



St Augustine's Parish School

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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)

STEM EXPO



HIGHLIGHTS

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

As the term draws to a close I think it would be fair to say that everybody has done their absolute best to ensure that our school has remained Covid free and a safe place for children and the staff. Due to this hard work, we will now be able to **open the school to parents in Term 4** but this will **not include the classrooms**. Parents are reminded that in any place, and particularly at school, they are to remain at a distance of 1.5 metres from the next person. If we maintain physical distancing and safe hygiene habits, we will continue to keep our community safe and Covid free.

The **Canteen** will be open to the children at recess and lunchtime for counter sales. **ALL** orders must be placed through the classroom or Front Office. **NO** orders will be taken by the Canteen in the **mornings**. **There are no counter sales for parents**. As we slowly ease restrictions, we are always cognisant of the need to keep staff and children safe. We thank you for your co-operation as we seek to re-open our school to a new normal.

In Week 8 we appointed a new **Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission (APRIM)** and her name is **Rachele Tullio**. Rachele comes to us from CBC and has a vast knowledge of Catholic Identity, Scripture and working with children and staff on new Crossways. Her work with parishes in a number of schools' communities has been exemplary and we know that our Sacramental Co-ordinator, Louise Svensdotter, is very keen to work with Rachele. We congratulate Rachele and welcome her to the St Augustine's Parish School community.

We have also appointed a new **Business Manager** and we will introduce her to the community at the beginning of **Term 4**. We would like to thank all members of the panel for their hard work and due diligence.

Wakakirri was filmed at the Shedley Theatre on Tuesday this week and a movie will be created to be shared with the families of children taking part in the performance.

Our **STEM Expo** was a huge success and the work of children and their teachers was featured in the September issue of the **Southern Cross**. The Expo was also visited by the School Board at their recent meeting and Principals from the Salisbury Cluster as well as the Deputy Director of Catholic Education, Mr John Mula. The feedback from guests and the children has been overwhelmingly positive and the learning has been exponential.

Congratulations to our students who participated in the **Oliphant Science Awards** and the **National Mathematics Competition**. We await the results with anticipation.

Catholic Schools Music Festival will be filmed at Sacred Heart College in Week 10. We would like to thank our Catholic Schools Music Festival choir and their trainer **Maja Bejnarowicz** for all of their hard work in very difficult circumstances. They are singing beautifully and families will be able to see this via a Weblink that is being produced by CESA.

The **Dental Clinic** has been at the school for the last few weeks and it is always great to see the dental team back at school. Our children enjoy having the dentist here and many are disappointed if they are not called to see her. This is huge positive implications for children with dental health, which is so critical for their overall health, wellbeing and learning.

After an extremely busy term, children and teachers alike are looking forward to a term break which is somewhat warmer than the July holidays. We wish all of our families every blessing for safe and happy holidays.

Blessings and Peace, Georgia Dennis & Kerri Dent.

Fees to reduce across all Catholic Diocesan Primary Schools

The South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools has announced that it will make Catholic education more affordable by lowering the school fees of every Catholic diocesan primary school in 2021 under its *Making Catholic Education More Affordable* initiative.

The exact level of fee reduction in each diocesan primary school will vary from school to school to take into account their circumstances and the needs of their families.

Our school is working with Catholic Education South Australia to finalise our fees for 2021 and these will be released in the coming weeks.

There is more information about the initiative in the letter sent from the Chair of the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools to families this week and on the Catholic Education South Australia website at cesa.catholic.edu.au/fee-reductions.

LUCKY BOOK CLUB

Orders for Lucky Book Club Issue 6 are available online or by completing the order form in the magazine. Should you wish to place an order please follow the link for ordering and payment or leave the order and money in the Front Office.

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

Closing date is 22 September 2020 and the orders will be sent to school and distributed to your child's class in Term 4.

Please contact the Front Office for assistance.

DIARY DATES

Fri 25/9

TERM 3 ENDS
(12.30PM)

Mon 12/10

TERM 4 BEGINS
(9.00AM)

WAKAKIRRI



STEM EXPO

During Term 3 the students at St Augustine have been exploring the Science Week theme Deep Blue: Innovations for the Future of our Oceans. Each class has investigated an aspect of the ocean and all of the amazing and wonderful creatures who call it home. We have also been investigating how we can care for the ocean by reducing, reusing and recycling our waste as well as sustainable and responsible fishing.

As part of their learning each class created a display to showcase their work. During Week 8 we hosted a "Deep Blue" STEM Expo in the hall for all students to come and see the amazing displays. There were also inquiry stations set up for the children to explore and investigate which included an amazing underwater aquarium that the children could code robots to collect rubbish, the Magic School Bus dramatic play, a boat building and responsible fishing challenge as well as a reduce, reuse and recycle game.

Our students gained a sense of being custodians of God's creation and developed their passion for caring for the environment.

- * Being a sea animal under the sea was amazing. – Kaleha (Reception)
- * I liked catching the crabs and measuring to see if it was big enough to eat. - Sylus (Reception)
- * The rubbish in the sea will kill the fish. – Rory (Year 1)
- * I liked controlling the robots to help learn about cleaning the ocean. – Issy (Year 1)
- * I liked the virtual reality goggles because I could see the ocean. – Khai (Year 2)
- * In class, I learned that if the water is too warm the coral in the ocean can die. - James (Year 2)

Mrs Morrisson & Miss Sonneman

