



St Augustine's Parish School

NEWSLETTER No. 11 – Term 3 Week 2, 2020

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STUDENT BANKING every Wednesday

PLAYGROUP every Monday, Tuesday & Friday (9.00am – 11.00am)

OCCASIONAL CARE every Wednesday (9.00am–11.30am)

100 DAYS AT SCHOOL

Each morning since the start of the school year, the Receptions have been counting how many days we have been at school. Last Friday we reached our 100th day!

We celebrated our 100th day of school by wearing our pyjamas...because if you were 100 years old, wouldn't you want to stay in your pyjamas all day?! Our teachers even turned into 100 year old's with grey hair and walking sticks!

The day was filled with "100" themed activities. We did some writing about what we will look like and what we will do when we are 100 years old. We also participated in STEM challenges using 100 cups, 100 dominoes and 100 pieces of Lego.

There was so much excitement and fun celebrating our 100th day of school!



100
Days

HIGHLIGHTS

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

Welcome to Term 3 and a very special welcome to our new Reception children and their families. The children have settled in well and they are enjoying their first school experience.

The school has also resumed **Playgroup** and **Occasional Care** and families are reminded that bookings are essential and, as always, if your child is sick, please do not come to school, to Playgroup or to Occasional Care.

Many families have asked when parents will be allowed back on site. At this point in time, given the experience in Victoria, we will be continuing to have parents **drop children at the gate** and pick them up at the gate in the afternoon. For the foreseeable future, only Reception parents will be allowed on site. Whilst this may be inconvenient to some, this is all about making sure that we keep ourselves as safe as possible at this time.

The school continues to provide children with **hand sanitiser and soap** and there are two hand sanitiser stations at the entrance gates to the school. Mr Mardy disinfects the school each day and cleaners clean the school everyday, especially the toilets, drink fountains and tables. Parents are asked to use the hand sanitiser in the **Front Office** and to observe physical distancing at all times. Please feel free to call the school if you need anything that we can provide rather than coming in to the office, this may include school uniforms, canteen orders, queries about the school diary.

Sunshine Café is open for business and children who need a second breakfast or didn't get up in time to have the first one, can access a nutritious first meal of the day. Hopefully we will soon be open to whole families for breakfast.

Learning Conversations are in **Week 3** and parents are very welcome on site for those meetings, keeping physically distanced and rescheduling if you are unwell. During these meetings teachers will explain a survey that Catholic Education SA is undertaking surrounding students with particular learning needs. We ask that parents avail themselves of this survey which is online and a link has been sent to families via Dojo and SeeSaw. We thank you in anticipation for your input.

Families are reminded that school concludes at 3.15 pm. Our Front Office is being inundated with families wanting to pick up children from 2.30 pm onwards, every single day! This has a huge impact on children's learning time and the teachers' abilities to focus entirely on the children in the class. The Front Office staff are being asked to ring through to classrooms as late as 3.10 pm for an early pick up. This cannot continue and we ask that parents only request an early pick up for doctor's or dentist's appointments. The Front Office is not a pick up point for children. From now on, parents wanting to collect children from 3.00 pm will be asked to meet their children at the gate on Carey Street or the Church Car Park. If you have a professional appointment for your child, please let the Front Office and the teacher know first thing in the morning so that arrangements can be made that do not disrupt learning at the end of the day. We thank you for your co-operation with this very important matter. Parents are reminded that after school parking is in the Church or Chapel Car Parks and not across the road in the car parks of other businesses on Commercial Road.

Thank you to all of the parents who park in the **church and chapel car park** each afternoon to collect their children from school. Kerri Dent and Georgia Dennis have new careers of 'Lollipop Ladies' and traffic managers in the car parks and the co-operation of families is greatly appreciated. We do remind families that **parking** on the corner of Kelly and Carey Streets is very **dangerous** as cars come around the corner and cannot always see a car that is parked on the yellow line. We have had a couple of near misses in the last week. We ask all families to observe the road rules and parking restrictions and to exercise just a little bit of patience as we endeavour to move everybody safely out of the school grounds and immediate area.

Some of our annual events such as **Wakakirri** and **Catholic Schools Music Festival** will look very different this year with performances being recorded and not open to the public. This is a sad consequence of the state that we find ourselves in with Covid19. The upside is that the children will still have an opportunity to have the 'stage' experience which will be on video.

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

DIARY DATES

Tues 25/8	SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
Fri 4/9	PUPIL FREE DAY
Fri 25/9	TERM 3 ENDS (12.30PM)

AUSSIE BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

Ms Pahl and her class are collecting Bread Tags for Wheelchairs and would love your help.

They can be any colour. Please send them to Ms Pahl's class.

Thank you so much for your help. For more information please follow the link:

<https://ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au/>



LUCKY BOOK CLUB

Orders for Lucky Book Club Issue 5 are now open. Should you wish to place an order please follow the link for ordering and payment.

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/BrowseCatalogue.aspx>

Orders will be sent to school and distributed to your child's class.

Please contact the Front Office for assistance.

PERFORMING ARTS

Congratulations to the Performing Arts Classes of Term 2! 1NB and 5ML received the most points for their listening, enthusiasm and effort!



Paula Giugliano (Performing Arts Teacher)

Lost Property

Lost property can be found in the entrance of administration and also inside the Front Office.

Please check for your child's lost items.

Reminder: please write your child's names on uniform items to ensure safe return should they be misplaced.



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SELF PORTRAITS

As part of our inquiry into "Developing children's sense of self", we used mirrors to look at our faces and draw our own self portrait. The students were encouraged to take their time, have a go, persist, look at the shapes they could see on their face and use spatial awareness to think about the position of their features. They then described their drawings, giving the viewer an insight into how each student views him/her self.



RECEPTION WARNER



2020 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

We are delighted to inform you that St Augustine's Parish School will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments this year. ICAS is developed by UNSW Global, a wholly owned subsidiary of the University of New South Wales, with over 35 years' experience in educational assessments.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition. Every student will receive a certificate and an online result report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year. The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision.

ICAS Assessments are now online, a move that reflects a sector-wide transition to computer-based assessment. This allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results.

Learn more about ICAS here: unsw.global/ICAS

Payment and Permission Information

To confirm your child's participation, simply complete and return the accompanying permission slip with payment no later than **Monday, 21 September 2020**.

The tests, including dates & costs, are for students in year levels as indicated in the table below:

Please return to the Front Office in a sealed envelope with your child's name clearly printed.

My child WILL participate in the following ICAS tests at St Augustine's School in 2020:

Student's Name: Class:

ICAS SUBJECT	Year levels	ICAS sitting date	PRICE	Please tick
Digital Technologies	3 - 6	Tuesday 13 October	\$15.95	
Science	2 - 6	Monday 12 October	\$15.95	
Spelling Bee	2 - 6	Tuesday 20 October	\$15.95	
English	2 - 6	Wednesday 14 October	\$15.95	
Mathematics	2 - 6	Monday 19 October	\$15.95	

Parent Signature: Date/...../.....