



St Augustine's Parish School

NEWSLETTER No. 18 – Term 4 Week 6, 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.

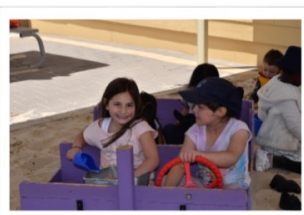
All children welcome.

Reception Outdoor Classroom Day

On Friday 8 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 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!



"I liked building and playing in the big boxes on the oval." Oliver - RTH

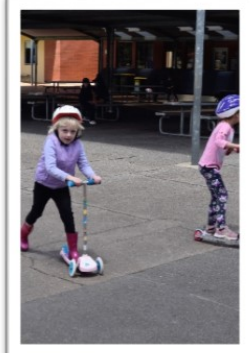
"My favourite part of the day was the water play. I got really wet and a bit cold but it was so much fun." Lucas M – RAH



"I made a bird feeder out of Cheerio's!" Ayla – RRV



"I liked going really fast on my scooter." Ardi – RC/E



"I made a pretty mask. I used leaves and gumnuts" Izabella – RC/R



"I made a playdoh monster!" Santi – RSN



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.

DIARY DATES

Mon 25/11 Finance Meeting (5.30pm)

School Board Meeting (6.00pm)

Tues 26/11 Little Augustine's (9.00am - 2.00pm)

Fri 29/11 Carols Night (BYO picnic 5.00pm—6.00pm)

Students meet at classrooms (6.00pm)

Concert start (6.30pm)

Mon 2/12 Whole School Prayer (9.10am) - Siena Hall

Tues 3/12 Little Augustine's (9.00am - 2.30pm)

Wed 4/12 Canteen Special Lunch

Fri 6/12 Yr 4 - 6 Excursion

Mon 9/12 2020 Transition Day

Semester 2 Reports go home

Wed 11/12 End of Year Mass (9.30am)

Year 6 last day

Year 6 Graduation Dinner (6.00pm)

HIGHLIGHTS

Little Augustine's

Little Augustine's and their families had their first visit on Tuesday 12 November where the children met their teachers and classmates while parents learned more about transitioning to school and the learning in Early Years.

Reports

Teachers are busily putting the final touches to the End of Year Reports, class placements for 2020 and preparing children for that all important transition to their new class. Thank you to the parents who have written with special requests about their child/ren's placement. We endeavour to honour all requests but due to the complexity of arrangements across a school of this size, we cannot make promises.

Enrolments

The Leadership Team is conducting the final enrolment conversations for the 2020 academic year. If you know of anyone who wishes their child to commence their learning at St Augustine's in 2020, could you please impress upon them the urgency of contacting Deb at enrolments@saps.catholic.edu.au or on 8182 7900. Our classes are filling fast and we don't like to disappoint.

High School

While we are transitioning little people into St Augustine's in Reception, we are very conscious that our Year 6s are preparing to graduate. They will be off to high school! Most of our children continue their learning journey at Thomas More College and some go to Gleeson and other Catholic Colleges. If you have any concerns around enrolment, school fees or uniforms, please contact Georgia Dennis at principal@saps.catholic.edu.au or on 8182 7900. Across Catholic schools we endeavour to enable all families to access a Catholic education for their children from Reception to Year 12 and we work together with other Catholic schools to enable this to happen for all of our families.

Literacy

If you have iView at home I encourage all families to access the Four Corners program on Literacy. Many of the strategies recommended in the program are a part of the St Augustine's repertoire of learning experiences for children. One of the important messages from the program was to limit screen time and to increase the reading of storybooks and novels with your children.

Absentees

When the reports come home at the end of the year (Monday 9 December) you will notice that there is a section showing absenteeism and the number of late arrival and early departure occasions. Being at school is the best way for your child to learn. Of course we understand when children are sick but children staying home for birthdays and all sorts of other reasons really affects their learning and we ask families to think very seriously whether the day off being requested is going to be the best option for learning and development.

Celebrations

Preparations are well underway for the Carols Night (Friday 29 November) and we ask all families to make this a priority. We remind everyone that the End of Year Mass (Wednesday 11 December) will be taking place during the day and will not be an after hours event this year.

Parking

Parents are asked to PLEASE observe the parking requirements for St Augustine's Parish School. The front car parks are for staff and visitors ONLY. They are not a kiss and drop area and provide serious risk to children as they are not set up for child safety. Parents are invited to park in the church car park and the chapel car park. St Augustine's is blessed with more than adequate parking for families. Other schools are unable to provide this and we thank the Parish for their generosity for allowing our families to park in the church and chapel car parks. Please observe the rules of the car parks – those rules are there to keep both you and all children safe.

Volunteers

As families would be aware, anyone who works with children at any Catholic school must have a Working With Children Check and a Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide Clearance Letter or Card. All volunteers MUST be an approved St Augustine's Parish School volunteer (valid for 5 years) which includes the clearance and having participated in an induction session. This year a number of Approved St Augustine's Parish School volunteers will move onto secondary settings and so we are asking all families to consider becoming approved for this purpose. We thank you for considering this favourably and making some time to attend our induction session. Times for induction sessions are published in the Newsletter and occur at least once per term. If you are unable to make the set session, please call the school and we will make time for an individual opportunity.

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

ADVANCED NOTICE:

WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER - END OF YEAR MASS (9.30AM) and YEAR 6 LAST DAY
THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER - FINAL DAY OF TERM 4

School F E E S

2020 SCHOOL FEE NOMINATION FORMS

Letters were sent home via the eldest child last week which detailed the school fee structure for 2020. Please complete the back page of this letter and return it to the front office so that we can charge you the correct amount in the new year.

SCHOOL CARD – LAST CHANCE FOR 2019 APPLICATIONS & RE-SUBMISSIONS

If you are yet to apply or 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 into the Front Office and see Kate to apply for an assessment or a re-assessment. This needs to be done prior to the next submission date, **22 November 2019** (Friday Week 6 Term 4). **THIS IS THE FINAL SUBMISSION DATE FOR 2019.**

ARE YOU HAVING DIFFICULTIES PAYING YOUR FEES?

2019 School Fees are now due in full unless you have a payment plan in place.

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



CANTEEN



Term 4 Week 7: 25 November - 29 November

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



Term 4 Week 8: 2 December - 6 December

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

Enrolment Policy

More reasons to Enrol Now for Year 7

Important: Places for Year 7 at Thomas More College are very limited. Due to this high demand, if you have not enrolled your child for Year 7, please read this carefully.

tmc.catholic.edu.au  

Thomas More College Enrolment Timeline

MORE OPPORTUNITY YEAR 7-12

Whether you have another child here or your child currently attends a partner school, families are urged to enrol now!

Interviews are now taking place



YEAR TO COMMENCE	ENROLMENT APPLICATION	APPLICATION CLOSING DATE
Year 7 2021	Urgent enrolment NOW	Please enquire with the College prior to lodging an application
Year 7 2022	Urgent enrolment NOW	End of Term 1, 2020
Year 7 2023	Accepting applications	End of Term 1, 2021
Years 8-12	Limited places may be available	Please enquire with the College prior to lodging an application

How to Enrol

- Visit tmc.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information to download an application or request an Enrolment Pack from the College Office. Once completed, submit the application to our Finance Department for processing.
- Once your application has been received you may receive an email requesting any further information required.
- Based on the information supplied parents/guardians and students may be invited to attend an interview with a member of College Leadership.
- Following the interview, should an offer of enrolment result, you will be notified in writing.

Please contact our Enrolments Officer, Jane Siviour on 8182 2600 or enrolments@tmc.catholic.edu.au

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PE NEWS

On Wednesday 13 November the Year 6 sports captains and our Year 2 students attended the ACHPER/ SACPSSA P.E Week 'Come and Try Day'. The Year 6 captains attended as station leaders alongside other school leaders and major sports organisations. They provided active games for a variety of Year 2 students from schools around Adelaide, including St Augustine's. With over 18 different sports offered the day was packed full of activities and trying new events.

Our station leaders did an outstanding job and received extremely positive feedback from all that participated in their activities.

I would like to thank all that were involved on the day, teachers, ESOs and parent volunteers. Without your help a massive outing like this is not possible. It was a great way to celebrate PE Week and to end a very busy sporting year.

Well done team!

Kas Pillay

Physical Education Teacher



ACHPER PE AWARDS

On Friday 8th November, ACHPER Held their annual Physical Education Week awards dinner, St Augustine's was fortunate to take home 3 awards on the night for excellence in Health & Physical Education (HPE). Mr Pillay, Mr Skewes and our lovely office staff received awards for their contribution to HPE and school sport in 2019. This reflects our commitment to offering the St Augustine's community a high quality HPE program and numerous opportunities for participation in sport.

Nick Skewes

Physical Education Teacher / School Sport Coordinator



Congratulations



On November 10 Heath C competed in the Tasmanian titles in BMX riding. Heath was able to place 2nd & 5th in the races he competed in. This year Heath has also competed in the SA titles placing 5th and placing 4th in both his races in the NT titles.

Eva C is also an avid competitor in BMX and has made a name for herself as one of the fastest 6 year old girls in the state. On behalf of the school we

would like to commend both Heath and Eva on their accomplishments, we wish you continued success in future competitions!



Tell Helen Postcard Campaign



Many of our students aged 8-12 years are directly supporting the important work of South Australia's Commissioner for Children and Young People, Helen Connolly as active participants of her 'Message to the Commissioner' (Tell Helen) Postcard Project.

The project is helping the Commissioner to gain a clearer understanding of what is important to students aged 8 - 12 years. She is asking this under-represented group of children and young people to respond to six simple questions including what they would do if they were the boss of South Australia. All responses are anonymous. No personal information is being collected. The Commissioner will use our Student's responses to inform her work to make South Australia a great place for children and young people.

Learn more about the 'Message to the Commissioner'
(Tell Helen) Postcard Project at www.ccypsa.com.au/tellhelen



PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Music Count Us In 2019

On Thursday Week 4, students from R-6 were involved in Australia's largest school music participation program, where students around the country (from over 3,400 schools), sang the same song, at the same time, on the same day.

We gathered in Siena Hall and students sang the roof off along with performing actions to the song 'We Are'. This was a first time event for our school and it looked to be enjoyable for all!

All participating students will receive a certificate shortly. Well done!



Instrumental Music at St Augustine's – Learning Through Music

St Augustine's school offers instrumental music lessons through an organisation called Learning Through Music. At present these lessons include piano, voice, guitar and recently drums.

Last Thursday many of our instrumental students were involved in a performance to showcase their talents and skills. Learning an instrument takes time and dedication and whatever the level, offers students many benefits. Congratulations to these students on their commitment and a fantastic performance!

For more information about the Learning Through Music program, see our front office staff.



ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH SCHOOL Proudly Presents: 'TELL ME THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS'

When: FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER

What: All children from R-6 performing Christmas carols and songs

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).

Paula Giugliano

PAULA GIUGLIANO
Performing Arts Teacher
(on behalf of the St Augustine's Parish School staff)

Georgia Dennis

GEORGIA DENNIS
Principal



COMMUNITY HUBS CELEBRATION

Please join staff and families from the Community Hubs to celebrate 1 YEAR in South Australia:

St Augustine's Parish School
Paralowie R-12 School
Para Vista Primary School
Salisbury Primary School
Karrendi Primary School
Blair Athol North Birth-7 School
St Brigid's School

Monday 25th November 2019

9.30am - 11.00am

**St Augustine's Parish School
Playgroup/OSHC Room**

Parking in church next to school

MORNING TEA & ACTIVITIES for CHILDREN

Every Wednesday Term 4

1.00 – 3.00pm

St Augustine's Community Hub.

"Simple Sewing"

Learn how to make tops, pants, bags, pom poms, pin cushions & Christmas decorations or bring your own project or mending.

Sorry unsafe for children under 4 years.



Everything provided - machines, fabric and sewing supplies.

English

**conversation
class**

**Practice your English in a
friendly and relaxed group at
St Augustines Parish School**

Day: Wednesdays (term time only)

Time: 9:15-11:15am

Place: St Augustine's Parish School Hub
25 Commercial Rd, Salisbury

This is a free group for adults wanting to improve their English skills. Creche is available for children.