



St Augustine's PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are RAPT at St As!
We show R (respect),
A (acceptance),
P (persistence) and
T (true reconciliation)



TERM 1 WEEK 3 2012

TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2012

LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's edition of the St Augustine's newsletter – Week 3 of Term 1.

Year 7 Leaders

This week sees the Year 7 group attend a Leadership Day at the parish. This day is a very significant one as the School Captains will be elected. On Wednesday 15 February Year 7 students from the Gold Coast schools gather at St Vincent's School for the annual liturgy with guest speakers. It is important for all of us to recognise, however, that the entire Year 7 group is responsible for the leadership of our school. Their important task is to model leadership to the younger students and to support those individuals who are elected into the formal roles. We pray for the Year 7 class as they spend some time with their teachers, this week and next, exploring the responsibilities of leadership.

Opening School Liturgy

Following on from the Year 7 Leadership Day we have the Opening School Liturgy this Thursday 9 February. This marks the beginning of the school year in a prayerful way and provides us with an opportunity to take some time to give thanks for our wonderful school community. School Captains and Sports Captains will be announced. Everyone is invited to be a part of the liturgy in the hall at 2:15pm.

Parent Nights

We have the majority of our Parent Teacher evenings this week. Thanks to all parents who have made this a priority to attend. The teachers appreciate your ongoing support of the teaching that they do each day with your children.

St Augustine's Swimming Carnival

This Friday, 10 February the Swimming Carnival will be held at the Palm Beach Swimming Pool. The details of the carnival have already been advertised. We would encourage all parents to reinforce with your children the behaviour that is expected at this day. We would ask that all children listen carefully to sports captains, stay in the house tents, keep a shirt/hat on when not swimming an event and have sunscreen on and re-applied during the day. Teachers will be supervising the children and reminding them as well. In the event that the Carnival is unable to proceed this Friday due to bad weather, we have a backup day for Tuesday, February 14.



Uniform Shop Delay

We are very sorry for the delay in the supply of uniforms this year. This has not occurred before, and we, like you are disappointed when the children do not have their uniform to wear. We understand the angst and annoyance of this situation, but ask that you remain patient as the delay is out of our control. We are doing everything we can to get the uniforms here. In the meantime children who are waiting for uniforms may need to wear another shirt or shorts of a close or similar style till their new clothing arrives. We do not expect parents to have any extra expense, so play clothes are fine in the interim.

Medical Alert Meeting

Thank you to the families who have returned their updated Medical Alert Forms. The meeting is being held in the staffroom at 3:15pm on Wednesday 15 February. All staff from the school will be attending as we see it as a priority that all are familiar with the students who have special medical needs. If you have not yet returned your information sheet please do so as soon as possible.



Staff News

There will be teachers who will be absent from their class for short periods (approximately 1 hour.) over the coming week. They will be attending meetings to share information on specific children in their class as we begin the school year. This is a regular part of the processes we have at the school to ensure that information is shared with teachers, parents and support teachers. Relief staff will cover their classes.

Sunsafety

St Augustine's School has a Sun Safety Policy which requires all students to wear hats while outside. "No hat, no play." We also have sunscreen lotions readily available in classrooms. We suggest that sunscreen be applied while the students are still at home, this way early protection is assured in the session before school. For further details please read our Sunsmart policy which is located on the school website or click on

<http://www.sa.qld.edu.au/files/file/Policies/Sunsmart/Sunsmart%20Policy%20Mar%202011.pdf>

Volunteer Parents/Fire Evacuation

All parents who kindly volunteer their services to assist in classes throughout the year need to be aware of the Fire Evacuation Procedure and route to assembly points at St Augustine's. A PowerPoint has been placed on the school website which explains for volunteers, as well as staff, the procedures that need to be taken in the event of a fire. Please take the time to view this PowerPoint so that you are familiar with the process. If you are with a class teacher when an alarm is heard or a fire drill is called, please follow the instructions given by the teachers.

Emergency Fire Drill/Bomb Threat & Lockdown Procedure signs are located adjacent to the main entry doors of all classrooms and buildings. Evacuation exit paths to the designated Evacuation Assembly Area are clearly highlighted. Please familiarise yourself with the evacuation procedure/route of your classroom/tuckshop. Click on the link to view the powerpoint.

<http://www.sa.qld.edu.au/files/file/Staff/Staff%20Fire%20%20Evacuation%20Training%20Feb%202012.pdf>

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

GENERAL NEWS

School Fee Accounts

School fee accounts were posted Monday and are due on Thursday 16 February. If you wish to set-up a direct debit for 2012 (preferred method of payment, along with BPAY) please see Mr Sheahan before Wednesday 29 February. NB: A new direct debit must be signed and completed each year.

Families who pay their fees by direct debit (without rejections during the year), will at the end of the school year receive a discount of \$64.80 (1 x child); \$96.40 (2 children), \$116.00 (3 or more children). This amount will be credited to the school fee account in November. Families leaving will receive a cheque in the mail.

Head Lice

Those nasty little critters are already causing a concern in some classes. Parents, could we please ask that you check your children's hair on a weekly basis. If you do find head lice, commence effective treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. Detecting and treating head lice is the responsibility of families. Queensland Health Guidelines state that 'exclusion is not necessary if treatment is commenced prior to the next attendance day.'



Striving to be a Nut Free School



We at St Augustine's strive to be peanut/nut free school due to the life threatening risk to some of our students. Please refrain from sending peanut/nut products ie. muesli bars, peanut butter, nutella etc. to school in school lunches and also tuckshop home baking. Thank you.

Tuckshop Closed this Friday

The Tuckshop will be closed this Friday for Prep – Year 2 due to the swimming carnival. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Swimming Carnival

At this Friday's swimming carnival, the following items will be sold:

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| Coffee/Tea: | \$3.00 |
| Sausage in Bread (with or without onion), tomato/bbq sauce: | \$2.00 |

If you are able to help us out with home baking to go with the tea/coffee, this would be very much appreciated!

[Robyn and Nicole – Tuckshop]

School Banking Day is now every Thursday!

Drop off bank books to the office by 8.40 am at the latest. Bank books will then be returned to the child via the teacher. Thank you to Bernadette Smith who will process the banking each week.

School Banking accounts can now also be opened at any Commonwealth Bank. 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.

Guitar Program with Stuart Humphrey (Years 2 – 7)

The guitar program is an extracurricular program, any queries please direct to the Guitar Instructor. It is a low cost way to learn to play solo and rhythm guitar. A comprehensive curriculum: support materials and professional teacher are funded through the program.



- Lessons (30 min) – held in small groups.
- Private lessons are available also (Year 1-7)
- Location: St Augustine's - Thursday afternoons.
- Concert/solo nights for guitar students
- All music and guitars are supplied in Term 1 with payment made per week and is a chance for students to try out lessons.
- Queensland Conservatorium, of Music Bachelor of Guitar (all styles); Graduate
- AMEB exams or university entry preparation available (counts toward O.P.)

Contact Stuart on 07 55692 890 or 0403 645 045 Email info@qldguitarlessons.com
To register your interest email Stuart on info@qldguitarlessons.com or mobile.

Art Classes with Susy Boyer

Learn how to draw and improve your skills with techniques and tips taught by professional artist and children's book illustrator Susy Boyer. High quality lessons that are fun and confidence-building, for beginners to budding artists aged 6-12 years. Held each Wednesday afternoon from 3:00pm to 4.30pm in the school Art room. Cost \$20 per class. For information or to enrol contact Susy 0413 134426. Click on link for further information.

TERM DATES 2012

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



LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to another fun year in the Library Resource Centre. Last week, I met all classes and read stories to every class. Our special Prep classes met with me sharing one of my favourite stories "Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy". The joy in the children's faces as I read aloud to them was priceless. Remember that it is very important to read with your children, and especially to read aloud to your children. I firmly believe that kids who read, succeed in life. Readers are our future leaders! And as Paul Jennings, our famous Australian children's author puts it: "You (the parent) already have the major ingredient to infect a child with the reading bug - love. You love your kids and children love to be loved. Inject this in to the reading situation and you will succeed. Love is the main foundation on which we build. Teachers are incredibly skilled people. But these days they are asked to do so much that they cannot give all aspects of the curriculum the deserved attention. Parents are much better placed to give individual instructions than are teachers. Reading to or with a child is an act of love!"

RIBIT (Read In Bed It's Terrific!)

RIBIT reading will recommence this week. Please ensure that your RIBIT books are in the green RIBIT box outside the library by first bell on Friday morning. The RIBIT program aims to promote reading and to encourage children to read regularly and read more! RIBIT prizes will be announced on Tuesday mornings and RIBIT winners' names will be published in the school newsletter. Year 2 students will be supplied with their new RIBIT books, along with an explanatory letter, sometime this week. If you have lost your RIBIT book or need help with RIBIT, please see me or Mrs Beitey in the library.



Take Home Readers

There are still quite a number of Take Home Readers which were not returned last year. If you have any Take Home Readers from last year (they have a white Reading Recovery sticker on them), please return to the library ASAP. Happy reading!

Mrs Lonnie Rutland (Librarian)

Bookclub

Welcome back everyone and welcome to the 1st issue of Bookclub. Catalogues have been delivered to your child's classroom and they are packed full of wonderful reads. All you need to do is fill out order forms with child's name and class and include payment (CASH, CHEQUE made out to Scholastic Australia or CREDIT CARD: follow instructions and return order and receipt back to school). Please return all in a clearly marked envelope and place in the RED BUCKET located in the LIBRARY. All orders are due Thursday 9 February.

Mrs Chris Beitey (Library Aide)

SPORTSCENE

St A's 2012 Swimming Carnival

The school swimming carnival will be held at the new PBC Pool this Friday 10 February for students aged 8 - 13 years (students in Year 2, turning 8 in 2012, have the option of attending). The carnival will start at 8.45am 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 &



House Colour hat (compulsory) available from the Uniform Shop, bring along sunscreen, towel, rashshirt (optional, but recommended) and swimmers (one piece for girls and no board shorts 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.

A barbeque lunch will also be operational on the day for students & parents to purchase a sausage in bread, cakes, drinks and other goodies. Students are not permitted to go to the pool canteen while the carnival is in progress. Time will be given during the lunch break.

Each House Colour held a meeting last Friday to organise nominations for each of the days events. Freestyle (either 25m or 50m – not both!) will be the only compulsory stroke for the students. The remaining three strokes are only 50m events. All details were 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. Electric Eel races will still be timed in case of fast times beating that of Torpedo swimmers.

Students who finish with the fastest two times in all 50 metre races in the 10yrs-12yrs age divisions, as well as, Open 100m freestyle and 200m Individual Medley races, will be required to pass District South qualifying times in 2012, in order to compete at the District South Carnival on Wednesday 15 February.

Students who only attend OHSC before and after school this Friday will be able to catch the bus departing St A's at 8.15am and will return by 3.00pm from the pool.

In the event of heavy rain/storm and cancellation is our only option, the carnival will be moved to next Tuesday 14 February. A decision will be made this Thursday afternoon (if need be) prior to students going home from school.

We look forward to our first great school sporting carnival for 2012!

District Swimming Carnival

Students aged 10-12 years and have met qualifying times will be placed up on the front school noticeboard next Monday 13 February. These students will compete at Somerset College Pool on Wednesday 15 February. A note will accompany home all successful students.

Mr Shaun Dolan (Sports Co-ordinator)

PARISH NEWS

Date Claimers for the Sacramental Programs

Our sacramental program commences with the children presenting themselves for reconciliation. For their first time, a simple second Rite is offered to children from Year 3 and older who have not received the sacrament before. A more in depth study is offered to children from Year 5 and older. The compulsory parent information night will be held in St Monica's parish centre on 6 March at 7pm, and children will receive the sacrament during the next two weeks.

This year, the children from Year 4 and older, will be Confirmed on 6 and 7 June. Having completed their full initiation into the Catholic Church the children will be invited to join the rest of the community at the Eucharistic table for their First Communion the weekends of 9/10 and 16/17 June. The compulsory parent meeting for these Sacraments will be on Thurs 26 April, 7pm in St Monica's Parish Centre.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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| <i>0W</i> | <i>Scott S</i> |
| <i>0N</i> | <i>Sam S</i> |
| <i>0Y</i> | <i>Sophie P</i> |
| <i>1A</i> | <i>Lincoln S</i> |
| <i>1W</i> | <i>Raimee W</i> |
| <i>2N</i> | <i>Ryan P</i> |
| <i>2W</i> | <i>Telea B</i> |
| <i>2Y</i> | <i>Alexander T</i> |
| <i>3N</i> | <i>Sasha J/EJ A</i> |



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| 3W | Asha O |
| 4N | Chaise R |
| 4W | Nicolas H |
| 5W | Ruby W |
| 5N | Henry D |
| 6W | Ethan S |
| 6N | Harry B |
| 7N | Liam B |
| 7W | Damien B |

COMING EVENTS



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| Wed 8 February | Year 4 Parent Information Evening, 5.30pm Year 2 Parent Information Evening, 6.00pm Year 3 Parent Information Evening, Room W at 6.00pm. |
| Thurs 9 February | Beginning School Liturgy, Mary MacKillop Hall, 2.15pm |
| Thurs 9 February | Year 1 Parent Information Evening, 6.30pm. |
| Fri 10 February | Swimming Carnival, PBC Pool |
| Tues 14 February | Backup date for Swimming Carnival |
| Wed 15 February | Year 7 Leadership Day at St Vincent's, Clear Island Waters |
| Wed 15 February | Medical Alert Meeting, Staffroom at 3.15pm |
| Thurs 16 February | School fees due |
| 6 March | Compulsory Parent Reconciliation Meeting, for parents of Years 3 and 5, 6.00pm at St Monica's, Tugun |
| 14/15 March | Year 3 Reconciliation, 7:00pm |
| 21/22 March | Year 5 Reconciliation, 7:00pm |
| Fri 30 March | End of Term 1 |
| 26 April | Compulsory Parent Meeting, Confirmation/Communion, 7.00pm St Monica's, Tugun. |
| Mon 16 9/10 June | First Communion, St Monica's, Tugun |
| 16/17 | First Communion, St Monica's, Tugun |
| Fri 22 June | End of Term 2 |
| Mon 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

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

| Date: | Tuckshop Helpers: | Home Baking Roster: |
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| Wed 8 February | C Lanham, D Power (8.30-11.30) | A Finn |
| Thurs 9 February | C Carroll, J Field | P Walsh |
| Fri 10 February | S O'Grady (8.30-11.30), R Bulkeley, J Fing | A Holmes |
| Tues 14 February | B Robinson | |
| Wed 15 February | C Scotcher (8.30-11.30), F Boyle | |



REMINDER: TUCKSHOP CLOSED EVERY MONDAY

Wanted

1 x change table. Please contact Robyn Curran on 0410 480 953.

South Coast Netball

Wednesday night competition for Junior, senior and mixed. Ages from 5 to open. Sign on dates 8th Feb, from 4pm to 5pm, Mallowa Courts, 19th Ave Palm Beach for further information please contact Berine 0405276766.

Martial Arts Classes

Martial arts teaches children self-discipline, ethics, standards, and can help them improve their co-ordination and confidence, a fun rewarding sport. Visit our website www.zenchiryu.com Tuesday 5.00pm, Girl Guide Hall, Coorinda Avenue, Currumbin. Contact Joseph 0421 129 709.

Michele Crawshaw's School of Performing Arts

Introduces Gaz – Breakdancing and Hip Hop Teacher. Thursday 9 February, 3.30 – 4.30pm. Low Price of \$5.00 for demonstration and workshop. . Call Michele on 0410 691164 to book a spot.

Improve your child's self-esteem through Drama, Singing and Dance (jazz, tap, ballet, contemporary, hip hop, cheerleading, cabaret). Boys hip hop and break dancing classes with Gaz from 'So You Think you Can Dance? We cater for students aged 2-Adult, located at Unit 9, 5 Traders Way, Currumbin. Contact Michele on 0410 691164 www.mcperformingarts.com Trial a lesson for free!!!



Art Classes

All ages. Drawing, painting, mixed media and graphics. Every Saturday during term time from 18 February. Holiday workshops also available. The venue is the Kirra Hill Community & Cultural Centre in Kirra. Saturdays 9:30am – 12noon. Please contact Michelle Ward 0411813093 for more details.

Gold Coast Parks: Active and Healthy Afterschool Kids Fitness Fun



A fun afternoon in the park with a range of games and activities on offer to get the kids moving and laughing. Run by qualified trainers. For further information, contact Fe Taylor from Leaps and Bounds on 55344030.

Term 1: 6 February – 23 March

Term 2: 23 April to 8 June.

Held Wednesday, 3:30 pm, Mallowa Drive Sporting Complex.

Parents: Boxing and Fitness for parents running at the same time. \$3.