Dear Families,

It’s hard to believe that we are already over half way through this term. Throughout the term it has been pleasing to see an improvement with student attendance, particularly last week, as well as an increase in students wearing their school uniforms.

School Uniform

I would like to take this opportunity to remind families that we have a compulsory school uniform which comprises:

- Navy T-shirt with pale blue inserts or the reverse (pale blue T-shirt with navy inserts) adorned with the school logo.
- School jumper with school logo either hooded or with a baseball jacket style.
- Summer school dress of blue and white check.
- School hat (bucket or broad-brimmed)

It is expected that all students wear their school uniform every day. If students are not in school uniform, in accordance with our policy students will be given a loan shirt. If the loan shirt is not returned within 5 days families will be invoiced for the cost of the shirt. Payment is able to be made via instalments or in full. If you are having difficulties organising a uniform for your child please see us so that we can support you to do this.

Early Years Parent Workshops

It was fantastic to see eight parents attend our parent workshop on Friday February 19th to visit classrooms and learn more about how to help children learn about reading. Workshops are being offered to parents of children in Lyn Francis, Tuesdee Murray and Felicia Moore’s classes this term and if we have enough interest we will be offering sessions for parents of children in year 1 and 2 in the coming terms.

Our next workshop will be held tomorrow afternoon from 2:15pm in the library and we will be focussing on how to help children learn maths and numeracy skills. If you would like more information please contact Tania Bailey or Lyn Francis at school.

Kind regards, Ms Bec Mueller
Counsellor Talk

Attendance

I have to acknowledge the amazing efforts by so many of our classes in Week 6, all together we had 10 classes reach 90% attendance or more, this incredible number of high attendance has given Augusta Park Primary School one of our overall highest percentages. Well done everyone!

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

This Friday the 18th of March, there will be a national awareness raising across the country as primary and secondary schools participate in the National Day of Anti- Bullying and Non Violence.

Definition of bullying:

Bullying is an ongoing, misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt), or hidden (covert).

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Single incidents or conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying, this is harassment.

Activities and Guest Speakers

We are fortunate to have SAPOL officers arranging a number of talks addressing all year levels relating to, and regarding friendships, bullying, cyber safety and the law.

After lunch younger students will have the opportunity to work with older students (buddy classes) to further enhance the theme of ‘Take a Stand Together’. Some of the senior classes will read to younger students whilst others will be involved in sports, art and/or craft activities throughout the afternoon. In the next newsletter we will have some photographs of this special afternoon to share with all of you. Children will bring home information cards on how they can get help in dealing with bullying. In addition there will be cards for families on how you can assist your child or children with issues of bullying. All students will be given a wrist band to commemorate the day of making a collective stand together against bullying at Augusta Park Primary School.

If you require further information or additional resources please log onto the Government website at: www.bullying.noway.com.au or, contact me on 8642 3599. Please encourage your child to report bullying so that we can take appropriate action, without us knowing, it is impossible for us to act.

“Strong people stand up for themselves, but the strongest people stand up for others.” Unknown

With kind regards,

Lindy Allen

School Photos

Wednesday April 6th.

Family packs available from Front Office.
Mr. Fawcett’s 6/7 class decided to have some fun with their assembly this year and host a cooking show. Students have been busy creating a variety of delicious foods from recipes they’ve researched and some family favourites they make at home. Over the past few weeks they’ve been cooking and trying these dishes, capturing the results on camera in readiness for our assembly on Friday. We invite you to come along on Friday at 9am in the new hall to see our presentation. Here are a selection of photographs of some of the students making and tasting their creations.
Year 3/4 (Ms Densley’s class) has spent the beginning of the term revisiting what a sentence is (it contains a complete message), a topic sentence (contains the main idea of the paragraph), a paragraph (a number of sentences that expand on the topic sentence) and what an essay is.

Rainbow are made by air and rain a rainbow is a very socio circle shape with a lot of colors. I have seen a rainbow it has a lot of colors the colors are red green pink orange blue and violet. I love the colors of the rainbow. Rainbow are really high in the sky I see a rainbow out when it rains, You can’t touch a rainbow because it is made by a lot of water. In conclusion, Rainbows are fascinating.

written by Ebony

Hi Today I’m talking about three people in my family, two of them are my cousins. Their names are malik and savannah the other is my dad, my cousin Malik was born in 2007 savannah was born in 2011 and I don’t no when my dad was born. My dad lives on 686th street in augusta and my cousins Malik and Savannah live on 117th street in augusta. Savannah likes to stick by my side because she is my best cousin and really loves to play with us and stick by our side, my dad loves us and cares for us and he doesn’t like it when we’re not around.

In conclusion talking about 3 people in my family and shaking the hand.

written by Lekeyah

Football is a good sport. Men and boys play football on the two fields. Football has lots of rules that people score goals.

written by Memphis

My coaches is miss Hill she teaches us to defend and we play basketball in the stadium.

Dad works at Wiston Dad has dinner with us.

Mum is kind to people and mum play basketball yesterday.

written by Loretta H.J. Wannen
Here are our first examples of writing an essay of our own choice. We were all successful because we had a go and had something to share. Some of us were successful at writing sentences, some can even write a good paragraph with a topic sentence and some of us even managed a complete essay. Though we still have a way to go we are all putting in a great effort.

**Title: Basketball**

Lots of people like basketball. It is about being really fit and having a 6 pack. Basketball is played near the footy oval.

Written by Ezekiel Stuart

**Title: Football**

In football, men and women play football. I like people, you, me, and dad play football in the front yard and sometimes I win against my brother. My brother plays footy too.

Written by Zac

**Title: Kites**

I like kites. There is one in blue and red in the garden. They fly so high. Sometimes, you need someone to hold the kite for you.

Written by Nick

**Title: Football**

I know lots of people that play football and I am one of those people. To play football with the ball then you kick the ball or hand pass the ball. The time for football is in the morning or afternoon or night. People like playing footy because it is fun.

Written by Cody I believe.