



# St Augustine's Parish School

## NEWSLETTER No. 12 – Term 3 Week 5, 2020

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STUDENT BANKING every Wednesday

PLAYGROUP every Monday, Tuesday & Friday (9.00am – 11.00am)

OCCASIONAL CARE every Wednesday (9.00am–11.30am)

# Activities Day



# HIGHLIGHTS

Dear Families and Friends of St Augustine's Parish School.

Thank you for waiting so patiently for this week's Newsletter. We decided to postpone our publication in order to bring you the highlights of our two Activity Mornings (aka Sports Days). These are the things that are necessary in a Covid world and whilst we missed having families to bring extra life and enthusiasm to the events, children and their teachers had two fantastic days of highly organised activities. Children eagerly participated in all the events and on Friday we gathered the whole school together in their Sports Teams with Captains and Co-Captains to celebrate winners and all participants. The Spirit Cup was won by Thomas and the Augustine Shield was won by MacKillop. All of the teams participated with enthusiasm and sporting spirit.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Skewes and Mr Pillay for organising two spectacular days. Events like this don't just happen and we thank Nick and Kas for the hours of work that they put into creating the activities which complemented our Physical Education program and provided enjoyment and a challenge for the children. Thank you to all of the staff who helped to make these days such a success.

We thank parents for their patience surrounding keeping our school safe during this time of Covid-19. Due to the ever-changing landscape, we have decided that the only parents who are allowed on site are Reception parents. Please ensure that all Canteen orders, Uniform orders and other payments are made over the phone to lessen the number of people in our Front Office.

Thank you to the parents who have helped by avoiding early pick up of their children. The Front Office was becoming quite chaotic with parents simply arriving at school to pick their children up early as a matter of convenience. This affected children's learning and the teachers' ability to teach. It also made the Front Office an unnecessarily busy place at the end of the day when they have so many other requirements to ensure that children leave the school safely and with the correct information.

Some sad news to share with the community. Tony Caridi, one of our Grounds and Maintenance men, has decided to engage with another career. We thank Tony for the extensive time that he was at St Augustine's and we wish him every success in his new venture.

Learning Conversations went well with most teachers reporting that all of the families attended the conversation with their children. We thank parents for making the time to participate in these all-important Learning Conversations.

Blessings and Peace, *Georgia Dennis & Kerri Dent*.

## DIARY DATES

Tues 25/8 SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Fri 28/8 ST AUGUSTINE'S DAY  
Michael Mangan  
Concerts

Fri 4/9 PUPIL FREE DAY

Fri 25/9 TERM 3 ENDS  
(12.30PM)



# OLIPHANT SCIENCE AWARDS 2020

This year, St Augustine's Parish School was lucky enough to have 4 students from 5DC who entered the Oliphant Science Awards. Riley L, Sethanial J and Carter C entered the Computing/Coding section and Krish T entered the Photography section. The boys have worked very hard and have produced some amazing projects that the school and their teacher, Mr Dave Cottrell is very proud of.

The students often worked in their own lunchtimes in the library and spent countless hours at home as well.

Riley, Sethanial and Carter made very complex computer games that taught those who played them about the benefits of looking after the environment.

Krish was able to produce an amazing poster with 6 professional photographs detailing the life cycle of a local wetlands. After winning the Year 3-5 division last year, the boys were keen to repeat this effort this year, but we are just super proud that they have gone above and beyond to show the state how talented the students from our school are.



# AUSSIE BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

Ms Pahl and her class are collecting Bread Tags for Wheelchairs and would love your help.

They can be any colour. Please send them to Ms Pahl's class.

Thank you so much for your help. For more information please follow the link:

<https://ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au/>



## **BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

Catholic Adult Inquiry (RCIA)

Do you want to learn more about becoming Catholic?

Do you know someone who wants to learn more about becoming a Catholic?

Baptised but not received Confirmation or Communion?

Children attend Catholic School but not Catholic yourself?

Marrying a Catholic?

then you are invited to An

## **INFORMATION SESSION**

In St Augustine's Church Family Centre On

Thursday September 17th - 7pm-8:30pm

For more information contact

Fr. Shibu or Lorraine Thalbourne

at the Parish 82582314

# Activities Day

Last Thursday & Friday saw St Augustine's Parish School adopt a new two day 'Activity Day' format. Providing our students with the opportunity to participate in their sports day whilst ensuring their safety, this was paramount.

Fortunately, we were able to achieve this over two days, braving the uncertain weather and importantly creating many happy faces as our students took part in multiple sports day events. With over 10 different activities packed into a regular school day, the day was fast moving and full of fun.

Each day kicked off with a 'Health Hustle' and finished with the awarding ceremony.

We would like to highlight the immense effort from our school leaders who not only participated in all events but were also in charge of the set up and facilitation of the events for our junior primary students. We also commend our hard-working staff who were able to adapt to these trying times and ensure that no matter the circumstances, we were able to create these days to provide our students an opportunity to be active, collaborate and enjoy themselves as a whole school community.

Well done staff and students!



Kas Pillay and Nick Skewes  
Physical Education Co-ordinators

