



St Augustine's

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's edition of the St Augustine's newsletter – Week 6 of Term 1.

Gonski Review

The final report of the Gonski review of school funding was released last week (20 February). The report makes recommendations about a possible future funding model for schools in Australia that will now be considered by Government and key stakeholders, including Catholic education.

The Government has announced a consultation phase, including analysis and testing of the proposed model, to commence immediately. This work will be used to help define a concrete funding model.

Many questions remain unanswered before we can fully understand the implications of the report for Catholic schools.

The Catholic sector is ultimately seeking a new model of funding for schools that will deliver, as a minimum, current levels of funding in real terms. Currently, even when parent contributions are taken into account, Catholic schools, on average, operate with only about 90% of the resourcing levels of government schools.

The Catholic sector strongly backs the Gonski review's call for an additional \$5 billion in funding for all schools - this represents less than one half of 1% of Australia's gross domestic product (GDP) - and has called on governments to commit to increased funding sooner rather than later. In its response to the report, the Government recognises that families face financial pressures and do not wish to see school fees rise beyond their reach. The Government has stated that it will ensure that no school will lose a dollar per student as a result of this review.

I encourage all parents, staff and other stakeholders in Catholic education to remain vigilant and add their voice to the debate as details of a proposed new funding model emerge over the coming weeks.

The full Gonski report along with information about participating in consultation processes is now available on the www.schoolfunding.gov.au

Further information about Catholic school funding is available at:
www.fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au

Swimming Carnival

We wish all children competing at the Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival this Friday all the best. We know that they will be on their best behaviour and do their best when they represent St. Augustine's School.



Staff News

Jane Marrison is at a Facilitator's Training In service till Friday this week.

Sue Murray will be at a Network Day on Thursday.
Stephen will be at a Principal's Meeting next Monday.

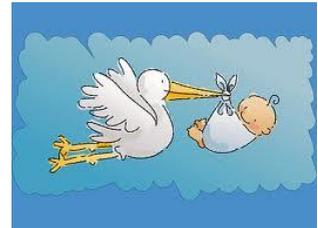
Have a great week,

Stephen Montgomery (Principal), Alan Dick (Acting APA), Jane Marrison (APRE)

GENERAL NEWS

New Arrival

Congratulations to Clair and Darren Burnett on the arrival of Louie.
Little brother for Yasmin, Milan and Xavier to love and spoil.



RIBIT (Read In Bed It's Terrific!)

Congratulations to the following wonderful RIBIT readers: Brandon H, Lilly M, Mia B, Benji S, Eliza R, Liam W, Matt B, Jude T and Erin W.
Keep up the great effort. Enjoy your prizes!

Tuckshop Roster Price Change

Please change the price of Lamb Kebabs on your Tuckshop Price List to \$4.00. Thank you

Speech and Drama News

Classes are well and truly established now and we are half way through the first term - we must be - Easter eggs are in the shops!

Just a reminder that all fees must be paid immediately unless you have contacted me regarding the payment. Please refer to your newsletter / account for payment details. If you are unsure, please do not hesitate to contact me via email.



Enjoy the fast ride until Easter holidays!

Anita Eldridge (Specialist Teacher) aeldridge@bne.catholic.edu.au

Oral Health Centre – Palm Beach

Students in Years 1 (this week), 2,4,5,6,7 have been provided with an offer of oral health care pack 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.



Silver Rose – Photography Timetable (Monday 5 March)

8:45	4N	10:10	OY
9:00	4W	10:20	6N
9:10	3N	10:30	6W
9:20	3W	11:20	5N
9:30	1N	11:30	5W
9:40	1W	11:40	2N
9:50	ON	11:50	2W
		12:00	2Y

12:10 7N
12:20 7W
12:30 siblings/family groups etc

Congratulations to Abby Sullivan

Congratulations to Abby S (Year 3) who is representing Australia and the Burleigh Waters Physical Culture Club, as she travels over to America in the school holidays to perform shows for Disney. What a fabulous and exciting achievement for Abby and her club. We wish her and her team, all the very best.

THE LEARNING CENTRE NEWS

Support-A-Reader - More volunteer tutors needed!

The St Augustine's Support-A-Reader (SAR) program provides opportunities for students to read to/with a supportive trained tutor on a regular basis.

Support-A-Reader tutors are volunteer parents or community members who are trained in techniques that help to support the student reader. The reader is positively reinforced for good reading by means of highly specific and contingent tutor praise.

If you would like to volunteer (or know someone in the community who would be interested) please complete the Volunteer Learning Centre Helpers and Tutors Form available from TLC or the School Office. If you were a tutor last year we'd love to see you again, but please complete the volunteer form to express your interest.

SAR sessions will be commencing soon for students in Year 2 and 3. Sessions will be on held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons between 2pm and 3pm in the classroom beside TLC. Tutors do not have to commit to regular days or times sessions.

Sue Murray & Debbie Hyland (Support Teachers, Inclusive Education)

SPORTSCENE

Regional Swimming Carnival

Good luck to Jemma S (12 year girls) and Mia H (11 year girls) who are competing at Regionals, held at TSS this week. St A's wishes them all the very best!

Be SunSmart



G.C. Catholic Primary Swimming Carnival

The Catholic Carnival will be held this Friday 2 March at Pizze Park Pool, Miami. St A's will have a large squad representing the school this year. Students aged 8-13 years will be participating, with the full squad listed on the front school noticeboard this week. Each member has received an information note outlining all details for this carnival. The team bus will be departing St A's at 7:50am and will return by 2:45pm. Squad members are asked to be at school by 7:40am please.

Winter Sport



Over the next few weeks, students in Years 5-7 will be nominating and trialling in either Rugby League, Soccer or Netball. This process will be fun, yet difficult, as some students are so keen to make a particular sport. Unfortunately numbers are both limited and are also required for some sports. The selection process will be conducted fairly by all teachers, however, there will be disappointment for some. Our first round takes off on Friday 23 March, week 9 of this term. We look forward to lots of fun and hopefully dry weather for this great competition!

Cross Country Training

Students wanting to start training for Cross Country or simply wanting to improve general fitness, are invited to attend morning training on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:50am. Joggers are required for these sessions (not black school shoes). We look forward to seeing students involved (Years 1-7 welcome), as House Colour points will be awarded and added on to the final points tally at next term's Cross Country Carnival (Wednesday 18 April). Please meet Mr Dolan in the undercover area on the oval.



District School Sport Representative

Netball: Congratulations to Terri-Anne Egan who has been selected in the 12 year girls District South Netball Team.

Mr Shaun Dolan (Sports Co-ordinator)

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS

Children with Challenging Behaviours

In previous newsletters, I have written of parenting strategies to encourage appropriate behaviour, but what about those kids that it seems have been put on earth just to constantly try their parents (and teachers)?

Most children respond well to consistent parenting where love and affection are evident and the limits and boundaries for behaviour are clearly articulated and maintained. Children who exhibit challenging behaviours may require more parenting. The same strategies will likely work, but the parents may need to be more conscious of their own behaviours, to proceed more slowly and deliberately, be persistent for much longer and repeat the strategies more often to achieve similar results.

We know that all children need loving and supportive relationships with their parents ... parents who set aside time to spend with their kids, treat them with respect and kindness, make decisions that are in their best interests and regularly communicate that they are valued and loved unconditionally. It is critical for children to hear their parents saying "I love you"; "I am proud of you"; "You are important to me"; and "You are a great kid". Even more important, are your attitudes and actions that speak much louder than words, particularly for children who have more challenging behaviours.

Responding calmly with, "Well, I love you", when your little boy is yelling, "I hate you, mummy"; spending at least fifteen minutes with your child on a daily basis even when you have so many other things going on; and encouraging or even cuddling/kissing your child goodnight when you might be thoroughly disgusted with her behaviour is critical. The following suggestions and strategies are useful for all kids, but for kids with challenging behaviours, they are essential and need to be accompanied by liberal doses of parent determination, persistence and self-regulation:

- Ⓜ Establish and maintain a set routine and schedules for your child.
- Ⓜ Set reasonable limits and routines on your child's behaviour.
- Ⓜ The parent is the leader and makes the decisions.
- Ⓜ Get rid of all hostile reactions from the parent.

Children need parents who behave as adults. Children are reactive because they do not have the maturity to calmly handle their own or other people's strong emotions. In contrast, parenting often requires unflappable rationality. There is no room for emotions taking over; that's when things are said and done that parents regret later. When parents react with anger during a heated moment, they tend to threaten with severe punishments. When they calm down they may relent and not follow through on their extreme threats. Thus, reactive parenting inevitably leads to inconsistency. The cost is that parents eventually lose credibility with their children and compliance with rules and limits declines. Sadly, such a pattern costs parents their child's respect, which erodes the parent-child relationship and does not provide a useful model of emotional maturity for the child to aspire to.

It is far better to calmly set rules and consequences and follow through. Look at the child's behaviour as his best attempt to deal with the situation, then teach the appropriate behaviour

and expect compliance. Whenever you observe even glimpses of desirable behaviour, make sure you positively reinforce such efforts.

Have a great week.

Tony (aposhea@bne.catholic.edu.au)

P & F NEWS

P & F AGM

Thankyou to all who attended our annual general meeting last Tuesday night.

Our committee for 2012 is:

<i>President:</i>	<i>Brooke Connors</i>
<i>Vice President:</i>	<i>Kara Mallory / Fiona Irvine</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Position Vacant</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Sue Wood Treasurer</i>

We are currently seeking a person to fill our Secretary position. If you are interested please contact Brooke Connors on brooke@onthenet.com.au

I would also like to thank the parents who have put up their hands to be a Parent Representative in each of the class rooms. Well done!

There are still vacancies in the Prep class rooms, Year 2 and Year 6. If you are able to help out with this please see your child's teacher or simply send me an email, remember you can share the position with another mum or dad.

Parent Reps help to create a great social network and assist with giving information and support to new families and old ones.

Starlight Drinks Under The Stars

Don't forget Starlight Drinks is coming up on 16 March.

\$15 per person.

We have live entertainment, nibbly and cheap drinks!

You can pop your RSVP into the box in the office.



Easter Raffle

Also keep an eye out for tickets for our fantastic Easter raffle! This will be drawn on the 30 March.

Thanks everybody, till next week.

Brooke Connors (P & F President) brooke@onthenet.com.au

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

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

Date: Tuckshop Helpers:

Wed 29 Feb
Thurs 1 March
Fri 2 March
Tues 6 March
Wed 7 March

S Beame, T Jones (11.00-2.30)
M Dellar, R Strotton
C Johnston
L Perkins, V Barry
C Lanham, D Power (8.30-11.30), M Boyle



Home Baking Roster:

M Suddes
B Smith
K Dick
A Meehan
A Finn

REMINDER: TUCKSHOP CLOSED EVERY MONDAY

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

OW	Noah D
ON	Max K
OY	Loki G
1N	Ruby S-H
1W	Heidi H
2N	Teagan C
2Y	Mitchell S
2W	Teagan C
3N	Michaela S
3W	Josh H
4N	Sam W
4W	Natalie S
5N	Jack R and Eliza R
5W	Christopher B
6N	Luca H
6W	Bradley C
7W	Patrick B
7N	Aoife W



COMING EVENTS



Mon 5 March

6 March

14/15 March

Fri 16 March

21/22 March

Fri 23 March

Mon 26/3-Thurs 29/3

Fri 30 March

26 April

Mon 16 April

Wed 18 April

Wed 25/4

Tues 1/5

Mon 7/5

14/5 – 16/5

Tues 22 May

6/7 June

Tues 5/6

Wed 6 June

Wed 6 June

9/10 June

Mon 11 June

20/6-22/6

16/17 June

Thurs 12 July

Fri 13 July

Monday 20/8

Mon 17/09-20/09

School Photographs (envelopes to teachers)

Compulsory Parent Reconciliation Meeting, for parents of Years 3 and 5, 7.00pm at St Monica's, Tugun

Year 3 Reconciliation, 7:00pm

Starlight Drinks Under the Stars, 6.00 – 9.00pm, \$15pp

Year 5 Reconciliation, 7:00pm

Winter Sport commences (Years 5-7)

Year 6 Surfing

End of Term 1

Compulsory Parent Meeting, Confirmation/Communion, 7:00pm

St Monica's, Tugun.

Term 2 commences

St A's Cross Country

Anzac Day

District Cross Country

Labour Day Holiday

Year 6 Camp

ICAS Computer Skills

Confirmation

Regional Cross Country

ICAS Science Competition

Catholic Cross Country

First Communion, St Monica's, Tugun

Queen's Birthday

Year 5 Camp

First Communion, St Monica's, Tugun

St A's Athletics Field Events

St A's Athletics Track Events

Bookweek commences

Year 7 Surfing

TERM DATES 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*



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.

OSHC NEWS

Vacation Care

The April Easter Vacation Care program went out last Friday. To attend our OSHC Vacation Care you must be currently enrolled and your account up to date. Please see the school website <http://www.sa.qld.edu.au/files/file/OSHC/2012/Vacation%20Care%20April%202012.pdf> for this latest program, enrolment forms and parent information fact sheets.

Accounts

An email was sent to all current families from Wendy Redhead, Regional Coordinator of Centacare Childcare services, Monday week ago in relation to 2012 enrolments and outstanding fees. Thank you to those that have responded by forwarding new enrolment forms and payment of fees. However we still have a way to go. Please contact Vikki or Wendy (0448 850 066) if you are experiencing difficulty in paying your fees.

Vikki on Leave

From Monday 27 February Vikki will be on leave for two weeks. In her absence, Allison, Julia, Emma and Celine will be acting as Relief Coordinators and will be able to accept your enrolment forms and fee payments. Please note that during Vikki's absence the service landline (5507 8108) and mobile (0457 936 022) will be unattended from 8:45am to 2pm. Please leave a message if you need to phone during this time. Casual attendances, however, cannot be guaranteed if you do phone whilst the office is unattended.

AASC

We have had a great response to our Thursday AASC Archery. The children who attended last week were really excited that this activity was a regular on Thursday for this term. Please book in as per an After School Session with no extra cost.

Have Fun! Play Safe!

Vikki and Staff at St Augustine's OSHC

COMMUNITY NEWS

Tutoring with Bek

- Ⓢ Qualified and Registered Teacher—6 Years Experience.
- Ⓢ Studying Masters of Speech Pathology at Griffith Uni



- Ⓢ Prep - Year 2
- Ⓢ Phone: 0421 822 295
- Ⓢ Email: tutoringwithbek@gmail.com



Guitar

Guitar – Epiphone junior; Amp – Epiphone Studio 10EQx; Guitar Effects Pedal – Zoom G2;
Bag and Shoulder strap. See Mrs May(Room 4) or Mr Pizzol. Price negotiable – make an offer.

Saxophone

Brass Saxophone in case. Used only twice. Phone Terry on 55988612 / 0433917628. \$300.

Assorted X-Box games (not for 360)

\$5.00 each. All in good working order. Phone Nicholas, 0420 691 995 after 3pm.

Tweed Coast Slammers Basketball Club

Interested in playing Basketball? Join us now!
Competitions available for U9's,11's,13's,15's,17's and 19's.
Players of all abilities welcome!
Training Venue: Banora Point High School, Eucalyptus Drive,
Banora Point. Contact: Jennelle Cameron
Email: jennelle@gccrba.com.au



Web: http://www.sportingpulse.com/club_info.cgi?c=1-4831-77298-0-0&slD=239228

Burleigh Heads Community – You are Invited

What: Sharing of information on the development application by Woolworths to move into Park Avenue at the Burleigh Heads State School, Lower Gold Coast Highway, Burleigh Heads.

Why: To protect Burleigh's character, a unique holiday destination and local residential seaside community.

When: 7:00pm Thursday 1 March.

Points of interest: without community consultation Woolworths plan to move into Park Avenue; only 1.5 km away already exists a Woolworth Shopping centre, encourage discussion and give the community an opportunity to voice objections; seek transparency on the development application and its current status; what IMPACT will this have on the Burleigh Community? (parking, employment, safety etc.) Please pass this message on to anyone else you think may be interested