



# St Augustine's PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL



## LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's edition of the St Augustine's newsletter – Week 2 of Term 1.

### Wet Week

Last week was a very different week for all of us! We had the situation on Wednesday and Friday where school was a non-event for many families. Thanks for your understanding and consideration under these circumstances. Hopefully we are now going to enjoy a more straight forward week and we will have all staff and students being able to get to and from the school.



Australia Day celebrations were also a casualty of the wet week with many celebrations having to be cancelled.

### Assemblies

We will continue to have the morning assemblies under the shade sails on Monday to Thursday each week at 8:30am. The Friday assembly will be held in the hall at 8.30am. Please ensure that your child is here for the start of each day promptly as teachers will be marking rolls immediately after the assembly, at 8.40am.

### Tuckshop

This year the tuckshop will be operating for four days each week – Tuesday to Friday. There will be a few special 'Monday Meal Deal' days each term so stay tuned for these dates. We thank those parents who have volunteered to assist at the Tuckshop. If you are available to assist us and are new to the school, please see the lovely ladies at the Tuckshop to register your interest, or phone them directly on 55078162.

### Laptops for classrooms

We have placed an order for 32 laptops that will be put into 2 trolleys and circulated in classrooms throughout the school. We have moved the bank of computers from the library so that they can be accessed more through classroom use. Hopefully our new purchases will see a lot more hands on for all of our children, as there will be a total of 78 computers on 5 trolleys throughout the school. We then aim to purchase another 2 sets of computers on trolleys a little later in the term, bringing our total number of laptops to 110 on 7 trolleys. As you might recall we were able to install the wireless network last year so that all of these laptops will operate anywhere within the school.

### Thursday Mass

This Thursday morning at 9:00am there is Mass at the Chapel. Every Thursday morning Fr Kevin says Mass for those who would like to attend. A different class will attend each week. Year 7 will assist this week.

## **Beginning School Liturgy Time Change**

NB: Beginning School Liturgy/Leaders Presentation, Thursday 9 February, at 2.15pm.

### **Staff News**

Stephen will be attending a Principal's meeting on Thursday morning this week. The Year 7 teachers will be presenting their parent night on Wednesday evening this week. Lonnie Rutland will be at a Teacher Librarian Network Day next Monday.

Have a great week,

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

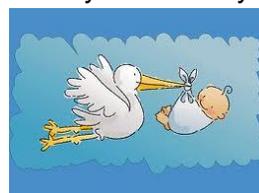
## **GENERAL NEWS**

### **Drum Lessons**

If you would like your child to do drum lessons, phone Scott Davies on 0401 873410. Lessons are held at the school, each Tuesday after school. Lessons commence Tuesday 31 January.

### **New Arrival**

Congratulations to Anna and Luke Willson on the arrival of Benjamin Luke early last week. Little brother for Oliver.



### **Plywood Wanted**

The art department are seeking plywood to use in the artroom for a Year 7 art project. If anyone is able to donate plywood to the art department please contact art teacher, Tania Wood on [twood3@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:twood3@bne.catholic.edu.au) or Clare Zuber at [czuber@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:czuber@bne.catholic.edu.au)

### **Speech and Drama News**

We start this week decidedly drier than the last one - thank goodness! Just to let you know that, despite the rain, all term one newsletters and fees have now been handed out. Classes begin once again this week on either Thursday or Friday (Kathryn will let you know after the first lesson).

New families to the school, including all new prep parents, are advised that spaces are still available and you are invited to send me an email or see Clare at the main office for a facts/enrolment sheet.

Let's hope this week remains a little drier and we can store away the gumboots! Anita Eldridge (Specialist Teacher) [aeldridge@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:aeldridge@bne.catholic.edu.au)

### **Opening School Banking Accounts – great news!**

School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for school banking.

Take in identification for you and your child (such as driver's license and birth certificate) and you will receive your Dollarmites wallet on the spot – it is that easy! If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with Netbank you have the option to open the account on line as well!



From January 2012 when children make their first deposit they will get their first token and our school will also receive \$5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and teaching your child good savings skills.

*[School banking will recommence on Wednesday 9 February. Bank books are to be handed into the office by 8.40am. A package in regards to School Banking will be sent home during the week. Thank you to Bernadette Smith who will be taking on the role of processing the children's weekly banking.]*

### **About the Education Tax Refund**

Keep your receipts and claim in your 2011/2012 tax refund. Further information is available on the following website <http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au/>

## **SPORSCENE**

Welcome to all new and existing families to another fantastic year of sport at St A's in 2012! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable break and are looking forward to a great year.

### **St A's 2012 Swimming Carnival**

This will be held at the new PBC Pool next Friday 10 February for students aged 8 - 13 years (students in grade 2, turning 8 in 2012, 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 8.20am, 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 drinkbottles. 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 this 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 on Friday 10 February 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)

## **GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS**

For those new to either school, my name is Tony O'Shea and this is my tenth year in the Guidance role at St Augustine's and St Vincent's.

The purpose of the Guidance Counsellor role is to work collaboratively with members of the school community to promote and foster the social and emotional health of all the students. I work closely with the school leadership and staff and am available to assist parents, particularly in some of the following areas:

- Social or emotional issues.
- Behaviour management (school and home).
- Bullying concerns.
- Anxiety.
- Self-esteem.
- Friendship stresses.
- How to manage difficult situations.

I firmly believe that our children need to develop resilience to cope as well as they can with the demands of school and their lives generally. With this in mind, I regularly consult with teachers, other professionals and parents and am involved in the Student Support Team Meeting process. I work with whole classes on social skills development (specially designed games to develop social competencies) and am regularly involved in conducting formal and informal assessments.

Parents who have concerns about their child's social and/or emotional development can make contact with me through the class teacher, via email on [aposhea@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:aposhea@bne.catholic.edu.au), or by contacting the office. Referral forms are also available at the office. Please note that email is the most efficient way to get to me!

#### Some General Tips:

- Address concerns earlier rather than later.
- Try to validate your child's feelings, but adopt a problem-solving orientation.
- Be patient and tolerant of school staff, they are professionals and have our kids best interests at heart, but they too are human!
- Focus on the positive and model resilience yourself ... today's children tend to get too many negative impressions of the world.
- Avoid criticising the school or staff, particularly in front of your child ... there is no more effective way to create negativity for him/her about learning and education. Instead, if you perceive a problem, approach the appropriate staff member in a calm and constructive manner with the aim of clarifying the situation and seeking a solution.

As we embark on another exciting year of learning, growth and development for our children, let's not forget that there is no such thing as the perfect parent, nor the perfect child or teacher. We can all make a huge difference if we practise a little tolerance and patience and support one another (even when mistakes are made!).

Enjoy the 2012 school year, don't take it all too seriously and don't be afraid to seek help when you need it.

Have a great week,

Tony ([aposhea@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:aposhea@bne.catholic.edu.au))

## P & F NEWS

### **Welcome back everyone to St A's for 2012.**

The P&F would like to welcome all new families to the school!

The P&F committee is a dedicated group of people that take time out to do fundraising events and projects for St Augustine's. Without the support from St A's families these events cannot be a success! We welcome you to be involved and look forward to your continued support in 2012.

Our first project is organising the printing of the Year 7 shirts which is a commemorative shirt for the children of Year 7. We are also making preparations for our annual "Starlight Drinks" night. This is a great night to catch up with friends and for new families to meet people of St A's. Keep an eye out for details in upcoming newsletters!

Looking forward to meeting you!

Kind regards,

Brooke Connors and the P&F committee

## COMING EVENTS



Tues 31 January	Musicorp lessons resume.
Wed 1 February	Year 7 Parent Information Meeting, 6.00pm, Rooms 1 & 2
Thurs 2 February	Mass in Chapel recommences, 9.00am
Tues 7 February	Year 7 Leadership and Reflection Day, St Monica's Parish Centre, Tugun (meet/depart at Tugun)
Wed 8 February	Year 7 Leadership Day at St Vincent's, Clear Island Waters
Wed 8 February	Year 4 Parent Information Evening Room, 5.30pm
	Year 2 Parent Information Evening Room, 6.00pm
Wed 8 February	Year 3 Parent Information Evening, Room W at 6.00pm.
Thurs 9 February	Beginning School Liturgy, Mary MacKillop Hall, 2.15pm
Fri 10 February	Swimming Carnival, PBC Pool
6 March	Reconciliation Meeting for parents of Years 3 and 5
14/15 March	Year 3 Reconciliation, 7:00pm
21/22 March	Year 5 Reconciliation, 7:00pm
Friday 30 March	End of Term 1
Monday 16 April	First day of Term 1
Wed 18 April	St A's Cross Country
Friday 22 June	End of Term 2
Monday 9 July	First day of Term 3
Fri 13 July	St A'S Athletics Carnival
Fri 21 September	End of Term 3
Mon 8 October	First day of Term 4
Mon 22 October	Professional Development Day – Pupil Free Day
Fri 7 December	Last day of Term 4

## TUCKSHOP ROSTER (OPEN TUESDAY – FRIDAY ONLY)

**St A's strives to be a nut free zone!**

Wed 1 February	S Beame, T Jones (11.00 – 2.30)	M Suddes
Thurs 2 February	M Dellar, R Strotton	B Smith
Fri 3 February	C Johnston	K Dick
Tues 7 February	L Perkins, V Barry	Home baking needed please!
Wed 8 February	C Lanham, D Power (8.30-11.30)	A Finn

Just a reminder that sandwiches brought from home to be toasted in the tuckshop now will cost \$1. Thank you.

**TUCKSHOP CLOSED EVERY MONDAY!**

## OSHC NEWS

Thank you to everyone for their patience and understanding during last week's wet weather which saw OSHC close for Wednesday After School Care and also Friday After School Care.

### Enrolments

2012 Enrolment forms are required for OSHC to accept your booking. We suggest that you enrol even if you don't predict you will use the service regularly as we can only take children

who are currently enrolled, (you never know when that appointment may run late or the highway is at a standstill and 3 o'clock pickup suddenly becomes a panic!) If your children are enrolled at OSHC they can attend. Please find the forms (Family, CCB Info, Booking and a form for each Child) on the school website or pick up a copy from the OSHC centre.

### **AASC**

As part of the Australian Sports Commission's Active After School Communities we are hosting Archery every Thursday at After School Care starting next Thursday 9 of February from 3:30 to 4:30pm.

This is of no extra cost to the regular After School Care(ASC) fee. Please call Vikki at the OSHC centre if you require more information about enrolments, AASC or bookings,

## **Active After-school Communities**

Helping kids and communities get active

Have Fun! Play Safe!

Vikki and staff at St Augustine's OSHC

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **Sacramental News from the Parish**

A reminder note will be coming home soon for all our students in Years 3 & 5 who will be making their Reconciliation this term. The compulsory Parent Meeting will be held on 6 February at 7pm in St. Monica's Church, Tugun. If your child intends to join in this Sacrament a parent representative will need to be there on this night.

For students who have joined us at St A's this year, feel free to see me about the Sacraments as you may find the timing is a little different in Queensland. Reconciliation ceremonies will be held on 14 or 15 March for Year 3 and 21 or 22 March for Year 5.

Students in Year 4 will be receiving their First Eucharist (Holy Communion) and making their Confirmation in Term 2. The dates (to assist in future planning) are Confirmation, during the week of 3 June and Eucharist on the weekends of 9/10 June or 16/17 June.

Fr Kevin Smith (Parish Priest) 55982165

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **World Marriage Day Mass, 2012**

Married couples from all Gold Coast Parishes are invited to a celebration of Eucharist at 11:00am, at St Benedict's Church Wallaby Drive, Mudgeeraba, on Sunday 12 February, to celebrate their marriage, whether married only last year or decades ago. Invite the whole family to come along if 2012 is a significant mile-stone anniversary for you. Father Peter Gablonski, Associate Pastor at Burleigh Heads Parish, will conclude the Liturgy with a renewal of your Marriage Vows.

We invite couples to bring a plate and stay awhile, to chat with other like-minded couples, over a BYO lunch on the verandah, Tea and coffee provided. Contact & RSVP: Sue and Bren on 55224880,

### **Currumbin Eagles JRLFC SignOn**

26 Galleon Way, Currumbin Waters. Boys and Girls U6-U17. Saturday 4 February (9.00am - 4.00pm) and Tuesday 7 February (4.00pm - 7.00pm).

### **Palm Beach Currumbin Lions Junior AFL Club Sign On for Season 2012**

Club Sign On Sunday 5 February for season 2012. Come down to the club between 10am-2pm

We are located at Salk Oval, Thrower Dr, Palm Beach. We cater for 5-16 year old Boys AND Girls (girls only comp - U15 and U18 teams). And we want YOU to come and play with the Lions. Alternatively come to the Family Fun Day at Metricon Stadium and see all the Gold Coast SUNS players. (Saturday 3 March – 10am-12pm). If you need further information please call Eunice Ferguson (Secretary) on 0438 172 716. We hope to see you all down at the PBC Lions very soon!

### **Tugun Jets Soccer Club Sign On Days**

Saturday and Sunday 4, 5, 11 and 12 February between 10am and 3pm at the seniors clubhouse, Boyd St, Tugun. Club is looking for all interested players between the ages of 6 to 16.

Further information on club website or contact Janet on 0439 347520

### **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.

### **KarmaKids**

Every 1st Saturday (February 4) of the month. Kids Club ..\$10 .9am-10.30am at Marine Volunteer Rescue Hall(next to Gekko, opposite Currumbin Creek).Art,craft, games,music,yoga, text 0406 947393 for details or see you there!