Notice Board

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Specialist lessons
The following sets out the days and specialist lessons that students are timetabled to participate each week.

Sports uniform is worn on **Wednesdays** for students in **Years 5/6 and Years 1/2** and on **Thursdays** for students in **Year 3/4, and P/1**. Students in **Years 5 & 6** also wear their sports uniform on a **Friday** throughout **Terms 1 & 2** when they participate in Interschool sport.

**P/1V & P/1M:**

- Music, Italian (Wednesday);
- Information Technology I.T, Physical Education P.E (Thursday - Sport Uniform required)

**1/2B & 1/2TC:**

- Information Technology I.T, Physical Education P.E (Wednesday - Sport Uniform Required)
- Music, Italian (Thursday)

**3/4R, 3/4C, 3/4B:**

- Music (Tuesday);
- Italian, P.E, I.T (Thursday - Sport Uniform required)

**5/6C, 5/6AM, 5/6T**

- Music, Italian, P.E (Wednesday - Sport Uniform required)
- I.T (Friday for 5/6C & T and Tuesday for 5/6AM)
- Interschool sport (Fridays in Terms 1&2 - Sport Uniform required)

*Specialist lessons began Week 2  Monday February 6th.*

*Library borrowing occurs on Mondays except for P/1s who borrow on Fridays.*

*Friday Interschool Sport for Year 6 occurs in Terms 1 & 2. The First Term Summer Draw can be found [here](#).*

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**Swimming Program**
Daily swimming lessons for all students begin on Monday February 27th and extends for 2 weeks. (Permission and information notes were sent home today, Thursday 9th Feb and are due back by Monday 13th February).

A few reminders:

- Sports uniform should be worn for the entire swimming program
- Where possible, children wear bathers under their sports uniform
- Bring – in a clearly labelled bag – comb/brush, underwear, towel, thongs (children will change into their thongs before they leave school for the pool), goggles (optional)
- A one piece or tankini swimsuit is recommended as the most appropriate swim wear for activities involved
- For younger students it’s a great idea to have a dress rehearsal to get your child used to their swim gear in the days leading up to their first lesson. Anyone who’s ever worn a swim cap knows they can take some time to get used to.
- A dress rehearsal can also help your child get excited about their upcoming lessons. If you have any questions throughout the swimming program, please contact your child’s class teacher.

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**School Uniform**

A reminder that the W & R Schoolwear Uniform Shop is open on **TUESDAYS from 8.30 - 9.30 am**. The uniform list is also available from the office or you can download one from the school website or click here [Uniform List](#). Hats are also available from the school office.

A reminder that sports uniform is to be worn only on sports day. This includes runners. Please make sure all uniform items are labelled with your child’s name.

**A Great Idea ...**

Embroidery is available from Caps n More, Terminal Building, Building 72, Hargrave Avenue, Essendon Fields.

**Nail Polish**

Our uniform policy clearly states that nail polish is not appropriate for school.

Love the wild color but keep it for the weekend please.

**Second Hand Uniform Shop**

The second hand uniform shop will be open on Thursday 16th February from 2.30 - 3.30 pm (under the verandah weather permitting).

**Brown School Shoes**

If you are seeking brown school shoes for now or later on, some discounted stock will be available for sale on Wednesday
15th February from 2.30-4.30 at school at heavily discounted prices.

Parking

Brimbank Council will visit to observe issues around safety and legal/illegal parking habits around our school.

They are on the warpath about:

- incorrect/illegal use of disabled car parking spaces
- double parking
- overstaying the 2 minute parking limit of a morning
- parking in no standing areas

We are absolutely committed to every one of our students entering and exiting St Augustine's safely.

As drivers, you need to do the same.

Before and After School

Please be aware that teachers begin yard duty at 8.20 am. Children must not be in the yard before this time unless under the supervision of a parent/guardian. Likewise, all children should be collected before 3.35 pm when staff finish after school duty.

The school day begins at 8.40 am. Please be punctual with your children. It reduces anxiety and sets students up for an organised day of learning. If your child is late to school, they must come to the office for a late pass.

Parents are requested to wait outside the building to collect children. Staff walk students out to meet parents each afternoon. Staff are often involved in meetings before and after school or are preparing for or following up their day's teaching. A pre-arranged appointment is the best way to meet with them should the need arise.

If you need to collect your child during the day, you must come to the office for an early dismissal slip which is presented to your child's teacher.

If you want a reminder of the ins and outs of daily school life, this link will take you to the Parent Handbook: Parent Information 2017

Nut Allergy

Several students at St Augustine's have severe allergies to nuts. These children require an Epipen (adrenaline) to be administered should they experience an anaphylactic reaction. An anaphylactic reaction can be life threatening. Our school encourages parents to provide lunches and snacks that are nut-free. We have a No Food Sharing Policy. We ask that you support us by reminding your children to not share food with other students and to wash their hands after eating. Please aim to avoid providing nut products for your child's play lunch or lunch, eg, peanut butter, Nutella, Snickers or Picnic bars. Treats for birthday celebrations are school should not include cakes and chocolate. A lolly pop would be a suitable treat.
Guitar-Keyboard Lessons with Mr Pham

Enrolments are open for 2017 Grades 3-6 with lessons commencing Tuesday 15th February. Enrolment forms are available from the office. Lesson duration is 30 minutes for every two students (during school time) and there are 9 lessons per term. Tuition fees are $160 per term and MUST be paid at the beginning of the term.

Secondary School Enrolment Applications

St Bernard's College

Enrolment Application Meetings for Year 7, 2019 are now underway. Please click on the following link for further information and also dates for 2017 tours. St Bernards College

Simonds Catholic College

Click on the following link for school tours/open afternoon for enrolment at Simonds Catholic College. Bookings are essential. Simonds College
Note applications for Year 7 in 2018 close on February 17th.

Prep Information Evening

Tuesday February 21st 6:00pm - 7:00pm in the library

Parents of Year Prep students are invited to an Information evening exploring the topic;

*What happens in Prep? The Transition from Kinder into Primary School*

This is an information evening to help parents support their child’s emerging skills. Topics include learning to read and write, developing number sense and learning through exploration.

Parent Helper Training Session
To support any parents who are wanting to become involved in assisting in the Junior classrooms this year we will be running a Parent Helper Training Session. This session will focus on *Assisting with Literacy in the junior classrooms*. If you are interested in attending this session please register online via school Interviews [http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) Event Code: *w9fnz*

(Please note that this session is aimed at new parent helpers who have not yet completed the training)

**Date/Time:** Monday 27th February 9.00-10am  
**Venue:** Planning Room

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**Head Lice**

Back to school for another year and unfortunately this often means the start of the head lice season too. We see an increase in the number of head lice cases in the February to March period, particularly amongst school aged children.

*Head lice are extremely contagious. Early treatment is recommended to kill head lice and their eggs and to limit school and family contamination.*

95% of lice are transmitted through close head to head contact and by sharing objects such as hats, hair brushes, head bands, pillows and towels. Ensure that you and your household is protected from head lice this season by taking the necessary preventative steps to keep head lice away;

Below are 4 crucial steps to keep your school head lice free:

- Avoid sharing clothing, especially hats, ribbons, head bands and helmets
- Discourage children from playing with each other’s hair
- Don’t share brushes, combs, towels and pillows
- Keep long hair plaitsed or firmly tied back to prevent contact from other kids