



St Augustine's Parish School

NEWSLETTER No. 19 – Term 4 Week 8, 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.

DIARY DATES

Fri 6/12	Yr 4 - 6 Excursion
Mon 9/12	2020 Transition Day
	Semester 2 Reports go home
Tues 10/12	Whole School assembly (9.15am) Siena Hall
Wed 11/12	End of Year Mass (9.30am)
	Year 6 last day
	Year 6 Graduation Dinner (6.00pm)
Thur 12/12	Term 4 Ends (3.15pm)
2020	Tues 28 January Term 1 Begins



CAROLS NIGHT



HIGHLIGHTS

Carols Night

Our Carols Night was a truly spectacular event despite the threat of rain. The children sang and danced beautifully and we thank Paula Giugliano and the teachers for working with children to achieve such an outstanding performance. There was some trepidation just prior to the curtain raiser as the rain continued to fall. What a fantastic community we have here at St Augustine's Parish School with parents and grandparents pitching in to mop down stages and tarpaulins so that the show could go on. Thank you to everybody who contributed so generously to ensure that the children had their moment in the spotlight and parents were able to begin the festive season with angelic voices and the story of Christmas.

Volunteers

Our wonderful volunteers were celebrated and thanked at our Monday morning Advent Liturgy. These amazing people help with reading, numeracy, the Book Club, Canteen, Sunshine Café, Parents & Friends, School Board and excursions. Without our dedicated volunteers who make a commitment to the school to always be there for us we would not be able to offer the rich variety of programs and support for our children. We thank our volunteers and wish them a very happy, Holy and safe Christmas.

Transition

On Monday there will be a whole school transition. Children will meet their teacher and classmates for 2020. There have been months of planning, consultation and negotiation that has gone into placing children into the best possible learning environment. We have taken into account children's sociograms, teachers' professional judgement and parent requests. We do not respond to requests for particular teachers as all of our teachers are exceptional. We ask that families support the decisions that have been made in the best interests of every child. Affirming where your child has been placed is the most effective way to dispel any anxiety around class placements.

School reports

Reports will be going home on Monday and any family who wishes to make a time to speak with class teacher about aspects of that report are encouraged to make an appointment before Wednesday.

Whole School Assembly

On Tuesday we will be having a whole school assembly where the Silver Knight Award and the Zoe Bettison Award will be bestowed on deserving recipients. We will also take the opportunity to farewell Mrs Josette Charles who is unable to attend our Wednesday Mass due to school commitments at Our Lady of Grace. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at this assembly. There will be a very special surprise for children.

With Sadness

It is with great sadness that we learned of the death of Maureen Marshall, the mother of Fr Philip Marshall and Louise Stevens, who works in the Parish office. Maureen Marshall's funeral will be held at St Augustine's Church at 11.30 am and parents are reminded that the Church car park will not be available after morning drop off. We offer our deepest sympathies to Fr Philip and Louise and their family. May Maureen Marshall rest in God's eternal peace.

End of year Mass

Next Wednesday will be the End of Year Mass and this will be held at 9.30 am with all families invited to attend and participate in the last celebration for 2019.

Graduation

The graduation of our Year 6s will take place on Wednesday night at the Marche Club.

Community Hub

The Community Hub celebrated their final gathering at a special stakeholders and families get together in the OSHC room. Over 120 people attended the occasion and it was a great opportunity for families to see our SPiCE Playgroup in action and the wonderful facilities that we offer for all of our children. Community Hub Leaders, Principals of hosting schools and members of Lutheran Community Care and other supporting outside agencies all attended the gathering and the feedback was very positive.

Rohan Seegrade the CEO from Lutheran Community Care thanked all of the Hub Leaders, support agencies and families for attending the gathering and for their ongoing support for this very important program for refugee and migrant families.



End of Term

The last day of school for students in Reception to Year 5 is Thursday 12 December at 3.15 pm and the Year 6s last day will be Wednesday 11 December at 3.15 pm.

Thank you

We would like to thank all the teachers, staff, P&F and School Board at St Augustine's Parish School as well as the families who support this amazing school and all the wonderful things that happen for our precious children. Thank you everyone for your commitment and dedication to making St Augustine's a school to celebrate.

We take this opportunity to wish all of our families a very safe, happy and Holy Christmas and God's blessings for the New Year. School resumes on Tuesday 28 January 2020 at 9.00 am.

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



Performing Arts News

Carols Night was such a wonderful culmination of the singing and performance skills undertaken throughout Term 4 in Performing Arts. I was so proud of all students for performing with great energy and enthusiasm. A huge thank you to all staff involved and to families for braving the weather to support this special event.

A particular mention to my amazing Carols Night Support Act Group, who kept the evening flowing and the audience thoroughly entertained with their story telling, acting and singing. You have been an absolute pleasure to work with! These students are:

Lachlan and Beltra from 5ML

Jett, Anastasia, Ysabella, Gabriella from 5MH

Jhye, Annie, Kaylee, Christine, Thalia and Angelo from 6SD

Melvynn, Aliyah, Antony and Imogene from 6JC

Congratulations and thank you!



Mrs Giugliano (Performing Arts Teacher)

Thank you

A huge thank you to all who donated a variety of goods for our St Vincent DePaul Christmas Appeal.

Thanks to the generosity of many, we were able to collect over 800 items and these will be used to provide goods for people in our Community.

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MSP Photography take our student photos yearly and have kindly made a monetary donation to assist with our Graduating students.

We thank them for their support and are very grateful for their contribution.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



This year there was a record number of 336 children who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Thank you to the parents and teachers who supported children in completing the Student Record Form. Certificates and medals have now been distributed.

Colleen Ferguson (Literacy Co-ordinator)

School F E E S

REMINDER: 2020 SCHOOL FEE NOMINATION FORMS

Letters were sent home via the eldest child. This letter 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. If you require another copy please contact us or visit our website at <https://tinyurl.com/SAPSSchool-Fees>.

DIRECT DEBITS

If you have a Direct Debit that falls on Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day), Thursday 26th December (Proclamation Day) or Wednesday 1st January, please ensure that you have sufficient funds for the deduction to be made on the business day prior to the Public Holidays (Tuesday 24th December/Tuesday 31st December).

ARE YOU HAVING DIFFICULTIES PAYING YOUR FEES?

2019 School Fees are now due in full unless you have a payment plan in place. Please have your fees paid in full by the end of the term to avoid an overdue fee of \$50 being added to your account.

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 9: 9 December - 13 December

Monday	Rosie
Tuesday	Judith
Wednesday	Inger & Sally
Thursday	Alex & Estrella
Friday	Pupil Free Day

Thank you to all who have volunteered throughout the year in the Canteen.


Your time and support is invaluable to us.

A big thank you to Rose, Mel, Katrina, Toni and Sally for helping with the special lunch orders on Wednesday.

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.

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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.



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