



# St Augustine's PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL



TUESDAY 20 MARCH 2012

NEWS 9, 2012

## LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS

Dear Parents,  
Welcome to this week's edition of the St Augustine's newsletter – Week 9 of Term 1.

### School Goals 2012

Please take the time to read the School Goals that we have set for this year. One of the items that may interest you as parents is the investigation of a 1 to 1 laptop program from next year. There will be further information as we look at the implications of running such a program.

### New Parish Priest

Fr John Scarrott will be the new Parish Priest from June. Fr John is currently the Parish Priest of the Salisbury-Moorooka Parish in Brisbane. He is an experienced and compassionate Pastor with a keen heart for social justice and the practical living of the Gospel.

Fr Michael Fallon and then Fr Peter Luton will care for the parish from Easter Monday until Fr John's arrival.

### Reconciliation

Congratulations to all of the children who made their First Reconciliation last week. This is a very important milestone in each child's faith journey and we rejoice with them. This week the older children will celebrate the First Rite (one on one confession) for the first time.

### P&F Starlight Drinks

This event was held last Friday night and was a great social occasion for those who could join us. The music was really good and there was lots of getting to know others in the school community. The children who went to Kids Club also had a great social occasion. Thanks to Brooke, Sue and the rest of the P&F for hosting this annual event.

### P&F Meeting

Next Tuesday Evening, March 27, there is a P&F Meeting starting at 6:30pm at the school. If parents have any items that they would like put on the agenda, please have these to Clare at the office by Monday next week.

### 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. The raffle will be drawn next week.

### Year 6 Surfing Lessons

Next week all of the Year 6 children will be participating in surfing lessons. The children really enjoy and look forward to these sessions. Later in the year, the Year 7 children will also get the opportunity to be a part of this program.

### **Late to Arrive/Early Departure Procedures**

Any child who arrives at school late will need to report to the Office accompanied by their parent and be signed in. Parents and child then take the yellow 'late slip' to the classroom teacher. Any child that arrives at the classroom without a slip will be sent to the office to sign in. This ensures that our daily attendance register is up to date.

Any child who leaves early will need to be signed out at the office. Before going to the classroom, parents will need to sign the 'early departure' register and take the green slip to the classroom and collect your child. Teachers have been instructed not to release any child who has not been signed out.

These procedures are to ensure the safety of all students, comply with our duty of care obligations and ensure our attendance register is up to date.

### **National Ride 2School Day 23 March 2012**

National Ride 2School Day – where children, teachers and parents are encouraged to ride, walk, scoot or skate to school – will help promote the benefits of physical activity and active transport to the health and well-being of our children.

An event like National Ride 2School Day is a great way to give kids a taste of how fun and easy it can be to ride and walk to school.

This event is being promoted by Councillor Sue Robbins and the Gold Coast City Council.

### **Mini Vinnies Announced**

Congratulations to the 16 Year 6 students who were presented to the school recently: Welcome to Sophie B, Timeera B, Annika D, Madison D, Amelia F, Juliana Mc A, Kyle M, Faith O'S, Maggie R, John S, Oliver S, Ethan S, Rowan S, Matilda T, Siobhan T and Hannah V den B.



### **Lenten Preparations**

Congratulations to the 48 students who made their first Reconciliation at St Monica's Church last week. We were very proud of you all. This week Year 5 will be involved in the First Rite of Reconciliation which is a more adult form of the sacrament. We keep them and their families in our prayers this week.

As APRE I have had the privilege of conducting short forgiveness ceremonies with all grades at the school. Last week I worked with Prep and Year 1. At these ceremonies we have a song, a short reading, a reflection time and a time to say sorry to God for poor choices we may have made. Each ceremony has a different focus eg. Year 7 use the image of the broken pot while Year 2 listened to the lost sheep story. As parents, I wish you could be 'a fly on the wall' for these ceremonies, you would be so proud of your children. This week Year 3, 4, 5 and Year 6 are scheduled while Year 7 will take place in the final week of the term.

With Lent coming to a close and Easter racing towards us, it is a perfect time to speak to your children about their Lenten promises and the good choices that they are making to be more like Jesus. You may feel comfortable doing this but many of you may feel a little shy when talking to your children about Jesus. Be assured that your children will surprise you with their faith and hunger for learning. Be open, honest and share your faith with confidence. You will be rewarded a hundredfold for the effort, time and experience of this sharing time.

### **Easter Celebration**

Year 7 is busy preparing the 'Holy Week' ceremony with Mrs Pullen and their teachers. The whole school will come together next Friday (30/4) at 9:30am in the Mary MacKillop Centre. Parents, grandparents and friends are all invited to join us as we remember the last week in the life of Jesus. Times for Parish ceremonies will be in the next newsletter.

NB. There will be a quick assembly for prayer and Student of the Week certificates at 8:30am under the sails.

### **Fr Kevin's Farewell**

There is a school farewell to Fr Kevin in the Mary MacKillop Centre next Wednesday (28/3) at 2:15pm. Please join us for this occasion. The children are looking forward to this exciting assembly.

### **Staff News**

Alan and Karen Dick will be going on Long Service Leave from this Friday, March 23. We wish them a wonderful trip as they travel overseas to be with their daughter, Laura. Mrs. Deanne Krueger and Mr Anthony Touzell will continue to teach the Year 7's as they have done while Alan has been Acting APA. Karen's role will be filled by Mrs. Nicole Lee and Mrs. Robyn Curran while she is away.

We hope you all had a great St Patrick's Day,

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

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### **Story Rug**

Last week, we took delivery in the library of our new Story Rug. Now every class member can sit on the rug, whilst a story is being read to them. In this National Year of Reading, this is a wonderful addition to our library, adding focus, colour and lots of fun. The new Reading Chair just finishes the area off nicely!



### **Borrowing**

You may recall me saying that I would keep a tally of the total books borrowed from the library. I have a read-o-meter in the library and to date, there have been 9940 books borrowed from our library. Who said that St A's is not a school of readers? I'll give further updates throughout the year!

### **RIBIT (Read In Bed It's Terrific!)**

Congratulations to these mighty RIBIT readers: Bodhi W, Erin C, William O'B, Courtney W, Sean D, Beau H, Kalinda B, Lily P, Teagan C, Sophie B, Ryker S, Brandon H, Jude T, Bailey S, Kellan M and welcome to Super RIBIT Olivia D-N, Cooper B and Ainsley C This is truly fantastic. Keep up the mighty effort. "Kids who are readers, are leaders!"

Happy reading!

Mrs Lonnie Rutland (Librarian)

## **GENERAL NEWS**

### **School Banking – Each Thursday!**

Congratulations to everyone who have been sending in their bank books each week. School banking has been very popular this year – which is wonderful to see! 10 other families opened up accounts last Monday- thanks to Ann from the Commonwealth Bank visiting the school.

If you don't yet have an account please drop into the office and ask for a school banking pack or you can drop into your local Commonwealth Bank and open an account on the spot. Just remember to take in identification for you and your child (such as driver's license and

birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book on the spot and be able to start banking on the next business day – it is that easy! If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with NetBank you have the option to open the account online 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.

### Lost

Three take home readers in a St A's pencil case marked "Juliana". If found please return to office. Thank you.

### Oral Health

Students in all grades (Year 3 this week) have been provided with an offer of oral health care pack to take home. 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 8:00am – 4:30pm Excluding Public Holidays. If your child requires disability access please identify this requirement with the Call Centre Operator.



### 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 packs 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) [There are also limited enrolment packs available from the front desk of St Augustine's].

### Paul's Collect a Cap – Bonus Cap Offer

Thank you to those families sending in Collect A Caps. The Pauls Collect-A-Cap Program is continuing into 2012 with even more opportunities to raise funds for our school. From 5 March – 29 April, Paul are donating 20c for every specially marked 'Good to Go' cap collected before 29 April. So don't forget to keep collecting and bringing in your specially marked Paul's Collect-A-Cap lids! The bin is located in the front office.

### Bus Fare Assistance and Students with Disabilities Semester 1, 2012



Online applications for the **Students with Disabilities Scheme** are now being accepted now until 31 May 2012. To lodge an online application to receive a rebate for this program, go to: [www.schooltransport.com.au](http://www.schooltransport.com.au) Further enquiries to 3336 9192 or [schooltransport@qcec.catholic.edu.au](mailto:schooltransport@qcec.catholic.edu.au)



**Applications received after 31 May 2012 cannot be processed.**

## SPORTSCENE

### Year 5-7 Winter Sport

Round 1 of the 2012 Winter Sport competition starts this Friday 23 March. Below are a list of times, venues and opponents for each team and sport. If cancellation is necessary, due to bad weather, all sports are cancelled and notification will be on the school website for parents to check by 11.00am, each Friday throughout the competition. Good luck to all students involved!

**Netball:** All games at Mallawa Dr Courts, 19th Ave, Palm Beach.

5B	v	Caningeraba	1:20pm	Crt 1
6B	v	Marymount	1:20pm	Crt 2
6A	v	St Andrew's	12:50pm	Crt 8
7C	v	Broadbeach	1:50pm	Crt 9
7A	v	Broadbeach	12:50pm	Crt 9



### Soccer:

5 Girls	v	Elanora 1	12:40pm	Coplicks	F 4
6 Girls	v	Burleigh Heads	12:40pm	Coplicks	F 3
7 Girls	v	Hillcrest	1:30pm	Coplicks	F 2

(Coplicks Fields are at Tallebudgera)

5 Boys	v	Elanora	12:40pm	Mallawa Drive	F 4
6 Boys	v	Burleigh Heads	1:30pm	Mallawa Drive	F 2
7 Boys	v	Hillcrest	12:40pm	Mallawa Drive	F 3

### Rugby League:

10A	v	St Vincent's,	12.50pm	Currumbin Jnrs	F 2
11A	v	St Vincent's	12.50pm	Currumbin Jnrs	F 1
Open A	v	St Vincent's	1.35pm	Currumbin Jnrs	F 1

### Uniform Requirements:

Students require the following gear 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 and 11's only, & from the Uniform Shop); mouthguards (compulsory and from a chemist or sports store); shoulder pads and head gear (optional – from a sports store).

Jerseys will be distributed to both soccer and rugby league players on Thursday 22 March.

We look forward to lots of fun in this great competition!

### Rugby League Training at Marymount College

All boys playing for St A's in 2012 will be training at Marymount College this Thursday morning between 7:00am and 8:00am. They are to meet Mr Dolan near the tennis court undercover area, which is behind the Marymount Hall. A bbq breakfast is on offer for \$2 after training. The St A's boys will be training with the Secondary College teams, as well as, the Primary School teams. Private transport is required and it will be fun experience for the boys. We thank Marymount College for the opportunity to train with them and to learn new skills.

### Cross Country Training

A great number of students have been attending morning training for general fitness and the upcoming St A's Cross Country Carnival. Morning training this week is on Tuesday & Friday at 7:50am. The last week of term it will be back to Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

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 (Wed 18 April). Please meet Mr Dolan in the undercover area on the oval.

### District School Sport Representative

AFL – Congratulations to Scanlon Bergman who has been selected in the 12 year boys District South AFL Team.

Mr Shaun Dolan (Sports Co-ordinator)

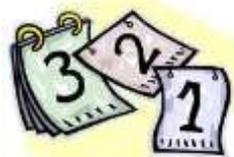
## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

OY	Ania A	2W	Riley W
0N	Lucia W	2Y	Ben I
OW	Kai M	2N	Bodhi W
1N	Lily M	3N	Connor H
1W	Kiki I	3W	Rebecca C
4N	Callum A		
5W	Bronson H	5N	Ruby M
6W	Mathew T	6N	Brendan G /Faith O'S
7N	Jordan B	7W	Hannah F
PE:	Holly F / Jude T/Bella H/Sophie H		



## COMING EVENTS

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
Tues 27/03	P & F Meeting, 6.30pm
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	Closing Date & Payment required for ICAS Computer Skills \$7
Wed 18 April	St A's Cross Country
Wed 25/4	Anzac Day
Tues 1/5	District Cross Country
Wed 2/5	Closing Date & Payment required for ICAS Science Comp. \$7
Mon 7/5	Labour Day Holiday
14/5 – 16/5	Year 6 Camp
Wed 16 May	Closing Date & Payment required for ICAS Spelling Comp. \$10
Wed 16 May	Closing Date & Payment required for ICAS Writing Comp. \$15
Tues 22 May	ICAS Computer Skills
Tues 5/6	Regional Cross Country
Wed 6 June	ICAS Science Competition
Wed 6 June	Catholic Cross Country
6/7 June	Confirmation
9/10 June	First Communion, St Monica's, Tugun
Mon 11 June	Queen's Birthday
16/17 June	First Communion, St Monica's, Tugun
Tues 19 June	ICAS Spelling Competition
Tues 19 June	ICAS Writing Competition
20/6-22/6	Year 5 Camp



## INVITATION

All Parishioners and friends of Fr Kevin are invited  
To attend a Sausage Sizzle  
To farewell and thank Fr Kevin for his leadership  
As Parish Priest since 1993.

Sunday 25 March, 12:30pm onwards  
St Augustine's School

Galleon Way, Currumbin Waters

BYO drinks; Tea and Coffee provided

Fr Kevin will be presented a gift from the parish. Please  
place donations in an envelope marked "Fr Kevin's  
Farewell" and place on either on collection plate before 25 March.



## TUCKSHOP ROSTER

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuckshop Helpers:</b>	<b>Home Baking:</b>
Wed 21 March	S Dickinson, K Burns, G Dietrich (11.30-2.30)	K Cleaver
Thurs 22 March	S Hawney (8.30-11.30)	
Fri 23 March	S O'Grady (8.30-11.30), A Wolff (11.30-2.30),	E Navin
Tues 27 March	K Favot, M McLuckie	F Hore
Wed 28 March	S Beame, T Jones (11.00-2.30)	M Suddes

# THE LEARNING CENTRE NEWS

## International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

ICAS stands for the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools, developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) of the University of New South Wales (UNSW).

The competitions are conducted during school hours and require no special preparation over and above the class work students cover with their teachers each day. The content of the papers is developed with reference to syllabus documents used by schools across Australia. However ICAS doesn't test content knowledge, rather each question tests students' understanding and application of the skills they learn.

Each ICAS paper is designed to be accessible to students of all ability levels and the papers are carefully structured to begin with easier questions and move through to more complex questions at the end. The papers are printed in full colour and use images, tables, graphs and pictures that are designed to stimulate and engage student attention and interest.

ICAS reports provide each student and their parents with:

- Ⓢ a certificate acknowledging the student's achievement in the assessment, and
- Ⓢ a detailed diagnostic report that outlines areas of strength and weakness, makes comparisons to other students in the same year group from their state and shows how they have improved their performance from previous years.

Participating in ICAS provides practice for students in sitting for compulsory external assessments. When students participate in ICAS, their parents gain another reliable indication of their child's ability and the results provide an opportunity to work even more closely with their child's school to assist them to reach their full potential.

## How to participate in ICAS?

Entry into any of the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools is open to all students from Year 3 to Year 7. Entry must be made through your school. Unfortunately EAA is not able to accept entries directly from students or families, as all administration is conducted through schools.

If you would like your child to participate in one or more of the ICAS competitions please collect an entry form from the office or from the Learning Support Staff in TLC. On receipt of a completed entry form with relevant payment(s) by the due date(s), Learning Support Staff will submit the school entry for each competition (subject).

If you are entering more than one competition, you may submit all your entries on the one form (with payment for all entries), or you can submit further forms as it gets closer to the closing date for each subject. Entries for the Computer Skills competition must be received by Wednesday 18th April (Week 1 of term 2).

Unfortunately, if your child is absent on the sitting date (school camp; sports event; illness) it is not possible to reschedule the test or refund monies.

SUBJECT	SITTING DATE	COST	CLOSING DATE PAYMENT and ENTRY FORM TO BE SUBMITTED BY:
Computer Skills	Tues 22 May	\$7	Wed 18 April
Science	Wed 6 June	\$7	Wed 2 May
Spelling	Tues 19 June	\$10	Wed 16 May
Writing	Tues 19 June	\$15	Wed 16 May
English	Tues 31 July	\$7	Wed 3 July
Mathematics	Tues 14 August	\$7	Wed 17 July

For further information on ICAS please visit: <http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/>

Sue Murray (Support Teacher, Inclusive Education) - St A's ICAS Coordinator

# **P & F NEWS**

## **Starlight Drinks**

What a fantastic night Starlight Drinks was! I'm sure everyone who attended would agree. The band "Ja-Chang" were amazing and had everyone up and dancing! It was also great to see our St A's teachers there as well and enjoying themselves. Thank you to Mrs Burgess, Mrs Sharkey, Miss McDonald, Mrs Wood, Mrs Sewell, Mrs Marrison and Mr Montgomery. Thank you so much for taking the time to attend. A huge 'Thank you' to all parents who attended and made the night such a fun time, to everyone who helped out with the catering, to Jen Dean and Libby Williams for being our helpers with the beverages, and to everyone who helped pack up. These nights are always a great way to meet new people and have fun with old friends, so on behalf of the P & F thank you for making this night so enjoyable !

## **Easter Raffle**

How are you all going with the Easter raffle tickets? There are three egg-mazing prizes to be won so let's get cracking and sell tickets to family, friends or even mum or dads work friends! If you need anymore tickets please see Clare in the office. Make sure you check out the fabulous prizes in the Admin office.

## **P & F Meeting**

We are having another general meeting on 27 March at 6:30pm. If anyone would like to add anything to the Agenda can you please contact myself or Brooke (susan.wood@nortectld.com.au or brooke@onthenet.com.au)

Sue Wood (P & F Secretary / Treasurer)