



St Augustine Primary School

Newsletter

23 August 2019
Week 5

Dear Parents

This week we celebrated Book Week with the theme being “Reading is my Secret Power.” Many of the students and teachers chose Superheroes and heroines as their dress up book character which to me really highlighted the importance of heroes in children’s literature. Stories of heroes and heroines from different cultures have helped children from around the world develop an understanding of the expectations and norms of their communities and given them role models to inspire them and give them insights into universal values. Often young children will be distracted by the “superpower” and miss the point of the powers, what good they can do, how using those powers can make things better which is where reading with our children and talking about the story is so important.

We often find heroes inspiring because of the way they demonstrate resilience and respond positively to challenges by rising above their own weakness. Reading is such a great superpower because it opens up the world to us and presents possibilities and dreams.

“It is through literature that we most intimately enter the hearts of other people. And what we value in this is the difference as well as the human similarities of others: that, as CS Lewis put it we become a thousand different people and yet remain ourselves.” (A. Chambers)

Teach Me

Dear Lord,

Teach me to live my life.

Teach me to know how to use all the good I have inside of me.

Teach me to think right, speak good words, and do good deeds.

Teach me to see the good in all.

Teach me to share with my fellow human beings in respect and love.

Teach me love.

Amen

BLOKES & BOOKS What a night!! Such a high calibre of Blokes reading books - costumes, props, big books and jokes were all on display for our PJ wearing St A's kids. Thank you to our very generous P & F for supplying the milo and marshmallows. A great night had by all. This could well become an annual event.

CHARACTER PARADE WOW!! Reading really is St A's Secret Power. Thank you to parents for supporting your child/ren in their costume choice. Book week really is about creating your costume and bringing book characters to life - and we did it well. Teachers scrubbed up ok too!

BOOK FAIR Thank you for supporting our 2019 Scholastic Book Fair we look forward to using our credits received to purchase new books for the school and class libraries.

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL Our Junior and Senior choirs look forward to performing on Monday 26 August - thank you to our music teachers, Mrs Freeman and Mr O for preparing our students for this event.

FATHER ROBERT flies out on Monday 26 August for his annual SEEDS mission work in his home country of the Philippines. We can't wait to see the photos of the children when he hands over our 92 pencil cases. Safe travels Father Robert.

GRANDPARENT'S AND GRANDFRIEND'S MASS & MORNING TEA ~ TUESDAY 27 AUGUST

9:00AM Flyer went home Tuesday (20/8/19) this week, regarding RSVP for catering purposes. Everyone welcome! Please note only adults will be at the morning tea this year (sorry no students). Grandparent's & Grand-Friend's will have a chance to visit all classes when the Year 6 Leaders take you on a tour of the school, we hope you can make it! *We look forward to meeting our student's Grandparent's and Grand-Friend's!*

ST AUGUSTINE DAY WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST FREE DRESS DAY Unveiling of our School Prayer service from 9:00am in the school hall. Everyone welcome! As we take a trip down memory lane reflecting on the Presentation Sisters and a PowerPoint of photos showing how our school has changed over nearly 70 years.

FOOTSTEPS DISCO WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST in the afternoon K-2 from 1:30 to 2:15; Year 3 - 6 from 2:15 to 3:00pm.

WELLNESS WEEK The focus this term is "Are you drinking enough water?" Water makes up more than half of our body weight, and it is very important that students drink a bottle of water while they're at school. Located in each classroom and around the school will be a number of posters which students can put their water-bottle next to and see if they have had enough water from their bottle throughout the day. The students will also enjoy a week of no homework, some buddy time and free dress on Wednesday.

PARENTS' & FRIEND'S FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE 2019 Tickets \$2 each or 6 tickets for \$10, on sale before and after school from Thursday 22 August. The raffle will be drawn at the Father's Day breakfast 30 August. 1st Prize \$100 Bunnings voucher (kindly donated by Bunnings Belmont); 2nd Prize \$80 Remedial Sports Massage (kindly donated by Janelle Hilder), and 3rd Prize \$50 Rebel Sports voucher.

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/8321i1 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.

FREE Electric Organ ~ Electone D-65 located outside the school office. Please see admin if you are interested. (You must be able to arrange for collection & no returns accepted).

