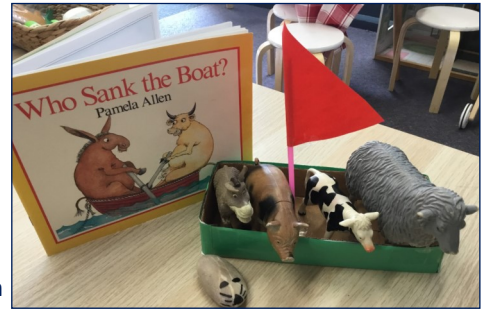
PLAYGROUP

Hi Everyone

Playgroup can now be accessed on-line, Please come and join us on Facebook, we have a closed group site where we have been reading stories to the children each week, creating crafts, exploring our environment and learning new songs, it's been a valuable and fun way to stay connected with our Pre-School community. If you have young children and would like to join in on the fun please contact Carole on 81827987 or email childcare@saps.catholic.edu.au for more details.

Carole Smith

Playgroup Co-ordinator



VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Vinnie's desperately need food for families in need.

Cans of soup, vegetables and tuna
Packet meals to cook at home

Packets of pasta and rice
Biscuits – sweet and savoury

We know this a difficult time for many of our families, but many people rely on Vinnie's to get through another day without going hungry.

Thank you so much for any donations you are able to make.

TERM 3 2020 ENROLMENTS

If you have a child due who turns 5 before 31 October 2020 we invite you to enrol them for Term 3 2020 Reception or Term 2 2021 Reception.

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

School F E E S

2020 School Card Applications

Did your circumstances change prior to 28th February 2020? If so you may be eligible to apply for school card this year. Please complete the school card application form (available from the Front Office) or apply online at <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme> under applications.

All families who have nominated school card for 2020 must complete the application process to avoid higher fees being charged. Our next submission date is **Friday 15 May**. If you require assistance completing this form please come in and see us, we are more than happy to help.

Liz Polljonker – Business Manager

LUCKY BOOK CLUB

All orders for Lucky book Club Issue 3 are online. Should you wish to place an order please follow the link for ordering and payment.

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

Closing date is the May 18 2020 and the orders will be sent to school and distributed to your child's class.

Please contact the Front Office for assistance.



Thomas More College is currently taking bookings on their website for a Virtual Tour and Principal's Forum via Zoom, on Saturday 16 May at 9:30am.

Book online at <https://www.tmc.catholic.edu.au/>

To further assist families at this time, the Enrolment Application Fee has been waived. Please contact Thomas More College on 8182 2600 for more information.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

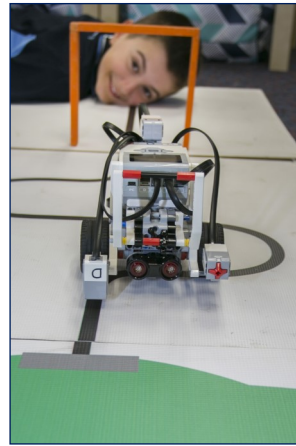
RAISING HEARTS AND MINDS

How do you sum up what Catholic schools do in just four words?

After 18 months of listening to stakeholders across our schools - from students to teachers, principals to parents - Catholic Education South Australia is pleased to launch our new positioning statement. **Raising Hearts and Minds.**

Do you know anyone seeking quality education for their child? More information is available at

<https://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/>





Parking Around Schools

Due to the chaotic nature of traffic around schools at peak times, streets can be an extremely dangerous place for children.

Young children have not yet fully developed their cognitive abilities and therefore their perception, judgement and awareness of potentially dangerous situations is not adequately developed to enable them to cope with the road traffic.

Children are not easily visible and often act impulsively, which means if you are driving around a school take special care, to ensure we keep our children safe. Remember that children copy grown-ups - encourage good road sense by watching them closely and leading by example.

5 Helpful Tips for School Zones

As parents and caregivers we have a great responsibility to ensure children stay safe in school zones. We also play a key role in educating children about road safety. Here are 5 helpful tips for safety in school zones:

1. Allow enough time to take your child to the school gate safely and without rushing.
2. Always observe parking signs and speed limits in and around school zones. They are designed to keep your child safe.
3. Talk about signs and traffic lights with your child. Identify and discuss places where it is safe to get out of the car and cross the road.
4. Teach your child how to cross the road using the 'stop, look and listen' process - stop at the kerb, look and listen for traffic and then decide whether it is safe to cross.
5. Park a few streets away and walk your child to school. This is also good exercise and helps teach your child road safety rules.

Behaviours to Avoid

- Speeding
- Double parking
- Parking too close to an intersection
- Parking across driveways
- Parking too close to pedestrian crossings



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Common Traffic Signs

The City of Salisbury has implemented a comprehensive traffic management and parking scheme in the streets surrounding your child's school to help make it a safe place.

Going against the road rules places not only your child's life at risk, but those of others. Tragedies can occur if care is not taken to abide by these rules. Below are some explanations of signs that are placed around schools to ensure your child stays safe.



No Parking Signs

Drop off and pick up only. You must not queue or wait here. The driver must remain with the vehicle.



No Parking Signs

The same rules apply as the previous 'No Parking' sign, however, the rules only apply during the times and days shown on the sign.



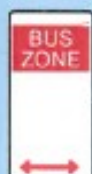
No Stopping Signs

You must not stop in a 'No Stopping' area at anytime. Drop off and pick up is not allowed even for the briefest



Yellow Kerb Lines

An unbroken yellow kerb line is a no stopping line and therefore the same rules apply as for a 'No Stopping' sign.



Bus Zone Signs

You must not stop within a bus zone at any time. This zone is only available to public buses.



Obstruct Driveways

A vehicle must not obstruct an entrance way or crossing point to a property, even if it is your own.

Reserves, Footpaths & Verges

It is an offence to drive or park on a reserve, footpath or dividing strip and could cause an accident, injure a pedestrian or damage property.