

## St Augustine's Parish School

## NEWSLETTER No. 2– Term 1 Week 4, 2019

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ABSENTEE PHONE: 8182 7915 OR ABSENTEE SMS: 0407 664 190 WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER every Monday (9.10 am)	DIARY DATES	
STUDENT BANKING every Wednesday PLAYGROUP every Tuesday & Friday (9.00 am – 11.00 am)	Tues 26/2	Nude Food Day
UNIFORM SHOP/BOOKROOM every Tuesday 8.30 am – 9.00 am and Thursday: 8.30 am – 9.00 am and 2.45 pm – 3.15 pm SUNSHINE CAFÉ every Monday to Friday in Siena Hall from 8.30 am – 8.50 am.	Wed 27/2	Community Hub - English Class (9.15 -11.15am)
All children welcome. Year 6 Aquatics	Fri 1/3	SAPSASA Swimming Carnival
	Tues 5/3	Shrove Tuesday
		Nude Food Day
	Wed 6/3	Ash Wednesday Year 4 - 6 Mass (9.30am)
		Community Hub - English Class (9.15 -11.15am)
	Mon 11/3	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	Tues 12/3	Yr 5 Zoo Snooze
		Nude Food Day
		Yr 6 UniSA Lab School
	Wed 13/3	Yr 5 Zoo Snooze
		Community Hub - English Class (9.15 -11.15am)
	Fri 15/3	National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence
		SAPSASA Swimming Carnival
	Mon 18/3	School Board Annual General Meeting (7.00pm)
	Tues 19/3	St Joseph's Day
		WHS/B&G Meeting (3.30pm)
SPORTS DAY - THURSDAY 4 APRIL		Nude Food Day
ADVANCE NOTICE - PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 5 APRIL		Yr 6 UniSA Lab School

## HIGHLIGHTS

#### Meet the Teacher Night

Thank you to the many families who attended Meet the Teacher Night. This was a great opportunity for all of our families to meet their child/ren's teacher/s and familiarise themselves with the children's learning space. Thank you to the parents who gave such positive feedback about the experience.

#### Whole School Beginning of Year Mass

Since the last Newsletter we celebrated our Whole School Beginning of Year Mass – congratulations to Phillis Johnston on her first Mass as Acting APRIM and to the liturgical choir and teacher musicians. We thank Fr Sam for a beautiful liturgy and welcome Fr Vimal, who co-celebrated with Fr Sam.

#### **School Board**

On Monday night we held our first School Board Meeting for the year. It was wonderful to have Fr Shibu and our new Parish representative, Kevin Blake, join us as we begin the academic year. Kevin has been appointed by Fr Shibu to be our new Parish representative and it is wonderful to have someone who was such a successful Principal in Catholic schools bring his wisdom to our governing body.

#### **Playgroup**

We are pleased to announce that we now have TWO supported Playgroups In Catholic Education (SPICE) playgroups running – Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9.00am to 11.00am. If you know someone with a pre-schooler, please let them know that these playgroups are operating and for a gold coin donation their child or children can enjoy a highly stimulating and educational experience with expert facilitators. We are very proud of our playgroup and many other playgroups model themselves on the St Augustine's program.

#### **Congratulations**

Kerri and Georgia attended the Academic Assembly at Thomas More College and proudly applauded a number of former St Augustine's Parish School students who achieved exceptional attitude and academic excellence awards, including Damien C (Year 8), Brooke W (Year 8) and Madeline C (Year 9). We were very proud to congratulate Fiorentina M who received the Most Improved Student Achievement Award. Another notable was Bradley A (Year 10), who received the Australian Defence Award for Leadership & Teamwork. Students in Year 10 and 11 included Stephanie A, Cathy N, Concetta A, Isabella B, Megan M, Matthew R, Jade M, Emmee D, Emmanuel H. Dr Catherine White (nee Simons) also a past St Augustine's Parish School student, gave the Old Scholars' Address. We would like to make special note of Matthew R, who in Year 11, achieved a SACE ATAR score of 98.4 in the areas of Mathematical Methods, Composing & Arranging, Musicianship, Physics, Religious Education Community Studies B and Specialist Mathematics. Matthew will be attending University from 2019. We congratulate all of these young people, their teachers and their families for these wonderful achievements. We would like to congratulate Thomas More College for carrying on the excellent work with these children into their high school years.

#### Year 6 Aquatics

The children in Year 6 attended Aquatics on Tuesday 19 February. They had a fabulous time and the educators made very positive comments about their behaviour and attitude. Thank you to Simone Dajeman and Joseph Colella for organising this all -important activity for our senior children.

#### <u>UniSA</u>

Julie Trinidad from UniSA brought 30 Catholic Studies students to St Augustine's last Friday. These young people came to learn more about a contemporary Catholic school and met with Kerri Dent. We value this all important partnership with UniSA and Julia Trinidad in particular. Julie has been visiting and supporting our school over the last five years.

#### SAFETY IN THE CAR PARK

Please ensure that you are highly vigilant when walking with your children to and from your vehicle in the car parks and crossing the road. Fr Shibu observed in horror as a parent continued to text on their phone as they walked a child through the busy car park with no obvious awareness of what was going on around them. Such practice is extremely dangerous and we implore parents and caregivers to take great care in the streets and the car parks.

The Parish has now opened the Chapel car park for the use of parents before and after school. Please enter and egress the car park from Commercial Road only. There is a pedestrian gate behind the Family Centre for access to the school. Please use the path and the fenced off area for safety.

The new electronic gates have been installed to make security around the Chapel car park much easier and more effective and we thank the Parish for arranging the installation.

#### **Enrolments**

We are now accepting enrolments for the mid-year intake of Reception children and for Reception in 2020. Places for the 2019 mid-year classes are filling fast. If you have a child who will turn 5 by 30 October 2019, please see the Front Office for an Enrolment Form. Similarly, if you know of someone who would like their child to attend St Augustine's Parish School, please ask them to ring the Front Office for a prospectus or access our enrolment procedures on the website:

<u>www.saps.catholic.edu.au</u>. We will be limiting the classes to two so we encourage all families to enrol early to avoid disappointment. Enrolment numbers for 2020 are growing also so we encourage families who wish to enrol their child for the 2020 academic year to be prompt in contacting the office or by accessing the Enrolment Form on our website.

#### Sunshine Café

The Sunshine Café which serves breakfast to children and their families daily is calling for donations of fruit. If you have fruit trees at home and an excess of produce, we would ask that you consider donating some of that to our Sunshine Café Breakfast Club.

#### **School Board Nomination**

Calling all parents – if you have an interest in supporting the school beyond your current involvement, please be reminded that you are very warmly invited to our School Board AGM on Monday 18 March 2019 at 7.00pm in the Staffroom. We are looking to expand our School Board as well as our Parents & Friends Committee (P&F). Please complete a nomination form for School Board or P&F and return to the Front Office.

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

NOMINATION FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERSHIP (return to Veronica Cox via the Front Office)
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Nominated by:
Seconded by: Signature:
I accept the nomination: Signature:

# **NUDE FOOD TUESDAYS**

The idea of Nude Food Day is to reduce the use of SINGLE USE PLASTICS.

We are encouraging children, parents and staff to reduce the use of single use plastics in recess, lunch and snacks with the aim of reducing the amount that goes to landfill.

Estrella & Chris - HELP URGENTLY NEEDED



Thursday

Friday

Alex & Estrella

Food is 'nude' if it's not wrapped in plastic, foil or disposable zip lock bags or comes in single-use packaging, such as packets or plastic tubs.

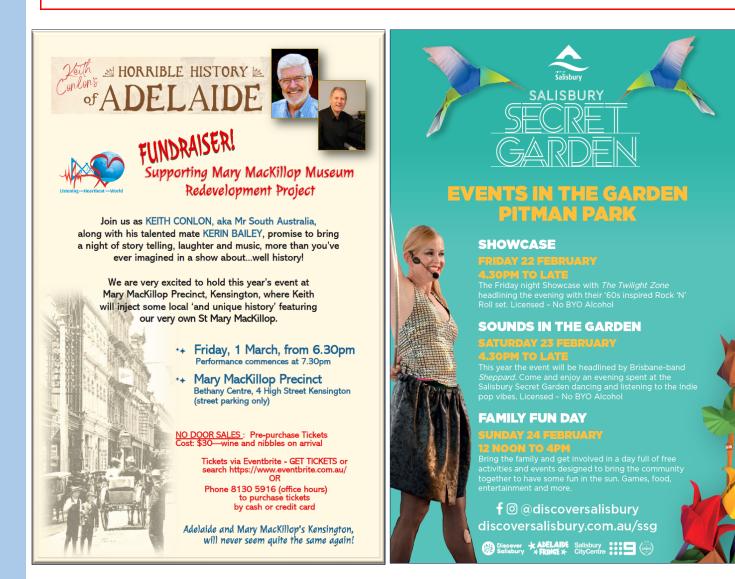




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The services and events contained in this newsletter are in no way connected with the school and are included for your information only. Parents and guardians need to make their own enquiries and assessments about the suitability of these events and services for their needs and those of their children.



School FEES

#### Term 1 Fees – Due by 8th March

Please be reminded that Friday 8th March, Term 1 school fees (one quarter of full year's fees) are due. Generous discounts are offered if you choose to pay your school fees in full by this date.

Remember, if you have a direct debit or a Centrepay deduction in place, please ensure your current deductions cover your 2019 fees in full by the end of the year to ensure you are not charged a late payment fee. To increase or decrease these amounts, please contact the front office or email me at <u>finance@saps.catholic.edu.au</u>

#### SCHOOL CARD

2019 School Card application forms were sent out with your school fee statements. If you receive a form, please complete and return to the front office as soon as possible. If you think you may be eligible or if your circumstances have changed significantly during the last 12 months, please arrange an appointment to meet with me to discuss. The next submission date is 7<sup>th</sup> March. **School Card must be applied for every year to receive the discount.** 

Please feel free to contact the administration staff should you have any queries with your school fee account.

#### Liz Polljonker – Business Manager



## **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.
- Always observe parking signs and speed limits in and around school zones. They are designed to keep your child safe.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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
- Queuing across round-abouts, intersections and in 'No Stopping' areas
- Double parking
- Parking too close to an intersection
- Parking across driveways
- Parking too close to pedestrian crossings



## **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.



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### **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

