



**19 JUNE 2020 ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents

As we move towards the end of term and things return to normal a little more each week, we should be thankful that here in Australia and Western Australia we have been spared much of the pain and suffering of many countries around the world.

***When this Ends***

When this is over,  
 May we never again take for granted  
 A handshake with a stranger  
 Full shelves at the store  
 Conversations with neighbours  
 A crowded theatre  
 Friday night out  
 The taste of communion  
 A routine check-up  
 The school rush each morning  
 Coffee with a friend  
 The stadium roaring  
 Each deep breath  
 A boring day  
 Life itself

When this ends,  
 May we find  
 That we have become  
 More like the people we wanted to be  
 We were called to be  
 We hoped to be  
 And may we stay that way – better for each other because of the worst.

***Laura Kelly Fanucci***

## **Reporting Semester 1 2020 (COVID-19)**

Due to COVID-19 and the disruption to learning and teaching the requirements for reporting have been amended for all Catholic, Education Department and Independent schools.

The Education Council agreed that 'Student progress will continue to be monitored and assessed by teachers with progress reports provided to parents and carers noting that existing assessment and reporting processes may have to be adjusted to accommodate broader changes to the teaching and learning environment.

In reporting schools are required to provide a report to parents using the following direction:

- Catholic schools should consider the disruptions of COVID-19 and **report on the curriculum taught and for which teachers are able to make a fair and reasonable professional judgement regarding student progress to date relative to the achievement standards. Schools are not required to report student achievement using the five-point school and should use the scale as directed by their governing body.**

To this end reports will be available online via SEQTA engage from 3:30pm on the 29 June 2020. They will be in a modified form provided by CEWA and will report only on what has been taught and marked as:

**Working Towards Expected Level, At Expected Level or working Above Expected Level.**

Teachers have been contacting parents to discuss their child's progress to date or arranging meetings where required. If you have any concerns, please remember that currently you may phone or email staff to clarify any issues you might have.

**UPDATE ON SACRAMENTS** We have been advised by the Archbishops Office that celebration of Sacraments is as follows:

### **Celebration of the Sacraments of the Church ~**

- The celebration of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for school-aged children may recommence. Physical distancing of one (1) person per 2 square metres must be observed inside the church. Available seating must be clearly marked with signage to assist in maintaining a physical distance of 1.5 meters between people of other households.
- Confirmation for school-aged children remains temporarily suspended except for those in danger of death.
- In preparing for the number of participants for the Sacraments, the spacing requirements noted above must be taken into account. Consideration must also be given to ensuring there are no more than one hundred (100) people per single undivided space, and up to 300 people in total per venue over multiple spaces. (It is the presumption of the Archdiocese that a church building is classified as a single undivided space unless it has floor to ceiling movable walls which completely isolate one space from another space).

Unfortunately, these parameters mean we will be limited to 4 family members per child for Eucharist

**The Water Corporation** will be replacing water piping along Gladstone Road between Great Eastern Highway and Barry Street, and Newey Street between Gladstone Road and Surrey Street **commencing on the week of June 15**. As you can imagine the construction work methods required mean unavoidable impact on properties, roads footpaths and verges in area including ours and neighbouring houses. Please take this into account when dropping off and collecting students while the work is being carried out.

***PUPIL FREE DAY ~ FRIDAY 3 JULY***

**Kindergarten Enrolments** are being finalised for 2021. If you have a sibling due to start Kindergarten in 2021, please make sure your application is in.

**Limited Vacancies** from Years 1 – 6, please spread the word!



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