



16 OCTOBER 2020 TERM 4 ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

I trust you all had a great break and an opportunity to spend some quality time as a family before the hectic months in the lead up to Christmas.

At St Augustine's every class implements the Keeping Safe Framework, which addresses the social, emotional, and physical wellbeing and safety of our children. The experience of COVID restrictions really emphasised the essential role the school plays in providing opportunities for students to develop the skills to navigate their way through childhood. On Monday, staff participated in professional development with Claire Orange around the social and emotional wellbeing of our students and **"Highway Heroes,"** a researched and proven programme, as a way of supplementing the resources we use from the Keeping Safe Framework.

The **"Highway Heroes"** programme is a prevention program for teachers to introduce and consolidate social and emotional skills with primary age children between 5-12 years of age. The program utilises an overarching metaphor of travelling along the **"Highway Heroes"** and becoming a 'Highway Hero'. By acquiring and learning 'Highway Tools', children are encouraged to successfully deal with the inevitable 'Bumps and Hazards' they may encounter along the way. The program consists of a series of stand-alone modules that teaches skills for social and emotional well-being. In school we already teach this, however through the **"Highway Heroes"** modules we will target particular skills in a very focused way, an example of this is, **"Strategies 4 Managing Me and Resilience"**, targeting resilience.

"Strategies 4 Managing Me and Resilience" unit, for example, talks about how your child travels through life and a very important part of being able to cope with the social and emotional issues they encounter is resilience. **Resilience** is being able to bounce back from adversity. This does not mean protecting a child from experiencing the usual things that happen at home, school, in the playground or on the sports field—it means giving them the skills to cope with them. The staff will be familiarising themselves with the materials over the term with a goal of implementation in 2021 however you may hear some of the language coming through such as Highway hero, bump in the road, "stinkin' thinkin" and "supa thinking." As we trial materials to supplement the resources we have.

"Watch carefully, the children around you. In precious moments you will catch a glimpse of your Saviour's face. Listen intently and you will hear his voice. Walk gently among them; his footprints are all around you. Embrace them, for you are embracing him. Respect them because they are sometimes God's agents – exactly the kind of instruments he needs. At such times, only a child will do."

Wess Stafford.

ST AUGUSTINE'S 'APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT' limited vacancies for 2021. Please spread the word to our community!

KINDERGARTEN 2022 & 2023 SIBLING 'APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT' Parents/guardians, please do not forget to put forward your youngest child's Kindergarten application to the school office as soon as possible. Scheduled parent interviews TBA.

BOOK-WEEK 2020 NEXT WEEK!

Dress up Parade Tuesday 20 October from 8.50am. Please be mindful of COVID regulations and limit the number of family members on site for this event. We know everyone loves to come and watch, but each class will post a run through of the students in their costumes on See saw.



Thank you to those families who worked with their children to participate in the Book Week

Competitions - we have some great recycled creatures in the library, some super creature drawings, and beautiful colourings. **All winners will be awarded their prize at the Assembly on Friday 23 October.**

Blokes & Books Wednesday 21 October we have Dads and Uncles who can't wait to read some stories to the students on Wednesday evening. Don't forget you can wear your PJ's and bring your teddy. Milo and marshmallows at 6.15pm



CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

St Augustine's Primary School has registered and now has a Containers for Change **Scheme ID - C10324797**. We would be very grateful for your donation.

FOOTSTEPS DANCE started on Wednesday, the students were all very excited to find out their 2020 song and start their new moves. Save the Date for the evening **concert this year on Wednesday 9 December 6-7pm.**

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION is coming around very quickly. The Year 6 retreat will be held at school on Wednesday and the Parent and Child Workshop on Thursday evening 6-7pm in the school hall. **The Sacrament will take place on Friday 30 October 6:00 – 7:00pm.** We look forward to the school choir supporting our Year 6 students.

ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL More Australians than ever are struggling in these difficult times. With our school's help, we can turn a year of hardship into a better experience for a Western Australian family in need; by taking part in a food collection. Please place your donations in the basket in the undercover area. It is hoped the baskets will be presented to a St Vinnies representative at our NAIDOC Assembly on **Friday 13 November.** Thank you for your support and giving so generously to others.



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF ST MARY MACKILLOP'S SAINTHOOD

St Mary Mackillop was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI in Rome on October 17, 2010. Ten years on, the Sisters of Saint Joseph are inviting Australians to reflect on what the canonisation of Australia's first saint meant to them then and now. The theme chosen for this celebration is "Take Fresh Courage". This theme, reflecting the many challenges Australians have faced in 2020, is taken from a letter written by St Mary Mackillop in 1877.



ESSENTIALS FOR WOMEN ~ DONATIONS

During October, we are collecting donations of sanitary, hygiene/self-care or beauty products for [Essentials for Women](http://www.essentialsforswomen.org.au) (www.essentialsforswomen.org.au). On any given night in WA, there are just over 9,000 homeless. This charity seeks to collect basic hygiene and sanitary products for those in need. A collection box has been placed in the school office

to drop in your donation items. **The collection box will be available until Friday 30 October.** Examples of items ~ shampoo/conditioner, soaps, body wash, razors, deodorant, toothbrushes/toothpaste, dental floss, cosmetics, face creams, sanitary items, underwear, hairbrush/combs, hand sanitiser, wipes, tissues. Donated items over \$2 are tax deductible.

P&F MEETING is on **Wednesday 28 October from 8:00am.** All welcome!

P&F MOVIE NIGHT 13 November....more details to come!

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2020

Term 4: Tuesday 13 October to Friday 11 December

Please refer to the school app; school website and google calendar for all future events.

ST AUGUSTINE'S ALTAR SERVERS 2020

Saturday 6:00pm 17 October ~ Arius LS

Sunday 9:00am 18 October ~ Matilda M

Saturday 6:00pm 24 October ~ Summer A

Sunday 9:00am 25 October ~ Please see Father Robert at the Parish

CHESS CLUB Thursday mornings in the Year 4 classroom from 8:00am. 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!

KEYED UP MUSIC Learn Guitar and Keyboard at St Augustine's School! Prices are per lesson Keyboard starts from \$18.65 for a group of 4. Guitar starts from \$19.20 for a group of 3. Lessons are held during school. Enroll online at www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form
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