



St Augustine Primary School

Newsletter

16 August 2019
Week 4

Dear Parents

On Sunday Mr Henderson and I had the great pleasure of witnessing the Confirmation of two of our year 6 students. It was a wonderful celebration and our congratulations go out to Alex and Felicity and a big thankyou to Mr Henderson for acting as commentator.

On Thursday several of our students participated in a photo shoot promoting the Your Move project promoting riding a bike or scooter to school. It was a great opportunity for us to support a wonderful local community initiative in the Surrey Street safe active road (bike boulevard) project.

The year 3 class presented the assembly using the NAGLE value of Nurture. It is an important lesson and one we can reflect upon in our daily dealings with each other. It reminded me of the following reflection which I have found helpful as a parent and teacher over the years when trying to nurture growth in my own children and those in my care over the years.

The Butterfly

*A man found the cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could and could go no further, so the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small shrivelled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shrivelled wings. It never was able to fly. What the man in his kindness and haste did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were nature's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon. Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our life. If we were allowed to go through our life without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as we could have been. And we could never fly.
So have a nice day and struggle a little. Author Unknown*

For our Children

*We ask for strength....And know that God will give them difficulties to make them strong.
We ask for wisdom....And know that God will give them problems to solve.
We ask for success.....And know God will give them brains and brawn to work.
We ask for Love....And know God will give them challenges to overcome.
We ask for favours.....And know God will give them opportunities.
They may receive nothing we want but everything they need to reach their full potential.*

Have great weekend!

SCIENCE WEEK has seen students working on a variety of projects throughout the week. We look forward to seeing what comes into our school from home. Home projects are due to school on Wednesday 21 August.

BOOK WEEK We are ready!!! The library is open for parents and children Tuesday 20 August and Thursday 22 August 8.15-8.35am. Activities include *Match the Teacher to the Book Competition*. Have a look at all our fabulous entries for the K-2 Colour in Competition and 3-6 Shield Competition



Congratulations to our winners ~
Kindergarten - Sofia
Pre-Primary – Charlotte
Year 1 - Jenny
Year 2 - Clayton
Year 3- Hayden and Matthew

Wednesday is our Book week Parade - Come dressed up as a book character or as a superhero (with the book about this person or their interest).

BLOKES AND BOOKS Looking forward to hearing our Dad's read stories to our students back at school on Tuesday evening. A night not to be missed. A few more Dad volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Please leave your name at the office.

BOOK FAIR begins Monday 8.15am. Thank you for supporting our school as funds raised go back into purchases for the library and classrooms.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mackenzie in year 6 who has been selected to represent Western Australia in the U12 Girls State Touch Rugby team to compete for the national title in Canberra later this term. We are very proud of her and wish her all the best.

PARENTS' & FRIENDS Next Meeting Wednesday 18th September at 8:00am in the school hall. New faces and fresh ideas welcome! Recently the P & F have approved the purchase of 4 new Faction banners for use at our school Faction carnivals as well as a new School Banner. We look forward to unveiling them on Friday 6 September at our school Faction Carnival. The Kindy will also be getting a new oven! Thanks to the P & F donations - we look forward to them cooking up a storm!

GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDFRIENDS MORNING Tuesday 27 August. Starting the day with Mass led by our Year 2 students, Grandparents and Grandfriends are then welcome back to school for Devonshire Tea and a walk through the classrooms. A flyer with more details and an RSVP will be out shortly.

ST AUGUSTINE FEAST DAY Looking forward to St Augustine Day on Wednesday 28 August, more details to follow.

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

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

TERM, PUBLIC HOLIDAYS & PUPIL FREE DATES please refer to your google calendar and the school app, for all upcoming dates.

PARISH NEWS

Weekday Masses are held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings at 9:00am
Weekend Masses Saturday 6:00pm & Sunday 9:00am
Altar Servers please see Father Robert at the Parish for this week' s altar servers.

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!

Entertainment Book 2019/2020

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a 2019/2020 Entertainment Membership from us this year. If you haven't gotten around to purchasing one for your family, then order now as 20% from every membership we sell supports the St Augustine's P&F.

Buy your Membership securely online www.entbook.com.au/832111 or purchase your Book from the school office.

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 or for more information please contact Therese 1300 366 243.