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- Wednesday 25/5 B&G Meeting (4.30 pm)
- Finance Meeting (6.30 pm)
- Friday 27/5 Year 3 Mass (9.30 am)
- Yr 7 Graduation Sausage Sizzle

Saturday 28/5 FAMILY MASS (6 pm)

Advance Notice

- Week 6 PUPIL FREE DAY – MONDAY 6th JUNE
- Week 8 Monday 20th June VOLUNTEER INDUCTION

The Southern Cross is available at the following website:

**Student Representative Council**

Presenting -  
Bianca C, Daniella C,  
Kirrilee M, Keyshon D, Coby L,  
Akira C, Sofia B, Nicole B,  
Monika L, Ella C, Alicia M,  
Helena K, Cathy N, Alaina O,  
Emma P, Jade P, Ofelia C,  
Vincent M, Leo C, Domenic P,  
Liam D, Liam H, Gage P,  
Cooper O, Austin S, Nicholas S,  
Melissa R, Georgina B, Zoe V,  
Chelsea P, Lanicia C, Abby A,  
Tatika N, Tayla B, Amber J,  
Michelle T, Chloe W, Destiny D,  
Caleb C, Riley S, Khue N,  
Aaron S, Zach A, Brandon W,  
Cohen B, Sean M, Jack W,  
Ben P, Thomas M, Brodie B
(Note: Not all members have been photographed)

Please return to the Front Office by 20th May 2011

**REQUEST FOR PRINTED COPY OF NEWSLETTER**

I / We would like a printed copy of the Newsletter provided to:

Student’s Name: .................................................................  
Signed: ........................................................................

Class: .......................  
Date: / /

To contact:  
25 Commercial Road, Salisbury SA 5108  
8182 7900 8182 7999
Dear Parents / Caregivers

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

NAPLAN has been a major consideration for our school this week. Even though only the Years 3, 5 and 7 students sit the tests, we all want our students to do their best, as the results are a reflection on each individual student and overall on the school itself. The MySchool website makes our school results public knowledge, so this puts more pressure on us ‘to perform’, even though this testing is only a ‘snapshot’ of each child’s work and ability on a given day. Additionally, this website does not take into account our school’s student demographics to any great extent – the fact that we have 60 children diagnosed with an educational disability, 123 children coming from an English as a Second Language background and many children requiring adaptive education support. In this way the ‘averaging’ of results over all of our Years 3, 5 or 7 children is very ‘unfair’. I encourage all families to regard the information given by class teachers during interviews, in books and in school reports about your individual child, as the most accurate information to assist your child’s learning and progress. The NAPLAN testing information will hopefully confirm this information.

The NAPLAN results are due for return in August/September.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Prior notification of student absences for appointments is much appreciated. Please ring the school before 9.30 am on the day if your child is sick and unable to come to school. When sending notes about a child’s absence, please do so by ‘letter’, as we are required to keep these. Therefore diary/communication book notes are not appropriate, as these are students’ property. Sick children are not to be sent to school – colds or other infections! Unfortunately sick children tend to spread the infection and then lots of children and staff also become ill.

PERFORMANCE GROUP

Last term our Performance Group visited Calvary Hospital. Below is part of the thank you letter Mr Hughes and the school received.

“On behalf of the staff, patients and volunteers at Calvary Central Districts Hospital, I would like to sincerely thank you and your students for the wonderful performance you staged on April 18th. We all thoroughly enjoyed watching the students display their dancing talents and were impressed not only by their technique but by their dispositions and enthusiasm. We would love for you to return again in the future.”

Well done to the Performance Group and to Mr Hughes!

TERM 2 VOLUNTEER INDUCTION

The next Volunteers Induction Program will be held on Monday 20th June, the afternoon session at 1.45 and the evening session at 7 pm.

Please ensure that you are compliant with all requirements so that you can be part of your children’s school life.

To contact: Absences: 8182 7915 OSHC 8182 7987 Canteen: 8182 7986

NB: You do not have to wait for your Police Clearance letter to attend the induction.

AUSTRALIAN PARENTS ARE THE MOST ANXIOUS PARENTS IN THE WORLD.

I recently read this quote from Michael Grose, a renowned Australian parent educator and supporter, and thought about our school community. I had to agree when I thought about some of our families. Consequently I have reproduced some of his article. Michael goes on to say:

“Overparenting has replaced underparenting as the biggest parenting issue facing teachers and principals. Parental anxiety means that well meaning parents rob their children of opportunities to solve their own problems and develop their own personal resourcefulness. But it is not parents’ fault that they are anxious and overprotective. Many parents feel confused about the best way to raise kids. They feel overwhelmed by the busyness of life and ill prepared to raise kids in a fast changing, modern world. Wanting what’s best for kids can cause parents to rob their children of vital opportunities to develop personal resiliency. Sometimes they love them too much. In fact, they can love them helplessly.

DO ANY OF THESE 7 COMMON RESILIENCY ROBBERS APPLY TO YOU?

1 – Parents fight children’s battles for them and don’t give them a chance to solve their own problems

There’s nothing wrong with a parent going into bat when kids struggle or meet with difficulties inside or outside school but solving children’s problems for them should be the last resort, not the first option that parents take.

2 – Parents take responsibility for their children’s problems

Sometimes parents can take too much responsibility for issues that are really up to children to solve. Here’s a clue if you are wondering what I am talking about: a jumper is something a mother puts on her son when she’s cold! Some well-meaning parents get children out of bed each morning, carry their bags to school and neglect to develop real independence in their children. They do this for all the right reasons. They want their children to have the best, but by doing everything for them they are stopping them from developing independence.

3 – Parents give their kids too much choice

In this era of giving children a voice some parents go too far allowing their children too much say. Kids will often take the easy option to avoid hard or unpleasant situations. For instance, some kids wouldn’t go to school on sports day if their parents gave them a choice. BUT this is an issue where parents need to be firm and make decisions for their children. Going to school is a non-negotiable, any day!
4 – Parents put unrealistic or relentless pressure on kids to perform
Many children today experience excessive parent pressure to perform at continuously high standards. Expectations about success and achievement are important. Too low and kids will meet them. Too high and kids can give up. Too much and kids can experience anxiety. There are highly anxious kids sitting in every classroom.

5 – Parents let kids give in too easily
Parents can sometimes let children give up a learning or leisure activity too easily. Research shows that resilient learners link success with effort so allowing kids to give in too easily is poor parenting practice. Resilient learners don’t give up because they don’t like a teacher or when they’re confronted with multi-step or more complex activities. Similarly, they don’t bail out of a sporting team half way through the season because the team is not winning or they are not enjoying it.

6 – Parents neglect to develop independence early
Many modern parents are so anxious about their child’s safety that they neglect to give opportunities for kids to develop independence outside their homes. For instance, many children are driven everywhere rather than walk or use public transport, even when it’s safe and readily available. Today’s children have less freedom than those of past generations, which hinders their ability to assess risk.

7 – Parents rescue kids from challenging or personal growth situations
There are many times kids are put in situations that are outside their comfort zones. For instance, giving a talk, singing at the school concert or going on school camp may be challenges for some kids. Children often put pressure on their parents to rescue them so they make excuses or allow them to stay home. When parents rescue children from learning situations they are robbing them of opportunities to challenge themselves, and learn from these experiences.”

You may ‘see yourself’ in some of these situations. If so, I hope you are able to work out a strategy to avoid the ‘pitfalls’.

ENROLLMENTS
There are still a few vacancies in both Reception for Term 3 2011, and other year levels. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please let them know. Wishing you every blessing, Terry Kluzek.

FAITH JOURNEY
Pope John Paul II – His life and legacy
Last Friday I attended a Mass at St Francis Xavier’s Cathedral in the city in celebration of the Beatification of Pope John Paul II. The Mass was organised so that schools in the Archdiocese could celebrate this important occasion. The actual Beatification took place during the school holidays. Mr Kluzek and 10 students (selected from Years 5-7) also attended to represent St Augustine’s.

John Paul II was a man of extraordinary mental and moral calibre, a strong and expressive faith and a concern for all people with a deep devotion to Christ. Dying on 2nd April 2005, just short of his 85th birthday, John Paul II had the second longest reign as Pope. Whilst the fast tracking of his Beatification has caused some controversy, no one can deny his influence on the modern Catholic world.

Celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist 2011
A reminder to the parents of students celebrating these sacraments in the next few weeks that this weekend (Saturday 4.00 pm and Sunday 10.15 am), is the last gathering. At this workshop students will be given specific instructions and practice for the actual celebrations. If you have any concerns please ring Louise at the church office on 82819603 as soon as possible.

Sacramental Journey 2012
Expressions of interest are now being taken from parents who wish their children to begin their Sacramental journey. Children must be 7 or over when they start the programme. Forms are available at the front office and can be returned to the office, Mrs Mee or the church office.

Remembering Loved Ones
Over the holidays there were a few families who lost loved ones. Sometimes the loss “sinks in” a little later, especially for children. The celebration of Mothers’ Day can also be a time of sorrow (as well as celebration). Both myself (Mrs Mee) and Mrs Gillard are available to meet with students (or parents) who are grieving. Sometimes lighting a candle and saying a simple prayer can bring comfort. If you would like this to happen, please leave a message at the front office and one of us will find an opportunity to go to the Church or the Prayer Garden with your child (or family).

Lord
By Your cross and Resurrection
You are the saviour of the world.
Amen

UNIFORM
With the colder weather now upon us, just a reminder about the uniform requirements (as per the School Uniform Policy):

“Winter Coat / Parka / Spray Jacket
• Plain navy blue
• Bright raincoats / jackets may be worn to and from school ONLY
• An additional outer garment for extra warmth may be worn if it is plain navy blue.”

A reminder also that the new school jackets are available

OLD MOBILE PHONES
The collecting of old mobile phones for young Australians with cancer will be finishing soon. A collection bin is located in the Front Office.

Yours in Christ, Joyce Mee

FOUND in Church Car Park on the day the Year 7’s went on retreat – CAMERA
Please see Front Office.

WEBSITE: www.saps.catholic.edu.au EMAIL: General enquiries - info@saps.catholic.edu.au
**DIRECT DEBITS**

Please be reminded that Term 2 school fees are due this Friday (13th May). If you are having difficulties meeting this date, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOK**

We still have these available from the Front Office at a cost of $65 ($13 of this comes directly to the school).  

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**HELP URGENTLY REQUIRED PLEASE:**

All you need is to be a current APPROVED VOLUNTEER and have as little as one hour to spare.

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**On the NOTICEBOARD**

- **St Joseph’s Old Scholars Annual Luncheon** – Wednesday 25 May 2011 - Josie on 82953667 or Chris on 82631948 by 20 May
- **Free Information Session – Empowering Parents with Budgeting Knowledge** – Thomas More College – Monday 16th May at 7 pm - 82502677 or Email tmc@tmc.catholic.edu.au – flyers available from the St Augustine’s School Office
- **Toolbox Parenting Groups** – 6 week courses for parents of Primary School-aged children - 82812976 or Email cafe@slc.lca.org.au
- **Homework and Education for Lost Parents (HELP) sessions** at Salisbury East Neighbourhood Centre in conjunction with TAFE SA - Nicky King on 82504167 or 0400170010
- **Kidscount newsletter** – visit www.childhood.org

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**FACTORIES & FINANCE**

In 2011 Cabra Dominican College Inc is celebrating 120 years – a number of events are planned throughout the year, the first being “Class of 1981 – 30 Year Reunion” – Saturday 25 June – Please contact the College 81792400; Fax 82729810; Email cabra@cabra.catholic.edu.au for further details of this event and information regarding other forthcoming events

- **Salisbury Amateur Athletics Club winter training** - Warren on 0422893784, John on 0402561710 or Adrian on 0408857698
- **Netball SA VIP Backstage Training** – Sunday 15th May 2011 – Enrolment forms available from the Front Office, email emma.thomson@netballsa.asn.au or fax 82380555
- **Pooraka Farm Community Centre** – opportunity for anyone wanting to gain skills and confidence to assist in development and work readiness - 0432487611 or 82625544
- **Write4Fun – Art Competition** – closing date 20th May 2011 – enter online at http://www.write4fun.net/ or email enter@write4fun.net
- **Jane Grech Dance Centre** - 0408847759 or visit www.janegrechdancecentre.com.au

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**EMAIL:** Fees/Finance – bursar@saps.catholic.edu.au  
Enrolments – enrol@saps.catholic.edu.au
Chaplaincy Survey

Dear Staff and Parents

As this is the third year of Charmaine Gillard’s appointment as Chaplain at St Augustine’s School, we must undertake a review of the role and its effectiveness.

Please take the time to fill in this survey as it may inform the decision as to whether the position is ongoing (subject to Federal funding) and how the Chaplain performs this role.

1. What is your perspective on the role of a School Chaplain?

2. Have you or your child had the opportunity to utilise the services of the Chaplain? Yes / No

   If “Yes” how happy are you with the service received?

3. Please comment on how the Chaplaincy role could be adapted/extended to be of more benefit to the students and school community.

4. Would you support the continuing employment of a School Chaplain(subject to Federal funding)?
   Yes/No
   Please give reasons for your opinion.

Thank you for your input. Please return to the front office by Friday 20th May

Joyce Mee
APRIM