**Weekly Prayer**

WELCOME TO THE 2016 SCHOOL YEAR

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.

Be with our children, staff and parents as they begin
a new school year.
Bless them all.

Give the children strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

On behalf of the staff we welcome everyone’s return to school and special welcome to our new families! We hope that you have all enjoyed a very happy and restful holiday time and are ready for a challenging and successful year.

NEWS ITEMS/REMINDERS:

- All forms need to have been returned to school today. If you are yet to do so, please ensure your family’s forms are returned no later than Monday, 8 February
- Swimming lessons continue next week; children may wear their sports uniform daily during swimming lessons
- Meet your child’s teacher this Monday evening, Kindergarten to Year 6. Please see the times below.
  - Round 1 meetings start 6pm finishes 6:45pm (KG – Yr5)
  - Round 2 meetings start at 7pm finishes 7:45pm (KG – Yr5)
  - There is only 1 meeting time for Year 6 starting at 6pm as this includes the CAMP meeting
- Parents who wish to have an individual meeting are asked to make a separate appointment
- Parents are always encouraged to discuss matters and queries with staff. Please note that staff are unavailable Wednesday afternoons
- Dates to remember:
  - Monday 8 February    6:00-6:45 & 7:00-7:45pm Parent & Teacher
  - Tuesday 9 February    6:00pm School Board Meeting
  - Wednesday 10 February 9:00am ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
  - Wednesday 10 February 9:45am Welcome morning tea
  - Wednesday 17 February 6:30pm Parents & Friends’ Meeting
  - Friday 19 February P&F Movie Night 6:00pm for 7:30pm movie

MESSAGES:

- Do not leave bags and valuables in cars at drop off and pick up
- Students are to wear all uniform items as per the school policy available on the website. When students are out of correct uniform, parents will receive a note to provide an explanation and return to the class teacher
- Friday is Canteen Day. Orders will NOT be taken at the canteen. ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE MADE VIA THE CLASS BASKET. Orders and money need to be placed in a paper bag, with child’s name and class
- Social Worker Mrs Ann Cutler works Tuesday mornings and Fridays
- The Lapidary Car Park is a private car park with agreement for use only by school staff. Parents are asked not to use this as a parking area for drop off or pick up
- Desk mats, chair bags and homework bags are available in the Uniform Shop (Fridays 3:00-3:30pm)
BIKE SHED: We highly recommend to those who ride or scoot to school to use an individual lock on their bike or scooter. Under the terms of the School’s Composite Risks Property policy there is no scope for cover of bikes and scooters.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- 2016 Strategic Plan focus & Whole School Improvement
  - Quality Teaching & Learning
  - Quality Relationships
  - Creating Inspiring Environments
  - Enriched experiences of Christian Witness as Service & Mission

- Standardised testing has begun from Pre-Primary to Year 6 to provide teachers with data to complete their learning and teaching programs

- 2016 Sacrament Dates:
  - Commitment Mass (all 3 Sacraments) 12 & 13 March 6:00pm & 9:00am
  - Parent Meeting (all 3 Sacraments) 1 March 6:30pm
  - First Holy Communion 3 April 10:30am
  - Confirmation Year 6 13 May 6:00pm
  - First Reconciliation 23 September 10:00am

- Holiday Maintenance work
  - Years 1, 3 & 5 classrooms had a makeover...have a look!

Regular Newsletter begins week 3 after swimming lessons!

Welcome Morning Tea Wednesday 10 February in the meeting room in the Hall 9:00am.
All invited to meet and chat, make new friends for the school year!

Please see the welcome message from the Executive Director Dr Tim McDonald on the website accompanying the newsletter.

Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience Your presence in our new friends. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year!

Amen.

God Bless
Jonnine Lamborne
Reaching for Great Heights

** School Mission

Founded in the tradition of the Presentation Sisters, St Augustine is a welcoming Catholic school community committed to fostering total faith-life development. Our children are nurtured and encouraged to reach their full potential in an environment fostering respect, responsibility, tolerance and self-worth.

For God and Country

** School Vision

St Augustine Primary School community works to provide its students with a love God and spiritual guidance for its students. Inspired by and enriched by the teachings of Jesus, students are encouraged to attain ‘great heights’ in their whole development.

Reaching for Great Heights
**Core Values**

- N Nurture a safe, positive and supportive environment for life-long learning
- A Assist students to achieve their full potential, spiritually, emotionally, socially, physically, intellectually and creatively
- G Guide compassion, tolerance, respect of self and others
- L Live out the faith and model our lives on the teachings of Jesus
- E Embrace diversity and promote equality

**What's Happening **Upcoming Events

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** Please check the ‘GOOGLE Calendar’ on our website under Term Planner regularly for changes or updates**

*Students Late for School*
All students MUST be accompanied and signed in by an adult when late. A Blue card will be given for your child to hand over to your child’s classroom teacher, this indicates that the child has reported to the front office and their attendance recorded.

*Students Absent from School*
When students are absent from school due to illness or other reasons, parents are required to provide a signed note or email explaining their child’s absence. Parents may also telephone the School Administration Office on 9260 3200 following the prompts and then a signed note explaining their child’s absence must be sent to the Class Teacher or Administration Office.

** Parish News 2016

*Altar Servers*
Altar Servers for this weekend are:

Saturday  
6 February 6pm Vigil Mass: Nelithma D  Tiana S  Ella S  Annabelle G

Sunday  
7 February 9am Mass: Dominic L  Aidan L  Josie L  Caitlin F  Charlotte V

*Weekday Masses 2016*
Weekday Masses are on the following days:
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday mornings at 9.00am
Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm
Hello Parents,
Welcome back to a new school year and to all of our new families – welcome to St Augustine PS!
The P&F team, are really excited about our plans for 2016 and are looking forward to bringing some fun to the entire school community.

*Your P&F Association
Welcome to 2016 our regular monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm we would love you to join us.

We are looking for a treasurer to join the P&F Association - if you can help please contact Camille Henderson at staugustinespf@gmail.com

*Outdoor Movie Night – Friday, 19 February
The first fun event we will be holding will be St Augustine’s inaugural Outdoor Movie Night on Friday, 19 February on the lawn area under the stars. Entry to the event is free - Gates open at 6:00pm and we have organised a face painter and music to entertain the kids pre-movie. Sausages and burgers, drinks and popcorn are available for sale. There will also be a Coffee Van and Mr Whippy in attendance with part proceeds being donated back to the P&F. Pre-order forms for the BBQ will go home next week with each student, and extras will also be on sale on the night. The movie, Oddball (PG) will begin at sunset (around 7:30pm) – so all you need to bring are some cushions and a picnic blanket for a fun and no-cook evening! We look forward to seeing you there!

*Crazy Camel Fundraising Calendar Error
We have been advised by the people at Crazy Camel fundraising that there is an error in the 2016 fundraising calendars that we ordered last year. The date 28 April has been repeated twice. This error only impacts the 29-30 April with no flow on impact into May. They apologise for the inconvenience and have provided us with stickers to rectify the error. Unfortunately most people would have given them away as gifts, but the stickers are available from the front office if you still have access to the calendars.

*Volunteers
To hold awesome events and programs, we need volunteers! The first volunteering opportunity is at the Movie night – Perhaps you are an ace at cooking a BBQ, or would like to help sell popcorn! Please contact P&F Rep Michelle Shelhot on 0404 090 373 if you can assist.

*Parent Social Coordinator
We are finalising the list of parents who have volunteered to be the year social coordinators for 2016 – Thank you to those that have volunteered - we will be in touch soon! Once we have a volunteer for each class we will publish the list in the newsletter. Parent Social Coordinators make sure that there are social functions for parents and families to access throughout the year.

Please read the Social Calendar located directly under the P&F news to find out what is coming up - it will be included every newsletter.

*P&F Social Calendar
The aim is for every class to have a Social Coordinator who organise get-togethers, outings or dinners for parents and families. The calendar will appear in every newsletter and is a way for social coordinators and any other parent who wants to advertise a class dinner, coffee date, movie evening or playdate at the park etc. that is open to parents and/or families in the school community. If you wish to use the calendar, please forward the information about the event to admin@staugustines.wa.edu.au no later than Tuesday 4pm in time to make that week’s newsletter.

Camille Henderson
P&F President

**P&F Social Calendar *Upcoming Events
*Outdoor Movie Night Friday 19 February (See info above)
** Canteen 2016

Canteen Open FRIDAYS ~ Please refer to our website for the 2016 Canteen Menu

*CANTEEN ROSTER
12 Feb  Leoni
19 Feb  ‘Helper Required’
26 Feb  Justine
4 Mar   ‘Helper Required’

Thank you to all my helpers for volunteering their time to help in the Canteen. It is greatly appreciated. If anyone has a few hours to spare and would like to join me please do not hesitate to see me.

Thank you,
Cathy McCafferty

**Uniform Shop 2016

Uniform Shop will be open on Fridays from 3.00pm – 3:30pm.

Thank you,
Ersilia Bordoni

** Second Hand Uniform Shop 2016

Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Fridays in the Hall 8:30am to 8:45am

Thank you
Michelle Sant

** School Fees 2016

Please remember to reply to our ‘Finance Officer’ on your payment method for the 2016 Annual School Fees. All copies of our financial forms including the Direct Debit forms are available at our Administration office.

** Direct Deposit Payments

The bank account details for direct deposit are as below:
Account Name:  St Augustine’s Primary School
BSB:            086 006
Account No:     47935 5769
Reference:      Please use your Family Name and Initial
**School Banking 2016**

Banking is on Fridays in the hall from 8.30am - 8.45am

Welcome back to a new banking year. Banking will be held on Friday mornings from 8.30am – 8.45am in the hall. If students are banking on their own please ensure they do not come down to the hall until the first bell has gone.

We have lots of fantastic new rewards for you this year which are available for your viewing on Friday mornings. School banking is open to all students and their siblings. Accounts can be open at any Commonwealth Bank branch with 100 points for parents and birth certificate for student. All commission raised by school banking goes towards maths equipment.

Cathy McCafferty
School Banking Coordinator

**Community News 2016**

*KEYED UP MUSIC*
We will be running Guitar and Keyboard lessons starting in term 1
Lessons start from $17.00 for half an hour in a small group
For enquires please phone Therese on 1300366243 or visit our website [www.keyedupmusic.com.au](http://www.keyedupmusic.com.au)

*UPS & DOWNS ACROBATIC SCHOOL*
Tuesday 4:30 – 6:30pm
$10 per lesson
No Joining Fee
Boys & Girls 4 years to Adult
Belmont Sports & Rec Club Opposite Forster Park Cnr Abernethy Rd & Keane St
For more details contact Lorraine on 9362 4282 or 0413 445 206
Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to the start of the 2016 school year. The year promises to be full of possibilities in all our 163 vibrant, faith-filled learning communities each of which are centred on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. Pope Francis has declared 2016 the ‘Year of Mercy’. This challenges us all to be ‘merciful like the father’ in our daily lives. Imagine the transformative effect our school communities could have on society, if we were to take up Francis’ challenge, in our families and those we work with, as well as those who find themselves alienated, lonely and despised in society. Your school community will be creating a range of opportunities for students and families to honour and celebrate this special year and I encourage you to get involved.

If you are new to our system I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you and your family. You are joining Catholic education at an exciting time. We are in a period of significant growth and we have once again demonstrated sustained system-wide improvement in last year’s WACE results. In the last three years we have opened seven new schools and colleges and 2016 marks the opening of Salvado Catholic College for the first time. I wish the students, parents and caregivers involved in the College’s foundation year all the very best.

All Catholic schools rely on the contribution of the parish, staff, students and parents working in partnership to sustain their vibrancy, educational excellence, and faith life. With your support and involvement in your child’s learning, the efforts of more than 11,000 dedicated school staff and principals can ensure that our Catholic schools help students across the state reach their God-given potential.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all the best for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely
Tim McDonald