



St Augustine's Primary School Newsletter

1 May 2020

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Dear Parents and Care givers

The cooperation and professionalism of our staff, the patience and goodwill of parents and carers, as well as the enthusiasm of our students embracing learning in new ways for many, has been as inspiring as it has been challenging. Thank you to all those engaged in our school community for your continued efforts in helping us to deliver the highest quality learning possible under challenging conditions.

While the medical advice at present is that the community risk from children returning to school is low, the risk remains from adult-to-adult transmission, so schools should limit contact between teachers and parents, allow older and vulnerable teachers to work from home and follow the advice from the AHPPC when it comes to how we should operate in regards to the safety of our school community. I am very appreciative of the support we have received in managing this to date and our efforts in adhering to this will contribute to us getting school for the children back to normal as soon as possible.

In normal times we would have an assembly and I would chat to the students and community members present about something topical which could be applied to our daily relationships and actions. If you have the inclination, I hope you don't mind sharing the following thoughts with with your children.

Teamwork and Humility

Working as a team is really important at any time but it is particularly important at times like now. One of the great attributed we can develop and show in times of struggle is humility, often described as the "quiet virtue." When we think and work for the greater good we can all reap the rewards.

It is good to be confident in yourself and to always strive to be the best you can be. Yet, truly successful people strive not only to be their best, but to be great in how they treat others.

We have all seen the footballer who scores a goal and turns to his teammates to thank them for their help. We have also seen the player who scores and then runs around the field pointing at himself and calling attention to his achievement.

C S Lewis, the author of the Narnia books, said, ***"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less"***.

Work hard and be kind.

John Ryan

Principal

“In Flanders Fields the Poppies blow between the crosses row on row”



ST AUGUSTINE'S MASTERCHEF St A's kids are loving cooking at recess and lunch and would love some cooking utensils to go with their pots and pans. If you have any old ones you could donate. Wooden spoons, ladles, egg flips, funnels, metal teapot, pans, pots . . . Thank you!

