



St Augustine's Parish School

NEWSLETTER No.17 – Term 4 Week 4, 2018

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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.

RECEPTION OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

On Friday 2nd November Reception children participated in National Outdoor Classroom Day!

There were a range of active, creative, fun and messy activities for the children to choose from, such as gardening, nature play, big box construction, water play, scooters, nature art, weaving and much, much more!

These experiences allow children to be imaginative, inquisitive and resilient. They develop a sense of wonder as well as critical thinking skills. Most importantly learning through outdoor play is lots of fun!

Reception teachers would like to sincerely thank all of the parents and family members who volunteered their time to support us, as well as the many families who donated items for the children to use on this special day.

"My favourite part of the day was big box play. Agnes and I made a big house with a door. We could fit inside it. - Scarlett (RAH)



"My favourite part was making journey sticks because we got to decorate them with so many things." - Kayla (RC/R)



"I liked getting dirty in water play. I loved painting too." - Adele (RJE)



"There were lots of activities...there were scooters, painting, boxes, water play and journey sticks. I made four planters to take home. One for my mum, one for my dad, one for my brother and one for me!" - Khai (RSN)



"I liked steering the boat in the sandpit and I liked playing in the tent with Charlie, Callum and Brianna." Austin - (RCC)



DIARY DATES

Fri 9/11	Northern Schools Yr 4 - 7 Netball Carnival
Mon 12/11	Physical Education Week
	Uni SA Lab School Yr 5 - 7
	RJE Excursion
Tues 12/11	Little Augustine's (9.15am - 11.00am)
	Yr 7 B-Ball Clinics
	Nude Food Day
Thurs 15/11	RCR & RSN Excursion
Fri 16/11	RAH & RCC excursion
	Yr 3/4 Mass (9.30am)
Mon 19/11	Vinnie's Christmas Appeal for 2 weeks
Tues 20/11	Little Augustine's (9.00am - 11.30am)
	Nude Food Day
	Finance Meeting (5.00pm)
	School Board Meeting (6.00pm)
Fri 23/11	End of Year Concert - "Musical Mega Stars" BYO Picnic Dinner (5.00pm - 6.00pm) Students meet teachers at class (6.00pm)
Tues 27/11	Little Augustine's (9.00am - 2.00pm)
	Nude Food Day

HIGHLIGHTS

Children's University

On Monday 5 November children from Years 3 to 7 and their proud families attended the Children's University Graduation Ceremony at Bonython Hall.

130 children from St Augustine's Parish School graduated with awards. Caitlin H received a National Bronze Degree for 330 hours extra curricular work. Christopher D received the National Gold Diploma for 300 hours, Jacinta P received the National Silver Diploma for 265 hours, Daniella E received the National Bronze Diploma for 230 hours. Four children received the National Gold Certificate for 200 hours and four children received the National Silver Certificate for 165 hours. 10 children received the National Bronze Certificate for 130 hours and 9 children received the National Gold Award for 100 hours. The remainder of the children received their National Bronze and Silver Awards for 30 and 65 hours of work respectively.

Congratulations to all the children from St Augustine's Parish School for their participation in the Children's University Learning Activities. It was an honour for Georgia as the Principal to read out so many names and congratulate children, teachers and their families for this exemplary effort.

A special thank you must go to Simone Dajeman who has co-ordinated the Children's University this year. We thank Simone for her tireless work and high level of organisation in achieving such success for our children and the school.

Reception Outdoor Play Day

Reception children enjoyed an Outdoor Play Day in Week 3 where teachers constructed a learning opportunity which included various outdoor activities based on provocations and other problem solving endeavours. High levels of creativity were required and children found themselves eagerly involved in creative and dramatic play. Thank you to the Reception teachers for the hours of work that they put into preparing for this special day and to the volunteers who helped them.

Walkalong

On a beautiful Monday in Week 3 the whole school participated in our bi-annual Walkalong. Classes from Years 2 to 7 walked to Harry Bowie Reserve with their teachers, parent helpers and younger siblings in pushers. There were many stations along the way to make sure that no one got lost and that everyone enjoyed the day. Reception to Year 1 engaged in their Walkalong around the school. It was a great opportunity for everyone to build their fitness on a glorious Spring day in Salisbury. The money raised from the Walkalong will go towards outdoor learning play spaces for the children at school and the amount raised this year is \$2,885 – thank you all for your generosity.

2019 Requests

Teachers are busily preparing for End of Year Reports and placing children in classes for 2019. We remind families that this is their last opportunity to make a written request for the placement of their children, remembering that we do not respond to requests for teachers. Thank you to those families who have written to the Principal and the number of families who have praised the work of our teachers and other educators across the school. St Augustine's enjoys a very positive reputation as a Catholic school of quality learning and authentic welcome.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day will be commemorated at Monday Morning Prayer hosted by Year 2-JS on 12 November at 9.15 am. The CSMF choir will also be performing. Families are welcome to attend our observance of this sacrifice by many of our country's young men and women. We pray for peace across the world and for tolerance in the hearts of all as we seek to nourish our children in a safe and life-giving world.

Little Augustine's

Our first Little Augustine's transition morning for 2019 Reception children will be held next Tuesday 13 November and we will welcome nearly 100 children and their families to our school community. This is a very important step for little people and their families as they begin their school journey. We welcome every child as capable, competent and intelligent and look forward to working with them from Reception to Year 6 from 2019 to 2025!

Principal for an Hour

The five children who won "Principal for an Hour" on St Augustine's Day will commence their duties with the first one taking on the role this Friday. We look forward to seeing what the children envisage as the role of a Principal! It could be interesting.

Sacraments

The Sacramental Program is almost half way with their next Workshop this weekend. The children and their families will also attend the Parish Advent Workshop on Saturday 1 December. We will welcome the children back in February to continue their sacramental journey.

REMINDER: Weeks 6 & 7 will be our Annual St Vinnie's Christmas Appeal – donations of packaged and tinned foods and Christmas items will be greatly appreciated. More information will be provided in the next couple of weeks.

Blessings and Peace, *Georgia Dennis, Kerri Dent & Giulia Koliopoulos*

ST AUGUSTINE'S SURVEY

In the next few days you will receive a text message and email from us inviting you to participate in the annual parent survey. We encourage you to respond to the survey as the information we receive from you helps us with our planning. It is important for us to know your thoughts on aspects of our school life. You will also find the survey at the following link:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/SAPSP

NUDE FOOD

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**.

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.

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 and does not come in single-use packaging, such as packets or plastic tubs.



ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH SCHOOL

Proudly Presents: 'MUSICAL MEGA-STARS'



When: FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER

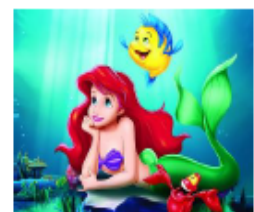
What: All children from R-7 performing items from popular musicals!

Where: On the St Augustine's Parish School Oval – on stage



Families are invited to have a BYO picnic dinner on the St Augustine's Parish School Oval between 5 and 6 pm.

Children must meet in their classrooms to be signed in by 6 pm. The concert will begin at 6.30 pm sharp. Children must remain with their teachers until the conclusion of the event at approximately 8.15 pm. They must be picked up and signed out from their classrooms (sorry but no exceptions).



School F E E S

2018 SCHOOL FEES OVERDUE

If you do not have a payment plan in place and have not made your final fee payment for 2018, can you please arrange to make an appointment to meet with me. Alternatively, if you are unable to meet during school hours, please email me at finance@saps.catholic.edu.au.

All overdue school fees will be charged a \$50 overdue fee. This includes Direct Debit, Centrepay deductions, BPays and Direct Credits that will not repay 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 by email.

SIBLING ENROLMENTS

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.

SCHOOL CARD - LAST CHANCE FOR 2018

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 in to the Front Office and see Kate to apply for a re-assessment. This needs to be done prior to the next submission date, 23 November 2018 (Friday Week 6 Term 4). **THIS IS THE FINAL SUBMISSION DATE FOR 2018.**

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 to arrange an appointment. All discussions will be kept confidential.

Liz Polljonker – Business Manager

STEM NEWS

The South Australian Science Teachers Association (SASTA) website has a blog featuring St Augustine's Parish School STEM Expo. Please follow the link to view.

https://www.sasta.asn.au/about_us/sasta_blog

Congratulations to all involved.



CANTEEN



Term 4 Week 5: 12 November - 16 November

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

Term 4 Week 6: 19 November - 23 November

Monday	Toni, Rosie
Tuesday	Judith
Wednesday	Inger
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