



# St Augustine's Parish School

## NEWSLETTER No.14 ~ Term 4 Week 3, 2023

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### DIARY DATES

Mon 06/11	Children's University Graduation
Tues 14/11	Year 2 Excursion
Wed 15/11	Year 5 Excursion
Fri 24/11	END OF YEAR CONCERT



St Augustine's Parish School has taken home a National Award for our performance 'Be The Change' as part of the 2023 National Wakakirri Story-Dance Festival.

Wakakirri is Australia's largest performing arts event for schools with 200 taking part in 2023.

Congratulations and well done to all involved.



### NATIONAL AWARD

**ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH SCHOOL, SA**

*Be The Change*

At St Augustine's Parish School we are committed to Reconciliation. We have an Aboriginal Education Focus Teacher and a RAP (Reconciliation Action Plan) Working Group who meet regularly to ensure that Aboriginal Perspectives are at the heart of all that we do.



# HIGHLIGHTS

Dear Families,

We are well into the swing of Term 4! We often talk about Term 4 being a sprint to Christmas which is a pretty accurate description. We have so many exciting events happening this term. I love this time of year as we celebrate the year while planning for the next.

For some children, the changes ahead can cause some worries and uncertainty. We encourage you to project a sense of calm and assuredness about next year. Enjoy the moments that are happening now and we will plan for and move into the next school year together. I am constantly in awe of how much time and effort our staff put into preparing for the next school year.

This week we celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day. All Saints Day is a special day dedicated to all Saints of the Catholic Church. We pray for the Saints who have been recognised by our church and who have a special place in heaven. It is a wonderful time to think about Saints that are special to us and why. If you are baptised, who is your Saint?

We will be celebrating a Mass of remembrance on All Souls Day in St Augustine's Church. On this occasion we pray for those who have died and now find peace in God's love. We encourage all of our children and families to pray for their departed loved ones on this special day.

Finally, we will be sending home some information about our end of year concert soon. It is going to be so much fun!

Take care,

*Dan Cowan & Michelle Thomas*

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## CATHOLIC IDENTITY UPDATES

### **All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.**

Someone once said that we die twice.

How is that possible?

A person dies once physically. The body no longer is alive.

A person dies twice when no one remembers them anymore.

However, the Catholic Church remembers those who have died every year and during every Mass.

On Wednesday, the Catholic community celebrates the Feast of All Saints. Traditionally, All Saints is

celebrated on 1 November and All Souls' Day is celebrated on 2 November. The Catholic Church encourages us all to live saintly lives and to practice goodness. This is especially important as we grow as our children always benefit when they are encouraged to be good and to do good.

All Souls' Day has a different focus. It is another great Feast Day of the Church and recalls all of those who have died. When we die, Catholics pray for us. Their prayers are to support those who mourn their dead loved ones and for those who are now in eternity. As a parish school community, the children and staff will be celebrating All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

Our children in Years 4 to Year 6 will be attending Mass on Thursday, 2 November at 9.30am in the St Augustine's Church. You are all warmly invited to join us.

The Reception to Year 3 children will be celebrating a Liturgy in class. Just know that our loved ones are remembered by the children and staff through the Mass and in the Liturgy. May it be a source of comfort to know we are praying for them. This way, our loved ones are always remembered.

### **Sacraments**

If you are thinking about having your child baptised or having them enrolled in the Sacramental Program for 2024, please send me an email at [rtullio@saps.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rtullio@saps.catholic.edu.au)

A confidential chat is always reassuring to many questions people may have.

### **A visit to the St Francis Xavier Cathedral**

Our Year 5 children will be visiting the Cathedral on Wednesday, 15 November and celebrating Mass with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan. Archbishop Pat visited our children here at St Augustine's in June and has extended a personal invitation to our children to celebrate Mass with him. We will be leaving in the morning by bus to attend a tour of the Cathedral and to celebrate Mass with Archbishop.

### **Masses this month**

Our next family Mass will be celebrated on Friday, 10 November at 9.30am in the St Augustine's Church. It will be led by the Year 4 children. Please join us if you are able.

Our Year 3 Mass will be celebrated on Friday, 17 November at 9.30am in St Augustine's Church.

All are warmly welcome!

### **PRAYER:**

*Merciful and loving God,*

*We thank you for the people whom we love in our lives. They are special to us and give us joy. We also miss those loved ones who have left this earth, in the hope of being with You in Heaven.*

*We ask that one day we will be all reunited as a family of love. Bless us and our loved ones.*

*Amen.*

*Blessings, Dr Rachele Tullio*



# YEAR 3 TENNIS CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 18 October, our Year 3 students participated in the SACPSSA/Tennis SA Hotshots carnival at Playford Tennis Centre.

For many of our students, this was their very first sporting carnival. The carnival was a 'Come and Try' event, focusing purely on participation and fun. Our students had a great time and conducted themselves in a fantastic manner throughout the day.

A big thank you to Mrs Morrison, Mrs Caldinez, Mrs Warner, Mrs McSorley, Mrs O'Leary, Mrs Pye, Ms Romeo and Ms Langmaid for their help on the day!

*Mr Bo and Mr Baker*





# YEAR 4 EXCURSION TO PORT ADELAIDE

Recently the Year 4 classes enjoyed an excursion to historic Port Adelaide. We visited the Maritime Museum, the City of Adelaide Clipper Ship and the Railway Museum.

At each of these locations the children were involved in a variety of activities and tours which complemented our learning in HASS about 'First Contact', 'The Voyage of the First Fleet' and the eventual 'Colonisation of Australia'.

The Year 4s also walked to the Railway Museum where they climbed on trains and carriages from the past. They also got to take a thrilling ride on the resident Choo-Choo train which they loved (and so did the teachers ☺)!

The Clipper Ship was a particular highlight, and we highly recommend families go and experience it. It would make a fantastic family fun day outing.

A GREAT DAY WAS HAD BY ALL!!!

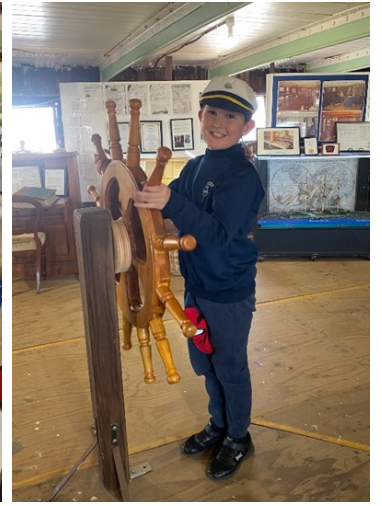
## YEAR 4 TEACHERS















## **Reflection:**

**4CE** - "We loved going on the Choo Choo Train at the Railway Museum. We got to see lots of trains and how they are built differently. It was really cool to see how people lived there and their living conditions. At the Maritime Museum we loved exploring the big ship. We got to see the beds, the phones and the changing room. Our final stop was the Clipper Ship. We had to go up lots and lots of steps. It was so old and rusty. A fun fact we learnt was that it only came to Australia in 2014 when another country was going to dispose it. We wish we could go back again!"

**4DS** - "On Friday we visited the Maritime Museum, the Railway Museum, and the Clipper Ship. Here are some of our favourite parts:

The train rides around the museum, being able to go into the replica ships and see where convicts slept and of course, posing for photos with the props at the Railway Museum! Overall, we had an awesome, wonderful day!"

**4MB** - "Our class had an amazing time in Historic Port Adelaide! We thoroughly enjoyed learning about the different ways people immigrated to South Australia on various ships. A highlight for us was exploring the different compartments of The Clipper ship and the Ketch, running around like headless chickens, hearing stories about the ghost that haunts the Clipper Ship and the cow that lived in a cabin. The ride on the Choo-Choo train was so much fun! Choo Choo!"

**4DM** - "Our excursion was a lot of fun and very exciting because we saw lots of olden day stuff which made us feel like we went back in time!

It was great to see all the models, displays, weapons and olden day history. WHAT A GREAT DAY!"



# T-BALL CARNIVAL

On Thursday 28 September, 50 St Augustine's students from Years 4-5 attended the Northern Cluster T-ball Carnival.

The students competed in friendly matches against multiple Catholic schools from the northern zone. The day was a 'come and try' day with games being purely for fun, there were no scores being recorded and no trophy or cup for the winning teams. The day was a huge success, our students conducted themselves in a fantastic manner with great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the day. This was a memorable experience for our students.

Thanks to Mr Cottrell, Ms McDonald, Ms Eliseo, Mr Bo, Mr Baker and Ms Brown for your support in this event.

*Mr Bo and Mr Baker*







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**St Augustine's Parish School  
Proudly Presents:  
'SUMMERTIME!'**



**When:** FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> November

**What:** All children from R-6 performing items that are all things summer!

**Where:** St Augustine's Parish School Oval

***Signing In and Out***

Gates will open at 5:45pm. Children must meet in their classrooms to be signed in at 6pm. The concert will begin at 6:30pm sharp. Children must remain with their teachers until the conclusion of the event at approximately 8pm. They must be picked up and signed out from their classrooms and will receive an exit slip to show at the gate.

***Costumes***

Your child's classroom teacher will outline what costume your child is required to wear on the night. Please ensure your child is already dressed in their costume when dropping them off at 6pm.

If your child is unable to attend, please contact their classroom teacher.

**LARA RICCIO**

On behalf of the St Augustine's Parish School staff

**DAN COWAN**

Principal

*We are a welcoming community, united in faith, and centred on learning,  
who value and nurture the dignity of each individual.*