



## **22 May 2020 ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents

The children are settling back into school routines well however we do see heightened levels of anxiety in some children and adults which is understandable. The school is working to keep things as close as possible to normal in fact the new normal such as greater focus and attention to personal hygiene is having positive effects on our health.

We have put together a COVID-19 Response Team. Which has a commitment to ensuring our school is prepared (as much as possible) and responding in the best way in the unprecedented, complex, and changing times. I am sharing two messages with you which we need to keep to the forefront of our thoughts and actions as we approach the colder months.

**In the event that a student, staff member or parent is in close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 that student, staff member or parent would need to self-isolate for 14 days and advise the Principal.**

If your child is SICK, coughing or showing flu or cold like symptoms, please:

**KEEP THEM HOME!!**

If you do send your child to school unwell you will be contacted to collect your child.

**THIS IS FOR THE WELL BEING OF ALL!**

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in all the above.

### **MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS DAY SUNDAY 24 MAY**

*Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians, that having invoked you on earth,  
we may love and eternally thank you in heaven.*

**LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT** A huge 'Thank You' to the 2019 P & F Committee for their generous donation of \$16,000 towards the refurbishment of the school library. All classes have been enjoying this refreshed space and borrowing books this term. New bookshelves, colourful vinyl modular seating, display shelves, teacher reading chair and student mat were purchased in lovely bright colours as part of the upgrade. We look forward to hosting a 'Library Warming Party' in the near future.



**NATIONAL SORRY DAY TUESDAY 26 MAY** National Sorry Day, or the National Day of Healing, is an annual event that has been held in Australia on 26 May since 2008, to remember and commemorate the mistreatment of the country's Indigenous peoples, as part of an ongoing process of reconciliation between the Indigenous peoples and the Settler population. During the 20th century, Australian government policies caused children to be separated from their families, with the intention of assimilating them into white Australian culture. This resulted in what became known as the "Stolen Generations", with the effects of these traumatic removals being felt by succeeding generations even today.



**NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK WEDNESDAY 27 MAY – WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE** The theme for #NRW2020- In this together- is now resonating in ways it could not have foreseen when it was announced last year, but it reminds us whether in a crisis or in reconciliation we are all in this together. Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures and futures.



**PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 29 MAY & PUBLIC HOLIDAY WA DAY MONDAY 1 JUNE**



**EDUCATION PERFECT LANGUAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020** Congratulations to all students at St Augustine's in Years 3, 4, 5, and 6, that participated in the Education Perfect World Championships Competition. Students competed against their peers around the world. Students at St Augustine achieved excellent results. For the third consecutive year, out of our school category, St Augustine was First place for Italian in the World, Australia, and Western Australia.

The School has earned the following 48 Awards ~

7 Emerald Awards, 2 Gold Awards, 2 Silver Awards, 15 Bronze Awards and 22 Credit Awards.

BRAVISSIMI to ALL! Your commitment to learning is outstanding!

Kind Regards, Natascia Morlotti - Italian Teacher



**PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL** The closing date for entries to the Festival this year has been moved to 10 June 2020. If your child is interested in participating in this year's Festival in the instrumental performance section (piano, guitar, flute, violin, vocal, etc.) please contact me by email ([Steven.Ostaszewskyj@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Steven.Ostaszewskyj@cewa.edu.au)) and I will forward you the necessary information.

"Due to the uncertainty of future Government regulations regarding gatherings, it may not be possible to hold some or all sections of the Festival in their current form. All schools will be invited to submit performances via electronic recording which the Adjudicator will comment on. Should circumstances allow, there may be the option of live performances, however, a decision regarding this will need to be made at a date closer to the particular event." (Catholic Arts, May 2020)