From the Principal

2015 It's here already!

2015 is going to be a great year, I can feel it already. It was good to see the children enjoying one another's company as they got back together and the playground games were started again. There were stories to share about holiday adventures, family outings and lazy days at home playing cricket in the back yard and kicking a soccer ball in the park. It's a shame that the weather wasn't better but that doesn't seemed to have fussed the children.

Our Preps have only been here for a few days and already they are getting into the swing of things. Thanks parents! It is very obvious that you have 'talked up' school because beyond a little tear or two, the children are very settled. They are quickly picking up school routines, they are listening to bells and getting themselves to the right place at the right time and they are finding friends in our very big playground. It's early days but the signs are very promising. Now it is up to us to continue your work and get the best out of each and every one.

We warmly welcome a number of new families to our school:

Abrahamsen, Cammarata, Ivezic, Movric, Priest, Razumic, Cunha, Kelly, Lukuarachchi, Lukic, Quinsee, Bondin, Amorim-Borg, Capello, Clark, Clinnick, Matesic, Moraca, Ali, Mirabello, Bolton-Mijares, Pondeljak and LaSala.

We wish you many happy memories ahead for your children's time at St Augustine's and we look forward to working in partnership with you in educating your children. It is our strong desire to help your children to thrive, not just academically but socially and emotionally as well.

2015....bring it on, we are more than ready for the challenges ahead.

Just one last thing, please keep our families in your prayers. We have a number of members of our community who are battling serious illnesses and some elderly friends of St Augustine's have a daily struggle with their health. I know that your ongoing prayers are of comfort to them.

Enjoy your reading,

Denise

In this edition...

Our cover shot this week shows the happy smiles of some Prep students as they experience their first week of learning at school. After that you'll find lots of information on the Noticeboard page from advance notice about our school swimming program, to how to be part of the Education Board and Parent's Auxiliary, as well as some important parking and safety reminders. A list of staff for 2015 and when specialist classes are held is also found on this page.

On the Religious Education page you are invited to our staff commissioning mass and opening school mass. The Parish bulletin is also included in our newsletter.
On the *Parent Auxiliary* page, there's an invitation to put your name on the icypole selling roster and the finer details about a cheesymite lunch next week.

Details about Parent/Teacher interviews can be found on the *Parent Partnerships* page and parent workshops and helpers are offered and sought on the *Learning Matters* page.

Ms. Jodie provides an overview of what *Student Wellbeing* will be like in 2015 and she explains a little about the CASEA program we will be involved in.

We celebrate some new arrivals, a wedding and a couple of outstanding achievements on the *Over the Holidays* page and be sure to keep your diary up to date with *Looking Ahead*. Don't forget the closure days on February 11th and 12th.