Welcome Back!
Welcome to all of our St Augustine’s community members to the 2019 school year. We welcome Angelique Greene as a new member of staff this year. Angelique Greene joins us from St Anthony’s Melton, we hope the time Angelique spends with us is a rewarding experience. And a very big welcome to the new families who have joined our school community. I hope everyone has had a relaxing holiday spent with loved ones and are ready for a very busy and exciting year at school. I thank all of the school staff for their tireless work in preparing their classrooms and programs for a smooth start to the year.

Parent Information Evening
Please note we will be again holding the Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 12th February. The Foundation class and Year 1/2 classes will run from 5-5.30pm, with the Year 3/4 classes and the Year 5/6 class running from 5:30-6pm. We will gather classrooms, where classroom teachers will speak to the parents about the upcoming school year and answer any queries that you may have about classroom setup or structures. I would encourage all parents to attend this important evening please.

Medical Information
Although annual medical forms are completed for all students, we stress the importance of keeping the office advised of any changes to a medical condition that your child may have, to ensure staff are provided with updated information on students who may have a serious medical alert concern, and please ensure emergency medication is updated! Children with severe allergies must have a current Action Plan signed by their GP.

Home School Partnership
At St Augustine’s we pride ourselves on providing a safe and secure environment where students, teachers and parents can participate and enjoy the life of our school community. We believe that positive relationships and a strong partnership between school and community promotes an effective and supportive learning environment for students. To achieve this, all members of the school community are expected to recognise their own rights and respect those of others. Supporting this principle promotes consistency, self-esteem, fairness, honesty and cooperation. If you have any queries or questions please make an appointment to see me, if you are unable to make a time during the school day, I am here most weekdays until 5pm. Or feel free to send me an email (principal@sacreswick.catholic.edu.au)

Correspondence
At the commencement of each school year a large amount of information is sent home, and in some cases, be completed, signed and returned. We ask you to please ensure you read through the information carefully and if necessary respond quickly so our records can be updated. Thank you!

** Rubbish Revolution **
As of Monday 11th February, we are focussing on trying to reduce the amount of waste we are producing at school. The first step will be quite simple - we are asking the children to take their wrappers home with them (in their lunch boxes) and/or to use reusable containers to store and carry food. If we all (including staff) can play our small part by supporting this new approach, we hope to see a major reduction in our overflowing rubbish bins. Thank you for your cooperation and support, as we give this our best shot!
Ash Wednesday Mass
Fr. Gary will celebrate Mass on Ash Wednesday at St. Augustine’s Church at 10am on Wednesday 6th March. All students will be going and parents, carers and families are most welcome to join us.

When Your Child Is Unwell
School attendance is critical to student success, however, we do ask that sick children are kept at home. We know that when we don’t feel well it is hard to concentrate and we are best off resting, to recover quickly. Where a student is unwell and will be absent, please ensure you contact the school as early as possible to inform us. If children become unwell at school, we will contact parents to collect them.

2019 STAFF
Fr. Gary Jones – Canonical Administrator/Parish Priest
Terry Brennan – Principal
Maria Grawich – Deputy Principal and Religious Education Coordinator
Mandy Simpson – Office Administrator
Chris Schepis – Year 5/6 Teacher
Celly Csorba – Year 3/4 Teacher and Special Needs Coordinator
Angelique Greene – Year 3/4 Teacher
Emma Paterson – Year 1/2 Teacher
Estelle McLean – Year 1/2 Teacher
Maria Grawich – Foundation Teacher
Sarah Prendergast – Classroom Support Teacher
Yuki McCaskill – Japanese Teacher
Warren McCaskill – Physical Education and Visual Arts Teacher
Nicolle Miller – Learning Support Officer
Ginny Crilly – Learning Support Officer
Greg Morrison – Learning Support Officer
Carlyn Hall – Junior Classroom Volunteer

School Uniform
Please ensure all students wear the correct school uniform to school each day. This means some accessories such as wrist bands, multi-coloured hair bands, etc. should not be worn. I ask parents to check all items of clothing are clearly labelled with names. School shoes must be worn every school day except on PE day. Please support the staff and your children by insisting that they wear the correct uniform to school each day.

Testing Days
Thank you to those families who supported our student Testing Days. The teachers were excited to have one on one time with your child to determine their exact entry point of learning. The assessment enables teaching staff to know where your child is at, and where to from here.

School Weebly
Another form of communication between school and our community is our school weebly. We have a school calendar on the site to inform all of what is happening across the year. As you access the site, the calendar will be the first thing you see, containing the dates for all happenings for the 4 terms as we know them at this stage. The site can be accessed through this weblink: www.sacreswick.catholic.edu.au
St Augustine’s 2019 Sacramental Program

**TERM 1:**
Tuesday 26th February: Parent meeting & registration for all 2019 Sacraments in the school hall, 4pm
Tuesday 26th March: Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, followed by Mass, 9:15am

**TERM 2**
Wednesday 1st May: Parent meeting for Confirmation in Prep Class, 4pm
19th, 26th May & 2nd June: Dismissal Sundays at St A’s Church, 8:45am Mass
Sunday 9th June: Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at 8:45am Mass

**TERM 4**
Wednesday 16th October: Parent meeting for Eucharist in Prep Class, 4pm
27th Oct, 10th & 17th Nov: Dismissal Sundays at St A’s Church, 8:45am Mass
Sunday 24th Nov: Celebration of the Sacrament of Eucharist at 8:45am Mass
Tuesday 26th Nov: Year 6 Reconciliation, St A’s Church at 9:15am, followed by Mass at 10am

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**Foundation 2019**

I would like to finish with a special welcome to our Foundation class for 2019, we hope your time with us is rewarding and we look forward to many varied and positive learning experiences throughout your time at St. Augustine’s. Please note that the Courier will be at school on Thursday 14th February to take our Foundation Class photo at 12:30pm, for their edition of ‘Big Steps Tiny Feet’.

Thank you, Terry Brennan.
*** Forms Requiring your Immediate Attention ***

⇒ Media Release Consent Forms: this is an important form which must be completed/signed, giving consent for photography of students for submission in our newsletters, etc. Note that this form is completed only once for the duration of students time at St A’s, therefore, only Foundation and new students to the school, will be required to complete this form. If you have not completed this form for your child as yet, please do so ASAP! Thank you to those parents who have already completed and returned this form.

⇒ 2019 Student Medical Form: completed annually for all students. This form advises us of student medical details, and also gives parental/guardian consent for local excursions, head lice checks, along with confirmation that Action Plans will be provided where relevant, and that parents will keep the school informed should changes to students medical needs occur. Please ensure both sides of this form are completed and signed, and return ASAP!

⇒ Student Absence Slips: this is an important form to be completed when students are absent from school - due to illness, holidays, medical appointments, etc. This form MUST be completed and signed upon students returning to school following an absence, and once completed can be dropped into the office, or given to the students teacher. These forms are available from the office area throughout the year as needed.

We appreciate your prompt action regarding the above important documentation, thank you.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND

The Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) is again available to eligible families for 2019, providing payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

TO BE ELIGIBLE for a Primary School Student: On the first day of Term 1 (29th Jan 2019) OR the first day of Term 2 (Tuesday 23rd April 2019), a parent or legal guardian of a student must:

- Be an eligible beneficiary of one of these cards: Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- OR they must be a temporary Foster Parent
- AND the parent/legal guardian must submit an application form by the due date

Parents who receive a Carers Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF, unless they also comply with the above. Eligibility will be determined when the parent’s concession card successfully validates with Centrelink on either the first day of Term 1 or Term 2. If the eligible card is in the name of the student, the fund is only granted to that student, not to their siblings.

For the purpose of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian Registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between 5 & 18 years. CSEF is not payable to students attending Kindergarten, TAFE or who are home schooled.
 Administration Information

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CSEF Applications for 2019 are now open. Parents/legal guardians are required to submit a new Application form each year. The CSEF is an annual payment of $125 per student made directly to the school, and payments are tied to the eligible student. If you are eligible, please see Mandy in the office for an Application form, and ensure you bring your card with you for proof of eligibility. Note that Application forms need to be completed and lodged ASAP as payments are made early in March. Schools will be able to accept and process applications up until the end of Term 2.

Family Fee Assistance Scheme

The ‘Family Fee Assistance Scheme’ is again continuing in 2019 across all Ballarat Diocesan Catholic Primary Schools. This Scheme offers a tuition fee concession to families who hold a Health Care Card or Pension Card. Families who qualify for this Scheme will receive a reduction in school fees with proof of eligibility. The discounted fee covers tuition and capital fees only. It does not cover additional charges such as camps, book hire, subject levies, etc. Please speak to Mandy in the Office to complete an Application letter or for further information about the Family Fee Assistance Scheme. Please bring your card for proof of eligibility.

Conveyance Allowance

The Travel Conveyance Allowance is available to eligible families to assist with the cost of transporting students to school. Distance is now measured by the shortest practicable route between the student’s place of residence and their school. Please see Mandy for Application Forms. To be eligible to claim the Conveyance Allowance the student/s must:

- Attend the closest school of the chosen denominational group;
- Be of school age (5 to 18 years old at the time of application) and reside in Victoria;
- Live 4.8kms or more from the school measured by the shortest practical route;
- The residential address should be based on the Rural Road Numbering System. Mailbox and PO Box addresses cannot be used;
- Must attend an eligible school within the conveyance area;

Families applying for the Conveyance Allowance for 2019 PLEASE NOTE:

- Parents who successfully applied and received the Conveyance Allowance in 2018 are not required to complete a new application unless their details have changed.
- All Applications MUST be returned no later than Friday 8th March, 2019.
- Parents/Guardians are responsible for notifying the school of any change to the information noted on their previous School Conveyance Allowance Application Form within 7 days of any changed circumstances!
- Four payments for 2019 Claims will be made towards the end of each school term. Please note that due to Gov. guidelines, no claim is allowed to be paid without the appropriate documentation.
Important Dates

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Hello Everyone, I am working towards getting the 2nd Hand Uniform shop up and running within the next couple of weeks. In the mean time, anyone looking for a 2nd hand item can text me on ph: 0429 130 672. Please include details of what you are looking for (including size). I ask that you don't phone me, as I work most days and am unable to take your calls while I'm working. There are several items currently available so please don’t hesitate to get in touch if you need something. Once everything is sorted and we have clothes racks etc., I am hoping to open the 2nd Hand Uniform shop on a regular basis.

At this stage the 2nd Hand Uniform shop operates on a cash only system, as we do not have any facilities to store cash, therefore, no change is available. If you do not have the correct money on the day of purchase, we can arrange for the items to be left in the office to be paid for and collected at a suitable time.

More news will come in upcoming newsletters.

Thank you, Narelle Barrett.
Ethical Purchasing of Easter Chocolate

In 2015, Pope Francis said that “every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act.”

Cocoa is a key ingredient of chocolate. Much of the chocolate sold in Australia is made using cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved, or forced to work in exploitative conditions. Most of these children have never even tasted chocolate.

To buy slavery-free Easter chocolate, please refer to any of these three certification symbols on the wrapper. If you have any questions access ACRATH at: https://acrath.org.au/slaveryfree

Welcome back to another exciting year!

I want to thank all the wonderful families and children that I have had the opportunity of working alongside throughout 2018. I also want to remind new and current families that if you require any parenting support throughout the coming year, please do not hesitate to drop into school Thursday’s between the hours of 8:30am – 3pm. I am also available on mobile: 0419 400 164 Mon – Thursday’s.

Regards,

Sharalle Raven
Parenting Practitioner/School Support
Centacare Family Relationship Centre
34 Peel Street North
Ballarat 3350

www.centacareballarat.org.au
Sun Smart Policy

St Augustine’s Primary School
SunSmart Policy

Please note: To comply with SunSmart guidelines, please ensure sun protection is used “whenever UV levels are 3 or higher”. If you can’t check the daily sun protection times please use sun protection ‘from mid-August to the end of April’ (when Victoria’s UV levels are typically above three). Please do not just use sun protection during Terms 1 and 4. Only using sun protection during these terms means children and staff will not be protected from UV when they need to be.

This policy applies to all school events on and off-site.

Purpose
This SunSmart policy provides guidelines to:
• ensure all students and staff are protected from over-exposure to UV radiation;
• ensure the outdoor environment provides shade for students and staff;
• ensure students are encouraged and supported to develop independent sun protection skills to help them be responsible for their own sun protection;
• support duty of care requirements; and
• support appropriate OHS strategies to minimise UV risk and associated harms for staff and visitors.

Background
Too much of the sun’s UV can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer. UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is strongly associated with an increased risk of skin cancer in later life.

Legislation and Standards
• Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004
• Education and Training Reform Act 2006: Sch.6 Reg. 1 (1.2)

Procedures
• To assist with the implementation of this policy, staff and students are encouraged to access the daily local sun protection times via the SunSmart widget on the school’s website, the free SunSmart app, or at sunsmart.com.au.

The sun protection measures listed are used for all outdoor activities during the daily local sun protection times.

The sun protection times are a forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology for the time of day UV levels are forecast to reach 3 or higher. At these levels, sun protection is recommended for all skin types. In Victoria, UV levels regularly reach 3 or higher from mid-August to the end of April.

1. Seek shade

• The school council makes sure there are sufficient shelters and trees providing shade in outdoor areas particularly in high-use areas e.g. where students have lunch, canteen, assemblies, sports, outdoor lessons and popular play spaces.
• The availability of shade is considered when planning all other outdoor activities.
• Students are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside.
• Students who do not have appropriate hats or outdoor clothing are asked to play in the shade or a suitable area protected from the sun.
• In consultation with the school council, shade provision is considered in plans for future buildings and grounds.
• A shade assessment is conducted regularly to determine the current availability and quality of shade.

2. Slip on sun protective clothing

• Cool, loose-fitting, sun protective clothing made of densely woven fabric is included in our school uniform / dress code and sports uniform. It includes shirts with collars and elbow-length sleeves, longer dresses and shorts and rash vests or t-shirts for outdoor swimming.

3. Slap on a hat

• All students are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears (legionnaire, broad-brimmed or bucket hat),
whenever they are outside. Peak caps and visors are not considered a suitable alternative.

3. **Stop on sunscreen**
   - Students must provide their own SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen. This is included on the school’s booklist each year.
   - The school supplies SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for staff and student’s use.
   - Sunscreen is applied in accordance with the manufacturer’s directions (which state to apply at least 20 minutes before going outdoors and reapply every two hours, or more frequently if sweating or swimming).
   - Strategies are in place to remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors (e.g., reminder notices, sunscreen monitors, sunscreen buddies).

5. **Slide on sunglasses [if practical]**
   - Where practical students are encouraged to wear close-fitting, wrap-around sunglasses that meet the Australian Standard 1067 (Sunglasses: Category 2, 3 or 4) and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

**Learning and skills**
- Programs on sun protection are included in the curriculum for all year levels.

**Engaging children, educators, staff and families**
- SunSmart behaviour is regularly reinforced and promoted to the whole school community through newsletters, school website/intranet, staff and parent meetings, school assemblies, student and teacher activities and at student enrolment/new staff orientation.
- As part of OHS UV risk controls and role-modelling, staff, families and visitors:
  - wear a sun protective hat, covering clothing and, if practical, sunglasses;
  - apply sunscreen; and
  - seek shade whenever possible.

**Monitoring and review**
- The school council and staff monitor and review the effectiveness of the SunSmart policy and revise the policy when required (at least once every three years) by completing a policy review and membership renewal with SunSmart at sunsmart.com.au.
- SunSmart policy updates and requirements will be made available to staff, families and visitors.

**Relevant documents / links**
- DET Building Quality Standards Handbook (BQSH): Section 8.5.5 Shade Areas
- DET Outdoor activities
- Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV) Your Child’s Health: Wellbeing and Safety (Primary)
- Independent Schools Victoria (ISV) Managing a school – Health & Safety Compliance Framework: OHS >Sun Protection
- My Time, Our Place: Framework for School Age Care in Australia (2011)
- Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework (VEYLF) (May 2016)
- Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) The Victorian Teaching Profession Code of Conduct – Principle 3.2
- Australian Professional Standards for Teachers (APST) – Standard 4.4 and 7.2
- Education and Training Parliamentary Committee Inquiry into Dress Codes and School Uniforms in Victorian Schools – Final Report
- ARPANSA Radiation Protection Standard for Occupational Exposure to Ultraviolet Radiation (2006)
- AS/NZS 1067.1:2016, Eye and face protection - Sunglasses and fashion spectacles
- AS/NZS 4399:2017, Sun protective clothing - Evaluation and classification
- AS/NZS 2804:2012 Sunscreen products - Evaluation and classification
- Australian Government Therapeutics Goods Administration (TGA) – Australian regulatory guidelines for sunscreens: 4: Labelling and advertising – directions for use of the product
- AS/NZS 4685.0:2017, Playground equipment and surfacing - Development, installation, inspection, maintenance and operation 6.2.1: General considerations, 6.3.9: Shade and sun protection, Appendix A: Shade and sun protection

Next policy review: November 2019
2019 Family Welcome Night!

ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH PRIMARY

FAMILY WELCOME NIGHT
@ST AUGUSTINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUNDS

A MEET AND GREET FOR NEW AND EXISTING ST AUGUSTINE'S STUDENTS AND FAMILIES IN 2019

COME ALONG AND MEET FELLOW ST AUGUSTINE'S FAMILIES

BYO DINNER, BLANKET/CHAIRS

FRIDAY
FEB 15 2019
@5.30PM - 7.00PM
Open Morning

Open Mornings for 2020 commencement are taking place in February 2019. These events provide an opportunity for prospective families to take a guided tour of the College led by current students, and is an opportunity to experience Damascus during school hours.

Families can arrive at any time between 9am and 10.30am to participate in a school tour. Tours depart every 15-20 minutes.

Thursday 7 February 2019 9am to 10.30am
Thursday 14 February 9am to 10.30am

This opportunity to interact with current students gives you a unique insight into what it is like to be a Damascus student, and the good news is that you can ask them as many questions as you like.

Enrolment applications for 2020 commencement close on Friday 15 February 2019.

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE NOW AT damascus.vic.edu.au
A Focussed Forecast, with Jane Bunn

The Creswick & District Community Bank® and Rural Bank are proud to provide an opportunity for local farmers and associated businesses to learn more about the current weather affecting the region. Popular meteorologist Jane Bunn will explain local weather patterns and reveal predictions to the people who rely on the weather the most, our farmers.

The Dean/Newlyn Young Farmers will highlight their latest fundraising campaign of a naked calendar in aid of mental health awareness.

Date       Thursday 21 February 2019
Time       10:30am for prompt 11:00am start
Venue      Smeaton Recreation Reserve
           3514 Creswick-Newstead Road, Smeaton

Lunch will be provided
For more information call 03 5345 1233
Free tickets can be secured at www.Janebunn.eventbrite.com.au

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SKATE PARK
SAUSAGE SIZZLE
FRIDAY 8TH FEBRUARY
3PM ONWARDS

SAUSAGES $2.50
DRINKS $1.50
School Banking. Helping kids learn the value of saving.

What pocket money can teach your child.
Pocket money can help teach kids about the value of money and how to look after it. However, there’s no ‘one size fits all’ approach and it’s important to decide what’s right for your family. Research of over 1,000 parents of primary school students revealed that 55% give regular pocket money* and here’s how they manage it:

- Over half give less than $10 per week ($5 - $10 is the most common range). There’s no right or wrong — the amount should suit your family situation.
- Around 4 in 5 parents link pocket money to the completion of a chore or task. This can help children understand that money needs to be earned.
- On average, kids save about half of their pocket money each week. Learning to put money aside for a bigger goal is a valuable life skill.

Join the Dollarmites on a Polar Savers adventure.
The majority of parents think it’s important to make learning about money engaging and to reward good saving behaviour*. So to help, our Dollarmites characters (Pru, Addy, Spen, Lucas and Pat) are taking School Bankers on a Polar Savers adventure, that’s full of exciting rewards.

Students participating in School Banking will receive a silver Dollarmites token each time they make a School Banking deposit at school (maximum one per week). Once they’ve collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a Polar Savers reward.

Polar Savers Rewards:
- Term 1: Scented Stackable Highlighter, Snowy Origami Set
- Term 2: Yeti Fluffy Notebook, Ice Icicle Stapler and Ruler
- Term 3: Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring, Scratch Art Cards
- Term 4: Water Skimming Bounce Ball, Polar Pencils and Pencil Toppers

School Banking Deposit Tracker.
Colour in a number every time you make a deposit at school. For every 10 School Banking deposits you can redeem a reward.

*Parents of Australian primary school children (n=1144), School Banking Research, conducted by Fiftyfive5, May-June 2018. Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ABN 48 123 123 124.
Daylesford Secondary College Transition Dates for 2019

OPEN NIGHT: Wednesday 13th March
TRANSITION DAY: Friday 10th May (Year 5/6 Students)
OPEN AFTERNOON: Monday 2nd Sept (afternoon tours & info. Session to follow)
YEAR 7 2020 INFO. EVENING: Monday 2nd December at 6pm
ORIENTATION DAY: Tuesday 10th December
Welcome to the 2019 Tuckshop! As notified last year, lunch orders are now placed via the Qkr App and MUST be placed no later than 9:30am each Wednesday, lunches will be provided to students during their first break at 11:30am on Friday’s. If you are still to register with Qkr, please refer to the instructions below. A reminder only cash orders need to use the blue/black lunch order bags used in previous years, lunches ordered via the Qkr App will be given to students in brown paper bags. Should a student be unwell and absent from school on a Friday after ordering lunch via the App, a credit note will be issued. In the meantime, you have any queries regarding the Tuck-Shop in 2019, please contact Amelia Singline on 0459 126 895.

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Dear God,
Thank you for the gift of education in every form.
As our children prepare to start a new year,
may confidence be their foundation,
may grace be their guide and
may hope be their compass toward a bright future.
I pray they would have eyes to see the needs of those
around them and a heart to love well.
May they face each day with positivity,
knowing no matter what comes their way,
they do not have to face it alone.

AMEN.

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