



St Augustine's Parish School

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VINNIES APPEAL



Thank you to our St Augustine's families for the donations that will be shared with people in our local community who are in need of such items. Through your compassion and generosity, we are able to be a model of discipleship and follow Jesus' teaching of 'Love One Another'. A sincere thank you to all families for your support of the Vinnies Appeal.



HIGHLIGHTS

Dear Families and Friends of St Augustine's Parish School.

Wow it's Week 6 and haven't we come such a long way! Everyone is back at school and busy with their learning and on Tuesday we welcomed 38 new **Reception** children and their families. We also very warmly welcomed two new Reception Teachers to our school community, **Ashlee Lange and Alexandra Warner**. Ashlee and Alexandra will be working with the new Receptions and their families.

Families will notice that the **nature play area** is now open to the whole school and the Early Years children have been very pleased to be able to play and create in the space during recess and lunch every day! Children are encouraged to dig, make cubbies and other imaginary places and spaces and construct with sticks, bark and rocks. At this early stage everyone is learning how to play safely in the space and how to use the **'gifts of nature'** in the most creative and appropriate ways.

As the weather had turned particularly wintry, many children are wearing long track pants to school. Please ensure that your child is in the **correct school uniform**. We do understand if our uniform shop is waiting on an order for your child's size that the uniform may be slightly varied! Tights and leggings worn under skorts are not part of the uniform. If there is a financial reason for your child not wearing school uniform, please ring the Front Office and we will work with you to supply a uniform. **Thank you to all of the families who support pride in St Augustine's by making sure that their children are in correct school uniform every day.**

OSHC families are now asked to walk down the **"yellow brick road"** next to the Nature Play fence to access the OSHC service in the morning and at night. The new configuration is to keep children safe and provide easy access for families. Families are asked to **park in the Church carpark**. If you drop off or pick up when it is dark, families may use the staff carpark when the boom gate is locked in the up position. Using the Staff carpark at any other time is not permitted and often creates an unsafe situation as teachers drive into their parking places.

The **staff carpark** is not safe for children, and children who come to OSHC or come before the main gates are open are **not to be just dropped** in either the Church or staff carparks. Children need to be dropped off at **8.30am** when the gates are open and teachers are on duty, or **booked into OSHC**. Leaving children in a carpark unattended is unsafe. Please book your children into OSHC if you need to get to work early.

Thank you to all of the families who are helping to **safely clear** the Church carpark and Carey Street each afternoon. Your patience with our traffic management is most appreciated. **Safety** is our greatest concern and so we remind parents that there is no parking on yellow lines and no stopping on the Carey Street crossing or in the middle of the street to pick up or drop off children.

This Friday will be a Pupil Free day as teachers engage in Professional Learning. OSHC will be available but it is essential that your child is booked into the service prior to Friday.

Last Sunday we celebrated the **Feast of Pentecost** and the coming of the **Holy Spirit**. The Spirit visited Mary and the other followers of Jesus while they were gathered in an upper room and we often associated this visit with wind and fire. Pope Francis tells us that on this Feast, which is often called the **birthday of the Church**, the Holy Spirit brought harmony: Pope Francis feels that this is something deeply needed in *"today's frenzied pace of life" – "Pulled in a thousand directions, we run the risk of nervous exhaustion, so we look for quick fixes like pills and thrill-seeking to feel alive"*. **What we need is the Holy Spirit to bring order to our lives.**

"The Spirit is peace in the midst of restlessness, confidence in the midst of discouragement, joy in sadness, youth in aging, courage in the hour of trial. Amid the stormy currents of life, the Spirit lowers the anchor of hope."

We pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit in all of our lives and in the lives of those who cry out for strength and help in these difficult times.

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

DIARY DATES

Fri 5/6 PUPIL FREE DAY

Mon 8/6 PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Fri 3/7 TERM 3 ENDS

1CC CELEBRATING PENTECOST



2021 ENROLMENTS

If you have a child due to start school in 2021, we invite you to enrol them now.

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

View our home from yours
Another level of education, Year 7-12



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Year 6 STEM

The Year 6 cohort have been working on Angles in Mathematics.

Using our knowledge of angles, students designed and made a marble run which had to incorporate all shapes and angles measured in degrees. Challenges of this task included working to scale, using protractors and critiquing through the making process. The children worked with a set criteria making a challenge for their teachers to solve.

