



24 JULY 2020 ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to extend a warm "welcome to Term 3" to everyone in our St Augustine's community. There are a couple of notices to bring to your attention for this week as we return to the routines of the school term.

As we know things are returning to normal however arrangements for Term 3 continue with regard to safety, to reduce direct contact and enhance personal hygiene practices we are still required to follow physical distancing measures of one person per 2sqm for all adults. Students are well drilled in regular hand washing and use of hand sanitiser which will be an ongoing priority for our school from here on.

Parents are able to enter school grounds to **drop off and pick up** their children and to attend scheduled meetings with staff. Parents should enter classrooms with the approval of the principal and at the invitation of the teacher. Until further notice **the playground is still closed outside of school hours.**

This term we will see the reintroduction of sporting events and excursions as per Phase 4 School Operations Guidelines for Catholic Schools. This means **supervisors/staff and adult** supporters are to maintain physical distancing of one person per 2sqm.

Finally, **school assemblies for students** will be taking place most Fridays this term. Unfortunately, however, to comply with social distancing restrictions, we can only have parents attend by invitation.

This Sunday our Year 4 class will finally get to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Whilst we are still required to meet some social distancing protocols the children are looking forward to this long-awaited special occasion and we wish them well.

We would also like to remind you that **School Banking** recommenced as of today **Friday 24th July** – and will continue every Friday morning from 8:15am - 8:45am in the school hall next to the Canteen.

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK With the pace of life ever quickening we at times forget the importance of living in the now and taking the time to appreciate the small but important things of life. How often do we give thanks for what we have rather than yearn for what we want? The poem below, written by a terminally ill teenager, is a stark reminder that we do need to take time to appreciate the things we have before it is too late.

SLOW DANCE

*Have you ever watched kids on a merry-go-round?
Or listened to the rain slapping on the ground?*

*Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight?
Or gazed at the sun into the fading night?*

*You better slow down. Don't dance so fast.
Time is short. The music won't last.*

*Do you run through each day on the fly?
When you ask how are you? Do you hear the reply?*

*When the day is done do you lie in your bed
With the next hundred chores running through your head?*

*You'd better slow down don't dance so fast.
Time is short. The music won't last.*

*Ever told your child, we'll do it tomorrow?
And in your haste, not see his sorrow?*

*Ever lost touch, Let a good friendship die
Cause you never had time to call and say, 'Hi'*

*You'd better slow down. Don't dance so fast.
Time is short. The music won't last.*

*When you run so fast to get somewhere
You miss half the fun of getting there.*

*When you worry and hurry through your day,
It is like an unopened gift... Thrown away.*

Life is not a race.

Do take it slower; hear the music before the song is over.

ST AUGUSTINE'S CROSS COUNTRY training and competition are back on! Training starts on Wednesday 29 July at 7:40 on the school grounds for all students in Years 3-6 (training is not compulsory). The St Augustine's Cross Country Carnival has been rescheduled to Friday 14 August. Please read and fill in the permission note as soon as possible!

CHESS CLUB has reopened on Thursday mornings in the Year 4 classroom from 8am. It is a great opportunity for children to exercise their mind in strategy and game play. Students and teacher(s) are there to assist first timers. Check mate!