



# St Augustine's Parish School

## NEWSLETTER No. 16 – Term 4 Week 2, 2019

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**WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER** every Monday (9.10 am)

**STUDENT BANKING** every Wednesday

**PLAYGROUP** every Monday, Tuesday & 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.

## Catholic Schools Music Festival

Last Term in Week 10 the Festival Theatre was filled with the smiles and singing of the Catholic Schools Music Festival Choir.

Our choir was on stage with students from 15 other Catholic schools and together we performed 13 songs. The students worked incredibly hard to learn the songs and choreography throughout Terms 1, 2 and 3. We were very proud that Aliyah H was chosen to perform two solos, which she sang beautifully.



*"Our favourite songs were 'Glorious' and 'Make Your Own Kind of Music.' - Isaac and Ujjwal*

*"It was super fun on stage and it sounded really cool when all the schools sang together." - Tahlia*

*"I'm glad that we got the opportunity to do it because it was a once in a lifetime opportunity." - Maddie*

*"The dance moves were funny and we made the audience laugh." - Kayla and Kimly*



Congratulations to the Catholic Schools Music Festival Choir students, Alysha, Annie, Aliyah, Chloe S, Chloe D, Diana, Danyela, Isaac, Kayla, Kimly, Maddie, Natasha, Susanez, Tahlia and Ujjwal. You all performed fabulously and proudly represented St Augustine's Parish School. - Miss Nowosilskyj

### DIARY DATES

Fri 25/10	Grandparent's Breakfast - Siena Hall (8.00am)
	Grandparent's Liturgy (9.15am)
	Vinnies Sleep Out
Mon 28/10	Parents & Friends Meeting (9.15am)
	Finance Meeting (5.30pm)
	School Board Meeting (7.00pm)
Tues 29/10	Year 3-5 TBall Carnival
Wed 30/10	Free Wednesday English Classes - (9.15 - 11.15) Community Hub
Thur 31/10	Year 4 Bike Ed
	Year 1 Excursion
Fri 1/11	Whole School Mass - All Saints Day
	School Disco's R-1: (2.00 - 3.00pm) 2-3: (6.00 - 7.00pm) 4-6: (7.30 - 9.00pm)
Mon 4/11	SAPSASA Cricket State Carnival Week
Tues 5/11	Children's University Graduation
Thur 7/11	Year 4 Bike Ed
	Music Count Us In

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Welcome

A very warm welcome to Term 4 to all members of our school community including visitors to our Community Hub and Playgroups.

## Continuing Enrolment 2020

Recently you would have received a 'Continuing Enrolment in 2020' form to complete and return to the school. We are now preparing to set classes for 2020 and employing and placing teachers. We need to know how many children we will have and in which year levels. **Any parental requests based on friendships can be sent to the Principal in writing for consideration.** We cannot promise that we will be able to meet every request but we will do our very best. Requests for specific teachers cannot be considered.

## Survey

In a world of data, we are seeking information from our school community with regard to parent satisfaction and perceptions of the safety and care given to children and their families at St Augustine's Parish School. We will be sending out a Survey Monkey in the next week and we invite as many families as possible to complete this valuable exercise. The information that we gain from your responses will help us to continue to do the things that work well and address places where we can do better.

## Loose Parts Program

You may have noticed if your children attend OSHC that the new Loose Parts Program is running well, with children highly engaged in collaborative play and problem solving, using natural materials, junk and materials that can be moved, carried, combined, redesigned, lined up and taken apart and put back together in multiple ways. They are materials with no specific set of directions that can be used alone or combined with other materials. This type of play encourages testing, problem solving, collaboration and celebration of children's 'work', that is, PLAY. This play is messy and does not fit polite aesthetics but it is play that draws children from many groups together to really play in partnership with rich oral language discussions and sophisticated ideas. You may like to try this at home with your own children but be prepared that children will play with sticks, they will be highly engaged, they will increase their problem solving strategy and their gross motor competence. They will not be bored and this type of play does not cost a lot of money.

## Kiribati Donations

On Fridays you will see staff at St Augustine's dressed in 'active wear'. Teachers agreed to trial a special way of supporting our friends on the islands of Kiribati. St Augustine's Parish School supports our Kiribati sister school for visually and hearing impaired children. Teachers donate a gold coin to wear active wear (some actually are donating to NOT wear active wear) to raise money for the people of Kiribati. This community knows what they need to help them battle the effects of climate change on their coral atoll and the money we raise will go towards enabling them to deal with this constant and growing issue for their community and especially their children. If you would like to make a donation, please see the Front Office staff. It would be great to see all of our parents wearing 'active wear' on a Friday as well!

## Parents & Friends

The next Parents & Friends Meeting is to be held on Monday 28 October at 9.15 am – we would like to see as many parents as possible attend.

## All Saints Day and School Discos

On Friday 1 November we will be celebrating All Saints Day with a Whole School Mass at 9.30 am – parents and members of the school community are welcome to join us. Also, on All Saints Day the school discos will be taking place. Please purchase your child's ticket by Wednesday 30 October. We look forward to seeing as many children as possible enjoying themselves.

## STEM

Our Year 6 STEM girls had a fantastic day with high level sportswomen at UniSA this week. The STEM opportunities our children have outside of the regular curriculum are extremely valuable for them. We are so proud of our children's achievements.

## Catholic Schools Music Festival

We mustn't forget the outstanding performance of our Catholic Schools Music Festival Choir on the last Thursday of last Term. Under the leadership of Suzanna Nowosilskyj (Reception Teacher) they joined several other schools at the Festival Theatre in Adelaide in a wonderful combined choir. They had been working all year towards that moment. Every member of the choir represented themselves and the school in the most wonderful way. Aliyah H was selected on audition to also sing a solo part to lead in the combined choir. She was invited to do this on two separate nights. What a wonderful experience for her with her family in the audience.

## World Teachers Day

An enormous THANK YOU to our amazing Parents & Friends led by Rose Musolino, Mel Salerno, Suzanna Lorenz, Amanda Davey and Parisa Mohammadi for the most spectacular lunch for the Staff of our school. The work our staff do, is done with commitment and dedication to the children in our care, and to be recognised by the parent body with this amazing lunch touches us all very deeply. Thank you for lunch, and thank you for entrusting your precious children with us.

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

# School F E E S

## TERM 4 SCHOOL FEES

School Fee Statements were posted home last week and if you have any queries please contact me to discuss.

As we are nearing the end of another year, all school fees should be paid in full by 25 October 2019 (unless you have a payment plan in place that is sufficient to cover the fees by the end of the year or if alternative arrangements have been made).

If you are having difficulties in meeting the deadline of 25 October, please contact the Finance Office to make an agreement/ payment arrangement.

All overdue school fees will be charged a \$50 overdue fee for every term they fall overdue. This includes Direct Debit, Centrepay deductions, BPays and Direct Credits that will not cover all of this year's fees by the end of the year. If you need to check your calculation to ensure that your fees are paid in full, please contact me either in person or email me.

## SIBLING ENROLMENTS - ENROLLING NOW FOR 2020 AND 2021

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 if you require a Reception place in 2020. We are currently enrolling children for Term 1 intake (turning 5 before 30<sup>th</sup> April) and Term 3 intake (turning 5 before 31<sup>st</sup> October). If your child turns 5 after 31<sup>st</sup> October, they will commence school in Term 1 of the following year.

## SCHOOL CARD

If you have already applied for School Card this year and have received a letter from the School Card Department stating that you are ineligible, please come and see me to apply for a re-assessment. This needs to be done prior to the next submission date, 25 October 2019 (Friday Week 2 Term 4). Also, if you have not already applied THIS YEAR, and believe that you meet the criteria to receive this discount, please do so immediately to avoid paying higher fees.

## 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](mailto:finance@saps.catholic.edu.au) to arrange an appointment. All discussions will be kept confidential.

*Liz Polljonker – Business Manager*



# CANTEEN



## **Term 4 Week 3: 28 October - 1 November**

Monday	Rosie & Toni
Tuesday	Judith
Wednesday	Inger & Sally
Thursday	Alex & Estrella
Friday	Estrella & Sally

## **Term 4 Week 4: 4 November - 8 November**

Monday	Rosie & Toni
Tuesday	Judith
Wednesday	Inger & Sally
Thursday	Alex & Estrella
Friday	Estrella & Sally

# SALISBURY PARISH

This year, Salisbury Parish is celebrating 150 years since it left the Parish of Gawler to become a parish itself. The 2020 Carnivale Committee wants to celebrate this milestone, by collecting 150 stories about "Life in Salisbury Parish". Are you involved in a group or activity that many don't know about? Or maybe a personal experience that for you is what you think of in relation to the Parish? Or maybe there is something quirky that few people seem to notice? Whatever the story, we are interested. We are not after novels. They should be like snippets; moments; glimpses into life here amongst us.

What we are after is a written account on the topic of "An aspect of life in the Salisbury Parish". The piece should be around 250 words (200-300 limits). Ideally a photo/image be included. Where the photo is of a living person, please supply full details so that a release can be organised. Submission will be via email at [enquire@salcath.org.au](mailto:enquire@salcath.org.au) or hardcopy delivered to the Parish.

Currently it is planned that these will be on display in Siena Hall during the Carnivale next year, and that some may be read out loud. Collation into a book has not been settled upon at this time.

The committee reserves the right to reject stories where they feel they are less than appropriate to the spirit of the exercise. However we don't envisage having to action this right.

So talk to friends, family; warm up Word; and help us celebrate 150 years of being a Parish.

# MUSIC COUNT US IN 2019

Music Count Us In is Australia's largest school music participation program, where students around the country (from over 3,400 schools), sing the same song, at the same time, on the same day. You may recall seeing it on the news or advertised on TV!

Music Count Us In 2019 kicked off with a Songwriting Workshop in early May taking place in Sydney. Student finalists were selected from across the country to collaborate with music professionals to create this year's Music Count Us In song. During the Songwriting Workshop, students received expert guidance from award-winning producer John Foreman.

R-6 students from St Augustine's have been busy preparing for Music Count Us In during their Performing Arts lessons, and can't wait to perform the program song as a whole school ensemble. The song is titled 'We Are'.

Celebration day will take place on Thursday 7 November (Week 4), at 12:30pm on our school oval.

Paula Giugliano (Performing Arts Teacher)

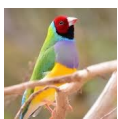
## VINNIES SLEEP OUT

This week we as a school are holding our annual Vinnies School Sleepout to raise much needed funds for St Vinnies! Our goal this year is \$5000 which we know we can achieve with the support of our amazing St Augustine's community.

The Vinnies Sleepout allows our Student Leaders and House Captains the opportunity to experience a glimpse into the realities of the homeless and marginalised. This challenges our students sense of home and offers a unique insight into the complex issues faced by many who experience homelessness, an opportunity which inspires a passion for Social Justice. Through sleeping rough for a night the students help to raise both awareness and funds for the Vinnies homelessness services.

If you would like to help us spread awareness about homelessness and support our student leaders, please follow the following link to donate to this amazing cause. [staugustines.gofundraise.com.au](http://staugustines.gofundraise.com.au) All donations are greatly appreciated by us, St Vinnies and the students sleeping out.

Thanks so much for your ongoing support.  
Simone Dajeman, Nick Skewes & Joseph Colella



## LIKE BIRDS?

Why not take part in Bird Week & watch some birds?

Now there is a great way to watch birds.

Just join the Birdwatch Club. This is a simple way to count birds and also help the environment.

Simply count birds for 20 minutes around the school and submit your answers.

If you are interested in joining, more info will be emailed to teachers or you can just come to Mr. Cottrell's class & ask to see the birdwatch club. We will take groups out every week.

<https://aussiebirdcount.org.au>

