Learning Matters

The teachers at St Augustine’s appreciate the support that we receive from parents in supporting the learning of all students. Once again we are seeking volunteers to assist us in supporting every student to experience success in their learning.

Parent Helper Training Session

To support parent helpers in our Prep - 1 classrooms we will be running a Parent Helper Training Session on Friday 26th February

SESSION TIME: 9.00-10.00 am (Please note that this session is aimed at new parent helpers who have not yet completed the training)

The session will be held in the Planning Room at school and will focus on expectations of being a Classroom Helper and how to help with literacy learning in the early years.

If you have some time to spare and are interested in assisting with literacy in the classroom please contact Jacinta Fedoruk at school on 9336 7898 or via email jfedoruk@sakeilor.catholic.edu.au.

Reading Army

‘Reading aloud for just 10 minutes a day can make a big difference to a child’s self-esteem as well as their language and social development.’ Volunteers are needed to listen to students in Years 3-6 reading aloud between 8.50-9.30 am each morning.

If you have some time to spare and are interested in joining the army please contact Jacinta Fedoruk at school on 9336 7898 or via email jfedoruk@sakeilor.catholic.edu.au.

Italian News

Salve a tutti e benvenuti a 2016/Hello to all and welcome to 2016.

This Semester’s theme for Italian is ‘Family, Food, Feasts and Traditions’. The children from Prep to Six will explore various topics at their levels through structured learning tasks, social interactions and language experimentation.

Italians are well known for their food, music and celebrations. During the summer months we all enjoy getting together with friends and family in our great Australian outdoors. Italians in particular love to get together with their family to make their home made ‘passata’ or as many Italians may say ‘sauce making day’. It is an Italian tradition which has been passed down from generation to generation. The Year 5/6 students will have the opportunity to experience this Italian tradition later this term. More details will follow in the coming weeks.
Intercultural Understanding and the role of language and culture is an area of focus in the Victorian Curriculum. To encourage reflection, participation and an understanding of the multicultural character of Australian society, we need to be exposed to different cultural experiences.

The ‘Melbourne Tomato Festival’ is a key event of the ‘Melbournese Movement’ committed to preserving many customs and traditions. The annual ‘Melbourne Tomato Festival’ is on **Sunday 21st February** 10am – 4pm, Edendale Farm, 30 Gastons Rd, Eltham.


Looking forward to a ‘fantastico’ semester of teaching and learning with your children. ‘Grazie’ for your continued support in language learning at St Augustine’s.

**Signora Carmel Di Lorenzo**