Please check that the dates below are on your “Diary Dates” (Term 3 Weeks 7 & 8)

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In Year 4 Huddleston we have been learning about ‘Plants and the Environment’. We have planted our own alfalfa seeds, carrot tops and a runner bean to see how they grow. Here are some of our photo observations.

In Year 4 Moss we have been learning about the traditional lifestyles and culture of Australia’s Indigenous people. We have explored through art, technology, research, story and lots more. These are our ‘Australiana Sunsets’.

Another interesting fact was that back in those times, boys under 5 years old wore dresses! Miners had to have a license to mine gold. Here are some ‘scruffy’ miners we found...

Recently we learned about the GOLDRUSH in Australia. The first gold discovery was by Edward Hargraves back in 1851. We also found out that the biggest gold nugget in the world was discovered in New South Wales in 1872. It was called the Holtermann nugget and it was 1.5 metres long… WOW! (by Destiny)
Dear Parents / Guardians

CLASS PLACEMENTS 2012

Each year I provide families with the opportunity to write to me if you have a special consideration that you would like addressed in regard to your child’s placement for the following year. This is not about requesting a particular teacher. We do not publicise which classes teachers have until the end of the year, for this reason. Rather it is about letting me know additional information about your child that will support their happiness at school and consequent learning ability. We already take into account children’s special education, social, emotional, behavioural and friendship needs. Writing to me does not guarantee that I can meet every request made. However, a genuine effort will be made to do so, as ensuring class placements are as ‘right’ as they can be, is in our collective best interest. Please address your letters as follows – The Principal, Confidential, Class Placement 2011, and return them by the end of this term. Thank you!

$175 DONATION TO SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Last Friday at School Assembly, Mr Nick Edwards from The Athlete’s Foot at Elizabeth, presented a cheque to the school for $175, this being the return from a promotion run by The Athlete’s Foot. Evidently, for each family that bought shoes from The Athlete’s Foot and said that they were from St Augustine’s School, $5 was set aside to return to the school. Thank you to all families who supported the school through this promotion. This money will now be used to purchase sports equipment.

SCHOOL HATS!

From today school hats will again become compulsory for all playtimes and lessons outdoors. For families new to the school, our school is a ‘Sunsafe School’, which means we abide by the sunsafe recommendations put forward by the SA Cancer Council. Thus from 1st September until the 31st May each year, it is compulsory for all children and staff to wear hats when they are outdoors for an extended period of time (eg more than 5 mins). No Hat – No Play will apply to all children not wearing a hat for playtimes and they will also have to ‘sit out’ outside activity lessons.

SCHOOL GATES

Some of our younger children have anxiety and separation issues when leaving their families, which is a serious safety concern for us if they run out of the school yard after their Mum or Dad. Consequently I have instructed our Year 7 gate monitors to close all school gates at 9.05 am each morning. If you have an issue with this, please come and see me – abusing our students is not appropriate! The Front Office is always ‘open’ as an exit point, and surely this is better than a child being run over!

ST AUGUSTINE’S DAY SCHOOL POSTERS

Thank you to all families who came to the St Augustine’s Day Mass and also visited the school. As part of our celebrations each class was asked to make a poster for St Augustine’s Day. Please come into the School Office and have a look at the wonderfully creative posters on display in the passage. The classes did a fantastic job!

CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION FOR ABORIGINAL AND TOWERS STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES

The Indigenous Education Team invites school communities to contribute constructively to discussions about constitutional recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. There are only a few weeks left for Australians to make their submission on the You Me Unity (http://youmeunity.org.au) website – a once in a lifetime opportunity in Australia’s history. Submissions are open until 30th September 2011.

Wishing you every blessing, Terry Kluzek (Principal)

ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

It is mid way through Term 3 and I wanted to share with you how very pleased I am to be here as Acting Deputy Principal. As some of you know, I have come from Tenison Woods College in Mount Gambier. We are a school of over 1,200 students from Reception to Year 12. Our school has a Junior, Middle and Senior School and I am the Head of Junior School. Like St Augustine’s we are a very busy school and just like St Augustine’s we believe that every child is important. Coming to school means doing the best that you can and being the best that you can by making good choices.

I continue to enjoy meeting many of you and thank you for welcoming me into your school community. I wish you the very best for the remainder of the school term and encourage all parents and caregivers to help their children be the best they can be by having them at school on time and supporting the wonderful teaching and learning experiences that your child is offered as a student of St Augustine’s Parish School.

God Bless, Sara Scungio, (Acting Deputy Principal)

FAITH JOURNEY

St Augustine’s Day

Last week’s celebrations of St Augustine’s day went really well. It is hoped that next year we can encourage more parents to come over to the school after Mass and visit the classrooms.

Thank you to all the families who attended the Family Mass on Saturday. Once again the choir did us proud and Mrs Gillard’s hard work has paid off. Thank you also to Michaela Gillard who led the Psalm with her beautiful voice.

Reflection

They lie on the table side by side, the Bible and the TV guide,
One is well worn and cherished with pride, not the Bible.....but the TV Guide.
Oh, what does it matter, turn on the TV.
Then confusion reigns they can't all agree, on what they should watch on the old TV.
So, they open the book in which they confide, no, not the Bible.....but the TV guide.
The word of God is seldom read, maybe a verse as they fall into bed.
Exhausted and sleepy and tired as can be, not from reading the Bible.....from watching TV.
So then back to the table side by side, lie the Bible and the TV guide.
No time for prayer, no time for the Word, the plan of Salvation is seldom heard.
But love, care, forgiveness, so full and free, are found in the Bible.....not on TV.
How is the balance between my TV guide, ie the material life, and my Bible, ie the Spiritual life?
Is God one of my personal consultants?
How am I responsive to God’s continuous love for me?
Do I take time simply to listen to God?

Thought for the Week:

“The best antique is an old friend!!!!”

Yours in Christ, Joyce Mee (APRIM)
**UNIFORM SHOP**
Now is the time to start laying your summer uniform. Order forms are available from the Front Office or our Uniform Shop is open for your convenience on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.30-9.00 am.

**SCHOOL CARD**
If you have not yet completed a School Card form for 2011, please ensure you do so by FRIDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER. Forms are available from the Front Office (including eligibility criteria). If you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to come in and see me.

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**BECOMING a CATHOLIC - Catholic Adult Enquiry**
Do you want to learn more ... or Do you know someone who wants to learn more ... ... about becoming a Catholic?
Then you are invited to an
ENQUIRY SESSION
in St Augustine’s Church meeting room on Thursday 29th September at 7:30 pm
For more information contact: Fr Roderick at the Parish (82582314) or Lorraine Thalbourne (82637333)

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**OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS SPORT**

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**Bookweek Bookfair News**
Jill Heuts and Vicki Nunn

THANK YOU to all who supported our Bookfair this year. We had record sales of $3100, which gives our school $930 worth of free books for our library!

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**REMINDER**

**VOLUNTEER INDUCTION** – Please return this slip to the Front Office or email info@saps.catholic.edu.au
I will be attending the Volunteers Induction session on:
MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER at: 1.45-3.10 pm OR 7-8.30 pm
Mathematics CMaD - Year 1

The year one team have been focusing on improving the engagement levels of all students in Mathematical lessons. They have researched and developed hands on activities to engage students in the topics of shapes and money.

Survey

I would like to give a special thank you, to the parents who have completed and returned the survey. At present I am still collating the data as I have been overwhelmed with the response. I am so grateful to the parents who said they were happy to make resources for the school. I am going to begin with the group on Monday morning from 9 am to 10 am, to make resources rather than send items home, as the amount of volunteers that have offered their time has been amazing. Thank you.

Once all the data has been collated I will run Parent Information Sessions for those who were interested. I will give the dates in the next newsletter.

Term 3 Week 7: 5th - 9th September
Monday  Cheryne
Tuesday  Louise
Wednesday Edith
Thursday Lee, Shondelle
Friday   Louise, Sue

Term 3 Week 8: 12th - 16th September
Monday  Cheryne
Tuesday  Louise
Wednesday Edith
Thursday Lee, Shondelle
Friday   Louise, Leanne

Louise, Sue, Kate, Jodie for your wonderful help on Special Lunch Day, Friday 26th August

St Patrick's Technical College Apprenticeship & Trade Expo – Sunday 11/9/11 (1-4 pm)  visit www.stpatstech.sa.edu.au or ☎ 1 300 765 364
Solcare Sunglasses (display in Uniform Shop) – visit www.solcare.com.au or ☎ 1 300 659 068
Student Exchange Australia New Zealand – recruiting Community Co-ordinators – visit www.studentexchange.org.au or ☎ 1 300 135 331
Centacare “Who’s In Charge?” – a FREE 8 week course for parents whose children are abusive towards them – visit www.centacare.org.au or ☎ 8210 8200
Willunga Environment Centre Community, Sustainability & Environment Expo – 8-9/10/11 (10 am – 4 pm), Willunga High School
May Gibbs Children’s Literature Trust Invitation – Meet Children’s Author and Wakakirri Director Nathan Luff – ☎ 8332 5577 or email contact@maygibbs.org.au
Small Sided Football Coaches for Season 2012 – visit www.parahillssc.com/news or ☎ James on 0478 042 544 or Gary on 0401 005 644

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS – 2011/2012 books are available from the Front Office for $65 – with $13 from each sale going to the school – last year raised $390
Growing for Gold – 4-16/10/11 visit www.salisbury.sa.gov.au or ☎ 8406 8366
City to Bay Fun Run Team Cara – Sunday 18/9/11 contact Tania at tpolts@cara.org.au or ☎ 8243 5055
Sixth Book Club Issue 2011 – Due back: Monday 12th September (Week 8)
Para Wirra Open Day – Sunday 16th October from 10 am to 3 pm - ☎ Col in on 8281 8136 or Leonie on 8523 3557
Bank SA Northern Lights Multicultural Festival 2011 – Saturday 15th October from 10 am to 5 pm – visit www.northernlightsfestival.wordpress.com or ☎ 8253 9928
2011 7-A-Side Summer Soccer – from 14/10-16/12/11 – visit www.pgesc.com or ☎ Mick on 0411 858 488

Thank You