



St Augustine's Parish School

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WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER every Monday (9.10am)

**ENGLISH CLASS every Monday (9:15 –11:15am Creche available)
(12:15–2:15pm NO Creche)**

PLAYGROUP every Tuesday & Friday (9.00am – 11.00am)

OCCASIONAL CARE every Wednesday (9.00am–11.30am)

UNIFORM SHOP every Tuesday 8.30am – 9.00am and

Thursday: 8.30am – 9.00am and 2.45pm – 3.15pm

**SUNSHINE CAFÉ every Monday to Friday in Siena Hall
from 8.30am – 8.50am.**

DIARY DATES

Mon 05/04 EASTER MONDAY

Fri 09/04 Term 1 ends
(12.30PM)

Mon 26/04 ANZAC DAY

Tues 27/04 TERM 2 BEGINS
(9.00AM)

RECEPTION WARNER

Earlier this term RAW learnt about Chinese New Year and how it has been celebrated for many centuries. We learnt that ceremonies are held where people get together to welcome the New Year. We also discovered that each year a Chinese zodiac animal is the symbol for the year. This year is the Year of the Ox, as a class for Visual Arts we did a guided drawing of the Ox and used earthy toned water paints to paint our Oxes. It was lots of fun!



HIGHLIGHTS

HOLY WEEK! When we remember the last days of Jesus' life on earth. We commenced the week with a beautiful Liturgy remembering Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem. Year 5 students lead us in a reading of the Gospel. Jesus rode into Jerusalem to the cries of, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" The Bible tells us he rode on the back of a donkey. To get into the spirit, we had two donkeys visit our school on Monday. It was the cause of much excitement for the children! How quickly things change. The Gospels tell us that while Jesus was loudly welcomed into Jerusalem, days later the crowds were calling for his Crucifixion. We don't know whether it was the same group of people who changed their minds, or had their minds changed, or whether those who welcomed him were his friends and the people of Galilee, and those who cursed him were others who did not know him. This is not something we will ever know definitively. It does make us wonder though. How quickly we can change our minds, how easily we can be lead into a different way of thinking, especially if we get caught up in the crowd. We encourage our children to think for themselves and make their own decisions based on what they believe to be the right thing to do. Do we ever find ourselves caught up in following the crowd calling out someone for something we don't know much about, or do we give people the benefit of doubt before making judgement? Something we can all reflect on in this Holy Week. What we know is that Jesus was a good man, who welcomed the lost, the outsider and those who others considered not worthy. For this, he was put to death on a cross. Something does not quite feel right about that.



Since our last newsletter we have been involved in two South Australian Catholic Primary Schools Sports Association (SACPPSA) events. The first was the Swimming Carnival for Catholic primary school children held at Marion. Mr Thomas attended with about ten children and their parents. Our children represented the school and themselves brilliantly, winning the Year 6 Championship! CONGRATULATIONS! The other event was the SACPPSA Student Leaders day hosted by us. A number of children and teachers from other Catholic primary schools as well as our own House Captains spent a wonderful day here. Mr Pillay worked with SACPPSA to make the day a wonderful success!

Our Year 6 Student Leaders and their families attended a Commitment Liturgy on Monday after school. It was a lovely liturgy organised by Dr Tullio and the Year 6 teachers. Congratulations to all of our Student Leaders and House Captains. In the words of St Paul in his letter to the people of Galatia (6:9-10a),

“...let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all.”



As Term 1 draws to a close, we have a number of farewells, and welcomes! We farewell Nicole Behrens who will be welcoming an addition to her family in the not too distant future. We wish Nicole and her family all the very best as their new little one joins their family. We welcome Nicole Van Nistelrooy who will be taking over the class for the rest of the year. Some of you may know Nicole already as she has most recently been the Director of the Salisbury North Goodstart. We also farewell Milinda DeConno who has been our Research Based Learning teacher since August 2020. Milinda has brought much to our community and we will certainly miss her as she returns to Gleeson College. Finally, we farewell Daniel Thomas who has accepted a position in another school. We thank Daniel for the support he has given our children during his time as Health and Physical Education teacher. We welcome Carina Eliseo who will be taking on the Health and Physical Education role for the rest of this year.

We wish you all a happy, safe and holy Easter as we rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus and know that we always have someone who loves us absolutely!

Blessings and Peace, Georgia Dennis, Kerri Dent and Rachele Tullio

Performing Arts News

Term 1 has been very energetic in Performing Arts. All students from R-6 have been busy learning a dance for the opening of Sports Day (later in the year) titled 'Another One Bites The Dust'. We have also had fun remembering the Sports Day Dances from previous years since I began teaching at St Augustine's: 2017 That Power, 2018 Eye of the Tiger, 2019 Cup of Life and 2020 Believer. It was amazing how easily students were able to recall the choreography once they heard the music!

R-2 students have participated in Just Dance and dance games. They have also had the chance to demonstrate some of their own dance moves. Year 3-6 classes have had the opportunity to choreograph their own dance movements to a song that could possibly be for Sports Day in the future.

Year 4 students were fortunate to participate in an hour long workshop run by Dance SA, where they learnt a hip-hop dance routine. They were provided with information about how and where they can get involved in Dance classes in our local area. For more information visit www.dancesa.com.au

Why get involved in dancing? Just to name a few reasons: Dancing allows for self-expression. A sense of community and belonging can be found within dance. Dancing can provide physical and mental refreshment, relaxation and exercise. Dancing can be a source of inspiration, motivation and positivity!

Congratulations again to the students who are participating in Wakakirri this year! We have made a good start this term. A reminder (if you haven't already) to return your child's notices and payment to secure their place before the end of term.

We look forward to our change of focus next term in Performing Arts. R-2 students will learn about elements of music and percussion, Year 3 students will have the opportunity to learn some recorder skills and Year 4-6 students will learn ukulele.

Paula Giugliano (Performing Arts Teacher)



Harmony Day Celebrations at St Augustine's Community Hub

On Harmony Day we came together to celebrate our rich diverse community – The Community Hub connects families to share our stories - learn from each other and build strong relationships which fill us up with a deep sense of belonging, friendship and community.

The community Hub not only provides opportunities for families to learn English – attend parenting programs and make friends it reaches far beyond the programs it offers – It wraps us up – it nurtures our spirit and it helps us to live well within our community. I am very proud to be the Community Hub Leader and stand alongside our remarkable families.

Carole Smith (Community Hub Leader)



SACPSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday in Week 8, five students travelled to SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre for the Section 7 SACPSSA Swimming Carnival. A big congratulations to all swimmers! Particularly Zyla and Krish for winning the Year 5 and 6 age champion for the whole day. Furthermore, the school was announced the Year 6 champions on the day. The students and their placings in their races are listed below.

- 4 x 25m Medley Relay - Gemma, Connor, Krish, Zyla - finished 4th
- Year 5 50m Freestyle Div. A - Zyla - finished 1st
- Year 6 50m Freestyle Div. A - Krish - finished 1st
- Year 6 25m Freestyle Div. B - Heath - finished 1st
- Year 6 25m Freestyle Div. C - Connor - finished 6th
- Year 6 50m Backstroke Div. A - Krish - finished 2nd
- Year 5 25m Backstroke Div. B - Zyla - finished 1st
- Year 6 25m Backstroke Div. B - Heath - finished 2nd
- Year 6 25m Backstroke Div. C - Gemma - finished 4th
- Year 5 50m Breaststroke Div. A - Zyla - finished 1st
- Year 6 50m Breaststroke Div. A - Krish - finished 1st
- Year 6 25m Breaststroke Div. B - Heath - finished 3rd
- Year 6 25m Breaststroke Div. C - Gemma - finished 4th
- Year 6 4 x 25m Freestyle Relay - Gemma, Heath, Zyla, Krish - finished 1st

Once again, well done to all swimmers and a big thank you to the families for transporting their child to and from the venue and supporting the school on the day. These events are not possible without your support.

Mr Thomas—PE Teacher



ACHPER / SACPSSA LEADERSHIP DAY

On Friday the 26 March, St Augustine's hosted the ACHPER/SACPSSA leadership day for our Northern area. Sixteen schools attended the day, including teaching staff and guest SACPSSA presenters. The day included a range of physical activities that sports captains and leaders could learn and teach to other members of their school community. This leadership day enables students to develop foundational knowledge on what it means to be a leader and also provides them with the tools to implement their new knowledge in their own schools. Hosting these events are not possible without a huge team effort. I would like to thank and acknowledge Mrs. Tullio for her assistance during the day, Mrs. Dennis and Ms. Dent for their support of the program, our admin staff who worked behind the scenes, Mr. Mardy for maintaining and organising the school grounds and lastly Darren Elliot (SACPSSA Executive Officer) and the Australian Council for Health and Physical Education for allowing us to host such an important event for our Northern area.

St Augustine's students and leaders enjoyed the day, made new friends and represented the school extremely well. I look forward to future days where St Augustine's can be a central point for all things HPE related.

Proudly,

Kas Pillay

Health & Physical Education Teacher

School Sports Coordinator



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