In school age care settings educators collaborate with children to provide play and educational opportunities that are meaningful to children and support their wellbeing, learning and development.

OSHC recently visited Cleland National Park, getting up close and personal with wildlife was one the highlights. Children were also able to experiment and build using natural materials. It was encouraging to see all the children planning, negotiating and collaborating with each other, applying skills in Mathematics, and thinking in abstract ways to successfully resolve their design problems.

In response to Laudato Si, the service plays an active role in caring for the environment, part of the National Quality Standards for Education and Care is to consider how we impact on the environment and how we can build a sustainable future. Sustainability is not so much a lifestyle choice but a way of living. Implementing environmentally sound practices will encourage children to question and investigate their surroundings. At OSHC we provide opportunities for children to access materials which support sustainable practice and promote the development of life skills through growing and preparing food.
Dear Families and Friends of St Augustine’s Parish School

TERM 4 ACTIVITY

Over the last two weeks the school has been buzzing with great learning, exciting investigations and some excellent excursions. Yr 5s visited the Museum and Art Gallery, Yr 2s got up close and personal with Australia at the Gorge Wildlife Park and Mel Stockdale took a group of Indigenous students to Taundli Aboriginal College. The School Board was treated to a day in the life of learning in Yr 1 and last Friday our netballers enjoyed a very successful carnival. All this activity was enabled by teachers and a band of dedicated parent volunteers and we thank all of these people for their help and commitment to our students and their learning.

WORLD TEACHERS DAY

Once a year we celebrate World Teachers Day and last Friday, the Parents & Friends honoured our hard working staff with an amazing and very delicious lunch. We thank the P&F for this recognition of our staff and their generosity in providing lunch and the certificates which acknowledge the vocation of teaching. We especially thank Susie Molloy and Elisha Kenyon for organising and serving lunch last Friday. I have enclosed the message to teachers from Helen O’Brien, the Director of Catholic Education.

Dear Colleagues

I am writing to you and your community to extend my congratulations and thanks on this day of celebration of teachers, World Teachers Day.

Each of us has reason to be grateful for teachers. It is a noble profession that has a lasting impact on the lives of those children and young people who journey with teachers.

As I visit our schools and colleges I am continually reminded of the energy, commitment and expertise that our teachers direct towards children and young people in their care. We have every reason to be proud of our teachers and the contributions they make to children and young people, school communities and society.

I hope your school community will take the opportunity to say thanks to all who work in our schools, and especially teachers. In our office, we have a tradition now of morning tea hosted by the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities. Ann Bliss thanks all of those who are teachers and those who serve schools. And of course we remember that parents, who are the first educators, entrust their children to us to further their education.

This is a great and generous act. I thank all teachers today for the mission that they undertake in our schools. Enjoy!

Kind regards, Helen O’Brien

SCHOOL UNIFORM TRIAL SURVEY

You would be aware that we have been trialling a change from the formal to an Active Education Uniform (predominantly the Physical Education Uniform). Students have been very positive about the trial. Now we are seeking feedback from the parent community to see whether we adopt the Active Education uniform. The Board will convene a Uniform Committee to look at such things as the school jumper and a waterproof coat for winter as well as minor changes to the trackpants and the quality of the sports top.

We thank those parents who have made some great suggestions already in relation to improvements to the Active Education uniform. Any change that may be agreed upon will be given a three year phase in period as this is seen as the time it takes for the average child to grow out of their uniform. We invite all families to complete the survey on https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L8B2ZG6 or alternatively you can download a copy from our website www.saps.catholic.edu.au or collect a copy from the Front Office.

The survey concludes on Friday 13th November. We thank all families for their participation in this survey and the Chair of the School Board, Sharon Henderson, will be invited to collate the responses with another School Board member.

THINK SAFETY

Our school is blessed with abundant parking provision with the Church carpark and the chapel carpark being offered by the Parish for the use of the school community. Members of the Parish and our own parent community have expressed shock and dismay at the behaviour of some parents in the car parking areas and the streets surrounding the school. Parishioners have expressed concern about their own safety and the safety of children in the carparks, in the afternoon in particular. Please consider others as you use these facilities and the surrounding streets. Double parking, letting children out of the car on the wrong side of the road and in the middle of the pedestrian crossing are behaviours that are not only dangerous but highly illegal. Speeding and confrontation in the carparks is most unacceptable and a very poor example to our children. We implore those few parents who flaunt the rules to consider the safety of all in our community and the generosity of the Parish in allowing us to use their parking spaces. We also ask that parents refrain from using the staff carpark. We thank you in anticipation of great improvements in the safety of all in the carparks and adjoining streets.

STAFFING

We have completed our first round of interviews and teaching appointments for 2016. Congratulations to Giulia Raschella, Laura Kaeding, Esme Rivas, Maxine Moran, Ian Aitchison, Frances Wren, Amelia Flowers, Trish Hoy, Annemarie Nicolai, Jayme-Lee Sonneman and Eliza Cruse. Our next appointments will be permanent positions which will be shared after interviews in mid-November.

We are very proud but deeply saddened to announce that Marnie Moss will be leaving St Augustine’s at the end of this year to take up a permanent teaching position at St Martin’s, Greenacres. Marnie has been at St Augustine’s for 12 years and now feels the need to experience another school community. This is very appropriate for Marnie’s professional growth. Anyone who has worked with Marnie or had a child in her class will attest to Marnie’s dedication, high level of professional expertise and gentle and kind manner. Marnie has made a positive difference in the lives of many children and teachers. Marnie will be deeply missed but her legacy remains as an example of best practice and commitment in Catholic education at St Augustine’s. God bless and remain with you always Marnie. St Augustine’s thanks you every day for the person that you are and the gift you have been to our school community over the last 12 years.

CONGRATULATIONS

OLSH has announced that one of our former students RUBY GOURLAY is their College Captain for 2016. Congratulations and well done Ruby – we are very proud of you.

COMING SOON IN TERM 4

The school is now gearing up for report writing, class placements, Carols Night and our all-important End of Year Mass and Graduation celebrations.

NOT RETURNING IN 2016?

This is a reminder that you need to advise us now if your child/ren will not be returning to St Augustine’s in 2016. It is imperative that we have definite numbers to plan classes.

2016 CLASS PLACEMENTS

Parents are advised to write to the Principal (in confidence) if you have any information pertinent to class placements for their children in 2016.
Dear Families,

Thank you for your ongoing support this year with the Scholastic book club. It is so wonderful to see so many students and families purchasing books from the catalogues with rewards going back to the school. These rewards help us to purchase new books and resources.

Just a few reminders when placing a Scholastic order:

1. Ensure your child’s name and class are clearly marked on the top of the form.
2. Please enclose the exact money with the order.
3. I ask that adults please fill in the order forms to avoid any mistakes.
4. If there is an issue with your order, please come and see me ASAP and remember keep the order form which is returned to you when the books are given out. Unfortunately I cannot resolve the issue if you do not keep the form.

There will be one final catalogue going out this term to end the year.

Kind Regards, Michelle Chau

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**Indonesian News Term 4 2015**

A former student Ruth Hall visited some of our Year 2 Indonesian classes recently to read them an Indonesian story she had written for her OLSH language project about our sponsored orangutan Pinky. The children have drawn pictures for each page and we are making books to share with other classes. We all enjoyed the experience!

Actually Pinky has grown and been released back into the jungle and we now sponsor a young female orangutan called Flower or Bunga. We have 2 stuffed orangutan toys and the children take turns to be carers. They would love to have an orangutan visit the school so our toys are a wonderful substitute.

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You can find Bunga on the orangutan project website: [http://www.orangutan.org.au/adopt_orphan_orangutan](http://www.orangutan.org.au/adopt_orphan_orangutan) - Salam from Ibu Elliott

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**2015 SCHOOL FEES – ARE NOW OVERDUE**

If you do not have a payment plan in place and have not made your final fee payment for 2015, can you please arrange to make an appointment to meet with me. Alternatively, if you are unable to meet during school hours, please email me at finance@saps.catholic.edu.au.

All overdue school fees will be charged a $50 overdue fee. This includes Direct Debit, Centrepay deductions, BPays and Direct Credits that will not repay this year’s fees by the end of the year. If you need to check your calculation to ensure that your fees are paid in full, please contact me either in person or by email.

**SCHOOL CARD – LAST CHANCE 2015**

A reminder to all families eligible for School Card: If you have not received notification from the School Card Department by now, please contact us for assistance in following up your application. The only remaining School Card submission date for 2015 is Friday 20th November.

All applications received after this final date will not be accepted and full fees will apply.

**SIBLING ENROLMENTS**

Parents of students already attending St Augustine’s who also have children nearing school age still need to complete an Enrolment Form – please contact the Front Office immediately if you require a Reception place in 2016. We are currently enrolling children for Term 1 intake (turning 5 before 30th April) and Term 3 intake (turning 5 before 31st October). If your child turns 5 after 31st October, they will commence school in Term 1 of the following year.

**ENROLMENT WITHDRAWAL**

If you intend to withdraw your child from St Augustine’s Parish School, one full term’s notice will be required. This must be in writing, addressed to the Principal. Failure to provide this advance notice will incur a term’s tuition fee.

We are currently developing our budget for 2016 and student numbers are a key component of the school’s income. If you do not intend to maintain your child/ren’s enrolment in 2016, please provide written notice ASAP to ensure you are not charged one term’s fees in lieu of notice.

**ARE YOU HAVING DIFFICULTIES PAYING YOUR FEES?**

If you would like to discuss a fee payment arrangement, please feel free to contact me on 8182 7900 or finance@saps.catholic.edu.au to arrange an appointment. All discussions will be kept confidential.

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Liz Polljonker – Business Manager
Last Thursday all of the Year 2s went on an excursion to Gorge Wildlife Park. We got on a bus and on the way we saw a dam, a kangaroo in a field and a view of the whole of Adelaide. When we got there, the keeper told us all about Cuddles, the carpet python. To eat, Cuddles wraps his body around his prey and squeezes the air out and then eats it whole. Cuddles senses his prey using his forked tongue. We went with the keeper to pat a dingo and to feed some kangaroos. We saw some joeys in their mothers’ pouches. Later the keeper brought out a cute koala for us to pat. Kevin, the Koala, eats eucalyptus leaves; they are poisonous but he has a special tummy so he doesn’t get sick. The poison makes him feel tired so he sleeps a lot of the day. We walked around and saw lots of animals, our favourites were the koalas, the dingos and the giant camels; we also liked the petting area where there was a young emu and lots of small animals to feed and pat. Adam had fun talking to the cockatoo who liked to say ‘hello’. We had a really fun day. Thank you to all of the volunteers and teachers who came with us and helped make it such a fun day.

Written by Diana, Melvynn, Dottie and Poppie (2-LP)
Ron McGill, a volunteer at Salisbury Library, runs a session called “conversation English” every Thursday during the school term from 4-6 pm. There is no need to enrol, just turn up to the session - it is free with tea and coffee available for $3.00.

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