



# St Augustine Primary School

## Newsletter

**9 August 2019**  
**Week 3**

Dear Parents

As part of an ongoing process of school policy renewal, the St Augustine's Evangelisation Plan, which centres on the faith formation of students and staff within our school community, was reviewed and updated in late 2018. In the focus area dealing with "Call to grow in discipleship" it was identified that there was a need to create a school prayer.

A specific goal in forming this prayer was that it embody the School Vision and Values within the context of St Augustine: The qualities of forgiveness, compassion and respect were attributes reflected by St Augustine our patron saint and, the phrase to 'live by our deeds and not by our words' is a clear reference to Nano Nagle, the foundress of the Presentation Sisters who were central in the foundation of our school.

An elected staff writing party was established and in Term 1 of 2019, using the goal as a directive, together with input from Years 5 and 6 children, a draft prayer was formulated. This draft was presented to the whole staff for comment and it generated positive feedback.

The intention is that the School Prayer will become a significant part of our school identity and be recited by students and staff at school assemblies, meetings, special events and Masses, after lunch and at various Liturgies. The School Prayer will be displayed within each classroom and in a prominent manner within the school premises.

After final consultation, the next stage involves launching the School Prayer to the whole school community on St. Augustine Day, 28<sup>th</sup> August, the patron saint of our school.

Many thanks to Mrs McLure, Miss Barrett and Mrs Borges along with our year 5 and 6 students for the work and deep thought they have put into the development of our School Prayer.

### ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL PRAYER

*Heavenly Father,  
Bless our school community,  
our parents, teachers and friends.  
May St Augustine's be a place where we show compassion and respect for one another,  
forgiveness in our hearts  
and joy in our learning.  
Help us to work and grow in the love of Jesus;  
to live by our deeds and not just our words.  
We ask this through our patron St Augustine.  
Amen.*

**QUOTE FOR THE WEEK** You do not have to be a genius to be inspired ... but you do have to keep your heart and mind open and be willing to work through the roadblocks that life throws at you ...  
*Jared Krebsbach, "Failed Yet Famous"*

**ST MARY OF THE CROSS** On Thursday morning our Mini Vinnie team led us in prayer remembering The Feast of St Mary of the Cross. Mary MacKillop born in 1842 in Fitzroy Melbourne died in 8 August 1909. She became a nun at the age of 25 and took the religious name 'Mary of the Cross'. She founded the congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph. Within 5 years Mary had

established over 30 "Josephite" schools in South Australia and over 100 women had joined the Sisters of St Joseph. Mary was very conscious of the plight of the poor and needy.

**BOOK WEEK 19 TO 23 AUGUST** I hope Book week talk has been buzzing at your house. Junior students were very keen to begin their colour in of Rainbow Bear and I look forward to seeing our upper students shields designs. All entries are due by 15/8/19.

**BLOKES AND BOOKS 20 AUGUST** Tuesday 21 August - 5.30pm-6.30pm - Mum's feel free to dob your husband in to read a book. Names can be left at the office. It would also be great if any mum's that come could please help with the serving of the warm milo (6.15pm) together with our P & F. Younger siblings are welcome to attend if they enjoy listening to stories too.

**ALTAR SERVERS** Thank you to the seven Year 4 students who attended Altar Serving training with Father Robert on Wednesday after school. We look forward to seeing our new recruits on roster as part of weekend and school masses.

**CONFIRMATION** On Sunday 11 August two of our Year 6 students will be making their Sacrament of Confirmation, unfortunately they were sick when their classmates were confirmed in June. All members of our community are welcome to join them at Mass on Sunday at 9am to witness this special event.

**2019 ANNUAL PARISH DINNER** is on Saturday 17 August at 6:00pm. Father Robert will begin with evening Mass in the school hall and follow it with a shared dinner. Food containers are now available in the church porch, please take one and fill it with either a sweet or savory dish. Please see Father Robert if you would like more information. All are welcome!

**GRANDPARENTS MASS** mark your calendar for Tuesday 27 August (Feast Day of Saint Monica mother of St Augustine) - more details will follow - but it will no doubt include: Mass, morning tea and listening to our school choirs.

**BISHOPS' RELIGIOUS LITERACY ASSESSMENT** was completed online by students in Year 3 and Year 5 throughout the week. The results from these assessments assist in guiding our practice in delivering the Religious Education curriculum in our school. The students had no interruptions and were able to complete the assessment within the given timeline.

### **YEAR 3 RECONCILIATION IMPORTANT DATES**

**Thursday 5 September** - Student retreat day with Karl Brown to be held at school - 9-2.30pm

**Thursday 12 September** - Parent and Child Workshop 6 -7pm in the school Library

**Thursday 19 September** - Sacrament of Reconciliation (morning start time TBC) in the St Augustine Church

**MAGAZINES** We are currently collecting magazines - if you have any old magazines that you are able to donate. Please drop off in the basket in the office.

**CONTACTING STAFF** The process for all contact to all staff (including uniform shop and canteen) is via the school office email, [admin@staugustines.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@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'** would like to invite mums and grandmothers to 'Ms Demeanour Boutique' for a fun night out! Please see the event flyer on the school app for full details, alternatively email Michelle on [mshelhot@yahoo.com.au](mailto:mshelhot@yahoo.com.au)

## PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

### Parish

**Weekday Masses** are held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings at 9:00am

### 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!

### 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>

### 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 1hour 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.

### 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](http://www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form) or for more information please contact Therese 1300 366 243.

### Victoria Park Phoenix Little Athletics Club

Training commences 17 September 2019 from 4.30pm – 6.00 pm Tuesdays (& Thursdays TBA)  
We train at East Victoria Park Primary School & on a Saturday morning compete at Gerry Archer Athletic Stadium in Belmont (October – March)

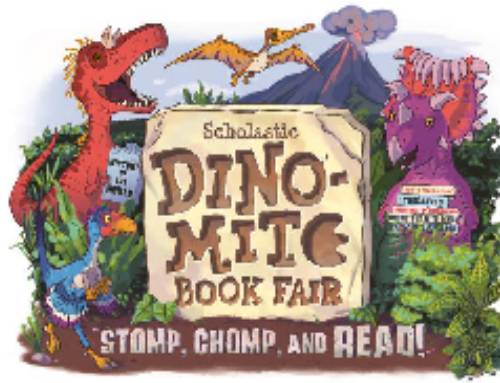
Boys & Girls 5-17 years

Membership: \$170

Contact: 0408 424 559

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### Dear Parents and Families

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

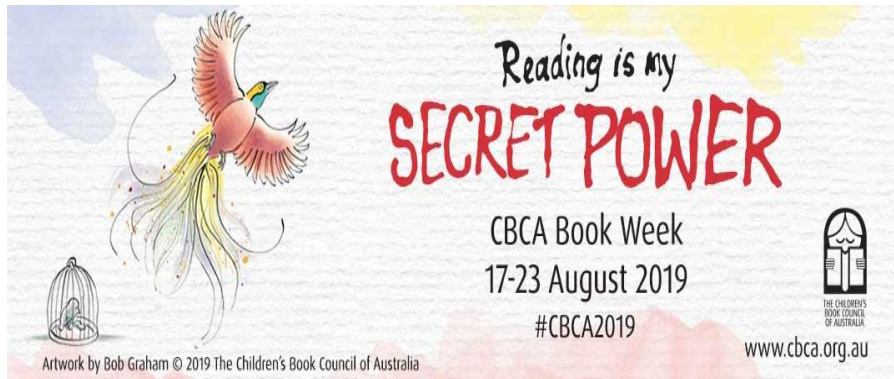
- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.
- **Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.**

The theme of our Scholastic Book Fair is **Dino-Mite**, where we hope you will **Stomp, Chomp, and Read!** It's a fun reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

**Book Fair dates: Monday 19 August – Wednesday 21 August  
2019**

**Shopping hours: 8:15am – 8:45am & 3:00pm – 3:30pm**

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.



**Book Week Character Parade – Wednesday 21 August @ 8.50am**  
 Children come dressed up as a book character or a super hero (don't forget your book).

**Blokes and Books – Tuesday 20 August 5.30-6.30pm**  
 Come back to school dressed in your PJ's and enjoy story time with our dad's reading us a story. Warm milo served at 6.15pm. Dad's who would like to read a story please email admin.

**Come In and Visit the Library - Tuesday and Wednesday 8.15-8.35am**  
 Our school Library will be decorated to reflect the theme so bring mum and dad up before school to check it out together. There will also be competitions/games at lunch time on Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Scholastic Book Fair 19-21 August in St Augustine's Hall**  
 Open 8.15-8:45am and 3.00-3.30pm over the 3 days



Each child will have the opportunity to enter a competition for their Year Level. All entries are **due by 15 August**. Entries can be left in the basket in the front office. Each entrant will receive a participation certificate and sticker. The competition entries will be judged and winners from each year level will be given a book prize by the end of the week.

### Competitions

#### Kindy – Year 2

Drawing inspiration from the book 'Rainbow Bear' by Stephen Michael King, colour in the picture of Father Bear in rainbow colours. (Template available from the library)

#### Year 3- Year 6

Create a shield made of great book covers you have read to give you super powers.



*We're getting excited!*

# **Blokes and Books night!**

Tuesday 20 August @ 5.30pm

***Come to Kindy,  
Pre-Primary and Year 1 to  
hear some great books read  
by our great dads!***

*Come dressed in your PJs or  
in book character costume!*

*\*\* Dads, you do not have to read –  
we already have volunteers for that!  
Chill out with the kids and enjoy the stories! \*\**

*If dad is too busy, bring mum!*

***Warm Milo provided!***