



St Augustine Primary School

Newsletter

30 August 2019
Week 6

Dear Parents/Guardians

What a week at St Augustine's, on Monday our junior and senior choirs sang at the Catholic Schools Performing Arts Festival. Both choirs were outstanding, and Mrs Freeman and Mr Ostaszewskj did a marvellous job on preparing the children who sang like angels and made us all very proud of them.

Tuesday was a great day and we had the great pleasure of hosting our grandparents and dear friends for morning tea and a look around the school, our choirs again performed beautifully, and the scones went down a treat. It is always a great pleasure to acknowledge our grandparents for the contribution and influence they have on our lives and the lives of our children and we hope this opportunity has in some small way recognised this and illustrated how important they are to our school community.

On Wednesday we celebrated St Augustine's Day with the unveiling of our new School Prayer and a trip down memory lane which was a great way to start the day, and in the afternoon we had a disco for the children to mark the occasion. To finish the week, today we had the Father's Day breakfast to honour our fathers and take the opportunity to welcome them into the school and recognise their role in the education of their children.

All of this was done amidst a week of staffing difficulties with illness, family crisis and professional development commitments. A big thank you to all staff for picking up the slack with good grace, humour and commitment, it is testament to their professionalism and teamwork under pressure!

Happy Father's Day gentlemen!

A reflection from General Douglas Macarthur

"By profession, I am a soldier and take pride in that fact. But I am prouder – infinitely prouder – to be a father. A soldier destroys in order to build; the father only builds, never destroys. The one has the potentiality of death; the other embodies creation and life. And while the hordes of death are mighty, the battalions of life are mightier still. It is my hope that my son, when I am gone, will remember me not from the battlefield but in the home repeating with him our simple daily prayer, 'Our Father who art in Heaven.' "

"One night a father overheard his son pray: Dear God, make me the kind of man my Daddy is. Later that night, the Father prayed, Dear God, make me the kind of man my son wants me to be. "

Anonymous

HOTSKILLS OPTI-MINDS TOURNAMENT

This Saturday our students in the Gifted and Talented "HotSkills" program will be competing in the Opti-Minds Tournament at Curtin University. In the HotSkills program, students are given opportunities to participate in activities that are designed to develop creativity, problem-solving strategies, higher-order thinking and teamwork skills. On Saturday the students will be participating in two challenges, one of which they have been preparing for over the last six weeks. We wish Amelie, Aoife, Bronte, Felicity, Jeremy, Katie, Mackenzie, Marcella and Max from Year 6; Charlotte, Jasmin, Isabelle and Leandra from Year 5; and Ben, Grace, Jeshua, Kai and Liam C from Year 4 the very best of luck for the day! Mr Huntington, Year 6 Teacher & GAT Coordinator

ST AUGUSTINE'S ATHLETICS FACTION CARNIVAL is Friday 6 September at Earn Clarke Athletics Centre. Permission slips have been sent home and we are looking for parent assistance with either early morning setup or assisting with officiating. New school and faction flags as well as gazebo will be on display donated through the P&F. Thank you for your contribution and let's pray for good weather.

ST AUGUSTINE'S DAY Students enjoyed free dress, buddy activities and a disco. A lovely ceremony was also held for the unveiling of the school prayer. Students look forward to learning the school prayer as the year goes on.

GRANDPARENT'S & GRAND-FRIEND'S DAY Lovely to see Grandparents and Grand-friends come together for our school mass and morning tea. Students also enjoyed having their special people visit them in their classroom.

MUSIC ORGAN Many thanks to the P & F for their recent donation of over \$1000 for the music teachers to purchase a new organ. It was certainly put to good use at our Grandparents morning.



BOOK WEEK WINNERS Congratulations to our 'Match the Teacher to the Book' winners in each grade. The book prizes were kindly donated. We also thank Cassie Rowe MLA for her donation and for her continued support.



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.

Better Health Program Government of WA Dpt. Health

Free Better Health 10-week program for kids aged 7-13. Places are limited, register online now for Term 4 2019 and for further details <http://www.betterhealthprogram.org/> alternatively call 1300 822 953.

Relationships Australia (WA) Parenting Courses & Workshops

For the latest courses and workshops available to parents visit our website at www.relationshipswa.org.au Places are limited, please contact (08) 6164 0239 to register today.

