



St Augustine's Parish School

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

OCCASIONAL CARE every Wednesday (9.00am—11.30am)

ADULT ENGLISH CLASSES every Monday (9.15am—12:15pm)

ADULT DIGITAL ENGLISH CLASSES every Thursday
(9:15am-11:15am)

UNIFORM SHOP - All orders online:
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RECEPTION NV - SCHOOL GARDEN

DIARY DATES

Fri 01/12	Reception Zoo Excursion
Mon 04/12 – 8/12	Dentist Visit
Thur 07/12	Yr 4/5/6 Waterworld Excursion
Tues 12/12	End of Year Mass -9.30am Yr 6 Graduation Dinner
Thur 14/12	Last Day of Term 4 12:30pm finish

Some of the students in RNV have been working with Mr Nick and Mr Marty in our school garden. We have been learning about the different things God created when he made the earth in our Religion Lessons. Seeing the fruit grow and ripen was very exciting! As we walked around the garden, we talked about what was growing, and what each plant needed to be healthy. Some of the children noticed our cherry tree was full of cherries, and this led to us arranging times to be part of the cherry picking process. We have enjoyed tasting the cherries and have shared these with teachers and support staff across the school as our random act of kindness.

Nicole Van Nistelrooy
Aboriginal Education Focus Teacher /
Reception Teacher



HIGHLIGHTS

Dear Families,

After many months of planning, our capital development project is set to begin soon. Following a tender process we have appointed Schiavello as our builder who will be working closely with our architect, Swanbury Penglase for the duration of the project.

This is a huge project that will substantially change our school. There are three distinct stages. Some early works that will include a playground. Stage 1 which is the Reception Classrooms and OSHC facility and Stage 2 which is the Gymnasium and Performing Arts Centre.

Within the next two weeks you will notice some changes in the yard and staff carpark. Temporary fencing will start to be erected and a builder's compound established. We aim to keep disruptions to school access at a minimum until the completion of the school year. As you return in 2024 there will be some changes to school entry and yard play areas. This will be communicated prior to school returning at the end of January. I thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

Last week some of our leaders attended the launch of the Being Church Together Document. This is a significant piece of work that outlines the important relationship between Catholic Schools and Parishes. It highlights our shared mission to be the face of Jesus to all, to be advocates for Social Justice and to share with children a vision for a world that is built on compassion and love. We continue to work side by side with the Salisbury Parish on our shared vision and mission.

Finally, we are making some alternative arrangements for the Christmas Concert and will communicate this early next week. In the spirit of Christmas, today 24 November, we encouraged our students to spread some Christmas Cheer by participating in Casual Clothes Day. Thank you again for your understanding.

Take care,

Dan Cowan & Michelle Thomas

CATHOLIC IDENTITY UPDATES

Visit to the Cathedral

Our Year 5 children were lucky enough to be invited to the Cathedral on Wednesday 15 November to celebrate Mass with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan. The children learnt about the Cathedral, its history and were fascinated to see how the large Church Organ works. During the Mass, the children were very respectful and several people attending Mass came up and complimented them on the way they participated beautifully in the Mass. One parishioner commented to one of our children that she wished she could send her grandchildren to St Augustine's Parish School as she was very impressed and moved by our participation.

Many thanks to our volunteer families who helped on the day: Yessenia, Nathan and Sally. Your support is very much appreciated.

Thank you to Tim who provided the children with interesting facts and information about the Cathedral and to James who played the Organ for the children.

Here is an email from James:

"Good morning Rachele, teachers and students,

It was wonderful to welcome you to the Cathedral last week.

Please congratulate the students on their respectful, reverent and beautifully well-mannered behaviour. It was a pleasure to spend time with you all.

I'm so pleased that I was able to show the organ to the students, staff and volunteers".

Year 6 Reflection Day

Our Year 6 children spent a wonderful day reflecting on their time at St Augustine on Tuesday 21 November at the Semaphore Surf Life Saving Club. The focus centred on the future as they leave their primary school years. A memorable part of the day was exploring the Scripture of Jesus walking on the water and encouraging Peter to 'go out into deep'. The children also loved the playground and making a sand sculpture. All in all, it was a beautiful experience for all.

Liturgies for Year 2, Year 1 and Reception children

Families will be receiving their invitations to join us for our Liturgies this term. Please join us in the Church if you are able. It means so much to our children to have you with us.

Date claimer: End of Year Mass and farewelling of Year 6 children

Tuesday 12 December is our End of Year Mass in the St Augustine's Church at 9.30am. This is a time to give thanks to God for a productive and happy year and to farewell the Year 6 children as a cohort. You are all invited to attend.

St Vinnies' Christmas Appeal

Every year our families contribute generously to those who will struggle during the Christmas break. An unexpected expense, sickness, unemployment or financial stress make this a worrying time. We will be asking families to help out with non perishable foods for the next 2 weeks. Please send any foods to your child's classroom and they will be collected on Friday 8 December in time for distribution to disadvantaged families. Once again, thank you for your generosity.

Feast of Christ the King

On Sunday 26 November, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King. It is the start of the new Liturgical Year B.

PRAYER:

May the Lord turn pain into peace. May we look forward to serenity in the midst of problems and confusion. May we enjoy the times we have as a family and treasure each day as though it were our last.

Jesus, we thank you for those peace-filled days when all goes smoothly. Walk with us into the future with hope. We remember those who have lost loved ones and pray for them in the depth of our souls. Amen.

Blessings, *Dr Rachele Tullio*



CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY 2023

On Monday 6 November, students from Year 3 to Year 6, along with proud families and staff members, attended the 2023 Children's University Graduation Ceremony at Bonython Hall, Adelaide University.

This year we had 108 students participating with 80 students graduating.

Elizabeth received a National Silver Diploma for 265 hours and Joel received the National Bronze Diploma for 230 hours.

Other awards were:

5 National Gold Certificates for 200 hours

6 National Silver Certificates for 165 hours

9 National Bronze Certificates for 130 hours

8 National Gold Awards for 100 hours

12 National Silver Awards for 65 hours

38 National Broze Awards for 30 hours



Congratulations to all the students who participated, especially those who graduated.

Mr Cowan proudly presented the graduates with their awards. St Augustine's was well represented and the students' behaviour at the ceremony was a credit to their families and teachers.

Thank you to all the teachers who assisted during the year by supporting the program, especially those who helped at the graduation ceremony.

A big thank you to the families for giving the students the opportunities to accumulate hours for their passports.

We are looking forward to another great year in 2024.



SACPSSA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the selected athletes that represented St Augustine's Parish School at the SACPSSA Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 7 November.

This carnival showcased the outstanding talents, dedication, and sportsmanship of our students, making it a day to remember for everyone involved! Our students participated in a wide range of track and field events. They all put in a great shift on the day and tried their personal best. With many of them coming back to school with multiple ribbons from their chosen events.

A special mention to **Cahlia** and **Alfred** for winning the Year 5 Girl and Year 5 Boy Age Champion medal. Winning the Age Champion medal is a huge achievement as they had to win in multiple track and field events against other top ranked athletes from other schools.

Congratulations again to all our athletes for their incredible performances on the day!

Mr Bo & Mr Baker - PE Teachers



ACHPER SA PE WEEK - 'COME & TRY DAY'

On Tuesday 14 November, our Sport Captains had the opportunity to become teachers for a day. They led an activity station for Year 2 students from various Catholic schools as part of the ACHPER SA PE Week Come and Try Day.

The day highlighted the importance of leadership skills, the ability to deliver effective activities, and the capacity to work effectively in a team. The Captains have been practicing and assisting in our PE lessons with Junior Primary classes throughout the year leading up to this day. They showcased their skills and ran four different sessions with Year 2 students from multiple schools. They conducted themselves in an outstanding manner, demonstrating their ability to problem-solve and work together as a team to deliver four engaging lessons!

We are very proud of their efforts on the day. Well done, **Olivia, Julianne, Lina, Jake, Alaak, Chris, Damien, and Mia!**

Mr Bo & Mr Baker - PE Teachers



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL CHOIR

On Wednesday 27 September our Year 5 and 6 Choir students participated in the Catholic Schools Music Festival in the Festival Centre. They were joined by students from 20 other Catholic schools around South Australia on the Festival Theatre stage.

On Wednesday morning our students attended a dress rehearsal at the Festival Theatre and later that evening performed 10 songs in a combined choir made up of approximately 400 students.

Our students sang beautifully and represented SAPS proudly. They were very excited to have the opportunity to perform on such an iconic stage in the stunning Festival Theatre where the biggest musicals and artists from around Australia and the World perform.

A highlight of the evening was when our very own Thomas (Year 6) sang a solo (TWO YEARS IN A ROW) in the song 'Heal the World'. His voice was angelic and unforgettable. Damien (Year 6) also represented our school by being chosen to sing the National Anthem with a small group of students from other schools.

Our students' hard work, commitment and dedication in rehearsals over the last 3 Terms was evident in their remarkable performance. What an amazing night of talent. A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to them all!

Maja Bejnarowicz

Year 4 Teacher and Choir Trainer







St Augustine's Toy Library



WHERE: St Augustine's Playgroup

WHEN: **Every Tuesday & Friday**

TIME: 9:00 - 10.30am

COST: Free

Contact: Carole - Community Hub Coordinator

Phone: 8182 7985 / 0467294853



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2023



27 November - 8 December
(week 7 and 8)



Christmas is often a time of joy. It is also a time of need for some people in the community.

Please send items to your child's class such as those listed below to support those in need during the festive seasons.

Thank you!

Types of Donations	For example:
Packaged foods	Cake, Nuts, Soup, Tinned Ham, Pasta, Noodles, Rice, Tinned Fruit, Jams, Biscuits and other non-perishable foods.



**Year 6 Graduation Dinner Ticket forms are due by
Monday 27 November**

Tickets are limited to immediate family only
(parents and siblings) including graduating student.