14 August 2015

Dear Parents

The School is pleased to announce that the 1:1 Bring Your Own Mobile Device program has been considered and is ready for implementation Term 1 2016. This will mean that every child in Years Three, Four and Five will be expected to bring the selected device daily to school.

Last year the School Board acknowledged the need to continue to improve the School’s ICT resources for students, especially considering the demands of the School Curriculum and Standard Authority and the Australian Curriculum, the mandated curriculum for schools in Western Australia.

In the past 12 months the staff and a reference group have been meeting to facilitate the program.

- The staff have researched possible devices suitable for student use, sought outside opinion from schools already involved in a 1:1 program and sought the counsel of the ICT Support Consultants at Catholic Education
- A reference group consisting of staff, parents and students has met to discuss possibilities and provide feedback to and from the School Board and the Parent community

Both groups found:

- Staff and student upskilling is essential no matter the device
- The Whiteboards in classrooms are out of date and require replacing (SmartTV)
- The current Unified WiFi system requires upgrading
- To enable children to demonstrate the learning capabilities as outlined in the curriculum, the school needs more physical resources
- Pilot the use of the Chromebooks and a smart TV in Year 2 Term 3.

The School has worked on possible scenarios in cost to school and parents.

**The outcome for the St Augustine Primary School Bring Your Own1:1 Mobile Device program:**

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**Provider and Costs**
The School Board continues to investigate the best possible purchase or payment scheme for families. This information will be communicated as soon as possible.

**What next?**
The next parent information meeting will be 2 September 6:00pm in the Year 2 classroom. This meeting will address queries and begin to demonstrate how the devices can be used in the classroom.

An opportunity for parents is the ‘open classroom’ in Year 2, 2:45-3:00pm where parents can ask students about their learning using the Chromebook.

Open classroom: Fridays, 4, 11 & 18 September.

The Staff looks forward to introducing this exciting initiative to provide children with the best possible learning opportunities to develop their knowledge and skills as 21st century learners.

Yours truly

Jonnine Lamborne
Principal
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