

## DATES TO REMEMBER

21 Feb 2024	Assembly Week 4	1 March 2024	Clean Up Australia Day
12 March 2024	Faction Jumps	15 March 2024	Faction Carnival

### *Principal's Message*

**Dear Parents, Students, Families and Staff.**

What a whirlwind first few weeks! We have really hit the ground running this term with teachers and students in an educational fervour as they worked through their initial assessments and getting into their daily routines. It really is fantastic to see the enthusiasm the students have shown when tackling challenges and the professional way our staff navigate the curriculum.

Our parent teacher meetings were a great success, we had huge turn outs in all of the meetings. I enjoyed sitting in and listening to how the teachers run their classrooms, the strategies that they have in place and the great plans they have for their students.

Morning fitness has started in preparation for our faction carnival and to demonstrate our "healthy body, healthy mind" approach at school. Each class is coming out every morning to either practice the games, such as pass ball or tunnel ball, or do some practice on the running tracks. Already we are getting a lot of positive feedback from the students and seeing a lot of positive improvement in their skills.

Our first assembly is in Week 4 on Wednesday at 9.00am. This will be a bit of a special assembly as we present our faction captains, school councillors and head boy and girl with their badges. I look forward to seeing you there, and please stay for a cup of tea and a chat after the assembly.

We have modified our hot and wet weather policy and we will now include opening the Library on Thursdays. This will give the students a chance to get out of the sun or rain, grab a book to read or play a board game quietly in the library.



Our faction jumps will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March and will be run throughout the day. We will send a timetable out when each year group are doing their jumps if you would like to come watch and cheer on your kids. If you have time during that day and would like to help, feel free to email me [kim.kehoe@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:kim.kehoe@education.wa.edu.au) or just come on down.

Our awesome faction carnival will be held on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. We would love to see all of our parents there on the day cheering on the students! Again, if you are available to volunteer your time in the set up and pack down of the event, it would be greatly appreciated. Please remember that these are smoke and alcohol-free events.

The students have been enjoying our Monday morning mindfulness walks through our nature play and bush trail. We are very lucky to have access to such an amazing bush setting so close to the school and we have the opportunity to use it.

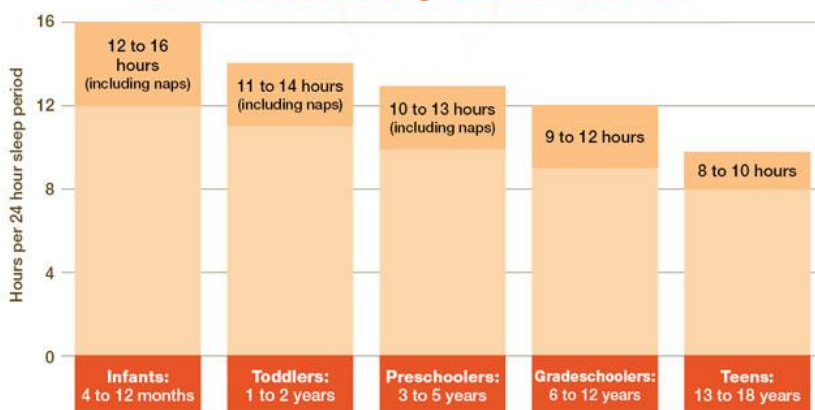
Coming up we are going to be getting our vegetable gardens up and running and it would be great to have a few busy bees to prepare them for planting!

Thank you.

Kim Kehoe

Principal

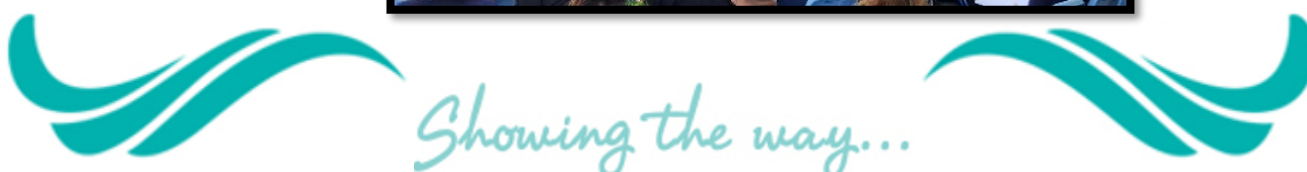
### How much sleep do kids need?



## Appreciation Posts

### War Nurses and Nizam Memorial

Augusta Primary School would like to thank the amazing efforts of our Head Boy, Jon Austin, who spoke so well at both the War Nurses and the Nizam memorials. Jon spoke with maturity and clarity that rivalled many of the adult speakers at the event. We would also like to thank Alfie Watkiss who carried the school wreathes with Jon at the memorial.



## *Waste Sorted and the School Vegetable Garden*

A big thank you to Kylie Lucas who has been very busy getting our vegetable gardens weeded, planted and looking great. We are currently about to reapply for the Waste Sorted grant and start by weed matting and covering the pathways in the gardens. This should keep the weeds down in there ready for classes to use.

We have also sourced an old fridge that we would like to turn into a worm farm that will be able to cater for our growing school. If there are any parents that are registered to degas and disassemble a fridge of its electrical components, or possibly weld the stand for the fridge please contact the school.



## *Running Club*



Running Club will be starting in next week (Week 4) on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.20am -8.40am with Mr Kehoe. At first, we will be running the track around the oval, and as we muster more volunteers to marshal, we can incorporate our nature play, ninja warrior course and bush track. This is open to all students PP-6, and parents are welcome to join us too!

## *School Board Elections*

To be a successful school we need a proactive school board.

The Augusta Primary School Board provides additional expertise to assist the school to achieve the best outcomes for students. Its primary role is in contributing to the establishment and review of the school's objectives, priorities, and general policy direction.

The current School Board consists of a community member, two staff and the principal.

As part of the cyclic process of a School Board, places become available due to either the end of their tenure or members are unable to complete their tenure. At this point in time, Augusta Primary School Board is calling for two parents to fill two 3-year positions. Becoming a parent representative on the Board provides a great opportunity to get involved in our school community and therefore the education of your child.



The composition of Augusta Primary School Board for 2024 will have:

- ❖ 3 parent representatives
- ❖ 1 community representative
- ❖ 2 staff representatives
- ❖ Principal (must be a member of the school board)

The election process is managed by the Principal, with the successful representative commencing Term 2 2024, joining the continuing existing members. I am now calling for nominations from parents and carers who have children in our school. Nomination is either by self-nomination with the signature of another parent/carer, or by a parent/carer nominating you and you signing the form below to indicate your acceptance. Forms are also available at the Administration Office and will be sent home as well.

Nominations should be forwarded to Kim Kehoe, Principal, by 3.30pm Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2024.

I would encourage you to please consider nominating yourself for this rewarding role in your child's school.

## Website Updates

The website should be nearing completion by the end of this term, so watch this space. The website will be a great place for parents, both prospective and current, to find information on the school and the awesome things we are doing.

## Birthdays

*Happy birthday to these awesome students!*

Eli, Beau, and Freya!



## Financial Matters

### Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to the parents that have already paid their voluntary contributions! It really helps the school be able to do the activities that benefit your children. Voluntary payments are used to directly fund resources for your child. (For example, Reading Eggs, individual workbooks, reading diaries etc). Voluntary contributions are set at \$60 for this year. **PLEASE NOTE** Students in Year 1-6 have a balance of \$50 due to the swimming bus charge credit applied to 2024 Contributions.

Payments can be made either via CASH or EFTPOS at the Administration Office or Direct Deposit (as below). Please use your child's name as the subject/detail.

Bendigo Bank  
Augusta Primary School  
BSB 633 000    A/C 207 374 299



*Showing the way...*





*Playgroup*

Playgroup every Friday in brand new Kindy building.

From 9am -11am

Hope to see you there!

*P&C News*

The P&C would love to have you jump on board! The P&C do a fantastic job fundraising to provide the extra things at our school and have done an amazing job. You can become a member of the P&C without taking on an Office bearing role. You can become a member for \$1 and be as involved as you wish. There is no pressure to attend every meeting or assist with every event. Being part of the P&C is a great way to give back to the school community and connect with other families you otherwise meet. We are friendly bunch and have you join us for

may not  
a welcoming and  
would love to  
2024.

**Welcome Picnic  
& MOVIE  
Night**

**FEB  
16**

**Gold Coin  
Donation  
Entry**

MOVIE WILL COMMENCE  
NEAR TO SUNDOWN.

JOIN US FROM 4.30 ON THE LAWN NEAR THE JRN PLAYGROUND  
FOR A WELCOME PICNIC & MOVIE MIXER.

A CHANCE FOR PARENTS TO MEET & MATCH FACES TO NEW NAMES.  
WEATHER PERMITTING WE WILL SCREEN OUTSIDE OTHERWISE IT'S THE  
UNDERCOVER AREA.

POPCORN & ICE CREAMS FOR SALE 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE MOVIE.  
**BYO PICNIC DINNER, COMFORTABLE CHAIR, RUG OR CUSHIONS.**

*Showing the way...*



## AUGUSTA BMX

No BMX this Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>

No membership Fee for 2024

Parents/ carers need to be present-  
volunteers welcome!

Sausage sizzle/ drinks/ lollies available

## REGISTRATIONS

### ARE OPEN!!



Come and join our Club  
for the 2024 Season!

Miniros - \$190      FIFA - \$240  
Seniors - \$395

Enquiries: registrar.fmr.6285@gmail.com

Registrations close 15 March



Scan to  
Register



# SCREEN TIME vs LEAN TIME

Do you know how much entertainment screen time kids get? Time in front of a screen is time kids aren't active. See how much screen time kids of different ages get and tips for healthier activities.

AGE GROUP > 8-10 11-14 15-18

CHILDREN AGES 8-10 SPEND ABOUT

# 6 hours a day

IN FRONT OF A SCREEN USING  
ENTERTAINMENT MEDIA

NEARLY  
**4**  
OF THESE ARE  
SPENT WATCHING  
TELEVISION



INSTEAD THEY COULD...



Play a game of basketball

AND STILL HAVE TIME TO...

walk the dog



and...

dance to their favorite songs



and...

jump rope



and...

ride their bike



### How can parents help?



- 1 Ensure kids have 1 hour of physical activity each day.
- 2 Limit kids' total screen time to no more than 1-2 hours per day.
- 3 Remove TV sets from your child's bedroom.
- 4 Encourage other types of fun that include both physical and social activities, like joining a sports team or club.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [MakingHealthEasier.org/GetMoving](http://MakingHealthEasier.org/GetMoving)

## Say This INSTEAD OF THAT TO YOUR CHILD



### Say This

### Not This

I will show you how it should be done.



What on earth were you thinking?



Why don't we take this conversation to a quieter place and talk it over.



Shut up! You are embarrassing me!

Let me help you figure out a way to do it better for the next time.



No rewards on your reward chart this time.



I know you are not feeling good. Do you want to talk about it?



It happens to everyone. Don't make a big deal out of it.

I'll show you how to do this to make it easier next time.



How many times do I have to tell you the same thing?



I see that this is becoming tricky. Why don't we take a break and come back to it after a while?



If you don't stop right now, you are not getting playtime for the rest of the week

Mom Junction



# 2024 Term PLANNER

Term One

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
H	22 Jan	23	24 School Support Officers Return	25 School Administrator Return	26 <b>Australia Day</b>	27	28
1	29 Jan Teachers Return School Development Day	30 School Development Day	31 Students resume	1 Feb	2	3	4
2	5 Feb Parent Info Sessions start	6	7  Staff Meeting 3.15	8	9	10	11 Nizam Mem.
3	12 Feb	13  P&C Meeting	14	15	16  P&C Welcome Picnic and Movie Night	17	18
4	19 Feb	20	21  Assembly 9.00am Staff Meeting 3.15	22	23	24	25
5	26 Feb	27	28	29	1 March	2	3
6	4 March Labour Day	5	6  Staff Meeting 3.15	7	8	9	10
7	11 March	12 Faction Jumps  P&C Meeting	13 NAPLAN Begins	14	15 Faction Carnival	16	17
8	18 March	19	20  Assembly 9.00am Staff Meeting 3.15	21 GRIP Student Leader Conference	22	23	24
9	25 March Interschool Jumps @ APS NAPLAN ends	26	27 Interschool Carnival @ STMCPs	28 Students last day	29 Good Friday	30	31
H	1 April Easter Monday	2	3	4	5	6	7
H	8 April	9	10	11	12	13	14

Start and End of Term
Public Holidays
School Holidays (students)
School Development Days

