



St Augustine's Primary School

Newsletter

7 February 2020

Week 1

Welcome back to the new school year. I would like to extend my warm wishes to the families that join us for the first time in 2020 and to our new staff member Miss Ella Yensch and returning staff member Mrs Samantha Twomey, who along with current staff have been working hard in preparation for the school year. Thank you for the great support we have had with uniforms, drop off and pick up and organisation of school supplies and the prompt return of permission slips and medical information to start the year. Despite the very hot weather and the usual hectic start with swimming lessons, classroom routines and new teachers to get used the children have settled back beautifully.

Swimming lessons are proving to be great fun, good exercise and helpful to students. Many of our students swim all year round which is an excellent practice. We are looking forward to our Swimming Carnival Friday 21st February at Belmont Oasis Leisure Centre.

A reminder to parents to please CLEARLY LABEL all items of clothing, equipment and storage items that belongs to your child. School shoes, swimming togs, goggles, prescription glasses homework/library bags, drink bottles, anything that belongs to your child requires labelling.

At St Augustine's we are blessed to have such a dedicated and professional staff who are fully committed to providing the very best education for your children as well as caring for and nurturing them. The classroom teachers are the first point of contact regarding any of your concerns or queries with your children and are available to meet with you however they do have classrooms to organise, lessons to prepare and their own families to care for so please be mindful of putting unreasonable demands upon them and their precious time, a commodity in short supply for us all I am sure you would agree.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT Next Tuesday evening we will be holding our parent teacher night, the evening is a valuable way to begin building a close working relationship with your child's class teacher, and to gain insight into the teaching and learning that is planned for the year ahead. When schools and families really work together for the best interests of each child, amazing things can be achieved. Many thanks to staff for the work they put into preparing their presentations and the gift of their valuable time.

Tuesday 11 February 2020

Session 1 ~ 5:00pm-5:30pm

Session 2 ~ 5:45pm-6:15pm

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION This year we will putting the newsletter out on a fortnightly basis. As we now have the school App, email and seesaw as timelier means of communication the need for a weekly newsletter is no longer a necessity. Thank you for your understanding.

If you do not have the school app download from either the Apple App or Google Play store. Just search for St Augustine's and download the School App.

Once you have downloaded the app you will be asked to receive notifications. Make sure you allow these so that you can receive important notifications and updated from the school.

Quotes for the week

"Teamwork is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."

Andrew Carnegie

"Individual commitment to a group effort- that is what makes a teamwork, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."

Vince Lombardi

PRAYER

**God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.**

**Be with our children, staff and parents as they begin
a new school year.**

Bless them all.

**Give the children strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.**

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY NEXT FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY from 8.50am where Year 6 Leaders will be announced, Semester 1 2020 Mini Vinnie Representatives and new initiatives for 2020 announced.

START OF THE YEAR WHOLE SCHOOL MASS next Tuesday 11 February at 9am, led by our St Augustine's staff.

SWIMMING LESSONS YR 4 - 6 By all reports have been going very well and what a great week it has been to be in the pool. We look forward to the lessons continuing next week with the last lesson being next Friday 14 February. Years 1-3 will undertake their school swimming lessons in Term 4 of this year.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT on Tuesday 11 February (PP to Year 6) 5-5.30pm with a repeat starting at 5.45pm-6.15pm

P&F MEETING Wednesday 12 February. The P & F will hold their first meeting for 2020 on Wednesday 12 February at 8am in the school hall foyer. All parents and carers are welcome to attend this meeting, as they plan friend and fundraisers for 2020.

SCHOOL LIBRARY is currently closed as we await delivery of the new furnishings and shelving. The refurbishment of the school library was achieved with the help of the P & F who contributed very generously to the total cost. A new reading chair, large floor mat and modular couched will be arriving on Tuesday, with the new shelving and library fit out occurring in Week 7. Stay tuned for the Open Morning of our school library.

SACRAMENTS 2020 Year 3, 4 and 6 A note has gone home this week outlining the up and coming Parent Only Sacramental Meeting on Thursday 20 February from 6-7pm. Followed by the Sacrament Commitment Masses on Saturday 22 February and Sunday 23 February. This is for families who have a child/ren making a Sacrament in 2020 to attend. If you know of any past students who may wish to make a Sacrament this year please advise them to contact the school or Parish.

SPORTS UNIFORM DAYS Faction shirt can be worn on Sport/Phys Ed days and School Polo shirt on all other days ~

PP - Tuesday and Thursday
Yr 1 - Wednesday and Tuesday
Yr 2 - Wednesday and Thursday
Yr 3 - Wednesday
Yr 4 - Wednesday and Friday
Yr 5 - Thursday and Friday
Yr 6 - Wednesday and Friday

2020 TERM DATES

Term 1 Monday 3 February to Wednesday 8 April
Term 2 Tuesday 28 April to Thursday 2 July
Term 3 Monday 20 July to Thursday 24 September
Term 4 Tuesday 13 October to Thursday 17 December

2020 PUPIL FREE DATES

Thursday 9 April
Monday 27 April (ANZAC Day Public Holiday)
Friday 29 May
Friday 3 July
Friday 25 September
Monday 12 October

2020 SACRAMENT DATES

Thursday 20 February - Parent Sacramental Workshop
Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 February - Sacrament Commitment Mass weekend
Sunday 22 March - Sacrament of First Eucharist
Friday 5 June - Sacrament of Confirmation
Thursday 17 September - Sacrament of Reconciliation

PARISH NEWS

Weekday Masses are held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings at 9:00am
Weekend Masses Saturday 6:00pm & Sunday 9:00am
Altar Servers Saturday 8 February 6:00pm ~ *Please see Father Robert*
Altar Servers Sunday 9 February 9:00am ~ *Please see Father Robert*

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking through the Commonwealth Bank is back for 2020 (commencing Week 1)
There are more great rewards for children to choose from, once they have made 10 deposits.
Friday mornings from 8:15-8:45am in the school hall adjacent to the canteen
Students and their siblings are welcome.

For those students in Kindergarten wishing to participate in school banking, your bank book can be left with the class teacher on Wednesdays and will be returned to you the following Monday.

If you would like to open an account for your child, please either speak to the school banking co-ordinator on Friday mornings or email admin@staugustines.wa.edu.au

Chelsea Silva

School Banking Co-ordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

Chess Back in 2020!

Chess Club will continue for 2020! However, due to swimming lessons and the Year 6 camp over the coming weeks, chess club will commence later in the term. Day, time and date of the first chess class is TBA. Start practising!

STA Netball Club Winter 2020

STA Netball Club is now open for registrations for Girls and Boys in years 2-7 the Winter 2020 season. Games are held on Saturday mornings at Wilson Park, Kooyong Road from 2nd May to 12 September. PP and Year 1 students are invited to participate in the Netsetgo Skills program directly through the Belmont Netball Association. For more information, or to be added to the registration email list, please email Jacinta Thompson at stanetballclub@hotmail.com

Electronic Keyboard for Sale

Electronic Keyboard Casio CTK- 3200, keyboard with stand and original box. \$150 total for both keyboard and stand. Contact Julie-Anne 0409 882 979.

Keyed Up Music 2020

Keyed Up Music will be running Guitar and Keyboard lessons at St Augustine's Primary School during the day. Prices start at \$18.65 for a Keyboard group lesson and \$19.20 for a Guitar group lesson To enrol go to www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form or for more information please contact Therese 1300 366 243

Capoeira 2020

We are pleased to be able to once again bring Capoeira to your school, your kids can learn all these aspects in one place! We take kids from all age groups with the starting age in pre-primary. Capoeira is a Brazilian art form which combines fun, fitness, self-defence, music, singing, language, acrobatics and more. Contact details: Shireen: 0408950274 Leo: 0401873841, alternatively email brazilian-events@hotmail.com or visit our website www.ancestrais.com.au

Start date: Mon Feb 17th until the end of term

Time: 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Where: in the school hall

First class free for new students to try

\$15 per casual class

\$15 discount when paying for a whole school term.

*Payment by direct transfer preferred.

St Norbert College Enrolments for Year 7 in 2022

Open day FRIDAY 6 MARCH 2020. St Norbert College warmly invites prospective students and their parents to tour our excellent College, its contemporary facilities and extensive grounds. Tours will be conducted at 9.00am and 1.00pm. Enrolment Application forms for Year 7 for 2022 may be obtained by phoning the Enrolment Officer, Mrs Hughes on 9350 5433.