**St Augustine’s Parish School**

**NEWSLETTER**

Issue No. 19 2011—Term 4 Week 6

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### ENROLLING NOW FOR 2012

**2011 SCHOOL FEES NOW OVERDUE**

Please check that the dates below are on your “Diary Dates” (Term 4 Weeks 7, 8 & 9)

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**Handball Carnival 2011**

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

REMINDER – UPCOMING EVENTS

✓ Tomorrow week, Friday 2nd December, our Nativity Story and Carols. All children will be involved during the evening, so please make sure you have booked this night in your calendar, starting with a ‘picnic tea’ from 6 pm. The Canteen will be open and serve some food (eg. toasted sandwiches) and drinks will be available from the Parents & Friends Stall.

✓ Thursday evening 8th December - End of Year and Graduation Mass – 7 pm

SALISBURY WEST DISTRICT SAPSASA CRICKET TEAM

“In Week 4 Jack W, Ben P, Jamie W, Tyrell H, Richard D, Neil A and Jacob E played in the District SAPSASA Cricket Team. Every one of the boys was committed to playing cricket and respected the team who won or lost. We won one game and everyone got a fair go to bat and bowl. We made lots of friends as well. We hope that next year’s Years 5 and 6 will do it too because it is fun and active”. Ben P – District Captain

EXEMPTIONS FROM SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS OF COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE

Thank you to all of the families who have so readily complied with this new request. Your co-operation has been most appreciated!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, P&F AND OSHC

Normally this meeting is held in November. However, we are now joining a growing number of schools who hold this meeting in March of the following year. This enables all of our school’s financial data to be completed and audited so that the information provided is accurate, rather than the best estimate that we can provide. Additionally, with all of the end of year celebrations, our AGM attendance is very low. We are hoping that the March AGM will catch you when you are still ‘fresh’ and want to be there. The date for your 2012 calendar is Monday, March 26th.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY APOLOGY

My sincere apologies to the families who came to school last Friday for the 2.30 pm Whole School Assembly, which I had postponed due to the inclement weather. You may remember that it was very hot and windy. The children had stayed inside for both recess and lunch due to the adverse conditions, and as the hall is not air-conditioned, I decided to postpone the assembly at about 2.10 pm.

A change was supposed to arrive about lunchtime but had not eventuated.

Wishing you every blessing, Terry Kluzek (Principal)

FAITH JOURNEY

Friday 2nd December – The Nativity Story – Whole School Function – Starting at 6.00 pm

Parents you are invited to our presentation of the Nativity Story during which each year level will present one of the Traditional Carols.

6.00 pm – picnic tea under St Joseph’s Pavilion or oval (weather permitting). The canteen will be open to sell tea and coffee, toasted sandwiches and ice-creams. The P&F will be selling cans of drink.

6.45 pm – Students will meet their teacher at the designated spot (children will be shown this during the day). (Ms Augustine’s Year 3 class will have slightly different directions but this will be explained by letter.) Students will be signed in.

7.00 pm – The Nativity Story begins.

Approximate finishing time is 8.30 pm, at which time students will be signed out.

If your child will not be there, for whatever reason, please write a note to the teacher.

Please make an effort to participate in this important event.

Thursday 8th December – End of Year / Graduation Mass – Whole School Function – Starting at 7.00 pm

This is the Mass at which we say goodbye to those Teachers and the Year 7’s who are leaving. It is also a time when we get together in celebration of the school year and where the Year 7 School Leavers hand over to the new Leaders for 2012. Your support will be much appreciated.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Flyers went out last week about our annual Christmas Appeal. The final day for donations is Friday 2nd December. The plight, this year, of many more families has been highlighted in the media recently and St Vincent de Paul really needs our support.

Please refer to the flyer for suitable donations, but Christmas foodstuff and unwrapped presents (no secondhand gifts please) would be greatly appreciated.

Sacramental Program

Saturday 26th November (one session only) – Advent Workshop 1 pm – 3.30 pm

Yours in Christ, Joyce Mee (APRIM)
$$$$$$$ FINANCE NEWS $$$$$$$

SCHOOL FEES – REMINDER 2011 FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE
To avoid a LATE PAYMENT FEE, please ensure your 2011 School Fees are PAID NOW. If you are having difficulty, please arrange an appointment to meet with me. All discussions will be kept confidential.

SCHOOL FEE LEVEL NOMINATION FORMS
Last week the 2012 School Fee Nomination Form was sent home to all current families, via the eldest child. Please complete this form and return it to the Front Office ASAP. This will enable us to perform an accurate fee run for 2012. If you do not return this form, you will be invoiced at Level 1 (full fees).

Thank you for your co-operation. 

Liz Polljonker – Business Manager

Mrs Stockdale’s Care Column

Let the consequences do the teaching
There are 4 simple tips to help make sure your consequences are effective...

Tip 1: Set consequences like a neutral cop. Issue a consequence using sarcasm or anger and your kids will be angry at you. Issue it like a neutral cop, free from emotion or without being heavy-handed, and your kids are more likely to be mad at themselves.

Tip 2: When possible, negotiate consequences prior to engaging in new activities. If your young person is going out for the first time with friends at night, talk about their behaviour and home time. Also discuss the likely consequences if kids don’t stick to the agreement. As a rule, kids are more likely to abide by consequences when they have had a say in deciding them.

Tip 3: Avoid life sentences. Ban a child from going out for a few days rather than leaving the duration open-ended. Set a timeframe for the consequences and remember the second of the 3R’s – reasonable – means that parents shouldn’t go overboard with consequences.

Tip 4: Don’t acquiesce to terrorism ... or guilt. If your child issues a threat saying something like “There’s no way you can make me come home at six o’clock,” don’t rise to the bait. Deflect it by saying, “We’ll talk about this tomorrow.” Don’t give in to threats of running away or non-cooperation. “I hope you don’t run away. It’s great having you at home. I want what is best for you.” Avoid stating what you would love to say, bite your tongue instead, and let the consequences do the teaching!

Next newsletter: Holiday ideas

God Bless, Mel Stockdale

Community News

Congratulations to the Junior Aerobics team who came 2nd in the School Aerobics Spring Challenge on Sunday October 30th. The girls were awarded a silver medal and certificates.

Keeley S
Taylor M
Georgia B
Sophie M
Madeleine S
Advent / Christmas Workshop
Open to all of the Salisbury Parish community is our annual Advent/Christmas Workshop
Saturday 26th November 2011
1.00 pm – 3.30 pm Siena Hall
It will be a fun afternoon for the whole family with Advent and Christmas crafts, activities and songs.
A gold coin donation per person to cover the cost of resources would be greatly appreciated.
Afternoon tea will be provided.
Come along and get into the Christmas Spirit!

Term 4 Week 7 : 28 November-2 December
Monday      Cheryne
Tuesday     Megan, Lee
Wednesday  Edith
Thursday    Lucy
Friday       Sue, HELP REQUIRED

Term 4 Week 8 : 5-9 December
Monday      Cheryne
Tuesday     Megan, Lee
Wednesday  Edith
Thursday    Lucy
Friday       Leanne, HELP REQUIRED

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL LUNCH –
Tuesday 6th December – green orders forms sent home this week

The Canteen will NOT be open on the last day of term, ie Friday 16th December

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS SPORT
12/11/11 Year 3/4 St Augustine’s 5/46 V St Francis Xavier 0/135
Best Batsman: Cooper O; Best Bowler: Zac A

Year 6/7 St Augustine’s 4/108 V St Francis Xavier 7/87

19/11/11 Year 3/4 St Augustine’s 5/67 V Pedare 2/95
Best Batsman: Nathan; Best Bowler: Zac

Year 6/7 St Augustine’s 2/49 V Torrens Valley Titans 7/60
All played well

The following publications are available online as follows:

The Southern Cross –
http://www.thesoutherncross.org.au

The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities –
http://www.fedparents.adl.catholic.edu.au

CESA Community News (Semester 2, 2011) -
ATTENTION: ALL 2011 YEAR 6 STUDENTS - YEAR 7 2012 COMMEMORATIVE UNIFORM
Final orders Friday 2\textsuperscript{nd} December.
Order now to avoid disappointment!

During the year St Augustine’s piano and keyboard students took part in several concerts.
Sarah R and Jude Z performed at two concerts held at the Salisbury Twelve 25 Centre.
Monica L, Deborah and Jirah B, Stephanie and Sophie N, and Selena M played at the Helping Hand Nursing Home in Parafield Gardens. The residents were very appreciative of their performances.
These concerts were organized by the Independent Music Teachers Group so the students were able to see other students working at different levels and hearing other styles of music.
There will be several vacancies for students in 2012. Please contact the new teacher, Bethany Gillard, on 8285 1957 for further details.
Penny Brittain

Hi Everyone
Please check the Notice Board for a list of all the ‘goodies’ we will be receiving in 2012 from the collection of the Coles and Woolworths vouchers.
Thank you again for your wonderful support.
Have a great Christmas break and a very Happy New Year and see you all in 2012.
Cheers, Kate O'Moore (P&F Chairperson)

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

Move to Learn Seminar – Thursday 8\textsuperscript{th} March 2012 from 9 am – 3 pm - 82352774
City of Salisbury Recreation Services – Active Kidz – for 3-6 year olds - 82814888

Summer Camp for Disadvantaged Children – 27-31 December at Victor Harbor – Toc H - Patrick Korbel on 0422 495 490
Summer Sports Fusion Clinics – Cricket / Basketball / Tennis / Soccer / Combo - 1300 134 154
Australian Air Force Cadets – Cadet Recruiting - 73832335
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

All student results for the University of NSW ICAS have now arrived and participating students were presented with certificates at Area Group Assemblies. The following excellent results in Science, English and Mathematics were awarded to:

**Science:**
- **Credit:** Matthew K (5–SO)

**English:**
- **Credit:** Ruth H (4–MH)

**Mathematics:**
- **Credit:** Rhyse G (6–SB)
- **Matthew K (5–SO)**

These Competitions and Assessments will be offered again in 2012 via the school newsletter. To participate in these competitions, parents/guardians fill out a registration form and pay a small fee for each subject.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

This year approximately 175 students from St Augustine’s were involved in the reading challenge. It is wonderful that so many of our students are discovering the world of books and reading that opens up many possibilities for the future.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is now in its eighth year, and two students, Caitlin B (7–NP) and Rennae B (7–AP) received the very first Hall Of Fame Reader for Life awards. The award is a certificate which will be personalised with each student’s name and a gold foiled stamp with the number of years they have completed. These students started the Challenge in 2004 and have completed the Challenge every year since it began – eight years.

Thank you to parents/guardians and teachers for encouraging your child/children to complete the set amount of books – keep up this encouragement and continue providing opportunities for children to read.

Colleen Ferguson
Literacy Co-ordinator