



St Augustine's Parish School

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WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER every Monday (9.10 am)

STUDENT BANKING every Wednesday

PLAYGROUP every Friday (9.00 am – 11.00 am)

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.

All children welcome.

VINNIES SLEEP OUT

Last Friday night, some of our staff, the Student Leaders, Social Justice Leaders and Sports Captains spent the night participating in the Vinnie's Sleep Out. This experience gave our children a glimpse into the realities of homelessness by 'sleeping rough' for a night to raise awareness and funds for Vinnies homelessness services. This experience challenged our sense of home and offered unique insights into the complex issues faced by people experiencing homelessness.



"My goal is to put myself in their shoes and do everything that they would normally do."

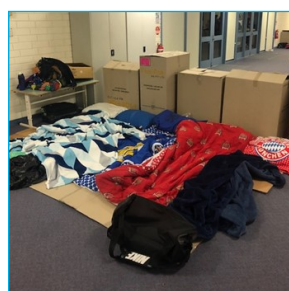
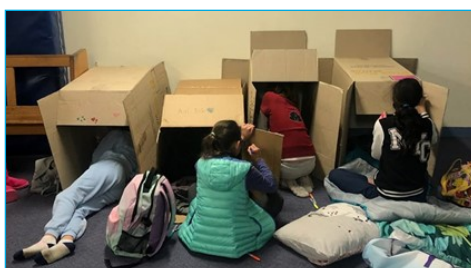
"My experience of being homeless was rough, but I made it through."

"This sleep out taught us how to be grateful when we receive food."

"To realise and find out how hard it really is for homeless people"

"Being homeless was really rough, and I definitely understand, because it was very uncomfortable and very cold."

"To be able to see how it feels to be homeless and to support the homeless people out there that are struggling."



DIARY DATES

Mon 15/10	PUPIL FREE DAY
Tues 16/10	TERM 4 COMMENCES (9:00am) Nude Food Day Yr 7 B-Ball Clinics (11.30am - 1.00pm)
Mon 22/10	National Children's Week Uni SA Lab School Yr 5 - 7 (9.00am - 10.50am) Finance Meeting (5.30pm) School Board Meeting (7.00pm)
Tues 23/10	Nude Food Day Yr 7 B-Ball Clinics (11.30am - 1.00pm)
Fri 26/10	Yr 6/7 T20 Blast Cricket Carnival
Mon 29/10	Uni SA Lab School Yr 5 - 7 (9.00am - 10.50am) Whole School Walkalong
Tues 30/10	Nude Food Day Yr 7 B-Ball Clinics (11.30am - 1.00pm) WHS/B&G Meeting (3.30pm)

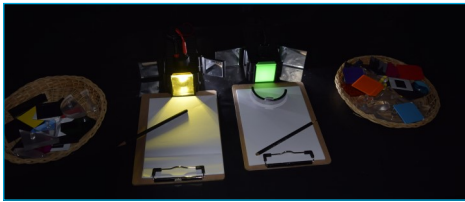
HIGHLIGHTS

What a busy and fruitful term we have enjoyed!

We began with welcoming our brand new Little Augustine's and their teacher, Ms Nadia Sack. Suffice to say it has been a huge learning curve for them, but we know they will be well and truly settled in to school and flourishing as they go into 2019.

Our Wakakirri troupe were outstanding, both in their performance, and in their demeanour at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre. Their production was outstanding, and we think we have unearthed a few new stars of the future. They came away with a number of awards, including 'best t-shirt'. They certainly looked fantastic. Congratulations to Mrs Giugliano and all of the support staff.

The STEM Expo was absolutely brilliant. The hands-on challenges provided were enthralling and engaging for children of all ages. We especially loved the dark room, and building the igloo from all of the meticulously covered boxes. Thank you to Mrs Morrisson, Ms Sonneman and Mrs Brown in particular for their over and above commitment to the Expo.



Friday 7 September was a Pupil Free Day. We hope that people found the timing useful as it was in Royal Show Week. The staff worked with Julie Trinidad from the Catholic Education Office exploring Pope Francis' document *Gaudete et Exsultate* (Rejoice and Be Glad). It was a very thought provoking day and went to the very heart of our mission as a Catholic School.

Our Festival Choir had been training all year for the Catholic Schools Music Festival. It is a huge commitment on the part of the students and Mrs Glasson. Everyone needs to know exactly what they are doing and how to do it, this includes choreography. There were many actions to know for many of the songs. The Titanic medley at the end of the night was mesmerising. It was a truly spectacular night, and certainly a very proud moment for us.

As ever, we provided our children with many sporting carnival opportunities across the term. Our Football Team even got to play at half time for the Port Adelaide St Kilda match in July. We have been thrilled at the way our children conduct themselves at these carnivals, and are always chuffed when another school emails or calls to commend us on their behaviour. Thank you to Mr Skewes, Mrs Hives and all the staff who make these carnivals possible. Congratulations too, to Mr Skewes who has been invited to coach the SAPSASA girls cricket team. This is a real honour and recognition of Nick's work for sports across all schools.



We celebrated St Augustine's Feast Day and participated in the annual \$2 Fun Fair, raising money for Catholic Charities through their 'Me4u Help each other through' campaign. Children enjoyed participating in a range of fun games and activities which were captured as memorable moments. Annie O'Neill from Catholic Charities joined us in Whole School Prayer where we presented a huge cheque for the money raised together as a school.



Last Friday night, while many of us were watching Collingwood play Richmond in the Preliminary Final, Mrs Rivas, Mrs Koliopoulos and the Year 6 and 7 Student Leaders 'slept out' in Siena Hall, with nothing more than cardboard boxes and a blanket and pillow, in solidarity with the homeless, whilst raising money for their needs. This was in support of Vinnie's Sleep Out. Thank you too, to a number of other staff members who supported the night, some of whom also stayed over.

We finished up this term with another of Mrs Dobbin's amazing 'Special Lunches' which are always an enormous hit with the children. We are so lucky to have Mrs Dobbin running our Canteen.

Thank you to Mrs Johnston for supporting us in the Office while Mrs Dennis has been on leave this past few weeks. It has been very much appreciated by all of us.

Remember Term 4 begins on **TUESDAY 16 October**. OSHC facilities are available.

Please enjoy a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you all next term.

Blessings and Peace, *Kerri Dent & Giulia Koliopoulos*

NUDE FOOD

October has been recognised as **NUDE FOOD MONTH**.

As a Year Four focus we have been studying waste and the effect of plastic on the environment.

In consultation with school leadership and Mrs Dobbin in the canteen, we will be having a Nude Food Day each **Tuesday** for the month of October. Depending on its success it may continue for the rest of the year.

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 in the aim of reducing the amount that goes to landfill.

Students from Year Four Pahl will visit classrooms over the next two weeks showing how we can reduce the use of single use plastics when choosing our lunch and recess options.

It would be great if you could also encourage your children to follow the suggestion of **NUDE FOOD**. The first day of Term 4 will be a challenge as Monday is a pupil free day. We look forward to your support in this Year Four initiative to reduce single use plastics in our school.

Kind regards,

Anita Pahl, David Maguire and Brian McAvaney

Year 4 Teachers

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.



INDOFEST INDONESIAN DANCE VISIT

Students in all Year 3 classes attended an Indonesian dance performance and workshop in Siena Hall on Tuesday 25 September. The Tor-tor dance by North Sumatran dancers is performed at many festivals and was sent to us as part of the Indofest Culture in Schools Program 2018.

Students joined in the dance workshop and some wore traditional costumes. We also learnt a traditional counting game to play in small groups. The Indonesian visit is a valuable cultural experience to support students' understanding about Indonesian performing arts and traditions.

The Indofest family festival day 2018 has been cancelled until early next year with information on their website www.indofest.com.au. The OzAsia festival program is available with details online www.ozasiafestival.com.au. The festival includes the Moon Lantern Parade and Papermoon Puppet Theatre's Cerita Anak (Child's story) that draws on the seafaring history of Java for an immersive experience of puppetry, song, shadows and sounds of the ocean adventure (suitable for children from 2 to 12 years with an accompanying adult).

OzAsia Festival pamphlets have been sent home or are available from the front office.

Ibu Elliott and Ibu Carr



Learning together at Little Augustines supported Playgroup

Come and Join us every Friday from 9am-11am

This term playgroup participated in the Little Bang Discovery Club, which is a science STEM program supporting playgroup to become little scientists. Families engaged in the table top activities provided on site. We recorded and documented the learning displaying our experiences during the Science Expo held in the Siena Hall during week 7.



Circle time is part of our routine where we sit together to read stories and sing action songs. Sharing books together is a powerful way for children to develop a love of reading. Singing helps children learn language through rhythm and rhyme. We have also been using BIG BOOK action stories to sing along with such as 'Wheels on the Bus', Hockey Pockey and 'If you're happy and you know it'.

Visiting our school library for story time and offering memberships to playgroup has supported children and families to share and enjoy reading and learning together. Utilising school facilities helps support families to feel connected with their community, building relationships and a sense of belonging.



**Thank you
Carole Smith
Playgroup Coordinator
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EAL NEWS

English as an Additional Language (**EAL**) support is offered once or twice per week to students at the Beginning or Emerging phase of their English language development.

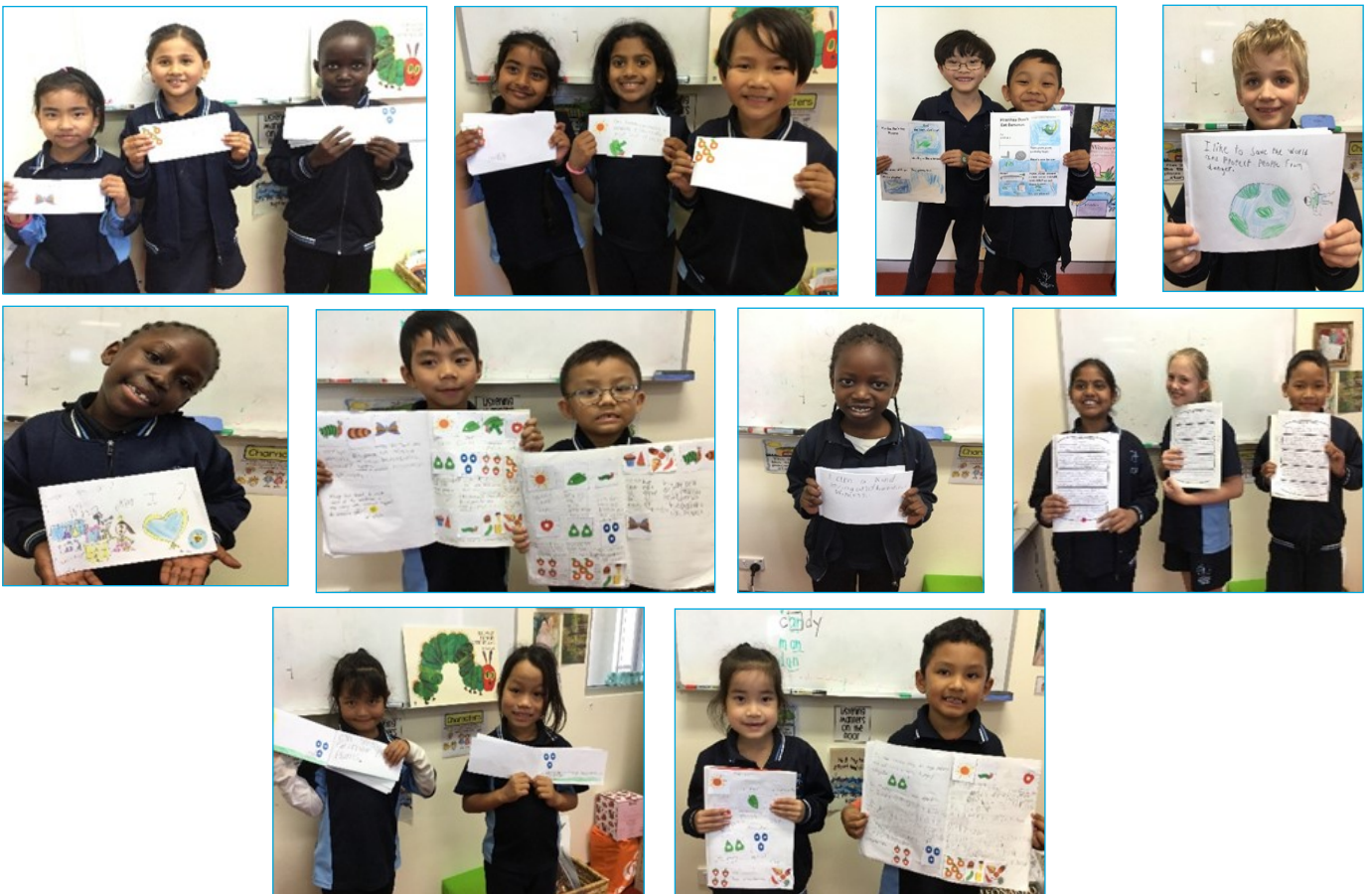
During this term, the focus for EAL students from Reception to Year 3 was to explore writing through a range of approaches. By listening and speaking about quality children's literature students engaged in reading and retelling popular children's stories like "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" (written by Eric Carle); Pig the Pug and Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas (both written by Aaron Blabey). The experience of reading and listening to those stories was to make story writing exciting and fun. Having read those stories off by heart gave the children inspiration to create their own versions. They used only the known features of the storyline to innovate a new one, either as a book or comic.

Years 3-6 EAL students have been supported in class during HASS, Science and Maths lessons. The students have had support with reading comprehension of questions- targeting text structure, and vocabulary of written information in various topics.

The Year 7 students have been working on visual texts and have been learning how to critique pictures and famous artworks.

The photos below exemplify some of the young writers' accomplishments.

The children feel very proud to share their creations and the photos below capture that excitement. Also, please take a moment to check out the display in the office foyer.



We hope you enjoy reading the stories as much as the children had the pleasure of creating them!

Maria Catalano & Anne-Maree Carr

(EAL teachers)

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SIBLING ENROLMENTS - ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019 AND 2020

Parents of students already attending St Augustine's who also have children nearing school age still need to complete an Enrolment Form – please contact the Front Office immediately if you require a Reception place in 2019. We are currently enrolling children for Term 1 intake (turning 5 before 30th April) and Term 3 intake (turning 5 before 31st October). If your child turns 5 after 31st October, they will commence school in Term 1 of the following year.

ENROLMENT WITHDRAWAL

A Continuing Enrolment form has been sent home to the families. If you intend to withdraw your child from St Augustine's Parish School, one full term's notice is required. This must be in writing to the Principal, or via the Continuing Enrolment form which was distributed to families for return to the Front Office by the end of Term 3. We are currently developing our budget for 2019 and student numbers are a key component of the school's income.

ARE YOU HAVING DIFFICULTIES PAYING YOUR FEES?

If you would like to discuss a fee payment arrangement, please feel free to contact me on 8182 7900 or finance@saps.catholic.edu.au to arrange an appointment. All discussions will be kept confidential.

Liz Polljonker – Business Manager

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.

WEBSITE LINKS –

The Southern Cross (latest issue): <http://www.thesoutherncross.org.au>

The Australian Parents Council Inc (APC) website: <http://www.austparents.edu.au/>

Mary MacKillop Centre, Adelaide: www.marymackillopadelaide.org.au

The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities Newsletter: <http://www.parentfederation.catholic.edu.au/>

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: <http://www.saps.catholic.edu.au> OR each year you may request a printed copy (see Front Office)

"Parenting Ideas" by Michael Grose: <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/>



CANTEEN



Term 4 Week 1: 15 October - 19 October

Monday	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday	Judith
Wednesday	Urgent help required
Thursday	Estrella
Friday	Estrella, Urgent help required

Term 4 Week 2: 22 October - 26 October

Monday	Toni, Rosie
Tuesday	Judith
Wednesday	Urgent help required
Thursday	Estrella
Friday	Estrella, Urgent help required

The new Price List and Menu (blue paper) is dated 30/01/2018.

PLEASE NOTE: SUSHI AND SLUSHIES ARE UNAVAILABLE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

A big thank you to our Special Lunch helpers, Toni, Rose, Mel and Katrina