**Weekly Prayer**

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**CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS & JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

The angel’s message to the terrified shepherds at the birth of Jesus was: “Do not be afraid. Look, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people...a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.” (Lk. 2:10-11). Jesus saves us and loves us with the mercy of God which, is contemplated in the Passion of Jesus.

In his Misericordiae Vultus, Pope Francis reminds us that the Child born to Mary and Joseph, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a Bethlehem manger is someone special: “Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him.”

And so, as we ponder the Christmas event this year, let us take up the invitation of the Holy Father “to constantly contemplate the mystery of mercy” which, he says, “is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it.”

I wish you every blessing in your preparation, contemplation and celebration during this Advent and Christmas time. May the fruits of joy, serenity and peace be with you all.

Happy and safe holidays to you all!

**FAREWELL** This week we farewell Mrs Smith who has been working in our school for over 20 years. Thank you for all of the love, care and friendship you have extended to children, parents and staff over the years. Kathleen’s welcoming smile and gentleness are some of her beautiful attributes that we cherish. We hope that Kathleen enjoys retirement, having more time for her family, friends and hobbies! God Bless you Kathleen, May the Lord keep you safe.

We also extend a very big thank you to Mrs Starkie whose commitment to the year ones was outstanding. God Bless you and your family. We wish you well in your future endeavours.

Finally we farewell Mrs Joanne Zappia. We thank you for all the care you have extended to the children in PrePrimary. May God bless you and your family.

**PARENTS & FRIENDS’ ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER** support local business and the School in this great initiative with The Lettuce Box. Order a box of groceries before 14 December and have it delivered to your door the next day! See flyer loaded onto the webpage with the newsletter for more information and ordering details.

**SCHOOL RETURNS MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2016**

**SWIMMING LESSONS BEGIN MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2016**

**OFFICE OPENS MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2016**

**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING FRIDAY 29 JANUARY 1:00-3:00PM**

**CANTEEN** Fridays Mrs McCafferty now Canteen Manageress

**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.

Please send your comment to admin@staugustines.wa.edu.au

**SURREY ROAD BIKE BOULEVARD** What a super initiative from the State Government and the Belmont City Council. The proposed Surrey Road Bike Boulevard offers safety for our children to walk, ride, and scoot to school and for the general cycling community. For more information, go to Department of Transport Safe Active Streets Program and Bike Boulevard initiative www.transport.wa.gov.au

**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.

**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.
** 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

1 Feb 2016  Students return to school Term 1

** 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/children 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 12 December 6pm Vigil Mass : Joseph K Stefan M Georgia M Ben D
Sunday 13 December 9am Mass : Nicholas F Natasha C Gabrielle C Seshan D
Saturday 19 December 6pm Vigil Mass : Kate N Bree H Vidisha D Elodie C
Sunday 20 December 9am Mass : Ella H Violet W Sofia T Annalise F

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Thursday 24 December 6pm Carols followed by 6.30pm Mass – in the covered area of the School – please bring a chair or rug to sit on
Friday 25 December 9am Mass
Saturday 26 December 6pm Mass-Feast of the Holy Family Vigil Mass
Sunday 27 December 9am Mass-Feast of the Holy Family
**Weekday Masses 2015**

Weekday Masses are on the following days:
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday mornings at 9.00am
Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm

Proposed façade upgrade to St Augustine Church

Father Brian and the St Augustine Parish would like to give the local parishioners the opportunity to quote on the proposed façade upgrade to the church.
If you are a brickie, chippy, sparky, roof tiler, concreter, bobcat operator, painter or glazier and would like to assist in providing a handy price and a helping hand then please send your details to xavier@finlaygroup.com.au and they will issue the tender package with all the details.
Many Thanks
Father Brian

** P&F News 2015**

**P&F Social Calendar**
As a way of encouraging more social gatherings between parents we will continue 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 2016**

Canteen Open FRIDAYS

Thank you to all my wonderful helpers for your loyalty and ongoing support, it is greatly appreciated!

Ersilia Bordoni
**Uniform Shop 2015/16**

Uniform Shop opening hours

**Friday 11 December 2015 from 2:45pm to 3:15pm**

**Friday 29 January 2016 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm**

Thank you,
Ersilia Bordoni

**Second Hand Uniform Shop 2015**

Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Friday 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 CLOSED on Friday 11 December 2015

Cathy McCafferty
School Banking Co-ordinator

**Community News 2015**

*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

The Carlisle Dental Therapy Centre will be closed from 11am 17 December until Wednesday 27 January 2016. Emergency dental treatment is available at the Mt Henry Dental Therapy Centre 9313 0555 -8.15am to 4.30pm
Emergencies outside these hours please contact the Emergency service at the Oral Health Centre on 9325 3452