



St Augustine Primary School Newsletter

28 June 2019
Week 9



*God of my Life,
thank you for your presence this week,
in the times that were easy and the times that
were hard.
Guide me to a period of rest that I might preside
with you,
recharge my batteries,
and prepare to again do the work you are calling
me to do next week.
This I pray in your holy and true name.*

Amen.

FAREWELL – Mr Eryn Webster, our Social Worker, will be retiring at the end of this term. We sincerely thank Mr Webster for the counsel he has provided students, parents and staff with over the past two and a half years. He will be greatly missed and we wish him every blessing as he enters this new chapter of his life.

To the St Augustine's community, thank you for welcoming me into your school and making my time here incredibly rewarding and fulfilling. I feel privileged to have worked alongside such dedicated staff, warm hearted and vibrant students, welcoming parents and your wonderful parish priest, Father Robert. I commend each of you for contributing to the 'Catholic' community at St Augustine's. The charisms of St Augustine and the Presentation Sisters are certainly alive and well in the school and that is credit to each and every one of you.

A warm welcome to Mr John Ryan who will be taking up the position of Principal from next term onwards. Mr Ryan visited St Augustine's last week and will be returning to work with the leadership team next Thursday afternoon. Due to commitments at his current school, an official introduction to the community will take place next term.

ITALIAN COOK FEST – What an incredible experience the children had yesterday, cooking a variety of Italian cuisine ranging from gnocchi, schiacciata, bruschetta, biscotti, pasta con marmellata and pizza, just to name a few. A huge thank you must be extended to our Italian teacher, Mrs Morlotti, for her meticulous planning and preparation; you always go above and beyond and we are blessed to have you on staff. Thank you also to all the parents and grandparents who came in and lent a helping hand; the community spirit, team work and food was second to none!

MASS – We wish to invite all families to our end of Term Mass – here we will give thanks from the school community for Melissa Vranjes our Acting Principal in Term 2. I am sure we have all appreciated her fresh approach and wish her the best as she returns to St Anthony's Greenmount –
St Augustine Staff

REPORTS will be accessible to parents on SEQTA this Friday, 28th June. Optional parent-teacher meetings will take place in Week 10. If you wish to meet with your child's class teacher, please make an appointment through the online portal – a reminder it will close on Sunday 30 June at 5pm.

MINI VINNIE PENCIL CASE DRIVE - Families are invited to donate a pencil case containing stationery items and a brief letter about their family. The donations will be brought forward by students during the procession at the Whole School Mass on Tuesday 2nd July and Tuesday 23rd July. Father Robert will present the pencil cases to underprivileged children in his homeland, the Philippines, as part of his mission, SEEDs. We appreciate your generosity.

UNIFORMS - are being transition in throughout the school and we look forward to their being one school uniform in full implementation by the year 2021. Next term, teachers will be advised to send uniform notes home if a child is wearing an item that is not part of the past or current school uniform. Please sign the note for your child to return and make the necessary changes and/or comments.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN - WOW!! Great collecting, everyone. A large number of stickers were brought into school by families and our boxes at the Woolworths stores in Belmont, Vic Park and Bentley received strong support from the local community. The stickers are no longer being given out at Woolworths and so the counting now begins. Stay tuned!

LOST PROPERTY CRATES - located on the bench in the undercover area are overflowing! Any items left in the crates on the last day of school, Thursday 4 July, will be given to the second hand Uniform shop. It is hard to believe there are brand new school jackets in these crates with no names.

STUDENT BANKING - Friday morning in the Hall from 8.15am

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS - Have done a great job this term helping in the Library on Tuesday mornings. We also have a few volunteer mums busily covering our new Bookclub books at home, too. Thank you and don't forget we are always on the lookout for new volunteers! Pop in and see Kathy in the Library on Tuesday's if you are able to assist.

THE BISHOPS' RELIGIOUS LITERACY ASSESSMENT 2019 - At the request of the Western Australian Bishops, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 9 students in Catholic schools across Western Australia will take part in The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA) from the week commencing Monday 5th August in Term Three. The assessment will be accessible to students only online. Students enrolled in Year 3, Year 5 and Year 9 who are following a regular classroom program are expected to participate. Students with disability are also entitled to participate in the assessment. Exemptions may apply. The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment is a large scale, standardised assessment that consists of a series of Religious Education (RE) tests. The purpose of the BRLA is to measure student learning of the content in the RE curriculum. The test items in the BRLA are developed and marked by the Office of Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA). Formal school and student reports are produced by the Office of CEWA and will become available to schools in Term Four. The BRLA provides a 'point in time' snapshot of student performance in RE. Students' knowledge and understanding of the content of the RE curriculum is assessed using a combination of multiple choice, short and extended response items. Students' faith is not assessed. The use of the BRLA complements the school based assessment programs in RE. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any inquiries regarding the administration of The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment.

CONTACTING STAFF the process for all contact to all staff (including uniform shop and canteen) is via the school office, admin@staugustines.wa.edu.au

WEBSITE have you noticed our new website. Same address, definitely new look, www.staugustines.wa.edu.au

TERM, PUBLIC HOLIDAYS & PUPIL FREE DATES please refer to your google calendar and the school app, for all upcoming dates. Google calendar 'link' provided in this newsletter. Free School App available from the App store.

PARENTS & FRIENDS' FACEBOOK PAGE follow the 'Link' on the school app notice board.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Chess 2019 ~ Thursday Mornings

If you love to play chess or would like to learn, come and join Mr Huntington in the *Year 6 class room from 8:00am Thursday mornings*, all students are welcome! It's great fun and challenging!

Capoeira ~ After School activity

If your child likes music, dance and martial arts, then Capoeira is the key! The team from Ancestrais Capoeira (Gringo and Shireen) provide 1 hour lessons here at St Augustine School Hall, Monday's from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. The offer is open to all St Augustine students and the first lesson is free! Lessons thereafter are \$15 per class, per child.

Entertainment Book 2019/2020

Purchase the New 2019/2020 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership to receive hundreds of valuable offers, and you will also be supporting our School. Limited books are available at the school office or purchase using the following link <http://www.entbook.com.au/8321i1>

Keyed Up Music

Keyed Up Music will be running Guitar and Keyboard lessons at St Augustine's Primary School during the day in Term 3. Prices are per lesson Keyboard starts at \$17.55 for a group of 4 and Guitar starts at \$18.10 for a group of 3. To enrol go to www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form or for more information please contact Therese 1300 366 243.

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Alter Servers for this Weekend

Saturday 6:00pm 29 June - Volunteers

Sunday 9:00am 30 June - Volunteers

Weekday Masses are held on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday mornings at 9:00am and Wednesday evenings 7:00pm