

# Augusta Park Primary School

## Newsletter

2 MARCH 2020



### Dates to Remember

Tomorrow, 3 March  
8am - 8:35am

**Community  
Breakfast**

Friday, 6 March  
2:40pm

**Assembly  
- SRC**

Monday, 9 March  
**Public Holiday**

Thursday,  
26 March  
**School Photos**

Friday, 27 March  
2:40pm

**Assembly  
- Mr Fawcett**

Every Thursday from  
1:30pm

**Art/Coffee Club**



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New email address?  
Have a new mobile phone?

don't forget to  
**UPDATE  
YOUR  
DETAILS**  
at the  
**Front Office**

## From the Principal



Dear Families,

We have had a fantastic start to the 2020 school year with students settling quickly back into classroom and school routines. It has also been great to see and hear about the learning that students have been doing in their classrooms.

At the end of last year staff met during a student free day and undertook planning for 2020 to ensure improved outcomes for all students in every class across the school this year. As a result we have planned an exciting year ahead. This includes:

- Consolidating the teaching of Read Write Inc and Big Write across the school
- Commencing the implementation of a consistent approach to teaching reading in Years 3 to 7
- Working with students to co-construct writing goals which will be reviewed regularly
- Continuing to support students oral language (listening and speaking) and vocabulary skills development
- Explicitly teaching mathematic concepts of trust the count and place value as well as developing students problem solving skills
- Developing and using consistent mathematical language across the school
- Building stronger connections with our school community through community breakfasts, afternoon teas, assemblies and celebrations of significant events

If you have any questions about our improvement plans for 2020 please see your child's classroom teacher or a member of the leadership team.

We look forward to working with you and your child/ren to continue their learning journey throughout the year.

**Kind regards, Bec Mueller**

## Welcome to returning and new staff

We would like to welcome back Anne Kenny (HASS Teacher), Kym Bishop (Year 4/5), Cheryl McKnight (Business Manager) and Bruce Kenny (SSO) from leave. Michelle Densley (Year 4/5) has also returned to our school this year after spending 2019 at Raukkan Aboriginal School.

We also welcome back Maddy McArthur (Small Special Class), Emma St Clair (Year 3/4) and Chloe Grantham (Health and Physical Education) this year.

We would also like to welcome Kevin Schwab and Amanda Coffey to Augusta Park Primary School. Kevin has been employed to undertake grounds and maintenance work across the school. Amanda is working as an SSO in our Reception/Year 1 classes providing classroom support.

At the end of last year we filled a number of leadership positions:

- Alyce Bertelsmeier (Deputy Principal—5 year tenure)
- Tash Sghiripa (Student Wellbeing Leader—3 year tenure)
- Ktora Dannenberg (Senior Leader Aboriginal Education—3 year tenure)
- Scott Welfare (Teaching and Learning Coach—1 year tenure)
- Hayley Carn (Special Education Coordinator—1 year tenure)

In the next newsletter we will provide you with more information about their roles.

## Feedback from family surveys

At the end of last year we had 15 families return parent/family opinion surveys. We wish to thank those families for taking the time to complete and return the surveys because your feedback is important to us and helps us to continue to improve.

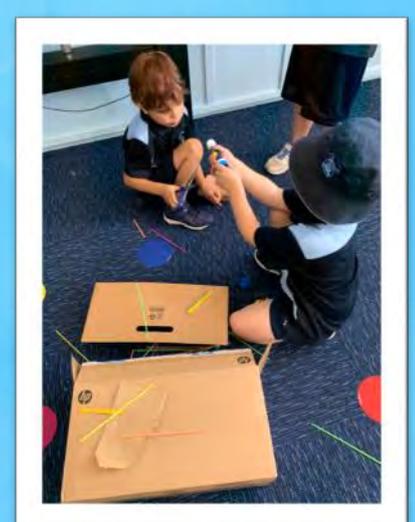
One of the areas that we received feedback on was on the maintenance of our school grounds i.e. rubbish. This was highlighted as an area that we need to improve in. As a result of this feedback we have:

- Employed an additional grounds/maintenance person
- Allocated yard clean up areas to classes and asked for this to happen three times a week
- Begun the implementation of a recycling program in classes which is being overseen by Miss S and the SRC students.
- Started to explore different options for the collection of waste around the school in place of the blue bins. We will keep you informed about this.
- Discussed this at Governing Council and they have also provided us with ideas for how we can improve

If you have any other ideas or feedback about how we can improve in this area please let us know.

# Miss Kidman's R/I Class

During Design, students from Miss Kidman's class read the book *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. We then looked at a variety of different bridge designs and each created a bridge like the one in the story. We used a variety of different materials such as boxes, cups, pop sticks and pipe cleaners. Some of us also created Billy Goats to walk over the bridge and a Troll that lived under the bridge to recreate the story.



# Sghirripa's Spiel



## Welcome

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Welcome back everyone to the 2020 school year and what a great start it's been, especially for Miss Nayda's and Miss Kidman's brand new receptions who have settled into school.

## Attendance

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Augusta Park will continue to focus on attendance throughout the year and try everything we can think of to achieve our target of 93%. If your child is sick for more than three days a doctor's certificate is required, please make sure to bring one in.

## Recycling

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This year Augusta Park is working really hard to recycle. Each classroom has their own recycle, waste and compost bin. The school has also purchased two compost bins for the school garden which will begin to be used throughout this year.



# Sghirripa's Spiel

## Student Voice

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Student Voice Representatives have been chosen for the 2020 school year. I am very excited to be working with these students and we look forward to sharing all the exciting events and ideas that we have for the school community this year.



## Play is the Way

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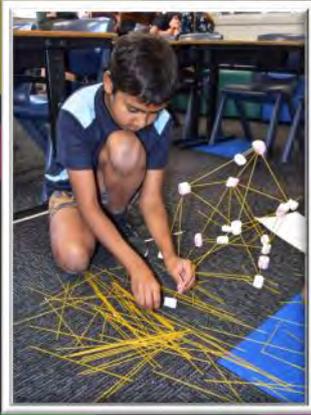
Augusta Park is continuing their Play is the Way journey. Play is the Way is a program for teaching social and emotional learning. It addresses the following life raft concepts that students will be working on throughout the school year:

- **Treat others as you would like them to treat you**
  - **Be brave—participate to progress**
- **Pursue your personal best no matter who you work with**
  - **Have reasons for the things you say and do**
  - **It takes great strength to be sensible**



# Family Afternoon Tea





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# Congratulations to our Week 3 Assembly Award Winners



# School - Start and Finish Times



**8:35am Gates Open**



**8:50am Lessons Start**



**2:20pm Monday  
School Finishes**



**3:10pm Tuesday to Friday  
School Finishes**

## Eating and Play times

**Recess Eating is 10:40am**

**Recess Play is 10:50am**

**Lunch Eating is 1:00pm**

**Lunch Play is 1:10pm**

# Friendly Reminder

At APPS we like to promote healthy eating and follow the Department's "Healthy Eating Guidelines".

Our Governing Council decided last year to no longer allow families and students to bring in any takeaway food (KFC, McDonalds, Subway, pies, pasties and sausage rolls), energy drinks and soft drinks on site.

Families will be able to provide home made meals as an alternative OR purchase food from the canteen.

Watch this space for our new online ordering and payment system for the school canteen.

