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St Augustine’s Parish School is blessed with a number of ancillary and specialist staff, including our hard working and dedicated Canteen Manager and Assistant, Groundsman, Counsellor, School Chaplain and Key Numeracy Teacher. The Counsellor and School Chaplain are available to all members of the school community (preferably by appointment please, as they are part-time). The Key Numeracy Teacher is a new position in 2011 and will be working very closely with class teachers.

Our Canteen is staffed by Mrs Anthea Dobbin (Canteen Manager) and Mrs Karin Norrie (Canteen Assistant). They are assisted by our highly valued volunteers. Our pool of volunteers is extremely low and new volunteers are always welcome, as without them, we may need to consider reducing the menu currently provided and/or the hours of operation.

PLEASE HELP IF YOU HAVE EVEN AN HOUR TO VOLUNTEER.

Please Note: Approved Volunteer status applies.
Dear Parents / Guardians

SCHOOL UNIFORM
Recently I have spoken to some parents about the wearing of school uniform. Unfortunately, we do not always ‘see things from the same perspective’. Whether it is coloured hair ties, jewellery, different haircuts and styles or wrong coloured clothing, we have a school uniform policy that all families agree to support when they sign the enrolment form. While some parents may see the policing of school uniform by school staff as ‘petty’, it is the responsibility of every staff member to support school rules and policies – as it is for all parents!

To not do so would be irresponsible and not in accord with the ethos of our Catholic school.

To argue that children need to be individuals and that there are more important issues than ‘what colour hair ribbons a child is wearing’, is not the point. The main reason for wearing school uniform is to develop a sense of unity and pride in our school and the values we uphold, in every child. This is the way that we uphold our standards and values. Additionally, as a parent of four boys, I know that when the school is ‘strict’ on uniform, it makes it easier for a family to comply, as children will try to get away with minor changes and tell you that it doesn’t matter. If we allow children to ‘get away with’ minor infringements, this then makes it more difficult for everyone else who is trying to comply. School rules and policies are for everyone to uphold. We do not want to give our children the idea that it is okay to break rules as long as they are only ‘minor’ (e.g. it is okay to steal a chocolate as long as you don’t steal the whole box).

If you have an issue with any school policy or suggestions to make, please put your concern/ideas in writing and address them to the School Board. Mr Les King is the current Chairperson for the School Board. The parents on the School Board always have a majority (constitution – two thirds of voting members must be parents), so it is not teachers or me that has a final say on policy. The staff at school is required to ensure school policies are carried out, so please respect them and the work that they are required to do.

(PS We also have a form at the front office called Comments, Compliments and Concerns, that could be used to pass information on to school staff or the School Board).

BULLYING, HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, ETC
During this term all class teachers will be going through anti-bullying programs and assertive strategies to prevent bullying, as part of our child protection curriculum. If you want more information about these programs and what your child will be learning, please ask your child’s teacher/s. Any form of bullying/harassment will not be tolerated at St Augustine’s. Our goal for all children, staff and parents is for a safe, secure and happy environment where we can all continue to learn to the best of our ability.

THE SEASON OF LENT
Starts with Ash Wednesday next week! This is an opportune time for us all to be more like Jesus, to repair relationships and forgive the people connected with our lives for any wrong doings. We all need ‘a clean slate’ from time to time – to start again. Children seem to be very good at this but as we grow older (for some of us), this becomes more difficult, causing families and friends to suffer. Let us all, in Jesus’ words ‘become more like children’, and learn to forgive and move on with our lives with a spirit of generosity, love, care and kindness.

God Bless

Terry Kluzek

OUR FAITH JOURNEY

Lent
Next Wednesday, 9th March, sees the beginning of the Lenten season. During this period of forty days we are challenged to prepare our minds and hearts for the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus, the two events which define who we are as Christians.

In preparation for the celebration of Easter, Lent offers us an opportunity to show some self discipline, to make a conscious effort to have God in our lives. Whilst the tradition of ‘doing without’ (chocolate, lollies etc.) during Lent is still practised, as a school we teach that another way of preparing for Easter is to try to do a good deed each day.

Some classes have made Lenten Calendars where students have nominated, for each day of Lent, a promise they will keep – to clean their room, help with dinner – to stick to these promises requires the self discipline mentioned earlier. As parents you can encourage them in their endeavour to do the right thing.

Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday
The School Board will again ‘fund’ pancakes for all children to celebrate Shrove Tuesday next week. However, we do need approved volunteers to help with making the mixture, cooking and serving. Following the Carnevale Parade (9.15 am), children will be called in class groups to eat some delicious pancakes. With over 600 children to feed, last year something like 1500 pancakes were cooked – and lots of fun for all the helpers and children.

The recipe ingredients will be the same as last year – eggs, flour, water and sugar. Toppings include jam, maple syrup, canola margarine (peanut oil free), lemon and sugar. If your child is allergic to any of these products, please send along substitute pancakes for them, which we will be happy to warm. Please speak to your child’s class teacher if this is the case, as we do want to include all children but also keep them safe.

Carnevale
In some countries Lent is preceded by a day or week of “Carnivale” a time when the household prepares for Lent by finishing off the food that will not be eaten or used during Lent. In the wider community there are often parades and fun times, as a lead up to the quieter, sombre mood of Lent.
Indonesian Program 2011

Selamat Datang! Welcome to the Indonesian program!

Indonesian or Bahasa Indonesia is the national language of our closest Asian neighbour and is similar to Bahasa Malaysia that is spoken in Malaysia and Singapore.

Like English, Indonesian has a Latin script/alphabet and is phonetic in sound and spelling. This helps students make comparisons with the English language.

The Indonesian program follows the SACS (South Australian Curriculum Standards and Accountability) Framework and supports our school policies including Personal Responsibility procedures and “You Can Do It”- learning for success keys and learning skills.

The National Curriculum draft document for Languages is available this year and will become the basis for new programming in 2012.

Learning Bahasa Indonesia develops communication skills in speaking, listening and writing and encourages “intercultural understanding” ie the ability to reach a shared meaning by people of different languages and cultural backgrounds.

Learning Bahasa Indonesia has various educational benefits:

- Supports literacy development in English
- Supports understanding in other subject areas – Maths, Society & Environment, History, Arts and Religious Education
- Develops understanding of a particular Asian language and culture
- Develops language learning skills for future learning of languages
- Values the various language backgrounds of students in our school

Indonesian teacher Ibu (Mrs) Sue Elliott is available at school Monday to Thursday. If you have any questions or concerns about the program or your child’s progress, please visit the Indonesian classroom before or after school or leave a message and contact number/email with your class teacher or the front office.

I look forward to sharing in your child’s learning during 2011.

Terima kasih (Thank you)……Ibu Elliott.
**STATIONERY PACKS**

2011 stationery packs are now overdue. If you have not paid for your stationery pack please do so as soon as possible to avoid late payment fees being added to your account.

**TERM 1 FEES – Due by 11th March**

**DISCOUNT FOR FEES PAID IN FULL**

Just a reminder that if you pay for your fees in full by 11th March you will be entitled to a discount. Please feel free to contact the administration staff to find out how much you may be entitled to.

*Liz Polljonker – Business Manager*

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**Parent Morning Tea**

Coffee mornings in the Caroline Chisholm Centre at the eastern end of Siena Hall every Monday from 9 am - ALL WELCOME

Charmaine Gillard (Chaplain)

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**CANTINE**

**TERM 1 WEEK 6: 7th TO 11th MARCH**

**Monday** Rachel

**Tuesday** Louise

**Wednesday** Edith

**Thursday** Karen

**Friday** HELP URGENTLY PLEASE

**TERM 1 WEEK 7: 14th TO 18th MARCH**

**Monday** Rachel

**Tuesday** Louise

**Wednesday** Edith

**Thursday** Karen

**Friday** HELP URGENTLY PLEASE

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**REMINDER: Current Canteen Price List is pink and dated 1/2/11**

**SPORTS DAY:** Please contact Anthea if you are able to help (even for a short time)

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**On the NOTICEBOARD**

Gemini Netball Club – Golden Grove

7 – 9 YO players required, limited vacancies. Visit www.gemininetballclubinc.com or email Beck at treasurer_gnc@hotmail.com

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**The March issue of The Southern Cross is out now and, as advised in our last Newsletter, the digital version is being distributed to Catholic school families in place of the printed version – for your copy please go to www.thesoutherncross.org.au**

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**OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS SPORT**

**Cricket**

19/2/11 Year 3/4/5 St Augustine’s 4/35 VS Salisbury Heights

26/2/11 Year 3/4/5 St Augustine’s 8/102 VS Riverdale 1 8/90

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