



# St Augustine's Parish School

## NEWSLETTER No. 6— Term 2 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.

# YEAR 1

The Year One students have been busy learning all about the creepy crawlies in our environment! We went on an excursion to Urrbrae Wetlands where we were able to put our knowledge into practice .



As scientists we made observations about a variety of different mini-beasts that live in, on and around the water. We identified the different features of the mini-beasts we found as well as the unique characteristics that make them suitable for the environment.

*"I learnt that some minibeasts live in water. I enjoyed looking at minibeasts through the microscope" - Zachary C.*



*"I liked swishing in the nets in the water and seeing the minibeasts in the microscopes" – Adele K*



*"I had fun when I went on the nature walk to find nature stuff" – James S*



*"I liked going around the wetlands for a walk. Somebody found a shrimp" – Jacob L*



*"I loved seeing the ducks because they were cute" – Judith S*

### DIARY DATES

Fri 10/5	Mother's Day Breakfast - Siena Hall (8.00am)
	Mothers Day Liturgy - Siena Hall(9.15am)
Mon 13/5	St Vinnie's Winter Appeal week
Tues 14/5	Naplan on line (Yr 3 & 5)
	Nude food day
Wed 15/5	Naplan on line (Yr 3 & 5)
Thur 16/5	Naplan on line (Yr 3 & 5)
Fri 17/5	Whole School Mass (9.30am)
Mon 20/5	Naplan on line (Yr 3 & 5)
	Finance Meeting (5.30pm)
	P&F Meeting - All welcome (6.00pm)
	School Board Meeting (7.00pm)
Tues 21/5	Naplan on line (Yr 3 & 5)
Wed 22/5	Naplan on line (Yr 3 & 5)
Thur 23/5	Naplan on line (Yr 3 & 5)
	Junior Primary Assembly

**ADVANCE NOTICE: PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 7 JUNE**

**DIARY DATES AMMENDMENT: Grandparent's Mass scheduled for 28 June 2019 will occur in Term 3. Date to be advised.**

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Term 2

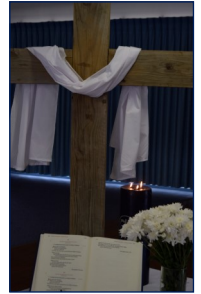
Welcome back to everyone and welcome to our new families. It's lovely to have so many new faces at school and for our school to be recommended to them by our current community. Word of mouth is always the best advertising and reinforces for us that St Augustine's offers a really high quality education underpinned by Catholic faith in a resource rich and safe environment.

## Leadership

This term there have been some changes in the Leadership Team with our Deputy, Kerri Dent, on a Study Tour in Spain for the first four weeks of the term. Colleen Ferguson has taken on the role of Acting Deputy and is being supported by our Acting APRIM, Phillis Johnston, and Georgia Dennis.

## Liturgy

The term has started really well and it's wonderful to see our prayers answered with rain to quench our thirsty earth and to provide much needed water for our farmers and market gardeners. Rain brings new life and we have been celebrating the new life of Christ this week. On Tuesday we participated in two liturgies which acknowledged the stories of Jesus's resurrection on the first Easter Sunday. The children were very prayerful and clearly found the nature of the liturgies engaging and thought provoking.



## Congratulations

At the Easter Vigil our School Counsellor, Melanie Stockdale, was welcomed into the Catholic Church. Phillis and Kerri were Godparents and other members of staff came along to support Mel and to participate in one of the most significant Masses of the year. It was lovely to celebrate this special time with members of the Salisbury Catholic Parish.

## Phil Cummings

On Thursday 2 May Phil Cummings, noted children's author, came to work with the Year 3 classes and share stories with the staff over morning tea. We felt very privileged to have such a celebrated writer in our midst. The children gained a lot from listening to Phil and teachers picked up many teaching points and opportunities to enrich the writing program.



## SPiCE Playgroup

Our SPiCE Playgroup is now operating three days in every school term week. Families are invited to bring little ones along on Monday, Tuesday and Friday (9.00am - 11.00am) to enjoy nature play and a language rich program that focuses on the joy of stories, curiosity of children and a warm community spirit for the adults. Carole, Natasha and Michelle warmly welcome new families and encourage people to spread the word about our amazing Playgroup.

## Enrolment

Families are reminded that places for our Mid Year Reception class are filling fast. Our transition program, Little Augustine's, will begin on Tuesday 4 June and runs for four consecutive Tuesdays. Deb Applebee is eagerly awaiting your call to enrol your child who will turn 5 before 30 October so that we can organise a school tour and an enrolment conversation with one of the Leadership Team. If you know of anybody who has a child looking to start school mid year, please encourage them to call Deb Applebee on 8182 7900 or email [enrolments@saps.catholic.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@saps.catholic.edu.au)

## Mother's Day

On Friday 10 May we will be celebrating mothers and significant women in the lives of our children with a breakfast at 8.00am in Siena Hall followed by a Mothers' Day Liturgy at 9.15am. Invitations have been sent home and all families are very welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you on Friday 10 May.



## Vinnie's Winter Appeal

We are currently in the middle of our St Vinnie's Winter Appeal where we are seeking donations of cans of food and clean blankets. This appeal runs over two weeks and your support is greatly appreciated. Winter can be a taxing time when you have nowhere to call home or home is a small space with very little to keep you warm and sustained.

## NAPLAN

NAPLAN Online will be carried out in Weeks 3 and 4. Children in Years 3 and 5 has been practising their keyboard skills in readiness for the test. Families are reminded that while we value the data that NAPLAN provides, the test can only give us an indication of how a child performs on one or two given days. We endeavour to take the stress out of the test environment whilst maintaining scrupulous adherence to test guidelines.

### Uniform Shop

Parents are reminded that the Uniform Shop is open for the purchase of long track pants, jackets, jumpers and long sleeve polo tops to keep little people and not so little people warm on chilly days. Please remember to label all items so that if they are found, we can return them to your child's class.

### Car Parks

We ask that parents consider the safety of children when they use the Church Car Park in the morning and at pick up time in the afternoon. Double parking, speeding, blocking exits and parking in Disabled Car Parks creates havoc for everyone using the car park. It is a very poor example to our impressionable children if, as adults, we do not play by the rules. Safety of children is always our greatest concern. We request you please adhere to the road rules.

Blessings and Peace, *Georgia Dennis, Colleen Ferguson & Phillis Johnston*

# CONGRATULATIONS

A big congratulations to the students from our school, and the other students on the Sacrament Program, who are about to celebrate their Confirmation on Friday 17 May and First Holy Communion and the weekend of 18-19 May.

Jett A,	Joseph C	Lalibella C	Shyla C	Thomas C
Santino D	Emmanuel D	Esther D	Sharlise F	Salvatore G
Mary H	James H	Trang H	Alexia K	Victoria L
Cristian M	Jordan M	Alexa R	Ysabella R	Kaylee S
Angas S	Monica Z			

***Lord, look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to your spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that you have begun in them.***

***Amen***

### PARISH MULTICULTURAL CARNIVAL 2020 – A message from the Parish

Every two years, we have held a Parish carnival on the week immediately preceding Ash Wednesday. There are games to participate in, entertainment to watch and see, all kinds of food, plants, bric-a-brac and what-nots for sale (or given away).

It does take a bit of organizing and preparing but with the help, support and participation of the schools and groups in the parish, it has been successful so far for the past three occasions that it had been held. We hope that with the continued support of all, this coming event in 2020 would be an enjoyable occasion as well for all in the community.

So as not to burden the Parish too much for the expenses involved with the carnival, a raffle is being held to raise funds to support the event. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prizes are 'Hampers of Goodies' but there will also be lots of consolation prizes (we hope to put some on display at the foyer of the church).

Tickets are now on sale at \$2 each. These will be drawn at one of the Sunday Masses in St Augustine's Church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of June 2019 and results will be published in 'The ECHO' on the following week.

Your enthusiastic support will be much appreciated.

***The 2020 Carnival Organizing Committee***

***Please note, tickets are available from the St Augustine's Front Office for purchase.***

### Woolworths Earn & Learn 2019

This year St Augustine's Parish School will be participating again in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. This program will enable us to purchase new educational resources for our school.

From Wednesday 1 May until Tuesday 25 June 2019 we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will receive one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent. Please place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it is complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box in the Front Office of the school or at Parabanks Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. We sincerely thank you for your support.





# School F E E S

## Term 2 School Fees

Last week Term 2 school fee statements were posted home. If you did not receive your statement please contact the front office so that we can update your details and re-issue it. The term 2 fees (50% of total annual fees are due this week, (Friday 10 May). If you are experiencing difficulties or need an extension please contact me to discuss.

## 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 either Kate or myself to apply for a re-assessment. This needs to be done prior to our next submission date, 17 May.

Also, if you have not already applied THIS YEAR, please do so immediately to avoid paying full fees. We cannot apply for this after the final submission date. You must apply for School Card every year. Failure to submit a School Card application will result in reversal of the discounts already applied on your statement. (Additional charges apply.)

## 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.

Please feel free to contact the administration staff should you have any queries with your school fee account.

## Entertainment Books

Need a last minute gift for Mother's Day? The 2019/20 Entertainment Books are now available for purchase from the Front Office for \$70. <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1637s56>

Liz Polljonker – Business Manager

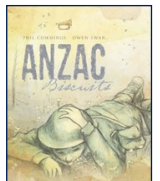
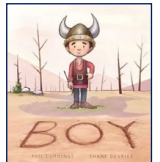
## PHIL CUMMINGS YEAR 3 VISIT

On Thursday 1 May the Year 3 classes were very fortunate to have author Phil Cummings visit. We have been using his picture books to make connections with text, look at language features of text and develop an appreciation and enjoyment of the narrative genre.

Ava from 3ZS reflected on his visit and wrote the following:

*"Phil Cummings came to our school on Thursday to tell us stories about what happened in his life and Phil Cummings also showed everyone what he would do if he didn't bring a pen or a piece of paper. Phil Cummings told us a story and it was a really funny story and it was about his chooks and a big brown snake that was hissssing around the fence. He told us that he was very nervous of what the snake would do to someone or something so he kept on saying the story until he gave everyone a big shock. Then when he gave us the big shock everyone jumped! So we had a bit of a giggle. After we had our giggle Phil Cummings told us other stories that were sad, funny, exciting and others. I liked how I got a chance to talk to Phil Cummings at the end. The part I didn't like was when we had to leave Phil Cummings. Phil Cummings is kind, sweet, funny and I had fun seeing Phil Cummings."*

The State Library have an exhibition of Phil Cummings work running until 21 July. It is free to explore and he tells us they have even built his infamous chook shed from his book 'Chook Shed Snake'.



# CANTEEN



## Term 2 Week 3: 13 May - 17 May

Monday	Rosie & Toni
Tuesday	Judith
Wednesday	Inger - Help required 9.00am - 11.00am
Thursday	Alex & Estrella
Friday	Estrella & Chris

## Term 2 Week 4: 20 May - 24 May

Monday	Rosie & Toni
Tuesday	Judith
Wednesday	Inger - Help required 9.00am - 11.00am
Thursday	Alex & Estrella
Friday	Estrella & Chris

# THE FACTS ON SCHOOL FUNDING IN AUSTRALIA



School funding can be a confusing and contentious topic – so it's important that parents and school communities know the facts.

This leaflet explains how and why governments fund all not-for-profit schools, including Catholic schools.



## KEY STATISTICS (2018) - CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN AUSTRALIA

Schools



1750

Students



764,190

Staff



96,098

Catholic schools  
have educated  
Australian  
students for  
almost  
200 years

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATE 1 IN 5 STUDENTS



## THE COST OF A SCHOOL EDUCATION

The true cost of a school education in Australia is much higher than most people realise. The Federal Government calculates the basic cost at \$11,343 per primary student and \$14,254 per secondary student for 2019. That would be a huge cost for most Australian families, especially if they have two or more children.

This is why state/territory and federal governments provide some funding to all not-for-profit school sectors.



PRIMARY STUDENT  
\$11,343



SECONDARY STUDENT  
\$14,254

## HOW GOVERNMENT FUNDING IS CALCULATED

Funding for all schools in all sectors is calculated using the same needs-based measure – the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS).

Each school's SRS is calculated according to the needs of its students, starting with a base amount - \$11,343 per primary student or \$14,254 per secondary student plus extra funding for six types of disadvantage.

So a primary school educating many disadvantaged students may have an SRS of more than \$17,000 per student, while another educating highly advantaged students may have an SRS of less than \$12,000 per student.

The SRS is a funding target and was introduced in 2014. For many state and territory governments, it represents a big jump in their school funding commitments as they are the majority funders of public schools which educate two-thirds of all students. Meeting the SRS is therefore being phased in over several years with Federal assistance.

## WHO PAYS THE SRS?

In public schools, the SRS is funded solely by state/territory and federal governments; parents are not required to contribute.

In Catholic and other non-government schools, state/territory and federal governments fund 20-90% of the SRS base amount according to a means test of the school's parents, who are expected to make up the shortfall. The more parents can afford to pay, the less public funding a non-government school attracts.

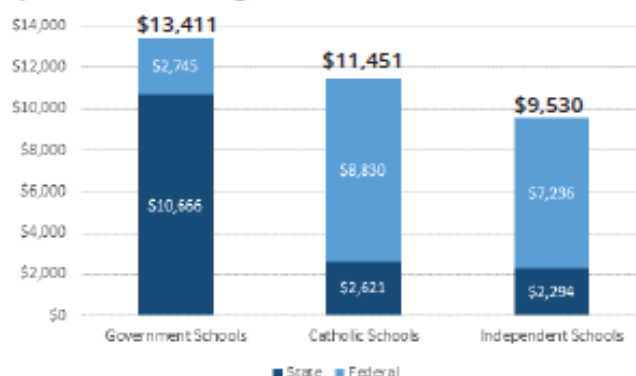
## IT'S A FACT



- Funding for all students in all school sectors is calculated using the same needs-based measure - the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS)
  - In public schools, the SRS is solely funded by taxpayers
  - In Catholic and other non-government schools, parents pay part of the SRS according to an assessment of their ability to pay
  - Public school funding has never been cut to fund Catholic schools. Funding for public schools has risen every year in line with enrolments and indexation
- Catholic Education supports a strong, properly funded public schools sector
  - All Australian students should have access to a quality education, no matter which school they attend
- Catholic school parents are also taxpayers and deserve a fair share of government funding support to keep their children's schools affordable
- By keeping Catholic schools affordable, one in five Australian children can attend a school that reflects their parents' values and beliefs – an important feature of a pluralist society
- Catholic schools save taxpayers money; without affordable Catholic schools, taxpayers would need to fund 100% of the cost of educating Catholic school students, instead of around 70%

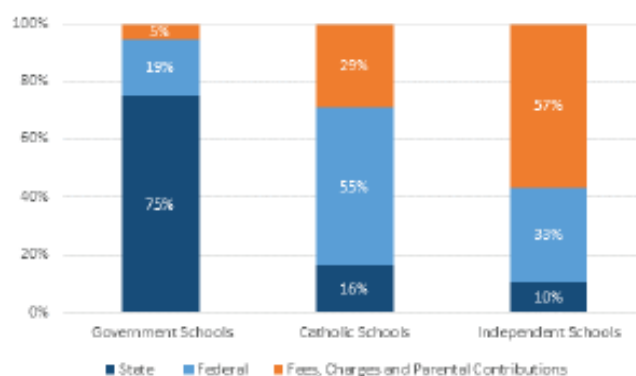
## HOW MUCH GOVERNMENT FUNDING DO SCHOOLS RECEIVE?

### 2017 TOTAL GOVERNMENT RECURRENT FUNDING (per student average)



## HOW MUCH DO CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS PAY?

### SOURCES OF RECURRENT FUNDING 2017



Catholic school communities, on average, contribute almost 30% of the cost of educating their students. The remainder is covered by a combination of state/territory and federal government funding.

Without this government funding support, Catholic systemic schools would need to charge parents the full cost of educating their child. This would put a Catholic education out of reach for most Australian families, forcing them onto the public schools sector which is already stretched.

In 2017, Catholic school communities paid \$3.6 billion in fees and \$1.27 billion in capital funding to support their schools. This represents a significant saving to taxpayers.

### 2017 FUNDING SOURCES - CAPITAL

