



St Augustine's Parish School

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

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UNIFORM SHOP - All orders online:
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DIARY DATES

Thur 04/04/24

Swimming Carnival

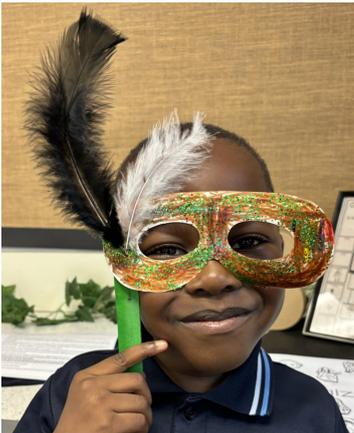
Fri 05/04/24

SAPSASA Girls Netball
Carnival

FRI 12/04/24

END OF TERM 1
(12:30pm finish)

CARNEVALE 2024



HIGHLIGHTS

Dear Families, Students and Staff,

Over the past week we have been gently guided through the events of Holy Week through a series of liturgies and experiences provided by some of our students. On Thursday we were lead through the Stations of the Cross which detail the events leading up to Jesus's death. The days from Holy Thursday through to Easter Sunday are known as the Easter Triduum. During this time, we think about Jesus's death, his crucifixion and his resurrection on Easter Sunday. It is a time of contrast: Light and Darkness, Despair and Elation, Death and Everlasting Life. We celebrate Easter Sunday with the theme, "He is Risen!"

Across the school we have enjoyed an action-packed term. Some highlights have been our Harmony Day Celebrations, Carnevale, our Open Night and fortnightly assemblies. As we walk around the school and into our classrooms, we see so many children engaged in their learning in exciting ways. This happens through teachers and support staff who are intentional, well prepared and incredibly passionate about the learning and wellbeing of all children in our school.

Our building work continues to move along on schedule which is great to see. We have a wonderful relationship with the builders and are working together to try and keep disruptions to a minimum. The playground should be available soon!

The School Board's AGM was held on Monday 18 March 2024.

We are pleased to advise that the following members of the St Augustine's Parish School community have been elected to the School Board for the next two years:

Leanne Scott

Michaeyla May

Christine Cox

Leanne is commencing her second tenure and we welcome Michaeyla and Christine.

They join the following members who are in the second year of their current two year tenure:

Kim Moffatt

Joseph Lianzaw

Theophile Mugabonejo

Other members of the School Board are:

Carina Malagar (Parish Rep)

Ian Aitchison (Staff Rep)

Thank you for your interest in serving the school community in this capacity.

Finally, Mr Cowan will be taking Long Service Leave for the last two weeks of this term. During this time the school will be in the capable hands of Mrs Thomas as Principal and Dr Tulio as Deputy Principal.

We hope you had a wonderful Easter break.

Blessings, *Dan Cowan & Michelle Thomas*

ADVANCED NOTICE:

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

FRIDAY 12 APRIL 2024 (12:30pm finish)

CATHOLIC IDENTITY UPDATES

Holy Week

Holy Week is in full swing with daily Liturgies presented by our Year 5 children to the whole school community.

Each Liturgy is a prayerful part of Jesus's last week before his crucifixion and death on Good Friday. Every Catholic community throughout the world commemorates this sacred time starting with the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday night. All over the world, this week is being celebrated in a sacred and respectful way. But what does it mean for us today?

The washing of the feet by Jesus for his disciples is a timely reminder that we are born to contribute to the world, to enhance it and to make our lives and the lives of others better when we practise servant leadership. Helping others and putting ourselves second is the way of fulfillment and finding meaning and purpose in life.

A life lived just for me is a life of selfishness. It is selfishness that Jesus challenged people about: selfishness to do what I want instead of considering others. Selfishness of love and words and thoughts towards others. Our children have been challenged this week to be more like Jesus who spoke about love and forgiveness. As our adult partners and family members of St Augustine, Holy Week is a timely reminder that we are not on this earth forever, that kindness leads to understanding and love can never be extinguished: not by death or by crucifixion.

Holy Week is a reminder that God always has the last word: death does not. As we progress towards Easter Sunday, may we always remember that love always conquers.

Sacramental Program

This week I will be visiting Years 3-5 to speak about the Sacramental Program to the children. Thank you to all families who have emailed me with inquiries. There will be an inquiry meeting for the Sacraments in June.

Confirmation and Holy Communion

Some of our children will be celebrating Confirmation and First Holy Communion in May and June. More information to come.

Andrew Chinn

Our children were entertained by Andrew Chinn on Monday, 18 March. They experienced a lively and interactive concert and learnt new songs that will be sung during Masses and Morning Prayer.





Reflection:

After the Resurrection, Jesus was asked about his pain and torture at the hands of the soldiers.

“It must have been very painful, Lord” said someone. “How did you manage to put up with all of the suffering?”

Jesus looked at the person and paused.

“The beatings and being nailed to the cross was not the most painful part,” replied Jesus.

“Really? What was the most painful part?” asked the person.

“The most painful part was the kiss. It came from a friend.”

The person understood. Those we love who betray us, can hurt us with a kiss.

PRAYER:

“Jesus, as you went towards your death, your heart was aching with love and forgiveness for those who let you down. We pray for those in our own lives who have hurt us. May we forgive them as you

Blessings, Dr Rachele Tullio

YEAR 6 AQUATICS

On Wednesday 6 March the Year 6 cohort went to the West Lakes Aquatics Centre for a day. We went kayaking, surfing, snorkelling and sailing.

We learnt different techniques when paddling a kayak. The three ways were to paddle backwards, forwards, how to turn, and how to stop our kayak. We also learnt how to build a raft with our kayaks. Building a raft means that if there is an emergency, kayakers could communicate with other kayakers, and it is easier for emergency aircraft to see us. A raft is when all of the kayakers conjoin by kayakers holding on to each other's boats.

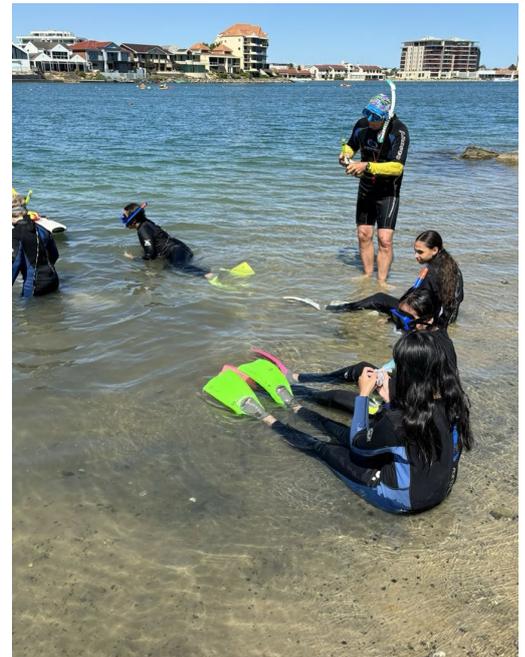
Next, we did surfing. For this activity, we had to leave the centre and cross the road towards the local beach. There the instructors told us the rules and explained the expectations and boundaries of the water. Then they explained how to transition from lying on the board to standing. From a lying position, we had to go into a push up position then had to move our leg up and push up into a sideways position with our knees bent and arms out straight.

One of our favourite things we did was snorkelling because we loved seeing the fish swimming around us. We also really enjoyed sailing and learning how to sail the boat while having great conversations with our friends and instructors. Also, while we were sailing, the instructors manoeuvred the boat so we could touch the water and some of us fell out. This was really fun on such a hot day.

In conclusion, we highly recommend visiting the West Lakes Aquatics Centre. We learnt so many skills while having fun with our friends.

Written by the communication student leaders:

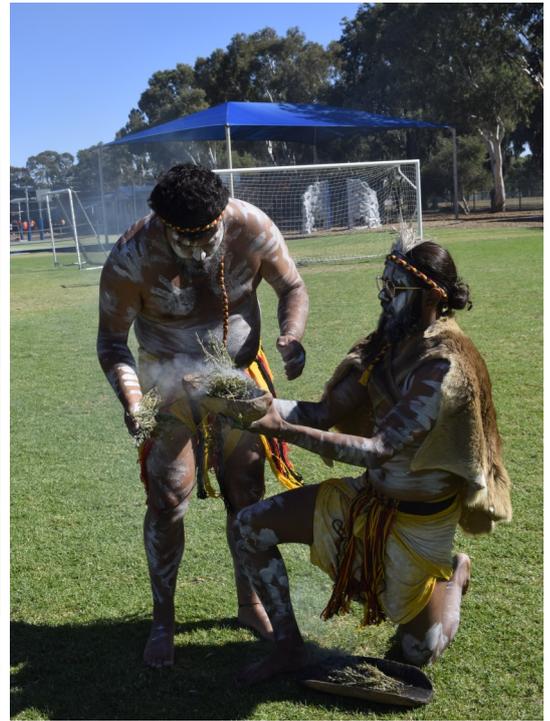
Charli-Rose (6ZB) Brianna (6HB) Jordyn (6HB) Khai G (6HB)



HARMONY DAY

On Thursday 21 March we Celebrated Harmony Day as a School and flooded the school with Cultural dress and orange. The day was full of learning and fun for all. The students engaged in a Welcome to Country and Cleansing Ceremony by Cliffy and Trevor (Local Kurna Men), followed by an Around the World Experience where students took their passports around to different Continents and took part in a range of different cultural crafts, games and activities. The children all were given the opportunity to engage in some dot painting and basket weaving with the ladies from Marra Dreaming. The children were so engaged and loved getting their passports stamped. They ended the day by trying foods from different countries with their buddy class. The day was a huge success and the children had a blast.

Jayne-Lee Sonneman
Aboriginal Education Focus Teacher







School F E E S

FAMILY STATEMENTS

Family statements have been sent home via post to all families. Full fees have been charged and if eligible for School Card this discount will be credited to your account when approved by School Card.

A 5% discount is applied if fees are paid in full by 12 April 2024.

If you require assistance with fees affordability or need to set up a payment plan, please contact our office to arrange an appointment.

SCHOOL CARD APPLICATIONS

The School Card eligibility limit has increased for 2024 to a gross income limit of \$70,994 for one child, increasing by approx. \$1,200 for each subsequent child.

If you have not already applied you can apply online at

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme> or collect a form from the Front Office.

If you apply online, please forward us the emailed 'confirmation of receipt' received from School Card to finance@saps.catholic.edu.au.

If your financial circumstances have changed significantly in the last 12 months you may also meet the School Card criteria, please arrange an appointment to discuss this with our Finance Team.

FLU VACCINATIONS



WHERE: St Augustine's Community Hub

WHEN: SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

MONDAY 15 April

TIME: 10:30 – 12:30pm

COST: Eligible Adults & Under 5's Free

General cost \$20.00

Bookings Essential

To make a booking - Contact: Carole - Community Hub Leader

Phone: 8182 7985 or 0467294853