



St Augustine's PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's edition of the St Augustine's newsletter – Week 4 of Term 1.

Fr Kevin Leaving

Fr Kevin announced on the weekend that he will be leaving the parish on Easter Monday, 9 April, to take up a new appointment at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Caloundra. Fr Kevin has been the Parish Priest here and served the parish faithfully for the last eighteen and a half years. This would have been a difficult time for Fr Kevin but no doubt he is being guided by the Holy Spirit in this process. There is a meeting on at St Monica's next Tuesday evening, 21 February at 7:00pm, as part of the process to appoint Fr Kevin's replacement. We will have an opportunity as a school community to say our thanks and farewell to Fr Kevin later in the term and we will let you know when that is happening.

Year 7 Leaders

'Leaders play a very important part in the unity and spirit of the school' is wording from the opening school liturgy. All of our Year 7 children will be leaders this year, called to be models for all of the younger children and to make a difference to everyone. The elected leaders from the year level are:

School Captains: Lahni B and Jack M

Vice Captains: Sheridan P and Eshwin R

House Captains:



Kirra Red Dolphins:
Currumbin Blue Whales:
Tugun Green Sharks:
Coolangatta Gold Marlins:

Jakob Hand Chloe D
Kieran Band Breannah H
Ryan S and Gemma S
Scanlon B and Jamie J

We congratulate all of these children and look forward to a great year as they lead the student body in 2012.

All of our Year 7's will be attending a Leadership Forum at St Vincent's Clear Island Waters on Wednesday this week.

Enrolments 2013

We are now accepting applications for Prep in 2013 from existing families and families new to our school. Families with children eligible to start Prep in 2013 (born between 1 July, 2007 and 30 June, 2008) must complete an application form by the end of this term. These forms are available from the school website http://www.sa.qld.edu.au/enrolment_forms.php or the school office. Interviews for all families will be conducted from the beginning of May.

Review of School Funding

The Federal Government's Gonski Review of Funding for Schools has now been presented to the government. A period of government consultation and public debate on its recommendations is expected to follow after the report's release later this month.

As key stakeholders in the future of Catholic education it is vital that you are aware of the facts about school funding, so that you are able to participate in this debate at any opportunity.

For more detailed information about school funding I encourage you to visit the website developed by the National Catholic Education Commission at: www.fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au

St Augustine's Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all of the children who took part in the St Augustine's Swimming Carnival on Friday. The children were well behaved generally and participated well in all of the activities. It was a long and hot day for the children but they did not complain.



Special thanks to Mr Shaun Dolan who did such a great job at organising the carnival and to the staff and parents who supported him.

Thanks also to the Tuckshop ladies and the P&F who were there supporting the day through the sausage sizzle and tuckshop facilities.

The teachers will need to do some serious training to make a dent in the performance of the parents who swam away with the relay event at the end of the day!

Presentations for the Swimming Carnival will be made at Friday's assembly in the hall at 8:30am.

Ash Wednesday and Lenten Preparation

Lent begins next week (22 February) with Ash Wednesday. It commences with an Ash Wednesday Liturgy being held in the Mary MacKillop Centre at 11:30am. Fr Kevin will be presiding. All are welcome to join us. Children from all classes will have had quiet time to reflect, write or draw a Lenten Promise. We encourage you to speak about this ancient tradition with your family. Lent is a forty day period of repentance, reflection and prayer, a time to think about our lives and how we are basing them on the teachings of Jesus. Sometimes we find that Lent has gone by and we really haven't prepared spiritually for Easter at all. This year again there is an opportunity to join in a reflection/discussion group gathering weekly in the parish. If you would like to join please ring Sr Sue at the parish office and she will notify you of meeting times.



The annual Project Compassion appeal will also commence and several activities will be organised by our new Mini Vinnies group to help raise money for this special Catholic charity. More details to follow.



Don't forget the pancakes on Tuesday! Pancake Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday or Fat Tuesday as it was once known was the day when everything in the house that was considered 'indulgent' was eaten up so that there would be no 'temptation' during the 40 days of Lent.

Mini Vinnies 2012

All students in Year 6 are eligible to join the St Augustine's Mini Vinnies group. It is a very active and successful group in our school which works with the help of the Vincentians from the local St Vincent De Paul Conference. The students commit to assisting in fundraising activities, visits to the RSL Retirement Village or Galleon Gardens in Galleon Way, assisting the organisation of St A's Got Talent, Footy Tipping, as well as supporting the group in the wider parish community at two or three Masses each year. The Mini Vinnies will be announced at the Friday Prayer Assembly on 2 March. Notes for nomination will be given to Year 6 students during the week.



Mass in the Chapel each Thursday

9am weekly Mass in the Jubilee Chapel will be assisted by Mrs Todarello and Year 5.

Staff News

Stephen will be attending Principals' meetings on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons this week.

Stephen, Lynne and Jane will be attending the Leadership Cluster Meeting on Thursday and Friday, 23 and 24 February. Lonnie Rutland will be in the office to attend to any emergencies during these two days.

Lynne Rohanna will be taking Long Service Leave from 24 February until the end of term. While Lynne is having a well-earned holiday overseas, Alan Dick will work as Acting APA from Monday 27 February. He then goes on leave, with his wife and fellow staff member Karen, from 23 March till the end of April. Alan's class will be taken by Deanne Krueger (Mon – Wed) and Anthony Touzell (Thurs-Fri).

Have a great Valentine's Day,

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

GENERAL NEWS

School Fees

School fees are due this Thursday 16 February. Please make contact with either Mr Sheahan or Mr Montgomery if you are having difficulty paying your account on time. Mr Sheahan is available each morning until the end of the month to set up a direct debit, if you wish to pay your school fees this way.

Speech and Drama News

The start of a new year has been accompanied by many new families enrolling for classes. Welcome one and all! We are certainly a big force now and Kathryn is looking forward to a great year ahead. Hopefully the positive aspects of our course will transfer back into the general classrooms as our numbers continue to grow.



Just a reminder that fees for the term are now due and payable. If you have a problem with this, please contact me.

Every now and then, despite all our careful planning, a day does not go according to plan. We are always happy to accommodate last minute changes within the school timetable and will move our classes for the day if at all possible. That does mean we sometimes miss our scheduled class times. These days are very few and we would like all parents to know we immediately go into 'overdrive' to arrange times to compensate. Class times are precious to us as well - no one will miss out!

If you have any questions, feedback, problems - please feel free to contact me by email aeldridge@bne.catholic.edu.au at any time.

Anita Eldridge (Specialist Teacher – St Vincent's Primary School)

Sport Shirt Missing

1 x sz 8 sport shirt (relatively new) clearly marked Declan H. If found please return to Declan in Mr Barrett's class or the front office. Thank you.

Oral Health – Palm Beach

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

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 8.00am to 4.30pm excluding holidays. If your child requires disability access please identify this requirement with the call Centre Operator. [Years Prep, 1 and 3 will receive their packs some time during this term]



LIBRARY NEWS

National Year of Reading 2012

The National Year of Reading 2012 is an initiative of the Federal Government and the official launch will be held in Canberra on 14 February. The National Year of Reading 2012 is about children learning to read and keen readers finding new sources of inspiration. It's about helping people discover and rediscover the magic of books. And most of all, it's about Australians becoming a nation of readers.



**National
Year of
Reading
2012**

Nearly half the population struggles without the literacy skills to meet the most basic demands of everyday life and work. There are 46% of Australians who can't read newspapers; follow a recipe; make sense of timetables, or understand the instructions on a medicine bottle. It's a shameful and worrying statistic. Three goals have been identified by the National Year of Reading Committee, which will help us turn Australia into a nation of readers and encourage a reading culture in every home:

- ⊕ For all Australians to understand the benefits of reading as a life skill and a catalyst for well-being;
- ⊕ To promote a reading culture in every home; and
- ⊕ To establish an aspirational goal for families, of parents and caregivers sharing books with their children every day

Here at St Augustine's, we are already a "Reading School", with active participation in RIBIT (Read in Bed It's Terrific!), Scholastic Book Club, Readers' Cup, Book Week, Author visits, BILBY (Books I Love Best Yearly), the Premier's Reading Challenge, The Somerset Celebration of Literature and St A's Book Fair. During the National Year of Reading, I intend to keep a running tally of all borrowing from the library to demonstrate to ourselves and to others, that we are, indeed, a school of readers! Keep your eyes glued to the Reading Thermometer outside the library and watch it grow! And, of course, there will be other reading activities during the year. Stay tuned! For more information about the National Year of Reading, visit: <http://www.love2read.org.au>

RIBIT (Read In Bed It's Terrific!)

Congratulations to our first RIBIT readers this year, who received their prizes this week:

Samuel Teitzel, Seamus Harrison, Jack Moffatt, Jay Roberston, Orlagh Harrison, Matilda Tetzal and Mathew Trewin. Well done! Keep up the great effort.



Mrs Lonnie Rutland (Librarian)

SPORTSCENE

St A's 2012 Swimming Carnival

Another great day was had by all last Friday at PBC pool. Congratulations to all students who competed and cheered for their respective house colour teams, in such a positive manner. It was pleasing to see many students having a go in races irrespective of their swimming ability.

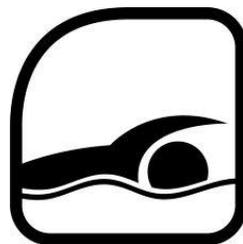
The day would not have been possible without the assistance of many people. Many thanks to our dedicated teachers in their many roles on the day, they did a great job. In particular, I would like to thank Rob White, Ange Sampson & Con Pizzol (set up), Mrs Curran, Mrs Connors and parent helpers (bbq), Mr Sanders, Mrs Rutland, Mrs Marrison and Mrs Murray (computer and recording area), Mr Pizzol (starter), Mr Dick and Mrs Reinhard (Marshalling), Miss Sampson and Mrs King (Chief Timekeeper/Judge) the remaining staff that were timekeepers, Mr Montgomery and Mrs Rohanna (House Colour supervision). They all did a brilliant job under extremely hot conditions. Thank you to our Year 7 students who helped organise their House Colour teams on the day. Through their great example of leadership, we were able to finish the carnival on time.

This Friday morning (17 Feb) we will be announcing the House Colour champions for 2012, along with the age champions and the school male and female champion. This will take place at our usual assembly time of 8.30am.

Once again, congratulations to all on another good first up St A's carnival for 2012!

District Swimming Carnival

Students aged 10-12 years and who have met qualifying times for selection, will represent St A's at the District South Carnival to be held at Somerset College Pool, this Thursday 16 February. A note will accompany home these successful students by Tuesday 14 February.



Mr Shaun Dolan (Sports Co-ordinator)

P & F NEWS

Hello Everyone,

A big thankyou to Robyn and Nicole for the wonderful BBQ at the swimming carnival on Friday. Thanks to all the mums and dads too who gave a helping hand, your efforts are much appreciated.

Starlight Drinks Under the Stars

Starlight Drinks Night is 16 March. We have live entertainment, nibbles and cheap drinks. Grab all your friends together for a fun catch up! Tickets are \$15 per person ...invites will be out soon. (see flyer at bottom of newsletter)



P & F AGM – Tuesday 21 February

The P & F AGM will be held on Tuesday 21 February at 6:00 to 7:00pm at the school. Come along and meet our Principal, Mr Stephen Montgomery who will give an update on the goals of the schools for 2012. Attached also is a call for nominations for the 2012 P & F committee. Please complete and forward to the office before the AGM.

Our aim is to support the school Principal and staff in providing a high quality inclusive Catholic Education for our children within a nurturing environment. Keeping the 'community spirit' alive is important to us. Support is given to the school community in terms of volunteering at the tuckshop (baking and serving) and helping in the classroom. We also have parents in each class who volunteer as Class Representatives – these assist with welcoming new families, enlisting volunteers for various activities and promoting events. Please nominate to join the P & F committee for 2012 and join us at the AGM Tuesday 21 February 2012.

Example of what the P & F contributes to St A's is Starlight Night Drinks, pastoral care, class resources, fundraising, Year 7 shirts, buses to some events, beachathon, school discos, parent education opportunities, curriculum updates and discussions.



St Augustine's P & F Committee call for nominations

Please nominate for the following positions and return to Mrs Clare Zuber in the office by Monday 20 February 2012. A nomination box will be on the front counter.

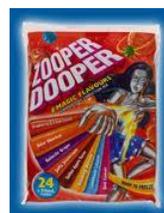
Executive with voting rights (to be elected at the AGM)

President _____
Vice President _____
Secretary _____
Treasurer _____

TUCKSHOP NEWS “MAD MONDAY MEAL DEAL”

Hi everyone, just letting you know we are having our first “Mad Monday Meal Deal” Monday 20 February. This is to mark the fact that as it is week 5 our preps can now have tuckshop. So the prep meal deal shall be different to the rest of the school.

Prep Meal Deal: Party Pie or Party Sausage Roll
Zooper Dooper and a popper
\$3.50



Years 1 to 7 Meal Deal:

Fish Burger and Popper
\$4.00



When ordering, please write your child’s order on a bag (no envelopes please) with payment inside. Please include class, child’s name and return to Tuckshop or drop into the box in the front office by Friday 17 February. This Monday Meal Deal is for lunch time only. No morning tea available on Mad Monday. We are looking forward to having this special Mo day and look forward to your support.

Breaka Milks for Sale

We had some milk donated to the school by one of the prep mums. We will be selling them this week. These are 500ml breaka milks (Chocolate, Strawberry, Banana, Coffee and Lime). We will have these instead of our regular milks. Price will be \$1.50. Great price and great for you!



Thanks again to all the helpers I had on Friday at the swimming carnival and thanks to all the people that dropped off some lovely home cooking. Also thanks again to the Donovan family for supplying us with coffee and cups.

Cheers, Robyn Curran [Tuckshop Convenor]

OSHC NEWS

AASC

This term will see us hosting Archery every Thursday afternoon as part of our Active After School Communities Program.

We were due to start last week however the weather had other

**Active After-school
Communities**

Helping kids and communities get active

ideas so we will commence this Thursday with a bonus session on Friday to make up for last week. Archery is of no extra cost. Those booked in will pay the normal After School Care Fee. Please call the centre if you would like to book your child/ren in for these Thursday sessions.

2012 Enrolments

Please be aware that as part of Centacare Policy we require current 2012 enrolment forms to be completed and returned to the centre in order for us to accept bookings. Bookings and Enrolments do not roll over from the previous year. Enrolment Forms can be found on the school's website <http://www.sa.qld.edu.au/ohsc.php> under the OUR SCHOOL tab at OSHC.

Each family must complete a FAMILY enrolment form and a CHILD enrolment form for each child attending OSHC as well as the CCB information sheet and Booking Form.

Families who have attended OSHC this year and haven't submitted 2012 Enrolment Forms will be receiving reminder letters this week via their children and will be given till 24 February to return them.

Accounts

We are currently carrying an unexpectedly high amount of outstanding fees. Thirty families are currently 60 day + overdue. I would like to remind families that St Augustine's OSHC is a not for profit centre that relies on the prompt payment of fees to remain viable. Centacare, as our managing body, has issued a reminder that if fees are not kept up to date as per enrolment agreement that suspension of enrolment will need to occur. If you are experiencing difficulty in paying your OSHC account please contact Vikki to organise a payment plan.

Vacation Care

The program for the Easter Vacation Care period will be out by Friday 2 March. Booking form for this Vacation Care period will be included in the program.

Have fun! Play safe!

Vikki and Staff at St Augustine's OSHC

COMING EVENTS



<i>Wed 15 February</i>	<i>Year 7 Leadership Day at St Vincent's, Clear Island Waters</i>
<i>Wed 15 February</i>	<i>Medical Alert Meeting, Staffroom at 3.15pm</i>
<i>Thurs 16 February</i>	<i>School fees due</i>
<i>Tues 21 February</i>	<i>P & F AGM, 6.00pm – 7.00pm</i>
<i>Tues 21 February</i>	<i>Parish Consultation Meeting at St Monica's Centre, Tugun, 7pm</i>
<i>6 March</i>	<i>Compulsory Parent Reconciliation Meeting, for parents of Years 3 and 5, 7.00pm at St Monica's, Tugun</i>
<i>14/15 March</i>	<i>Year 3 Reconciliation, 7:00pm</i>
<i>Fri 16 March</i>	<i>Starlight Drinks Under the Stars, 6.00 – 9.00pm, \$15pp</i>
<i>21/22 March</i>	<i>Year 5 Reconciliation, 7:00pm</i>
<i>Fri 30 March</i>	<i>End of Term 1</i>
<i>26 April</i>	<i>Compulsory Parent Meeting, Confirmation/Communion, 7.00pm St Monica's, Tugun.</i>
<i>Mon 16 April</i>	<i>Term 2 commences</i>
<i>6/7 June</i>	<i>Confirmation</i>
<i>9/10 June</i>	<i>First Communion, St Monica's, Tugun</i>
<i>16/17</i>	<i>First Communion, St Monica's, Tugun</i>
<i>Fri 22 June</i>	<i>End of Term 2</i>
<i>Mon 9 July</i>	<i>First day of Term 3</i>
<i>Fri 13 July</i>	<i>St A'S Athletics Carnival</i>
<i>Fri 21 September</i>	<i>End of Term 3</i>

Mon 8 October
Mon 22 October
Fri 7 December

First day of Term 4
Professional Development Day – Pupil Free Day
Last day of Term 4

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



TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Date:	Helpers Roster:	Home Baking Roster:
Wednesday 15 February	C Scotcher (8:30-11:30)	Home baking needed!
Thursday 16 February	A Meehan, C Gabriel	
Friday 17 February	K Cleaver	
Tuesday 21 February	J Taylor, K Slop	C Rogers
Wednesday 22 February	S Dickinson, K Burns	K Cleaver

Home baking is needed once a month on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. If you can assist, please contact Nicole or Robyn on 55078162.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wanted

1 x bunk bed. If anyone has a set of bunk beds that they no longer need, please contact Maree Burgess at the school.

Tugun Soccer Club

Players Urgently required. Players aged between 6 and 14. If interested in playing with small friendly club, please contact Bernadette on 0439 646776.

Child Care – Vacancy

A vacancy exists for child care on Thursday's at Toddlers On Tahiti Family Day Care Palm Beach. All enquiries please phone Jennifer - 0416 046 535 .

Clean Up Australia Day – Sunday 4 March, starting at 7.00am

Meet at the Palm Beach Parklands, Sunday 4 March, starting at 7.00am.

“Let’s make our suburb the cleanest in Australia”.

www.cleanupaustalia.com.au



Take home a big brother or big sister

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2012 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Spain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email sceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

St Agnes School, Mt Gravatt is celebrating its 50 year Anniversary in 2012

Every past student, parent and staff member is invited to St Agnes to join in the celebrations! Our website www.stagnes.qld.edu.au will list of events. These include:

- Jubilee Gathering – Sunday 4 March following 9 a.m. Mass – food, displays, tours
- Milne Bay Soiree – Friday 20 April, St Agnes Hall 7 p.m. – displays, entertainment
- Golden Jubilee Fete – Sunday 20 May – great fun



- Mass for St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Wednesday 8 August – great spirit!

Please share any photos, memorabilia, interesting or amusing memories of your time at St Agnes by emailing Nicole at ngh70@optusnet.com.au. We look forward to you meeting old and new friends at St Agnes throughout 2012.