



# St Augustine's PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's edition of the St Augustine's newsletter – Week 1 of Term 1.

### Welcome to 2012

It is great to be back at St Augustine's, even in very wet weather. We hope that all families had a great Christmas/ New Year. We especially welcome the new families who have come to join our school community this year. We hope that you will enjoy your time with us and that your child/ren will be happy here. **[NB: If the inclement weather continues, please check the school website for updates]**



You are always welcome at our assemblies which are held each morning at 8:30am. On Monday our school captains lead the prayer, we have our National Anthem and general school business is discussed. On Friday mornings we present the school 'Student of the Week' awards and very often there is a special prayer focus. This is a very special assembly where the children show great respect and reverence for our God. If you have never attended a Prayer Assembly please make it a focus this year- you will be so glad that you made the effort.

### Parent Teacher Evenings

In the first few weeks of school you will be invited to attend an evening to hear from your child's teacher. These evenings are a chance to hear what the classroom expectations will be for the year and for you to meet your child's teacher if you have not already done so. I encourage you to make the effort to come to the evening if at all possible.

### School Holidays for 2012

- Term 1 – Tuesday 24 January to Friday 30 March
- Term 2 – Monday 16 April to Friday 22 June
- Term 3 – Monday 9 July to Friday 21 September
- Term 4 – Monday 8 October to Friday 7 December



### School Fees

Accounts for the first term will be sent home shortly. We would ask that you attend to school fees as promptly as possible.

If you ever experience difficulty in paying the fees please make contact with the school office as soon as possible so that alternative arrangements can be made.

### Lost Property

At the end of each term we have a lot of lost property. Denise Clarke, one of our mums, put a list together of the items that have names on them. To check, the list is on the glass door leading to the sick bay/ lost property room. Any unnamed property will be recycled or discarded at the end of the term.

### Staff News

During the holidays Jane Marrison's mum, Julie Nicholls, died after a short illness. The funeral at Sacred Heart Murwillumbah was a great celebration of her long life. Please keep Jane and her family in your prayers.

We welcome Miss Julia Miller (Graduate Teacher) and Mrs Angela Genert (exchange from Canada) to St Augustine's. Julia will be teaching Year 5 White and Angela teaching Year 2 Yellow. Welcome back Allison King from maternity leave and Trish May from 12 months leave in Victoria.

Siobhan Fahy was married to Dan Reinhard on January 7 earlier this year, at St Augustine's Coolangatta. Siobhan is one of our Year 6 teachers. Siobhan was a beautiful bride and had some of the children from St Augustine's attend the wedding as well.

### Prayer for the Beginning of the New School Year

*Dear Lord, as we begin this new school year, we gather once again as your community of believers.  
We thank you for the energy and the spirit that you renewed in us through the summer months.  
We thank you for the time to enjoy our family and friends and to reflect on what is important in our lives.  
Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love so that, with the inspiration of your Spirit, we may continue to grow in our faith.  
Help us to fulfill Your hope for us with honest intentions and works of faith.  
Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring laughter, joy and love to others.  
We ask this in your name. Amen.*



### Chapel Masses Recommence

Each Thursday at 9am there is a community Mass in the Jubilee Chapel commencing next week, 2 February. You are all most welcome and again, it is well worth the effort to get to one. The atmosphere is peaceful and it is a special chance for us to get in touch with God and ourselves. Following the Mass all visitors are invited to join the community for tea/coffee.

### Beginning School Liturgy

The school liturgy to celebrate and ask God's blessing on the year will be held on Thursday 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 ASAP. 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 15 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.



### 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). Watches are permitted.

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

### Sacramental News

The Reconciliation Meeting for students intending to be involved in the reconciliation program this year (usually Year 3 and Year 5) will be held during Term 1. Dates will be advertised next week. For students who have joined us at St A's this year, feel free to see Mrs Marrison about the Sacrament as you may find the timing is a little different in Queensland.

Students in Year 4 will be invited to be confirmed and to receive their First Holy Communion in Term 2. The dates will be confirmed and notified as the term progresses. Please check 'Coming Events' in the weekly newsletters.

The sacramental program is run through the parish and supported by the school.

### Australia Day Public Holiday

Thursday 26 January is a public holiday.

Have a great week,

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



## GENERAL NEWS

### Sincere Condolences

Please keep the following families in your thoughts and prayers as they have lost loved ones recently:

John Burstle: Loved father of Genevieve Gospel, father-in-law to Michael and "pop" to Cameron, Brendan, Jayden and Lachlan.

Jule Nicholls: Loved mother of Jane Marrison, mother-in-law to Garry, grandmother to Joel, Simon and Tim.

Frank Pickering: Loved father of Annette O'Shea, father-in-law to Tony, grandfather to Mick.

Peter Montgomery: Loved brother of Stephen, brother-in-law to Clare and Uncle to Sharne and Oliver.

Fay Kelly: Loved mother of Fiona Burge, mother-in-law to Gary, grandmother to Carly and Dean.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,  
May perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace, Amen.*



### School Fees

Accounts will be mailed out to parents within the next fortnight to all families, except those who have signed a Direct Debit request. School Camps (Years 5-7) will also be charged through your fee account during the year. Estimated cost of the camps are:

Year 5:	\$250
Year 6:	\$200
Year 7:	\$400

Chess fees are the same as 2011 ie. \$125 per semester/\$250 per annum (charged February and July). As the school is required to pay two teachers at an annual salary, no refund is repayable of the semester fee.

Please see Mr Sheahan in the office over the next two weeks to set up an annual direct debit (this is the school's preferred method of payment.) Families opting to pay their fees in full by 28 February or by direct debit will receive a 2.5% discount off their school fees. This discount is credited to the family account in November each year.

### Administration of Paracetamol IN AN EMERGENCY

If you wish your child to receive Paracetamol **IN AN EMERGENCY** please fill in the attached authority form and return to the front office. Please note that administration of paracetamol, if provided to a student by the school is subject to strict controls. For fever, student temperature needs to be greater than 38 C and discomfort/pain . Once paracetamol has been given (after a phone call to parent) the parent/guardian will be required to take the child home or to a doctor.

### Subscribing to School ENewsletter

The school newsletters are issued electronically each Tuesday/Wednesday. If you wish to receive the school newsletter, please contact the office on 55988730 or email [czuber@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:czuber@bne.catholic.edu.au) to subscribe.

### Chess

Chess will commence on Tuesday 31 January. It will be conducted in one hour sessions until lunchtime. The timetable is as follows:

8:40 – 9:40	All Girls
9:40 – 10:40	4/5 Boys
11.20-12.20	2/3 Boys
12.20 – 1.20	6/7 Boys



Some changes to the timetable may occur once total numbers of students participating have been confirmed. However, we hope to make sure students will not be missing out on essential learning times or subjects. Mr Peter Froehlich will be coaching Chess again this year. Mr Froehlich is a professional player (international Master – FIDE) and coach. Semester payment for Chess will be included in school fee accounts. Any queries please see the school Bursar. Please return note ASAP (latest Monday 30 January) to ensure a place as there is only limited sizes to classes.

Karen Dick (Chess Co-ordinator)




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### *St Augustine's Chess 2012*

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ would like my/our child

\_\_\_\_\_ Year Level \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in Chess

lessons this year. I acknowledge that all Chess fees will be added to my school account.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Music Lessons - 2012

Extra-curricular music lessons will be starting in Week 2.

There are available piano, violin, cello and drumming lessons - plus Musicorp lessons of flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and trombone.

Remember the great drumming group item at the Christmas Concert last year? Well a group drumming lesson will be offered again after school on a Tuesday 3pm, so come join in the group drumming and be part of a great team! Group drumming class is \$6 a class and individual lessons on drum kit is \$27 per 1/2 lesson. Please contact Scott Davey on 0401 873 410. Drums are provided for group drumming lessons.



Violin and 'cello lessons are available through Mr David Su Yek contact 0413 782 886 - the school has instruments to hire for \$20 per term.

Piano lessons are with Mrs Pullen please contact Mrs Pullen ([dpullen@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dpullen@bne.catholic.edu.au)) or leave a message with Mrs Zuber at the front office.

Further information can be obtained through Mrs Pullen or on the notice board outside the music room.

Deirdre Pullen (Music Teacher)

## Instrumental lessons with Musicorp Australia Pty Ltd

Musicorp Instrumental lessons will resume this term in Week 2, Tuesday 31 January with Adam Owens..

Any students in Grade 4 and above wanting to learn Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone and Guitar can collect a Musicorp Expression of Interest form from the school office!

Adam Owens (Musicorp Instrumental Teacher)

## Speech and Drama News

Hello and welcome back to our many new and continuing Speech, Drama and Communication students.

This is just a brief note to advise classes begin again next week, week two. Classes will be held in Room 14. The days are still being finalised, however all students will have their class at sometime during that week. They will be collected from their classrooms by Katherine and she will send a note home with them after their first class. Newsletters and accounts will be sent home by the end of this week. Please check bags for them!

We have been able to extend our programme to two days per week this year and therefore have some vacancies in all class levels.

If you are new to school, including prep classes, and are interested in classes, please feel free to drop me an email or call into the school office for an enrolment sheet which includes all details.

We are looking forward to another year of personal growth, achievement and fun!

## St Augustine's Parish Playgroup

'Little Angels Playgroup will be on a Wednesday morning starting 25 January, 9-11am held in the afterschool care building. A small amount of \$2.00 donation will be needed to go toward tea, coffee and craft activities planned each week. If you have a prep aged child starting at St A's in the near future this is a great way for them to meet their future class buddies and also for the parents to become familiar with the families involved in St Augustine's. We look forward to seeing you there.'



## Child Oral Health

Students in Years (4,5,6,7,2N,2W,2Y) have been provided with an offer of oral health care pack (late last year) to take home.

The pack includes:

- Child & Adolescent Oral Health Service Brochure
- Examination Card

Please familiarise yourself with the process by reading the information provided.

If your child is enrolled in one of the grades listed above and did not receive a pack and you would like to arrange for your child to receive oral health care please contact the Oral Health Call Centre 1300 300 850. Monday to Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm Excluding Public Holidays.

If your child requires disability access please identify this requirement with the Call Centre Operator.

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

Welcome back everyone and welcome to all of our new families. Due to the economic downturn there will be no tuckshop facilities available on Mondays this year. Sorry for any inconvenience this causes. However, we will be having a Meal Deal at least once a term on a Monday. The first one will be in approximately 5 weeks for the beginning of Lent. More information to come in a few weeks.

**Toasted Sandwiches: Sandwiches bought from home and to be toasted in the tuckshop will now cost \$1.00 to toast per sandwich.**



**Slushies: There will no longer be slushies for sale, however we will be selling Sunny Boys @ \$1.20.**

We hope everyone has a wonderful start to the year. God Bless!

Nicole and Robyn (Tuckshop Managers)

## TUCKSHOP ROSTER

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuckshop Roster:</b>	<b>Home Baking Roster:</b>
<i>Wed 25 January</i>	<i>S Dickinson, K Burns</i>	
<i>Thurs 26 January</i>	<i>Australia Day Holiday</i>	
<i>Friday 27 January</i>	<i>S O'Grady (8:30-11:30), A Wolff (11:30-2:30), S Hawney</i>	
<i>Tues 31 January</i>	<i>K Favot, K McLuckie</i>	<i>Fiona Hore</i>
<i>Wed 1 February</i>	<i>S Beame, T Jones</i>	<i>Meta Suddes</i>

## COMING EVENTS



<i>Tues 31 January</i>	<i>Musicorp lessons resume.</i>
<i>Thurs 2 February</i>	<i>Mass in Chapel recommences, 9.00am</i>
<i>Thurs 9 February</i>	<i>Beginning School Liturgy, 11.30am</i>
<i>Friday 30 March</i>	<i>End of Term 1</i>
<i>Monday 16 April</i>	<i>First day of Term 1</i>
<i>Friday 22 June</i>	<i>End of Term 2</i>
<i>Monday 9 July</i>	<i>First day of Term 3</i>
<i>Fri 21 September</i>	<i>End of Term 3</i>
<i>Mon 8 October</i>	<i>First day of Term 4</i>
<i>Mon 22 October</i>	<i>Professional Development Day – Pupil Free Day</i>
<i>Fri 7 December</i>	<i>Last day of Term 4</i>

## OSHC NEWS

Welcome to all the new and existing families joining us this year.

Thank you to all the children who attended over the recent school holidays. We had so much fun; Waterslide, RSPCA Van, Fishing, Cartoon Workshops, Candle Making, Photo Booth, Indigenous art workshop, Drum workshop and we even took a trip with the Drama Dragons aboard the Beagle with Charles Darwin!

### Enrolments

2012 enrolment forms can be found on the school's website; [www.sa.qld.edu.au](http://www.sa.qld.edu.au) or by calling into the OSHC centre.

All families intending to use OSHC will need to complete and return a FAMILY Enrolment Form and a CHILD Enrolment Form (one per child) in order for attendance at OSHC to be accepted. Please ensure that you register with Centrelink and include your Customer Reference Numbers (CRN's) on the Enrolment forms as this will enable us to process your fees with the Child Care Benefit and/or Child Care Rebate saving eligible families \$\$\$.

For all enquiries, bookings and cancellations please call the OSHC centre on 5507 8108 or 0457 936 022 or email [currumbinoshc@bne.centacare.net.au](mailto:currumbinoshc@bne.centacare.net.au)

Have Fun! Play Safe!

Vikki and Staff at St Augustine's OSHC

## ST A'S TUCKSHOP HELPERS / BAKERS 2012

If you can help out in the Tuckshop 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 circle) on the following day:

Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday

[Home bakers needed. Would love all volunteers needed Thursday & Fridays].

You can also do ½ days if you wish. Just write underneath the day.  
[Morning is 8.45 -11.30 am, Afternoon is 11.30 – 2.00 pm].

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

Mrs Nicole Lee will be working Tuesday and Wednesdays  
Mrs Robyn Curran will be working Thursday and Friday.

Tuckshop Direct Telephone No. is 55078162

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Palm Beach Netball Sign-On

Palm Beach Netball sign on Saturday 28 January from 9-11am at Palm Beach Parklands (Pirate Ship park), Palm Beach in the meeting room next to the Dune Cafe. New players welcome. Ages from 6 to Seniors. For further info go to [www.palmbeachnetball.org.au](http://www.palmbeachnetball.org.au)

### Gold Coast Titans v Brisbane Broncos NRL Trial 2012

Date:            11 February  
Venue:          Pizzey Park



For more information and to purchase discounted tickets go to [www.burleighbears.com.au](http://www.burleighbears.com.au) Children 10 years and under free with a paying adult.

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*Just one last hug before I go to school. Bye mum!!*