



# St Augustine's PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first edition of the St Augustine's newsletter for 2011.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I have worked for Brisbane Catholic Education for the last 32 years, 21 of them as principal of three schools on the north side of Brisbane. I have just celebrated 29 years of marriage to my wife, Clare, and have 2 adult children – Sharne and Oliver. I look forward to getting to meet many parents and children over the coming weeks and months and encourage you to let me know how we can continue to build positive partnerships between your family and the school.

### Professional Development Days

I am delighted to be with the St. Augustine's community and have been made feel very welcome by the staff of the school who last week were engaged in Professional Development. As a staff we went to St. Francis Xavier School at Runaway Bay to hear Fr. Richard Leonard speak. He spoke of the images of Jesus as portrayed in the media through the ages and was able to challenge us to be Jesus to others. Fr. Richard was inspirational in his address.

On Thursday we attended a day on Blueearth. This program has been running in the school for the last 2 years and the day was a great way for the teachers who have not yet been directly involved in the program to see what it is about and to participate in some of the physical activities that are an integral part of the program.

Friday saw us meeting at the school and preparing for the start of this week, while on Monday John McArdle took the staff on a history walk of St. Augustine's.

### Queensland Floods

The Christmas holidays took a twist for the worst as the floods that devastated North Queensland and then the Central Queensland area made their way to South East Queensland. The impact has been well documented and we have all seen the graphic images time and again since.

As a school we want to be involved in the recovery process for those who have suffered such huge losses.

We have a connection, through a staff member, to St. Brigid's Rosewood where the school was directly affected by the flood. We would like to support them in the recovery effort.

### Building Progress

We continue to see progress being made daily on the new buildings. The Music and Drama rooms are wonderful spaces that are going to be such a great asset to the school, while the staff room, uniform shop and covered area are nearly complete. The hall is due to be completed by mid March which will see the completion of the project. Interactive Whiteboards were also installed over the holidays in every classroom throughout the school.

Thank you for your continuing patience while the project is being done. (see photos at bottom of newsletter 'Building Progress')

Fr. Kevin

Fr. Kevin is celebrating 25 years as a priest this year. This is a wonderful milestone in his vocation. We congratulate him for his dedication and commitment to the priesthood. There is a special mass at St. Augustine's, Coolangatta on Sunday, February 13 at 4pm. This is to be followed by a gathering at the Currumbin RSL. Tickets are available from the parish office on 55982165 (\$25). As well as his special celebration, Fr. Kevin will be heading to the Holy Land on February 14 for a two week pilgrimage.

I would like to thank Fr. Kevin for his warm welcome to the school and the parish and I look forward to working with him in the future.

### **Prep 2011**

We welcome in a special way the new Prep children. Tuesday was a big day for them, not to mention their parents! It will be a special treat for me to watch them progress through the school over the coming years. I'm sure that our Prep children will be 'old hands' at school in a very short time.

### **School Fee Accounts**

The school fees for the term will be sent home soon. Should you have any concerns about your payments I would encourage you to contact the school at your earliest convenience to set up a meeting to discuss possible options.

### **Staff Changes**

Over the break we received the news that Ms Dolores Parpinello has resigned. Dolores accepted a teaching appointment at the indigenous community of Bidyadanga, a small community 200km south of Broome in WA. Dolores was offered the position at short notice and had a difficult decision to make regarding her position at St A's. Her heart told her that it was timely and appropriate that she share her skills and love of education with this special community on the other side of our country. Dolores asked that her thanks and love be passed on to all of the students and parents of St A's. She will miss you and appreciates all that she has gained from you. We assured Dolores that she will always hold a special place in our history and would be welcome here any time. We wish her happiness and success always.

Mrs Jodie Williams has been contracted to teach Year 5 for the 2011 school year in Ms Parpinello's place. We welcome Jodie to our teaching team. Jodie knows our students, routines and programs well. Mrs Deanne Kruegar will teach Year 6 with Mrs Todarello this year. Miss Bridget Beasley joins us as support teacher: inclusive education, while Mrs Murray is on leave throughout Term 1. Welcome Bridget and Deanne. We are sure your time with us will be exciting, fulfilling and memorable.

### **What can we do for the flood disaster?**

St A's has devoted next week to fundraise for this appeal. The schools in the Brisbane Archdiocese have been allocated schools which need our support. We have been allocated our sister school, St Augustine's in Springfield, Brisbane. At this stage they have requested money to help their families but they will contact us again soon with some other ideas. Each child is being asked to donate a gold coin to this appeal, the more gold coins the better! We will be laying a coin trail on Thursday using the gold coins donated. We are encouraging the children to do jobs around the house to earn money over the next week. In this way they can feel that they have helped personally in this cause. The more jobs, the more money we raise! The focus for our school prayer will also be this intention.

### **Beginning School Liturgy**

The school liturgy to celebrate and ask God's blessing on the year will be held on Wednesday 9 February at 11:30am. We will also be announcing the school captains and sport captains at this ceremony. All families are welcome to join us for this special combined event.

### **Students with Medical Alerts**



Returning students with special medical alerts will receive their annual Medical Alert Information Sheet this week. Please check the current details and fill in the details that need adjusting (many just need to change grade and teacher) and return to Mrs Marrison A.S.A.P. Any new students to the school who have medical concerns will also receive an Information Sheet which needs to be completed and returned to the front office. A Medical Alert Meeting is planned for Wednesday 23 February. We strongly encourage you to attend this meeting with your child. All staff will be present and we feel this can only improve the care of your child at our school. This has previously proven to be a successful way of keeping all informed of concerns.

### Christmas Cards

Thank you to all those who have collected Christmas cards from last year and sent them into school. There is a box in the front office for anyone who still has some to donate.

### Staff Prayer Reservation

Please avoid making appointments to speak with teachers on Tuesday mornings before school. This time is set aside for staff members to meet together and pray as a united group. Prayer is a vital part of our school life and we appreciate your thoughtfulness with this request.

### Uniform Reminders

We are very proud of our uniform and what it stands for in the community. Please ensure that uniforms are clean and tidy and the correct uniform is worn on the correct day.

Hair needs to be neat and tidy. No extreme cuts are permitted eg. mohawks, tails, bowl cuts, total head shaves etc. Such cuts impose social pressure and financial burdens on families. Hair below the collar needs to be tied back at all times. Fringes are to be no longer than eye brow level or pinned back to avoid vision interference. Colours, bleaches gel or additives are not part of the uniform. Blue, white or yellow ribbons/scrunchies/ties only.

Jewellery is to be left at home. Plain silver or gold studs or sleepers are permitted but would be best avoided on sport days. No other jewellery is to be worn (exceptions are medical tags or small religious emblems). Watches are permitted.

Students are not to wear make-up, coloured sunscreen or nail polish.

We hope you all had a wonderful Australia Day.

Stephen Montgomery, Jane Marrison and Lynne Rohanna (Leadership Team)

## GENERAL NEWS

### New Arrival over the holidays

Congratulations to Cian and Termeaka on the arrival of Tara on 3 January. Little sister for Ruari W (1KC) to love and protect. We hope mum and baby are doing well.

### Uniform Shop

The new uniform shop will be operational from next Tuesday. New and second hand uniforms will be sold by our Uniform Shop Convenor, Tracy Grieve. Second hand uniforms can be handed into the office or directly to Tracy in the Uniform Shop. Operating hours are each Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8.30am – 9.30 am. Thank you.

### School Newsletters

As most of you know, St A's has now gone with Enews. Electronic Newsletters. If you would like to subscribe to the weekly newsletter please fill in the attached slip below and return to the front office. Contact can be made direct to the office. Prep students will receive a hardcopy newsletter for the next two weeks.

<b>First name</b>	
<b>Last name</b>	
<b>Email address</b>	
<b>Student's name/s</b>	

### School Fees/Direct Debit

Families wishing to pay school fees by direct debit (preferred method of payment) are to make contact with Maurice Sheahan (Bursar) before the end of the month. New direct debit forms must be signed every year. 2.5% off the total amount of fees will be given to families who pay by direct debit or paid the total amount by 28 February. Discount will be credited to the account in November.

NB: Chess, Years 5, 6 and 7 Trips will also be charged/included in school fees.

School fees will be posted next week and will be due Friday 11 February.

### **New Postal Address**

St A's has a new postal address: PO Box 133, Currumbin 4223.

### **Musicorp**

Musicorp lessons with Adam will recommence next Tuesday 1 February. Students will be advised of times on the day.

### **Speech, Drama and Communication News**

Welcome back one and all. I trust you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year season. I am sure we have all felt the terrible tragedy of the last few weeks and I join you in sending heartfelt prayers and wishes to all those involved.



Our Speech, Drama and Communications year begins once again in week three! It will take us until that time to organise classes, timetables etc and to welcome any new families who wish to join us. There are vacancies in most classes but mainly in the lower primary and, yes, prep classes!

If you are new to the school or just interested in the benefits of our ongoing programme, please feel free to email me at [aeldridge@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:aeldridge@bne.catholic.edu.au) or collect a form from Clare at the front office.

Once again this year we have wonderful things to look forward to! The first long term will allow Kathryn to get to know everyone once again and build a firm foundation for the performances and events to follow throughout the year. We have a new syllabus which will offer us exciting and challenging opportunities in term four! More on that later in the year.

This year, classes will be conducted on a Thursday. For the first few lessons, students will be collected from class rooms until they become familiar with the routine.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!

Regards,  
Anita Eldridge A.T.C.L.

### **Woodwork and Craft**

A community group has leased land behind St Augustine's School in Galleon Way Currumbin and built a large workshop equipped with machines and tools for woodwork, woodturning, metal work and other crafts.

Men and women are welcome to make projects for themselves or to teach others. We make toys for charities and we introduce primary school children to various trades.

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at the workshop at 1:00pm. For further details ring: Sonia 55225257; Tom 55349970; Bart 55988380.

## **SPORTSCENE**

Welcome to all new and existing families to another fantastic year of sport at St A's in 2011. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable break and is looking forward to another great year.

### **St A's 2011 Swimming Carnival**

Will be held at the new PBC Pool next Friday 4 February for students aged 8 - 13 years (students in grade 2, turning 8 in 2011, have the option of attending). The carnival will start at 8.40am and finish at 2.45pm. All students in the relevant age groups are expected to attend, with class roles taken on the day. For the carnival to run smoothly, we ask that all students be at the pool no later than 8.30am, and be picked up at the above designated time. Students are to wear their sports uniform and House Colour hat (available from Uniform Shop), bring along sunscreen, towel, rashshirt (optional, but recommended) and swimmers (one piece for girls and no boardshorts for boys), as well as, 2 x drink bottles. House Colour swimming caps will also be distributed on the day and must be worn during races.



Each House Colour will be holding a meeting next week to organise nominations for each of the day's events. Freestyle (either 25m or 50m) will be the only compulsory stroke for the students. All details will be discussed with the students, by our year 7 leaders, in their respective House Colour meetings. Once again students were placed in either Torpedo (old A division) or Electric Eel races.

Only students who attend OHSC before and after school next Friday will be able to catch the bus departing St A's at 8:15am and will return by 3:00pm from the pool. More details will be published in next week's newsletter.

Mr Shaun Dolan (Sports Co-ordinator)

## P & F NEWS

Dear Parents and Friends of St Augustine's School,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all families and their children back to school, for the new school year of 2011.

I would particularly like to welcome our new prep children and their parents. I can relate to our prep families as my daughter was a first time student to the school last year.

At this time I would like to extend a special welcome to our new Principal, Mr Montgomery. I look forward to meeting and working with him in the future.

My thoughts turn to a very sad time for our state, in particular for those families who have lost loved ones in the floods. My thoughts and prayers are with those families. I will be praying to the Holy Family for their intercession and their strength for those families affected.

Bye for now,

Your President of the P and F, Virginia Freebody

## OSHC

### Enrolment/Bookings

In order to have your attendance accepted into Out of School Hours Care, an enrolment and booking form must be completed prior to booking. These forms are available on the school website <http://www.sa.qld.edu.au/ohsc.phpand> also from OSHC.

## COMING EVENTS



*Fri 4 Feb*

*Wed 9 Feb*

*Fri 11 Feb*

*Sun 13 Feb*

*Wed 23 Feb*

*Swimming Carnival, PBC Pool, 8:40am – 2:45pm*

*Beginning School Liturgy at 11:30am.*

*School Fees due*

*Mass at St Augustine's Coolangatta for Fr Kevin, 4pm*

*Medical Alert Meeting*

## CANTEEN ROSTER

*Thurs 27 Jan K Cleaver, J Field (8.30-11.30),*

*B Nichols*

*Fri 28 Jan P Harding, A Wolfe, L Price*

*Mon 31 Jan K McLuckie, K Favot*

*Tues 1 Feb Helper needed please*

*Wed 2 Feb T Giess*



*K Harrison*

*K Cleaver*

*Home Baking Needed*

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*A Finn*



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## ST A'S CANTEEN HELPERS / BAKERS 2011

If you can help out in the canteen this year, by either working or baking please fill in the slip and return to the canteen or office. Please remember, your children love seeing you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to work in the canteen / do baking (please cross out) on the following day:

Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday

You can also do ½ days if you wish. Just write underneath the day.

[Half day is 8.45 – 11.30 am, Full Day is 11.30 – 2.30 pm]

I would like to be on with: \_\_\_\_\_

Many thanks, Robyn & Nicole 55078 162

[Please fill in and return to the canteen/roster]. Thank you

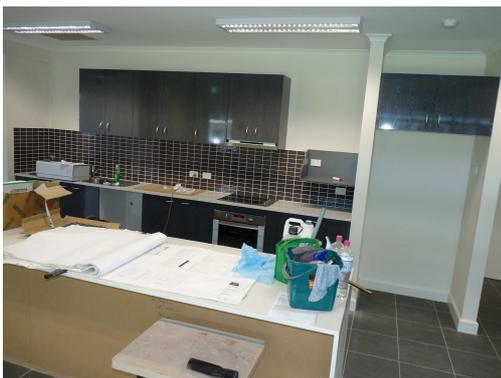
## BUILDING PROGRESS



Grassed area outside Music/Art/Drama Rooms



New Music/Art/Drama Rooms



New staffroom nearing completion



Auditorium to be completed March

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Palm Beach Currumbin Basketball Club Sign On

Saturday 29 January 2011, 9am-11am at Tallebudgera Leisure Centre for Miniballers (4yo to 9-10yo) & Juniors (U12-U18) please contact Deb Brooks for more info on 0418 725 293 .

### Palm Beach Netball

Sign On day for Novas, Juniors and Seniors will be held at the Palm Beach Parklands (Pirate Park) at Palm Beach in the Meeting Room next to the Dune Cafe. Saturday 29 January and 5 February, 2011. Time: 9:00am to 11:00am. New players welcome all ages from 6 y/o-Seniors for all information go to [www.palmbeachnetball.org.au](http://www.palmbeachnetball.org.au)

**Are you recently separated or divorced?**

Centacare is conducting a “Divorce and Separation Recovery Workshop”, commencing on Monday 7 February from 5.30pm to 7.30 pm. and continuing each Monday for 7 weeks. Coffee and Cake will be provided. Cost is \$10 registration to be paid on the first night then \$5– per week (total \$40). Registrations close Thursday 3 February 2011. Please phone 07 5527 7211 to register or for more information. Kind regards, Administration, Centacare CFCS

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