



St Augustine's Parish School

NEWSLETTER No.2 ~ Term 1 Week 6, 2024

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

OCCASIONAL CARE every Wednesday (9.00am–11.30am)

ADULT ENGLISH CLASSES every Monday (9.15am–12:15pm)

ADULT DIGITAL ENGLISH CLASSES every Tuesday
(9:15am-11:15am)

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DIARY DATES

Mon 11/03/24	Public Holiday - Adelaide Cup
Thur 21/03/24	Harmony Day
Fri 29/03/24	Good Friday
Mon 01/04/24	Easter Monday

RECEPTION - RICCI

In RDR we have been learning lots of new things. As a part of our InitialLit program we have been busy identifying syllables and have played games in class to develop our knowledge. In HASS we have explored family structures and have created family portraits. In Maths we are exploring shapes and are learning to name them.



HIGHLIGHTS

Dear Students, Staff and Families,

This week through our Parish Team we have been reflecting on our own prayer life. One of the challenges in life is finding time to look after ourselves. This can mean many things – our physical wellbeing, our mental wellbeing and our spiritual wellbeing. Finding strength and connection with God through prayer is something we know helps us. It also replenishes us and our ability to help and serve others. This remains a focus for us through Lent.

This year we have continued to speak about and focus on our St Augustine's Values. We have been using the phrase RISE in TRUTH. This incorporates each Value – Respect, Integrity, Service, Excellence and our Dominican Charism of Truth. During our Pupil Free Day on Friday March 8 we shifted our focus to Learner Qualities. As a staff we have been discussing what a successful learner looks like at St Augustine's. By summarizing many thoughts and ideas from staff, we will choose 5 Learner Qualities. This language will become how we describe and talk about learning in our school.

Into the rest of the year, we will be working with our students on how best to share and communicate these qualities with the whole community. Over time, they will become embedded in our teaching and learning practices and how we all reflect on ourselves as learners in our school and our world.

Finally, on Monday March 19 we will be holding our AGM in the school Resource Centre. This meeting provides an overview of last year including our financial position. All community members are welcome and reports will be made available to all following the meeting.

Take care and enjoy the long weekend ahead!

Blessings, *Dan Cowan & Michelle Thomas*

CATHOLIC IDENTITY UPDATES

70 years ago, the St Augustine Parish School was becoming a reality! The Archdiocese of Adelaide planned a new school for the families of Salisbury. We will share with you the journey from newspaper clippings and vintage photos from time to time.

Celebrating 70 years at St Augustine's Parish School

1954: News snippet:

For New School in Salisbury.

The St Augustine auxiliary has arranged a fete in the RSL Hall, Salisbury.

It will be opened by Mrs Frank Condon, wife of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

Senior boarders of St Dominic's Priory College, North Adelaide will form a guard of honour.

Our school welcomed the Dominican Sisters from North Adelaide in 1955. They taught the children every day in a red brick building without modern amenities. The building was demolished a long time ago. The Sisters wore ankle length black and cream habits and drove every day from North Adelaide to Salisbury. This year, the staff of St Augustine's will be exploring our Dominican story and will be re-igniting our links to this important Charism.

Project Compassion and Lent

Sunday 4 March was the third Sunday of Lent. We encourage children to practice the virtues of prayer and giving money to the Project Compassion box which is in each classroom. This 'living for others' focus supports the poor and goes a long way to helping children understand the value of giving to others.

Sacramental Program

Thank you to those parents who have contacted me via email to inquire about the Sacramental Program in the Salisbury Parish. If you are interested in finding out more, please email me at: rtullio@saps.catholic.edu.au

Andrew Chinn – national children's song writer

We are pleased to announce that Andrew Chinn will be performing a **free concert** on Monday, 18 March at 1.50pm in the St Augustine's Church. This concert is for the entire school and for any families who wish to join us.

Come along and be entertained by Andrew Chinn as part of our 70th celebration. Seating is limited.

REFLECTION:

Before you head hits the pillow tonight, remind yourself of the things you did right. Let go of the things you could have done better. Be patient with yourself and remember that big things are not achieved all at once, but rather, one day at a time.

PRAYER:

Lord, help me see what is good in me rather than what is a weakness in me. During Lent, I ask for a new lens through which to see the world. May these lens be the lens of your eyes. Amen.

Blessings, *Dr Rachele Tullio*

NEW SMOKING LAWS

From the 1 March 2024 new smoking laws have been introduced in South Australia. It is now illegal to smoke or vape at various outdoor locations including early childhood services premises, and education and children's services facilities (including schools), and within ten (10) metres of their boundaries. Smoking or vaping on school grounds or within 10meters of the boundary fence will incur a \$105 fine. More information can be found on the SA Health website clearingtheair.sa.gov.au



KAURNA DAY - TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY

We started our day by gathering together at school and we then walked to the train station. We then went on the train to the city. Once we got to the city we had to walk to Adelaide University to take part in the in Kaurna Day.

We had recess together and then participated in a Yarning Circle and engaged in a workshop where we created a journey stick to explain what is important to us and our culture. We got to use some clapping sticks, shields, and other artefacts.

We then made our way to around to some cultural stalls where we were able to touch and pat lots of different animals such as Salt Water Crocodiles, Bearded Dragons Lizards and many other creatures. We found a stall where we were able to get some cultural face paints and patterns on our face and arms. We were very lucky to receive some Wirritu Yarlur Aboriginal Education merchandise and bags as a memento of the day.

Throughout the day on the stage we saw cultural dances, cultural singers and a Welcome to Country. We then had lunch and got organised to catch the bus back to school. This day was so much fun and we learnt a lot. We can't wait to go again next year.

Chase – *“I loved going on the excursion and seeing all Shingleback Lizard.”*

PJ – *“The workshop was great it was great to be a part of a Yarning Circle and connect to other students.”*

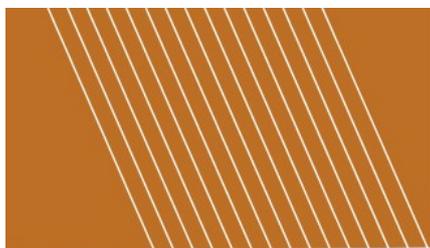
Denzel – *“I had so much fun and loved seeing other people from different schools.”*





Jayne-Lee Sonneman
Aboriginal Education Focus Teacher

HARMONY DAY



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CLOTHING
READY!**

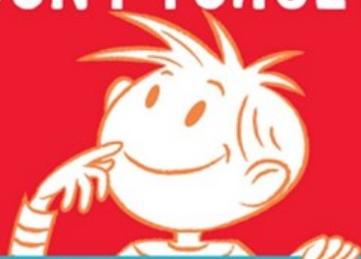


**HARMONY
DAY**
Thursday 21st March



SCHOLASTIC  **Book Club**

DON'T FORGET!



**SCHOLASTIC
Book Club**

orders are due:

Friday 22nd March 2024