



St Augustine's Primary School

Newsletter

6 March 2020

Week 5

PRINCIPAL

The Western Australian and Federal Government have been keeping Catholic Education Western Australia up to date with public health advice in relation to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID -19). Our school will continue to be guided by that advice through our ongoing commitment to monitoring any threat posed by the virus to our school and broader community.

It is always important that sick children should be kept at home until well not only for their own wellbeing but also to stop the spread of germs and disease. We know these are normal precautionary requirements however we need to be especially vigilant in the current climate of uncertainty.

At school we will continue to encourage children to wash hands and use sanitizer gel regularly and to cover the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing by doing so into a tissue or the crook of the elbow. I look forward to your support in this matter.

LENT Years ago, when children were introduced to the season of Lent, there was a big emphasis on "giving something up," usually a favourite food or perhaps a pleasurable activity. There's nothing wrong with suggesting that children give something up for Lent, as long as they understand why they're doing it and do it in the right spirit.

Instead of focusing on giving something up, we can help children learn about giving to others. For instance, if they've given up lollies for Lent, then they could take the money they would have spent on the lollies and put it into their Project Compassion box so it can be used to help others. It doesn't always have to be about material things either, maybe they could focus on working hard and being kind in the knowledge that their efforts and good will may well be having a positive influence on those around them.

Prayer

Lent

Dear Lord,

during this Lent, let us ask the Lord: *Make our hearts like yours.* In this way we will receive a heart which is merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalisation of indifference.

It is my prayerful hope that this Lent will prove spiritually fruitful for every church community. I ask all of you to pray for me. May the Lord bless you and Our Lady keep you.

Pope Francis

Quotes for the week

Simply give others a bit of yourself, a thoughtful act, a helpful idea, a word of appreciation, a lift over a rough spot, a sense of understanding, a timely suggestion. You take something out of your mind, garnished in kindness out of your heart, and put it into the other person's mind and heart.

Charles H. Burr

"In life you can never be too kind or too fair; everyone you meet is carrying a heavy load. When you go through your day expressing kindness and courtesy to all you meet, you leave behind a feeling of warmth and good cheer, and you help alleviate the burdens everyone is struggling with."

Brian Tracy

PROJECT COMPASSION was launched last Thursday with a visit from Father Robert and together the whole school viewed the video of Shirley from the Philippines. The motto this year is "Go Further Together". Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal. Millions of Australians come together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Each class has received a donation box. Our Mini Vinnie team organised today's Fundraiser whereby the students were invited to wear rainbow dress for a gold coin donation. Each week for the next 4 weeks our Mini Vinnies will be collecting and counting each class Project Compassion boxes and awarding 'chickens' for each \$50 raised. With the class with the most 'chickens' receiving a special surprise. Thank you for your generosity.



FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT AND CHILD WORKSHOP to be held next Thursday 12 March from 6pm in the Year 4 classroom. Look forward to seeing you there.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SWIMMING CARNIVAL last Friday was a successful day with all students in Years 4-6 involved in at least one race to support their faction. Special thanks to Mr Papineau for all his hard work in preparing this event. Below are runners-up and champion boys and girls for each year group. Congratulation to Nagle faction on winning the carnival!

	Boy Champion	Boy Runner-Up	Girl Champion	Girl Runner-Up
Year 4	Harrison	Julius	Lilian	Eve
Year 5	Liam S.	Bernado & Kai	Madeline	Lucia
Year 6	John	Adriano	Charlotte	Dakota

BIKES BY THE OVAL is a 'Your Move' event to encourage our community to ride, scoot or roll their way to school in style. Inspired by Sculptures by the Sea St Augustine's will be holding a bike gallery on the Oval on Friday the 13 March. Style your bike, make it into a masterpiece and enter into the most 'On Point' bike competition for 2020. Please see flyer attached to this newsletter. Further information will be distributed via SeeSaw and to the students. Any queries please email alexandra.field@cewa.edu.au

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

Monday 2 March (Labour Day Public Holiday)

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

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 7 March 6:00pm ~ Bernado A

Altar Servers Sunday 8 March 9:00am ~ Lucia S; Eamon W; Grace D; Theodore S

COMMUNITY NEWS

Chess Back in 2020!

Chess Club is open Thursdays from 8am in the Year 4 classroom. Come and test your skills and be a part of our St Augustine's Chess Club Team.

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

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

Capoeira is a Brazilian art form which combines fun, fitness, self-defence, music, singing, language, acrobatics and more. We take kids from all age groups with the starting age in pre-primary. Contact details: Shireen: 0408950274 Leo: 0401873841, alternatively email brazilian-events@hotmail.com or visit our website www.ancestrais.com.au

Next Class ~ Monday 9 March **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.

YOUR MOVE ST A'S PRESENTS

BIKES BY THE OVAL

**FRIDAY 13TH MARCH
DRESS YOUR BIKE UP
TO RIDE TO SCHOOL
AND JOIN THE BIKE
GALLERY.**

Further Informarion in the Newsletter
and on See Saw

