**Weekly Prayer**

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Traditionally, the prayers used for the Advent wreath for each week of Advent are the collects, or short prayers at the beginning of Mass, for the Sunday of Advent that begins that week.

Last week, we asked Christ to come to our aid. This week, we ask Him to move us to action, so that we can prepare ourselves for His coming at Christmas.

_Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Your only-begotten Son, that through His coming we may be worthy to serve You with purified minds. We ask this through Jesus, who lives and reigns with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end._

_Amen._

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
Next Tuesday the Holy Doors at the Vatican will be thrown open as we commence the Jubilee Year of Mercy announced by the Pope. The Pope is convinced that the Church’s witness of life, preaching and pastoral activity should all be caught up in the tender heart of our God. Mercy is the highest quality in the heart of God. Therefore, it is the most important quality that we as Church need to witness to the world. Our very credibility in the eyes of the alienated and the unbeliever depends on how we show mercy and compassion. The Pope is also concerned that in our struggle against the evident evils in our contemporary culture we can seem to be sounding a strident voice of condemnation. Maybe we are not sufficiently in touch with the brokenness and suffering in the lives of those we chastise. Our eyes are to be fixed on the mercy of Jesus in the gospels; the way he met with sinners, the poor, the marginalised, the sick and the suffering.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION this morning marked the completion of the primary school journey of the year six students over the past eight years, and their transition to high school. Congratulations to the year six students and all staff and parents, who have over time worked arduously and unconditionally to influence in some way and enrich the lives of the class of 2015. May you all continued to be blessed with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and God’s graces.

VOLUNTEERS & FRIENDS’ AFTERNOON TEA all parents and grandparents and members of families who are leaving St Augustine this year are welcome to afternoon tea at 2:30pm Tuesday 8 December. Please come and join us.

EDUCDANCE CONCERT last night was a spectacular finale to celebrate the end of a great program and the end of a very successful year! Congratulations to our students who extended themselves to put on a show of flair, flamboyance and fun! Parents and staff ought to be well pleased with the exuberance and self-assurance demonstrated by students.

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*

** 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**

*Christmas Eve Family Mass*

The St Augustine’s Parish Christmas Eve Family Mass will be held in the school undercover area. If your child/ren wish to participate in any way (e.g. reading, acting out the Christmas story, altar serving, music, etc.), please contact Emma Lawrence on mail@the-lawrences.info or phone 0410 561 659. There will be a practice held on Christmas Eve morning 9.30am-11am. We will be giving out costumes at this practice. Please also contact Emma if you are able to assist with setting up or packing away for the Mass.
*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  
5 December 6pm Vigil Mass: Nelithma D  Tiana & Ella S  Annabelle G

Sunday  
6 December 9am Mass : Dominic, Aidan & Josie L  Caitlin F  Charlotte V

**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 can organise 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 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

**Last Canteen Day for 2015 – Sorry No Specials**

*Canteen Roster*
11 Dec - Jacqui

Thank you to all my wonderful helpers for your loyalty and 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 your child’s Uniforms for 2016.

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 afternoon 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
Banking CLOSED on Friday 11 December 2015

Cathy McCafferty
School Banking Co-ordinator

**Community News 2015**

*Netball News*
Congratulations to Holly M for receiving an invitation to join the specialised netball program at Aranmore Catholic College. To top this off Holly also received a part scholarship for Netball. This is an amazing achievement for Holly who only started playing netball this year. Well done Holly. Congratulations must also be extended to her very talented coach this season Jackie Carter.

Spring Netball at Belmont finishes on Monday 7 December. We have two teams playing the spring season and both teams have performed very well. Thank you to all the parents, coaches and umpires for donating their time to support their children. I would also like to make special mention that Chris Carter has made the transition from State Basketball level umpiring to State Netball umpiring. Completely different ball game as Chris has discovered but will be a force to be reckoned with next year in his white shirt. Congratulations Chris.

Next year Reba Royal will be taking over the role of coordinator for our club. I know you will all give her the same support as you have all shown me over the past couple of years. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our yr 6’s all the best with their journey to high school and hope to still see you on the netball court either at Belmont or Matthews.

Merry Christmas everyone and have a safe and Happy New Year. Netball registration etc. will kick off in February 2016 so stay tuned.

Cathy McCafferty
STA Netball Coordinator

*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

*Creative Kids Art Club*
Classes for Term 1 2016 now enrolling near you! Classes run for one hour and are suitable for children from 5 to 10yrs. All materials and aprons provided. Visit www.creativekidsartclub.com.au for our class timetable, locations and term dates. Ph 9367 7618 or email jane@creativekidsartclub.com.au

*Better Health Program Healthy Active Happy Kids*
Children 7 – 13 years old FREE fund program for kids to become fitter, healthier and happier. Running FREE at JumpAbout Trampoline Park……...includes FREE entry!
Starts Monday 1 February 2016
Monday and Wednesdays from 4:00pm to 6:00pm for 10 weeks
To register call 1300 822 953 or visit www.betterhealthprogram.org
This is an initiative from the Government of Western Australia Department of Health