**Weekly Prayer**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

For us Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense endeavours to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent Season will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a ‘vigilant’ disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming:

‘Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, “the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob”, is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.’

The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the ‘Light’ to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.

**ASSEMBLY THIS MORNING** was very well presented by the Pre-Primary class! They gave us a great snapshot of the Literature they have been reading, Possum Magic and Scary Bear. Well done to you all!

**CLASSROOM WALKS** This week I visited year three and year one. The year threes were using the puppets they made to act the scripts they had written, their stories were entertaining as well as featuring humour, drama and disaster, well done! The year ones accompanied me to the year three performances. On our return to class, they shared their experience as members of an audience. Their explanations demonstrated great understanding of the stories!

**ST VINCENT de PAUL** Sincere thanks to all families and staff for your overwhelming generosity! There will be many families who will be very appreciative of your efforts!

**BELMONT CITY COUNCIL POP ART FIESTA** this evening 27 November 6:00-9:00pm outside the Ruth Faulkner Public Library. Have a look at the year two art work displayed on trees! Lots of activities and food trucks too!

**2016 SCHOOL FEE SCHEDULE & INFORMATION**

Please find all information regarding 2016 school fees on the website. Please note that the annual tuition fee has increased by 8% (as advised by Catholic Education), therefore the building levy has increased proportionally. The other increases are the P&F levy $5 per family and the year six camp fee.

**CHROMEBOOK ACCOUNTS/SET-UP** Parents who have independently purchased a Chromebook for their child for 2016 are asked to bring the device to school Monday 25 January 2016 between 9:30am and 12:30pm for your child’s account to be loaded, and set for the School’s network and infrastructure. Devices bought from Enigma Business Products, via the School, will be profiled during the school holidays and ready for your child at the beginning of the school term.

**UPDATED BYOD 1:1 PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS** a comprehensive set of questions and answers is available on the website. Ought you to have a query or concern that has not been addressed, please contact me via the School Office. 

*Parents who will not be able to provide a device for their child are asked to contact me via the School Office before the end of the school year.*
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.

God Bless
Jonnine Lamborne
Reaching for Great Heights

FROM THE SOCIAL WORKER Continuing our theme of Habits of the Mind that effect emotional resilience, You Can Do It seek to replace the ‘need to be perfect’ with ‘taking risks’. If you believe that you have to be successful in everything important that you do and it’s horrible when you’re not, you will end up feeling worried, down and will procrastinate. The need to be perfect can make someone worry a lot about whether people like them and can also effect schoolwork when children worry about making mistakes. On the other hand, if you can accept that it’s good to try something new even though you might not be able to do it, you won’t be too upset and will be able to bounce back if things don’t turn out just right. YCDI promotes the idea of giving everything a ‘red hot try’. Look for opportunities to encourage this style of thinking with your child in everyday life.

** 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 2015**

*Altar Servers*

Altar Servers for this weekend are:

Saturday 28 November 6pm Vigil Mass: Volunteers
Sunday 29 November 9am Mass: Volunteers

**Weekday Masses 2015**

Weekday Masses are on the following days:
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday mornings at 9.00am
Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm

**P&F News 2015**

*Christmas Reading Tree*

All proceeds from the Reading Tree will go towards new classroom readers for next year. The tree will remain up until the end of term. Could parents please check if their child has taken a tag as we seem to have quite a few missing? If you do have any tags at home, don’t forget to return them before the end of term. A big thank you to all of the families who have already returned Christmas tags with donations. Many of us have heard the same books being read aloud, over and over, as each of our children progress through the years. It will be a treat to hear something different! Fingers crossed “Tammy Toodlepepper” will not ride again in 2016.

*P&F Social Calendar*

This year as a way of encouraging more social gatherings between parents we are continuing to promote the P&F Social Calendar. The aim is for every class to have a Social Coordinator who organises get-togethers, outings or dinners for parents and families.

The calendar will appear in every newsletter and is a poster board 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 by Tuesday 4pm in time to make that week’s newsletter.

Please read the Social Calendar located directly under the P&F news to find out what is coming up.

Maryann Taraborrelli
P&F President
**P&F Social Calendar *Upcoming Events**

*Year 1 Families Street Food at Hawker's Market*
John Macmillan Park, East Vic Park
Friday 27 November, meet from 5.30pm
Bring a picnic blanket
Event Contact – Sharon (Joey’s mum) 0438 043 910

*Year 2 Christmas Family Picnic*
Come and celebrate the end of the year at Volcano Park on Sunday 13 December from 3pm. Bring a picnic, BBQs available. Any queries, please contact Camilla on 0407 190 477

** Canteen 2015

Canteen Open FRIDAYS

*Morning Tea Specials*
Mixed Berry Smoothie $2.00
Jellies with cream & topping $0.80

*Lunch Special - $5.00*
Pasta and a free Icy-pole

*Canteen Roster*
4 Dec Justine
11 Dec Jacqui

Thank you to all my wonderful helpers for your ongoing support. It is greatly appreciated!

Ersilia Bordoni

**Uniform Shop 2015 Term 4**

Uniform Shop opening hours are on Fridays from 2:45pm to 3:15pm.

Thank you to all Kindergarten and Pre-Primary families that have completed and purchased their child’s Uniforms for 2016. It has been greatly appreciated.

For those waiting on some uniform items, once they are received from our Stockists they will be forwarded to your child to bring home.

With any further Uniform Orders or payments by eftpos, please come and see me on Friday afternoons 2:45pm to 3:15pm where I will be more than happy to assist you.

Thank you,

Ersilia Bordoni

** Second Hand Uniform Shop 2015**

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

Thank you
Michelle Sant
** School Fees 2015

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 2015

Banking is on Fridays in the canteen from 8.30am - 8.50am

Term 4 school banking will be on Fridays in the hall. Banking is open to all students and siblings. If you have any enquiries please see me on Fridays in the hall.

Cathy McCafferty
School Banking Co-ordinator

**Community News 2015

*Capoeira Term 1 2016
ANCESTRAIS Capoeira will return for 2016. If your child would like to participate in the lively martial art of Capoeira in Term 1 2016, please register your interest with Michelle Shelhot 0404090373. With 4 out of 12 children from this year’s school group grading in November 2015, this has proven to be a successful after school activity for all involved. At this stage, classes will continue Monday’s 3.15pm to 4.15pm in the school hall with the first class commencing Monday 8 February 2016.

*Keyed-Up Music
Keyed-Up Music will be running keyboard and guitar lessons again in 2016 during school. We run group lessons starting from $15.45 plus GST per lesson. For enrolments please go to the following website - www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form

*Pop Art Fiesta
To find out more about the Pop Art Fiesta visit the ‘Let’s Celebrate Belmont Festival’ website www.belmont.wa.gov.au or phone the City’s Marketing Team on 9477 7248.