



# St Augustine's PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



## LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's edition of the St Augustine's newsletter – Week 8 of Term 1.

### Fr Kevin's Farewell

On Sunday, March 25, from 12:30pm – 3pm there will be a free sausage sizzle here at the school for the whole parish. The BBQ will be held in the undercover area near the tuckshop. There will also be live music!

All families are warmly welcomed. BYO drinks to go with the sausage or, if you prefer something else byo meat. If we have fine weather bring the picnic blanket and chairs to enjoy one of the last parish functions with Fr Kevin before he begins his Caloundra appointment straight after Easter.

Fr Kevin also celebrates his birthday next Thursday, March 15.

### Privacy Notice

Information is collected by the Australian Government from time to time. There is a notice in the newsletter which we draw your attention to.

### Starlight Drinks

The P&F are hosting Starlight Drinks this Friday, March 16, from 6pm-9pm. We look forward to seeing many parents on the night and for parents to meet other parents. The \$15 per person charge covers welcome drink, nibbles and music. There is also child minding for school aged children by OSHC staff for \$5. Please RSVP to the school office.

### Easter Raffle

A great Easter Raffle is on offer. Check out the prizes in the school office next time you're there. This will support the work of our wonderful P&F Association.

### Staff News

Jane Marrison has been unwell this past week. Your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery would be appreciated.

Stephen will be at a Principals' Meeting on Tuesday, March 13.

Next Wednesday Sue Murray will be attending a SPELD workshop.

Next Wednesday evening all of the teachers will be attending a Twilight Seminar here at the school on Technology.

Have a great week,

Stephen Montgomery, Jane Marrison and Alan Dick (Leadership Team)

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## GENERAL NEWS

**Missing**

1 pair asics sport shoes. Size 5. Aqua and Purple. Please hand into the office or Merryn B in Year 3.

### Year 3 Play in the Park Outing.

On Thursday 1 March 2012 about 30 children from 3 Navy and 3 White and their parents had a great time at the "Play In The Park" straight after school at the park in Galleon Way. Thanks to the class Reps Maree Dellar and Sharon Shortis for organizing the event. There was lots of fun, fresh air, sunshine, laughter, chatter, playing, afternoon snacks and building friendships. We hope to have another get together opportunity towards the end of the term. J.McDonald and P. Barrett (Year 3 teachers)

*On Thursday I went to the park after school. Only a few people didn't have the chance of coming. At the park there was: a seesaw, ladder and slide, a spinnie thing and a swing, which I called the bat mobile! We had heaps of fun. (Ruby O'H 3N)*

### ST A's is Jumping Rope for Heart in 2012

In response to our alarming childhood obesity rate and the fact that two out of three Australian families are affected by cardiovascular disease, St As has decided to support the Heart Foundation this year and participate in a jump rope for heart program.



Mrs Hamill will be running a jump rope program in PE lessons over the coming weeks. This is designed to develop new skipping skills and tricks that the students will demonstrate on their Jump Off day. This will be held in week 4 of term 2 during their assigned PE lessons. All students from Prep to year 7 will be participating. We will also be holding some lunchtime skipping sessions over the next six weeks of the program so students are encouraged to bring their own skipping ropes to school or they could use the ones provided at break time. They may even like to join together with a group of friends to make up a routine that they could perform for the school on one of our assemblies.

To kick off the program there will be a start-up demonstration on assembly next week, Friday 23 March, by the world number 2 skipping champion, Jake Ewe. He will showcase some of his amazing tricks and should provide a great motivation for the children. On Friday, all students will bring home a sponsorship form and will be encouraged to ask families and friends to sponsor their efforts in the jump off program. They can use the Easter break to build up sponsorships and their fitness base by practicing their skipping skills at home. All donations are to be collected and returned to school by Friday 4th May (week three, term two). The great incentive is that the Heart Foundation will donate back ten percent of all monies raised to the school to purchase more fitness equipment for the use of all our students.

We are committed this year to working on the children's fitness levels and skipping is an activity that all age levels can enjoy. If you have the time to skip, or complete any incidental exercise with your child that too would be a great motivator for them to keep moving every day. We hope that together we can keep our students fit and healthy and this will only make for more stimulated learners.

Sue Hamill (Jump Rope For Heart Coordinator)

### Tuckshop Price List & Mad Monday Meal Deal

An updated Price List was sent home this week. This included the change to the Lamb Kebabs that should read \$4.00. On the back of the Price List has the latest up and coming 'Mad Monday Meal Deal' which will be on Monday 19 March.

The deal includes:

Preps: Mini Pie or Sausage Roll & Popper and Zooper Dooper (ice-block) \$3.50

Years 1-7: Meatball Sub and Popper \$5.00

All orders to be handed into the office by THIS Friday 16 March. Orders to be on a paper lunch bag, with name and class written on the front and money enclosed. Thank you.



The term is certainly ticking away and next week we see the final lessons for this term. There will be no lessons during the last week of school. We begin once again the first week back in term two - an exciting time for choices regarding appearances later in the year at the Gold Coast Eisteddfod! More details of this week one.

An urgent reminder to any families who may still have outstanding accounts for the term. Owing to a large increase in enrolments and teaching time, all fees must be finalised by next Friday 23rd March. I am unable to carry unpaid fees into the beginning of term two.

If this causes any problems, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss the matter. Have a lovely week everyone!

Anita Eldridge (Specialist Teacher)

### Uniform shop

Thank you to all who have been patient. It has been a busy start to the year. This year there has been a few issues with supply and quality with some items of clothing. Once again thank you for your patience while I sort it out.

Thank you for all the second hand clothing much appreciated

If your child needs winter clothing please order within the next two weeks. Open each Monday, Tuesday and Friday morning from 8:15 to 9:15am.

Tracy Grieve (Uniform Shop)

### Marymount College Interviews/Enrolment

Marymount College will be conducting interviews on 19 & 20 March to finalise enrolments for Year 8 2013. There are limited places available. Enrolment packages are available by contacting the school office on 5586 1000 or by visiting the website [www.marymount.qld.edu.au](http://www.marymount.qld.edu.au)

### Surfside Buslines School Bus Passes

The final day to use 2011 school bus passes was last Friday 9 March.

Reminder: New applications can take up to 2 weeks to complete, during this time if students advise the Driver that an application has been submitted, they are allowed to travel for free until their pass is received.

Any further inquiries after 9th March can be directed to our Surfside Buslines Schools section via email: [schools@tagroup.net.au](mailto:schools@tagroup.net.au) or telephone 55716555 ext 204. Vanessa Boulton (Administration Coordinator) Surfside Buslines 55716555 ext 217 /M: 0417 635 114 E: [vanessaboulton@tagroup.net.au](mailto:vanessaboulton@tagroup.net.au)

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## LIBRARY NEWS

### 2012 Library Care Group

At Friday's Assembly, the Library Care Group was introduced to the school and presented with their official Library Care badges. We are very proud of these students. They have taken on a position of leadership and responsibility in the school and have willingly volunteered a lunch time once a week to help in the library. Their duties include shelving books, tidying and organising, working on the circulation desk, organising games and activities for the other students, helping with Take Home Readers and supporting Mrs Beitey and myself.

Congratulations to Ebony B, Nathaniel W, Maddie C, Katie F, Lauren S, Damien B, Mia D, Erin D, Aoife W, Orlagh H, Hannah Fand Niamh W.

### 2012 The Year of Reading.....The Benefits of Children's Stories: The Read Aloud Difference

Parents who read children's stories aloud to their kids provide a strong, positive influence and build a foundation for a lifetime of significant benefits. But what really are these reading aloud benefits? What kind of difference are we talking about?



Below is a summary of the significant ways in which reading stories aloud to kids will change their lives . . . and yours. It won't happen overnight, as change is gradual, but continued and dedicated reading will most definitely bring noticeable, long-term changes.

Did you know . . .

- Ⓜ In this day and age of hectic lives and busy schedules, reading together is a simple and enjoyable way for parents to take time out and focus on the family. Young children need lots of special, dedicated time with their loved ones.
- Ⓜ Reading children's stories aloud to our kids is just plain FUN!!!!
- Ⓜ Reading children's stories is a wonderful bonding experience that fosters meaningful one-on-one communication with our kids.
- Ⓜ It shows our children in no uncertain terms that they are important to us.
- Ⓜ It moulds our kids into becoming readers, and raising a reader significantly increases our child's potential for academic success as well as lifelong success in general.
- Ⓜ It is a vital and integral part of teaching our kids how to read as children learn how to read by being read to.
- Ⓜ It helps our children master language development.
- Ⓜ It builds listening skills, increases a child's attention span, and develops the ability to concentrate at length of which all are learned skills.
- Ⓜ It develops children's ability to express themselves more confidently, easily, and clearly in spoken AND written terms.
- Ⓜ It develops and fosters a child's natural curiosity.
- Ⓜ It develops creativity and a child's ability to use their own imagination!
- Ⓜ It expands our children's horizons, quells fears, exposes them to new situations, and teaches them appropriate behaviour.
- Ⓜ Reading children's stories to our children provides the best opportunities for true "teaching moments ."
- Ⓜ Reading picture books develops a young child's appreciation for the arts through exposure to many different styles of art and illustrations.



There is so much that reading children's stories aloud to our kids can do for them. Let's start reading together today!

## RIBIT

The word is getting around...RIBIT is great!! Look at the number of RIBIT readers this week! Congratulations to Starr S, Daniel P, Maurice S, Kate B, Jessica M, Saxon H, Blythe G, Ruby M, Cael S, Oliver W, Patrick R, Benjamin R, Amelie W, Isla C, Daniel M, Sophie C, Ryan P, Bonnie W, Benji S, Matt B, Emily H and Stephanie I  
Wow, At A's is definitely a school of readers!! Well done.

## A Visit from the Titans

On Monday, two Titans players, Matthew Beddon and Japeth Vaca (J.P.) visited the library. They spent time with the Year 5 classes, answering questions, talking about their time in school and about the importance of reading. We don't often think about footy players and reading, but both players agreed that reading was very important. We discussed the series "Rugby League



Reads”, which we have in the library and spoke about a brand new fiction book “Rocket Launcher – A Rugby League Adventure”, written by Michael Westlake and Trevor Gillmeister, which was recently published. Matthew also spoke about his schooling on the Gold Coast and J.P. spoke about his time in New Zealand. In this Year of Reading, this was a very special occasion. We were thrilled to have them visit the library and to encourage the kids to read.

### Reading Quote of the Week

*"A house without books is like a room without windows."  
Heinrich Mann (1871-1950)*

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## SPORTSCENE

### Cross Country Training

A great number of students have been attending morning training for general fitness and/or the upcoming St A's Cross Country. Morning training is on Tuesday & Thursday at 7.50am. Joggers are required for these sessions, not black school shoes. We look forward to seeing students involved (Yrs 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 (Wed 18 April). Please meet Mr Dolan in the undercover area on the oval.



### District School Sport Representative

Rugby League – Congratulations to Jakob H who has been selected in the 12 year boys District South Rugby League Team.

Basketball – Well done to Breannah H who has gained selection in the 12 year girls District South Basketball Team.

### Year 5-7 Winter Sport



Training and trialling continues over the next few weeks for students in Years 5-7 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 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 does not take place until Friday 23 March, week 9 of this term.

### Uniform Requirements:

Once students have been notified of their definite selection, the following gear is required to be purchased from the uniform shop or from a local sports store:

Netball – St A's Visor only (Uniform shop).

Soccer – St A's football socks (Uniform Shop), shin pads (Sports Store).

Rugby League - St A's football socks (U/10 & 11's only, & from the Uniform Shop). Mouthguards (compulsory & from a Chemist or Sports Store), Shoulder Pads & Head gear (Optional – from a Sports Store).

Jerseys will be distributed to both Soccer & Rugby League players on Thursday 22 March. We look forward to lots of fun in this great competition!

Mr Shaun Dolan (Sports Co-ordinator)

### Starlight Drinks

It's the last few days to get your RSVP and monies in for this enjoyable night. Organise a group of friends and dance the night away to fantastic music by "Ja-Chang". Nibblies and beverages will be served on the night. Starlight Kids club is open for school aged children at OHSC for \$5 per child which is payable when you RSVP. The children are sure to have a great time with crafts, games and movie to be played on the night. And a small gift to each child that attends Starlight Kids Club !



Please attach monies for RSVP and Starlight Kids club and forward to Clare in Admin by Wednesday 14 March. See you on the night !

### Easter Raffle

Everyone should have received their Easter raffle tickets last week. The Easter raffle prizes are in the Admin office with Clare, go and take a look at what you could win! Three fantastic Easter baskets plus Coles / Myers Vouchers!! If you need any more ticket books please see Clare.

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## FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR:

I don't know about you, but I really admire those people who can calmly manage a crisis with the minimum of fuss. The 'King Gee Man', from the successful advertisements, comes to mind for the way he fixes the problem in spite of the panic of all those around him, before purposefully striding away without any need for further recognition.

We know that for individuals, families, schools, the economy etc, a crisis is inevitably just around the corner. We also know that we can't always be there to help our kids when they meet 'a crisis'. The way in which they respond in a time of crisis may well be the difference between life and death or, at the least, the difference between ongoing wellbeing and psychological harm. So how do we ensure our children are best prepared to cope when confronted by a crisis?

Because children look to their parents as role models, we, first of all, need to review how we respond in times of crisis. If we fall apart, over-react and panic, then it is more than likely that our children will respond in similar fashion. On the other hand, if we act with a real presence of mind, our kids tend to follow our lead and develop into powerful problem solvers and crisis managers.

Of course, 'keeping it in perspective' is the first rule of crisis management. For some, waking up to a rainy day can be a real crisis, while others think nothing of risking their lives most days (police and other emergency services personnel, members of the defence forces on active duty, motor racing competitors and jockeys riding in horse races or trials six to seven days a week). Assuming 'the crisis' does not require an immediate flight or fight response as might be the case in an earthquake or a tsunami, then we would be best to first consider bringing some perspective to the crisis by processing the following questions:

Is what I am worrying about now going to matter tomorrow? In a couple of weeks? Next year? (My grandmother used to say we'll all be gone in a hundred years, so what's the use of worrying anyway!).

If the answer is 'yes', then the next question to consider is 'What is the worst case scenario?' Now develop a plan of action to control any aspects that you have control over and develop acceptance about those things over which you have no control. When a 'crisis' arises, take a few breaths before letting the auto emotional response take over ... instead ask the question? How can I move forward in a constructive and positive way?

What advice would you give your best friend (son, daughter) if that person was confronted with the same set of circumstances ... 'think like a shrink!'

Generally, a crisis is time-limited, so sometimes it is just a matter of getting through the crisis the best way we can, hoping that in a few days, weeks or months, we will be able to look back with a sense of accomplishment that we managed so well. Helping our children to adopt similar approaches, rather than always trying to rescue them, gifts them for life.

Have a great week!

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

## COMING EVENTS



14/15 March	Year 3 Reconciliation, 7:00pm
<b>Fri 16 March</b>	<b>Starlight Drinks Under the Stars, 6:00 – 9:00pm, \$15 pp</b>
21/22 March	Year 5 Reconciliation, 7:00pm
Fri 23 March	Winter Sport commences (Years 5-7)
Sun 25/03	Fr Kevin Farewell BBQ, 12:30 – 3:00pm
Mon 26/3-Thurs 29/3	Year 6 Surfing
Fri 30 March	End of Term 1
26 April	Compulsory Parent Meeting, Confirmation / Communion, 7:00pm St Monica's, Tugun.
Mon 16 April	Term 2 commences
Wed 18 April	St A's Cross Country
Wed 25/4	Anzac Day
Tues 1/5	District Cross Country
Mon 7/5	Labour Day Holiday
14/5 – 16/5	Year 6 Camp
Tues 22 May	ICAS Computer Skills
6/7 June	Confirmation
Tues 5/6	Regional Cross Country
Wed 6 June	ICAS Science Competition
Wed 6 June	Catholic Cross Country
9/10 June	First Communion, St Monica's, Tugun
Mon 11 June	Queen's Birthday
20/6-22/6	Year 5 Camp
16/17 June	First Communion, St Monica's, Tugun
Thurs 12 July	St A's Athletics Field Events
Fri 13 July	St A's Athletics Track Events
Monday 20/8	Bookweek commences
Mon 17/09-20/09	Year 7 Surfing
Wed 14/11	Catholic Aquathon, Currumbin Beach

## 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

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

OY	Ryder C
ON	Jessica C
0W	Kelly R
1W	Kristian J
1N	Francesca M
2N	Daniel P
2Y	Ben R
2W	Kalinda B
3N	Abby S
3W	Piper C
4W	Daniella H
4N	Matt D
5N	Joseph L
5W	Halle G
6N	Callum B
6W	Paris H
7N	Jared C
7W	Hannah F



## TUCKSHOP ROSTER

### Date:

### Tuckshop Roster:

### Home Baking:

Wed 14 March  
Thurs 15 march  
Fri 16 March  
Tues 20 March  
Wed 21 March

C Scotcher (8.30-11.30)  
C Gabriel, A Meehan  
K Cleaver, C Johnston  
J Taylor, K Slop  
S Dickinson, K Burns,  
G Dietrich (11.30-2.30), K Cleaver

F Boyle

C Rogers

**Lamb Kebabs Price \$4.00**



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Palm Beach Junior Touch Football Winter Competition

Palm Beach Junior Touch Football Winter Competition is commencing Friday 20 April - 22 June. Under 8,10,12,14,16 Boys & Girls. Sign on Fri 16 & Fri 23 March at 4.30 -6pm at Mallawa Drive, Palm Beach. For more info call Jim Webster on 0402 170 784.

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