

Term One - Thursday 20th February, 2020.



St A's News!!

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Leadership Structure 2020



We have spent a huge amount of time over the last few years examining best practice, and have implemented many new initiatives and changes to create an environment that prepares our students to function, if not shine in a 21st-century society. In examining what we had achieved, we began to question if the way we coordinated our school, i.e. leadership, was the best possible model. Current research tells us that a Distributed Model of leadership is having a very positive effect in the schools that have trialled it. In 2020, St Augustine's has changed the linear model of leadership to a distributive model.

"Leithwood et al (2006) found that leadership has a greater influence on schools and pupils when it is widely distributed. Their evidence suggests that the combined leadership of a team of leaders is far more influential than the efforts of any one individual."

Distributed leadership means mobilising leadership expertise at all levels in the school, to generate more opportunities for change, and to build the capacity for improvement. Through distributed leadership, organisational improvement and change become a collective, rather than individual responsibility.

Congratulations to following staff who have secured a Leadership position in 2020, they are;

Wellbeing Coordinator:	Estelle McLean
Learning Diversity Leader:	Celly Csorba
Educational Team Leader - Senior:	Chris Schepis
Educational Team Leader - Junior:	Emma Paterson

The leadership team of School Principal and the Educational Team Leaders will absorb the positions of what was the Deputy Principal role and the Religious Education Coordinator role.

From the Principal's Desk contd....



Lent is a religious observance in the liturgical calendar of many Christian denominations that begins on Ash Wednesday and covers a period of approximately 6 weeks before Easter Sunday. The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation through prayer, penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving and atonement. There are traditionally forty days in Lent, often marked by fasting, both from foods and festivities and by other acts of penance. The three traditional practices to be taken up during Lent are prayer (justice towards God), fasting (justice towards self), and almsgiving (justice towards neighbour). In more modern times, the act of 'giving up' something considered to be a vice (chocolate and lollies popular choices) was considered to be able to bring those of faith closer to God. In the last decade, the experience in primary schools has been more on positive actions, using Lent to sharpen our focus on self-improvement. As the concept of a New Year's Resolution, it is an opportune time to stop, reflect and look in, on how we are travelling as people. Lent could be a great time, perhaps for all of us to focus on relationships, with ourselves, with others and with our God. With the idea of fasting and feasting mirroring a sense of the traditional, the list below can focus on the idea of fasting and feasting as an opportunity to reflect on our attitude and actions as we start the journey towards Easter.

Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ indwelling in them.
Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of all life.
Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.
Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.
Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger; feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.
Fast from worry; feast on trust.
Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.
Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.
Fast from hostility; feast on nonviolence.
Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.
Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal truth.
Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.
Fast from facts that depress; feast on truths that uplift.
Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.
Fast from suspicion; feast on truth.
Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.
Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.

(www.rcadc.org)

Ash Wednesday Mass

A reminder Fr Gary is celebrating Mass on Ash Wednesday (26th Feb) at St. Augustine's Church at 10am.

All students are going, parents/carers and families are most welcome to join us.

From the Principal's Desk contd....

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

How do we as parents and teachers rate on forgiveness? Is forgiveness something we encourage our children to exercise towards their friends? Jesus had many important things to say about forgiveness and being at peace with ourselves and other people. Some examples of Jesus' message are found in these words to his apostles:

"Peter came to see Jesus and asked, 'Lord if my brother keeps on sinning against me, how many times do I forgive him? Seven times?'"

"No not seven times," answered Jesus, "but seventy times seven because the kingdom of Heaven is like this".

"If you forgive others the wrongs they have done to you, your father in Heaven will also forgive you".

"If you are about to offer your gift to God at the altar and you remember that your brother has something against you, go at once and make peace with your brother and then come back and offer your gift to God".



Throughout this term, Year 4's will be preparing to experience for the first time, the forgiveness of Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Their attitudes and values towards this Sacrament and its meaning in their lives ahead, will depend very much on the attitudes and values held by significant adults in their lives.

Congratulations to all children who will participate in this Sacrament. I take this opportunity to wish them well and to thank Angelique Greene, Chris Schepis, Emma Paterson and Father Gary Jones, for their efforts in preparing them for this sacrament.

Annual Privacy Reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions, or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website. For more information about privacy, please visit our website: www.sacreswick.catholic.edu.au and view under the 'Policies' tab: St Augustine's Parish Primary School Privacy Policy – Information for parents.

SeeSaw Data

At the end of last year, we had anticipated sending home your child's data as stored across the year in the Seesaw database. Unfortunately, when downloading the data and examining the content, it was found to present a huge privacy issue because of the inability to tailor the data to focus on the individual. Photos of groups of people were unable to be removed from the overall database and therefore would be sent to all students. We have made changes to what we upload this year, now the data saved will be focused more on the individual and protect the identity of those that are included in the downloads. We apologise for the inconvenience that this has caused. When sharing the data at the end of 2020, it will be possible for individual families to download student data directly from the Seesaw database.

Breakthrough: Ice Education for Families

A **Breakthrough: Ice Education** for Families is being held in Ballarat on Wednesday 11th March. Please refer to the details in the flyer attached.

Thank you, Terry Brennan.

Important Administration Information!

2020 Student Medical Forms - Completed online via PAM

Student 'medical forms' are completed annually, informing of student medical details and giving parental/guardian consent for local excursions, head lice checks, confirmation that Action Plans will be provided where relevant, and that parents will keep us informed should changes to students medical needs occur. NOTE these forms are now to be completed online via PAM. If you did not receive an email with login details, please contact Mandy, ASAP. Please ensure you complete student medical forms promptly, NOTE they must be completed prior to students attending camps.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND

The Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of trips, camps, sports and excursions.

TO BE ELIGIBLE for a Primary School Student: On the first day of Term 1 (28th Jan 2020) OR the first day of Term 2 (14th April 2020), 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.

CSEF Applications for 2020 are now open. Payment amounts are: \$125 per year for eligible primary school students, payments are made to the school and are tied to the student. If you applied for CSEF last year, you do not need to complete a form for 2020, unless you have had a change in family circumstances. A new application form is needed if any of the following changes have occurred:

- * **New Student Enrolment** - commenced school in 2020, changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019; or
- * **Changed family circumstances** - change of name, change of custody, concession card number or new siblings commencing in 2020.

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.

***** Change of Timetable *****

Due to the upcoming Foundation, Year 1 & 2 excursions/sleepover/camp, a change in the specialists timetable will occur for the PE, Art & Japanese classes in week 7: Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th March. NOTE junior students will need to wear their PE uniform on Wednesday 11th and the senior students will wear their PE uniform on Thursday 12th. This will occur for Week 7 only!

**TIMETABLE
CHANGE**

Important Administration Information!

Family Fee Assistance Scheme

The 'Family Fee Assistance Scheme' continues in 2020. This Scheme offers a tuition fee concession to **families who hold a Health Care Card or Pension Card**. Families who qualify for this Scheme receive a reduction in fees. 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

Conveyance Allowance is available to eligible families to assist with the cost of transporting students to school. **Distance is 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, 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 & PO Box addresses cannot be used;
- ◆ Must attend an eligible school within the conveyance area;

Families applying for the Conveyance Allowance for 2020 PLEASE NOTE:

- ◆ Parents who successfully applied and received the Conveyance Allowance in 2019 are not required to complete a new application **unless** their details have changed.
- ◆ All Applications **MUST** be returned no later than **Monday 2nd March, 2020**.
- ◆ **Parents/Guardians are responsible** for notifying us with **any** change to the information noted on previous School Conveyance Allowance Application Forms within **7 days of changed circumstances!**
- ◆ Four payments for 2020 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.
- ◆ The Conveyance Allowance guidelines can be viewed at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/schooloperations/studenttransport.htm>



Dear Parents, we are currently seeking a parent helper, or helpers to work with us putting together a compost bin. The qualities we are looking for are:

- ⇒ someone passionate about the environment,
- ⇒ someone who can commit to helping us for at least one term,
- ⇒ someone who knows how to put a compost bin together,
- ⇒ someone who is happy to work with children, and
- ⇒ someone who has a Working With Children's Check!

Our hope is to make a compost bin, create a veggie patch to beautify the place, use the compost on the veggie patch so the kids can learn cooking with the veggies we grow, and maybe, just maybe, get some new chooks.

If you're someone who can tick all the boxes, please contact us.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Mia and Ashleigh (The Environment Leaders)



Important Information/Dates!

Term 1 Dates to Note:

FEB	Wednesday 26th	-	Ash Wednesday Mass at 10am - <i>all welcome!</i>
	Friday 28th	-	Join us for the Year 4 Class Assembly, 3pm in the hall
MAR	Monday 9th	-	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	Tuesday 10th	-	<u>Foundation students commence 5 days per week</u>
	Wednesday 11th	-	Year 2 Sleepover at school
	Thurs 12th & Fri 13th	-	Year 3 Camp
	Friday 13th	-	Foundation & Year 1 'Fun Day'
	Friday 20th	-	Join us for the Year 2/3 Class Assembly, 3pm in the hall
	Tuesday 24th	-	Sacrament of Reconciliation at 9:30am, followed by Mass at 10am
	Thurs 26th & Fri 27th	-	Year 5 Camp (<i>Sovereign Hill</i>)
	Friday 27th	-	LAST Day of term 1 - students finish at 1:45pm

Term 2 Dates to Note:

APR	Tuesday 14th	-	Term 2 commences
	Wednesday 22nd	-	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY (Staff attending PD)
	Friday 24th	-	Join us for the Year 5 Class Assembly, 3pm in the hall
MAY	Friday 8th	-	Mothers Day Liturgy (<i>more information to come</i>)
	Friday 8th	-	Join us for the Year 1/2 Class Assembly, 3pm in the hall
	Sunday 10th	-	Mothers Day


Congratulations!


**Student
Representative
Council**




**Congratulations to our SRC Rep's
for 2020, they are:**

Year 3

Georgie Righetti & Christian Abadilla

Year 4

Dani Crilly & Roy Martin

Year 5

Abbigail Righetti & Lily Evans



Wellbeing News!

Congratulations to the following students:

Nicola Thomas, Charlie Macartney, Emmie Righetti, Evie Dossor, Izak Davis, Jack Clohesy, Jayden Miller, Dani Crilly, Paige Robinson, Arya Cameron-Lench, Mason Bullen and Daisy Donovan-Clancy, who received the St. Augustine's Value Award for Kindness.

For the next fortnight, the St A's Value is **Honesty**.



2020 Office Hours

Monday	8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Tuesday	8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Thursday	8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am to 4:00 pm

School Daily Timetable

School Begins:	9:00 am
First Break:	11:00 am to 11:45 am
Second Break:	1:45 pm to 2:15 pm
School Finishes:	3:15 pm

Other Information

Hello from the Uniform Shop!

Just a quick update from the 2nd Hand Uniform Shop. I still have people looking for size 6 school jumpers and size 8 summer dresses, so if there is anyone who has these items at home and wishes to sell them, please drop them into Mandy or to the next open day.

All items of uniform submitted to the 2nd Hand Uniform shop should be clean and in good condition. Please ensure that you complete a Uniform slip, in full, for each item. These slips are available in the office.

Just a reminder that the 2nd Hand Uniform Shop is a voluntary run service. All proceeds from the sale of uniform are passed onto families or the P&F as a donation. The uniform shop does not make any money from the sales, so no float is kept to provide change to those purchasing an item. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

If you are looking for a 2nd hand item, please 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 call while I am working. *Thanks, Narelle Barrett.*



St Augustine's 2020 Sacramental Program

TERM 1

Tuesday 24th March: Sacrament of Reconciliation at 9:30am, followed by Mass at 10am

TERM 4

Tuesday 13th October: Parent meeting for Confirmation at 4pm

Sunday 25th October: Dismissal Sunday at St A's Church, 8:45am Mass

Sunday 1st November: Dismissal Sunday at St A's Church, 8:45am Mass

Sunday 8th November: Dismissal Sunday at St A's Church, 8:45am Mass

Sunday 22nd November: Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at St A's Church, 8:45am

Tuesday 24th November: Year 6 Reconciliation at 9:15am, followed by Mass at 10am

BREAKTHROUGH: Ice Education for Families

ICE

FAMILIES: GET THE FACTS, DEVELOP STRATEGIES & FIND OUT WHERE TO ACCESS HELP & SUPPORT



A FREE community information session about ice that focuses on supporting families and friends

for more information and to register:
www.breakthroughforfamilies.com/attend
or call Family Drug Help

Family Drug Help: 1300 660 068 | 1800 ICE ADVICE: 1800 423 238



Ballarat Community Health
28 Victoria St, Bakery Hill, VIC
Wednesday 11th March, 2020
6:00—9:00pm

Breakthrough is free to attend but registrations are essential



Junior FUN DAY!

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE AND NETBALL LEAGUE HOST A

JUNIOR FUN DAY

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



FEBRUARY 23RD
10:30AM – 1PM

AT DUNNSTOWN
COMMUNITY RESERVE

FREE ENTRY

BRING YOUR CLEAN OLD
BOOTS/ NETBALL SHOES
AND TRADE THEM IN FOR
DISCOUNT ON NEW ONES

AFL PLAYERS
INTERSPORTS
GAMES
NETBALL CLINICS
FOOTY CLINICS
AUSKICK
FOOD CARTS
TUG A WAR
+ MORE



Dunnstown Football
Netball Club



Community News

Bald Hills-Creswick Landcare Group invites you to a TOUR and TALK Saturday 29 February 2020

Join us on a tour of Meraki Organic Farm. Discover the benefits of soil health and the journey of a certified organic farm.

A light lunch will be provided

Followed by a talk by Alexis Pitsopoulos about discovering edible wild plants growing around us.

Meet at 10:30 at Creswick Info Centre Carpark.
Bus/carpool to local destinations, finishing around 2.30

WHEN: Saturday 29 February
COST: Free

BYO: drink bottle, hat and comfortable walking shoes

RSVP: baldhillsreswicklandcare@gmail.com by 24 February




Tuck Shop Information!

Welcome to the 2020 Tuck Shop! As notified last year, lunch orders are placed via the Qkr App and **MUST** be placed no later than 9am each Wednesday - cash orders need to be handed either into the office or classrooms by 8:55am. **NEW families** please refer to the instructions below, to register with Qkr. Lunches will be provided to students in brown paper bags, during their first break at 11:30am on Friday's. Only cash orders need to use the blue/black lunch order bags - please speak to Mandy if you require a bag. NOTE: should a student be unwell and absent from school on a Friday after ordering lunch via the App, a credit note will be issued. Tuck Shop will commence next Friday, 14th February.

We thank the Clunes Bakery (O'Kelly Family) for assisting us to ensure the smooth running of orders and timeliness for all!! Also, a big thank you to our volunteers for their assistance as the Tuck Shop would not run without your help!! Please view the next page for the Tuck Shop Roster and Menu/prices. If you have any queries regarding the Tuck Shop, or you would like to assist, please contact Amelia Singline on 0459 126 895.

Thank you, Amelia Singline.




For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by MasterCard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Qkr! you can:

- Order and pay for your child's lunches, reducing the need to bring cash to school;
- Pay for school fees, uniforms, excursions and more;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.



Getting started is easy – try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of the school, or search for our school by name.

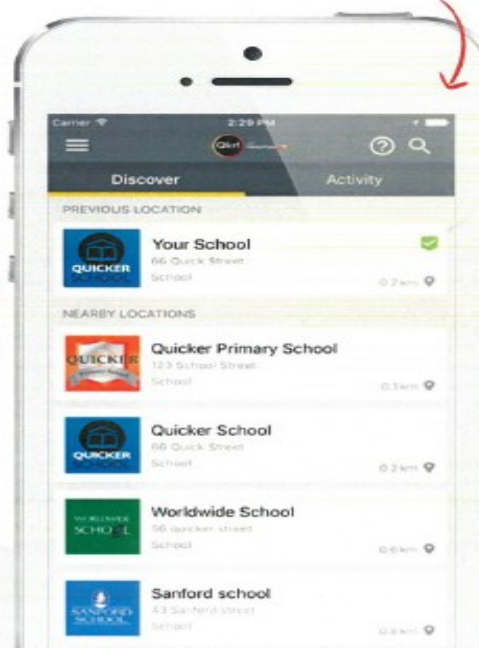
Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Search for our school name



Tuck Shop & Community News

Term 1 Menu:

LUNCH	COST
Chicken Salad Roll (Fillings: lettuce/tomato/cheese)	\$4.00
Ham & Salad Roll (Fillings: lettuce/tomato/cheese)	\$4.00
Salad Roll (Fillings: lettuce/tomato/cheese)	\$4.00
Chicken Burger	\$4.50
Chicken Nuggets	\$2.00
Mini Pizza (Bacon & cheese)	\$2.50
Mini Pizza (ham, cheese & pineapple)	\$2.50
Party Pie	\$1.50
Pie	\$3.50
Vegetarian Pasties	\$3.50
Party Sausage Roll	\$1.50
Sausage Roll	\$2.50
Hot Dog	\$2.50
Dim Sim	\$1.00

DRINKS	COST
Fruit Juice: Flavours: Apple, Apple & Blackcurrant & Orange	\$1.70
Flavoured Milk: Flavours: Chocolate & Strawberry	\$1.00

SNACKS	COST
Frozen Yogurt: Flavours: Mango, Raspberry & Strawberry	\$2.00
Iced Donut	\$2.50
Caramel Slice	\$2.50
Gingerbread Man	\$2.50



Term 1 Roster:

21st February	Linda Penhall
28th February	Melissa McCarthy
6th March	Leanne Burns
13th March	Fiona Trounce
20th March	Thea Elsworth
27th March	Emma Grant

Kelly Sports is running a program in Creswick in Term 1!

Creswick PS - Multi-Sport Program

(Soccer, B-Ball, Tennis & T-Ball)

Fridays - 3:45pm to 4:45pm

Preps to Year 4's

\$12 + GST per week

www.kellysports.com.au to enrol

Call Dom 0417967621 for queries



Sunday 1 March, 2020

www.mountainoffunrun.com

Register today to secure your spot



The Journey Begins

As we step into this new year, Restore our spirits.
Renew our passion for sharing your wisdom
and nurture our compassion
for those in need of greater support.
Transform us as we seek to transform:
Guide us as we seek to guide;
Open our minds and hearts
as we seek to open minds and hearts
to the Good News of justice and peace.
Help us listen more deeply
to the world and to your Word,
so we can walk with those in our care,
attentive to the Wisdom that
calls us all to the Kingdom of God.

(Adapted from a prayer by Jane Deren)

<http://www.educationforjustice.org>

