



# 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 1 of Term 2.

### Welcome Back

We are so happy to see all of the children after the Easter holiday. The Prep children, in particular, are really growing fast and are old hands at school now!

We also welcome back Lynne Rohanna who has been on leave and travelling overseas recently.

### APRE Review

As Jane Marrison is completing 10 years in the role, it is a requirement that there be a review of her performance. Shortly, parents will be invited to participate in the review by completing a survey in the key areas of her role. Some parents will be invited to be a part of an interview group that will meet on 21 May. There will be more details to follow shortly.

### Prep 2013

We begin the process of Prep Interviews next week, for our Prep intake for 2013. If you happen to know of families who have a child ready for Prep (1/07/2007-30/06/2008) please let them know that we are taking enrolments now. Interviews will be held from 26 April – 1 May.

### New Archbishop appointed

Our new Archbishop has been appointed. There is a Media Release attached to the Enews regarding the appointment of Mark Coleridge who is presently the bishop of Canberra/Goulburn. Archbishop Mark will begin on 11 May in Brisbane.

### School Uniforms

As mentioned just prior to the Easter holidays we will be doing a check of the uniforms and contacting parents if there is a need. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform as outlined in the uniform policy on the school website.

### The Easter Season Continues

Easter is such an important time in our Liturgical year that the season of Easter extends to Pentecost (50 days after Easter). During this time we will hear many accounts in the gospels of how Jesus visited His friends and gave them hope for the future. He showed His unending love for them always. We are so gifted to live in this wonderful country. Let us pray for stability and understanding in our world today and for the future. We also keep in our prayers the peoples of Fiji and Indonesia after the terrible floods and earthquake.

Thank you to Mrs Pullen and the Year 7 teachers for their beautiful depiction of the Holy Week story in the Mary MacKillop Centre at the end of last term. This Friday we invite you all to join with Year 5 (Mrs Todarello/Mrs King) as they assist us in the celebration of Easter resurrection.

### Confirmation/First Communion Meeting

This is a reminder for all parents who wish to enrol their children in this program for 2012. The Sacramental program is no longer run through the school but is conducted through the parish by

the Sacramental Team. The school assists and reinforces knowledge of these sacraments but no longer is the main educator, this teaching is a privilege given to parents. A compulsory parent meeting about the preparation for Confirmation/First Communion will be held in the St Monica's Centre next to St Monica's Church in Tugun on Thursday evening, 26 April from 7-8:30pm. This usually takes place in the Brisbane Archdiocese in Year 4, however, there may be families who have come from interstate who have questions regarding differences in the reception of these sacraments. Please ring Sr Sue at the parish or speak to Jane Marrison if you have any questions.

### School Anzac Ceremony

This Tuesday, 24 April our school will commemorate ANZAC Day. The ceremony will be held at 10:00am in the Mary MacKillop Centre and will be led by the 6N children. All family and friends are encouraged to attend. If you know veterans who would like to join us please invite them as our guests (please notify Mrs Marrison). Our four school leaders have also been invited to an annual ceremony at ANZAC Square on Monday, 23 April, to represent our school and join other schools from Queensland for a service.



### Community Anzac Service

It has been a tradition of St A's to march as a school group at the ANZAC March in Currumbin on ANZAC Day. The numbers have been growing each year and last year we had over 40 students attending. We invite all students, especially those in Year 6/7 to join the march on Wednesday. Please meet Mrs Marrison at Winders Park in Currumbin (opposite the Boat Shed corner) at about 10:45am. School captains carry the school banner and all students need to wear full school uniform with hats. The march lasts for about 20 minutes and you are free to leave or to stay for proceedings as a family.

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN tests for years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are taking place in schools in May. This article comes from the weekly Director's Message to all teachers in the Brisbane Archdiocese in 2010. The content is still very relevant.

'The content of NAPLAN tests is meant to be representative of the National Statements of Learning. It is noted that currently, different states and territories have different curriculum frameworks that attend to the National Statements of Learning in different ways.

NAPLAN tests are designed to assess the skills of Australian students in literacy and numeracy with the specific purposes being the collection of data from the population of Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students and the assessment of students against national minimum standards. The current focus of curriculum planning in our community of schools is on ongoing folios of student work, performances, and production of artefacts that contribute to more contextualised judgments about learners' progress along the learning continua. NAPLAN tests cannot replicate or replace the rich data such products of learning provide. They will add some "point in time data" to the bigger picture of student achievement.

The main concern of educators has been the use of published NAPLAN data to create inappropriate comparisons of schools and media league tables. It is welcome news that the Federal Minister, Julia Gillard, has agreed to include teacher professional associations and unions in discussions about the future publication and use of the data.'

NAPLAN 2012 will be conducted from Tuesday 15 May to Thursday 17 May. Friday 18 May is a 'catch-up' day for students who miss any of the tests earlier in the week.

For Years 3 and 5 there will be 4 tests: Language conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. For Years 7 and 9 there will be 5 tests: Language conventions, Writing, Reading, Numeracy-non-calculator and Numeracy-calculator allowed.

All eligible students in Years 3, 5, 7 or Year 9 enrolled at State, Catholic or Independent schools sit the tests.

Information about the tests for parents and schools is available on the NAPLAN website: < [www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au) >

All students are encouraged to do their best on the day of these tests however, we need parental assistance to ensure that your child is relaxed and in a positive frame of mind for the experience. A

healthy, relaxed and positive breakfast will greatly assist your child. Talk calmly and with encouragement and do not worry or stress the child about the day. Let your morning be as normal, happy and positive as possible.

While these tests are an indication of how your child is progressing in Literacy and Numeracy, they are limited to one day using one form of testing. Many students react poorly to this type of testing. Teachers at St Augustine's School use balanced, diverse and extensive forms of assessment to give a more accurate summation of your child's progress throughout the school year. Parent Teacher Interviews will be held towards the end of this term. These interviews enable teachers to inform you of student progress for the first half of this year.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to the Mason family (Jennifer, Ruby and Hayley) on being received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Masses.

### **Volunteer Gardeners Wanted**

If you are able to assist with gardening around the school, please contact either Stephen Montgomery or Rob White (Groundsman)

### **Staff News**

Jane Marrison and Lynne Rohanna attended a Reporting Inservice on Tuesday this week. Jane will also be away for the rest of the week.

Kerrie Chudleigh will be away on Friday this week.

Clare Deeth is away this week at a University course and is being replaced by Jane Powell.

Paul Barrett, Trish May and Lonnie Rutland will be attending an IT Inservice on Thursday.

Stephen will be at a Principals meeting next Monday.

Have a great week,

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

## **GENERAL NEWS**

### **Whooping Cough**

There was a reported case of Whooping Cough in Year 7 at the commencement of the school holidays. Please click on the fact sheet (on the Enews version of newsletter for more details about Whooping Cough.)

### **Congratulations to Sarah T: Olympic Village Art Competition**



Primary school students across Australia were invited by the Australian Olympic Committee to submit artwork to decorate the apartments in the Olympic Village of the 2012 Australian Olympic Team in London.

Over 2000 pieces of art were received and will be displayed in the Olympic Village.

Sarah T's submission was selected as an example of artwork and broadcasted on national TV on the Today Show on Friday 13 April.

Thank you to all of the Grade 6 students who worked hard in Term 1 to create inspiring artwork to help our athletes feel at home whilst in London.

### **Thank you Rankin Family**

Thank you also to the Rankin family for supplying the printed A3 AOC colour templates for our official St.A's artwork submissions.

Mrs Wood (Art Teacher)

### **Marymount College Enrolment**

'Thanks to all those parents who have already enrolled their students for Year 8 in 2013 & 2014. Students who have been interviewed will shortly receive an Enrolment Certificate and Confirmation of Enrolment form. Our last round of interviews are scheduled for Monday 28 May and Tuesday 29 May. Enrolment packages for Year 6 students can be collected from the St Augustine's School Office. To ensure an appointment please return the completed enrolment form to the College by Friday 18 May.'

## **LEARNING SUPPORT NEWS**

### **International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**

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 18 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

## SPORTSCENE

### Yr 5-7 Winter Sport

Round 3 of the 2012 Winter Sport competition will be on this Friday 20 April. Below are a list of times, venues and opponents for each team and sport. If cancellation is to occur 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!

#### Round 3:

Netball: All games at Mallowa Dr courts, 19<sup>th</sup> Ave, Palm Beach.

5B	v	Elanora 1	1:20pm	Crt 1
6B	v	Caningeraba	1:20pm	Crt 8
6A	v	Elanora	12:50pm	Crt 2
7C	v	Caningeraba	1:50pm	Crt 15
7A	v	Caningeraba	12:50pm	Crt 15

Soccer:

5 Girls	v	Elanora 2	1.30pm	Coplicks	F 4
6 Girls	v	Hillcrest	12.40pm	Coplicks	F 3
7 Girls	v	Burleigh	1.30pm	Coplicks	F 2

NB: Coplicks Fields are at Tallebudgera

5 Boys	v	Bye			
6 Boys	v	Hillcrest	1.30pm	Coplicks,	F 1
7 Boys	v	GCCC	12.40pm	Mallowa Dr	F 3

Rugby League:

10A	v	Merrimac	12:50pm	Currumbin Jnrs	F 1
11A	v	Burleigh Heads	1:35pm	Currumbin Jnrs	F 1
Open A	v	Bye			

#### Results from Rd2:

Netball:

5B	v	BYE		
6B	v	Palm Beach	lost 11-1	
6A	v	Broadbeach	won 1-0	
7C	v	Marymount	lost 3-0	
7A	v	Marymount	lost 7-1	

Soccer:

5 Girls	v	St Andrews	won 3-1
6 Girls	v	Elanora 2	draw 2 all
7 Girls	v	St Andrews 2	won 10-0
5 Boys	v	St Andrews	won 6-3
6 Boys	v	Elanora	won 2-0
7BBoys	v	Elanora 2	won 1-0

Rugby League:

10A	v	William Duncan	won 48-0
11A	v	Caningeraba	lost 26-24
Open A	v	Caningeraba	won 38-0

### 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 & 11's only, & from the Uniform Shop). Mouthguards (compulsory & from a Chemist or Sports Store), Shoulder Pads & Head gear (Optional – from a Sports Store).

We look forward to lots of fun in this great competition in term 2!

### **St A's Cross Country Carnival**

Our school Carnival has been postponed to Thursday 26 April. Students in grades 4-7 will be running in the morning school session and Prep-3 will run after morning tea in the middle session. All students are to wear their sports uniform and House Colour hat, as well as, bringing 2 x drink bottles.

Below are the list of times for each age division and in what session during the day. We look forward to another great Inter-House St A's Carnival.

#### **Grades 4-7 (Morning session)**

AGE DIVISION:	TIME:	DISTANCE:
12/13 BOYS	8:50am	3km
12/13 GIRLS	9:05am	3km
11 BOYS	9:20am	3km
11 GIRLS	9:35am	3km
10 BOYS	9:50am	2km
10 GIRLS	10:05am	2km
9 BOYS	10:20am	2km
9 GIRLS	10:30am	2km

(Students turning 9 in 2012 and in grade 3, to attend morning session with older students from 10:00am)

#### **Grades P-3 (Middle session)**

	TIMES:	DISTANCES:
8 BOYS	11:30am	1km
8 GIRLS	11:40am	1km
7 BOYS	11:50am	1km
7 GIRLS	12:00pm	1km
6 BOYS	12:10am	1km
6 GIRLS	12:20am	1km
Prep	12:30am	400m

### **Year 6 Surfing lessons:**

The last week of term 1, saw 59 enthusiastic students from Year 6 participate in 4 x 1.5hr surfing lessons at Currumbin Alley. The fantastic instructors of Surfing Services Australia taught our St A's students all the techniques and skills for Learning to Surf and we thank them for their encouraging and positive teaching approach. There were many classic manoeuvres that either worked or that now become classic wipe-out stories for funniest home videos! Well done to all our Year 6 students who were simply brilliant and respectful on all levels!

### **Total Football Academy (Soccer Clinic)**

Total Football Academy will be running an 'After School Soccer Program' in Term 2 at St Augustine's Parish Primary. Registration forms will be distributed during a free demonstration. During the 6 week program games will be played inside an inflatable soccer field, which captures the imagination of students, giving them a great soccer experience. Training will take place inside

Mr Shaun Dolan (Sports Co-ordinator)

## GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS

### Consequences instead of Punishment!

Using consequences to help manage your child's behaviour is very effective. Children learn from experiences, just like adults. We call it "learning the hard way." "Learning the hard way" is the best teacher of responsibility. After all, we all know that if we don't pay our phone bill, the phone will eventually be disconnected!

There are two forms of consequences ... natural and logical. Natural consequences enable our kids to learn from the natural order of the world. If I don't put petrol in my car, my car will eventually stop ... I can rant and rave, kick the tyres, blame my busy life or the unfairness of the world, but eventually I learn that if I make time to stop and fill up I am likely to reach my destination. We often need to protect our children from the natural consequences until they are responsible enough to manage themselves. For instance, it would not be good parenting to allow a child to get hit by a car to teach him not to run on the road. Instead we would more likely use a logical consequence.

Logical consequences are arranged by the parents and the child is informed **in advance** of what consequences will apply to specific behaviours. Taking the case of the child playing unsafely near a busy road, it is obvious that allowing the natural consequence of being hit by a car is not appropriate. However, I can explain the dangers of the road to my child and inform her that if she plays near the road, then she will have to stay indoors. If she chooses to wander near the road, then I calmly direct her inside. She makes the choice and knows what the consequence will be.

Parents can declare that the consequence of not coming to the dinner table on time to eat, is that the child does not eat dinner that evening. Hunger is a natural consequence of not eating. When the complaints begin, the parent can use an economy of language to point out that it was the child who chose not to come on time and therefore, not to eat. He knew what the consequence would be. He will now have to wait until breakfast. With four hungry boys in my own family, punctuality for dinner was rarely an issue!

Punishments, on the other hand, are imposed by the parents after the child has behaved inappropriately. While there will hopefully be some deterrent involved, punishments don't do as much for the child to accept responsibility for the behaviour. Instead, the child will see the punishment as a 'get square' and may become resentful.

Unfortunately, parents can disable a child's development of responsibility by constantly interfering with the natural order even when children are old enough to manage themselves. I had direct dealings with a family in Brisbane where this occurred. The parents constantly rescued their two sons whenever the boys were in trouble ... it was always someone else's fault ... the teachers were picking on them ... I was interested to learn that this continued through secondary school and I have since heard stories of the parents paying off gambling and drug debts, hiring barristers to get the two boys off various charges etc ... where will it end? Sadly, these boys have learnt that they don't have to be responsible for what they do, because mummy and daddy will sort it all for them.

Thought for the day: When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

Have a great week,

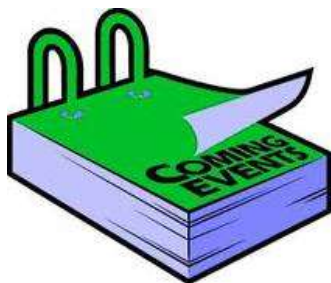
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## TERM DATES 2012

- 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



# COMING EVENTS



Wed 18 April	Closing Date & payment required for ICAS Computer Skills \$7
<del>Wed 18 April</del>	<del>St A's Cross Country-Postponed to Thurs 26 April.</del>
Fri 20/04	Prep and Year 1 Easter Bonnet Parade, 11.20am
Tues 24/04	Anzac Day Ceremony, 10:00am, Mary MacKillop
Wed 25/4	Anzac Day Holiday
Wed 25/04	Anzac Day Parade March: Meet at the Park near Thrower's Bridge, 10:30am
Thurs 26/04	St A's Cross Country
Thurs 26/04	Prep Interviews 2013
Fri 27/04	Prep Interviews 2013
Mon 30/04	Prep Interviews 2013
Tues 1/5	Prep Interviews 2013
Tues 1/5	District Cross Country
Wed 2/5	Closing Date & Payment required for ICAS Science Comp. \$7
Mon 7/5	Labour Day Holiday
Wed 9/05	Total Football Academy: Prep - Year 4, 3.15pm - 4.15pm.
Thurs 10/5 and Fri 11/5	Mother's Day Stall (run by P & F)
14/5 – 16/5	Year 6 Camp
15/05 – 17/05	Naplan Testing (Years 3, 5 and 7)
Wed 16 May	Closing Date & Payment required for ICAS Spelling Comp. \$10
Wed 16 May	Closing Date & Payment required for ICAS Writing Comp. \$15
Fri 18/05	P & F School Disco
Tues 22 May	ICAS Computer Skills
Tues 5 June	Regional Cross Country
Wed 6 June	ICAS Science Competition
Wed 6 June	Catholic Cross Country
Sat/Sun 6/7 June	Confirmation
Sat/Sun 9/10 June	First Communion, St Monica's, Tugun
Mon 11 June	Queen's Birthday
Sat/Sun 16/17 June	First Communion, St Monica's, Tugun
Tues 19 June	ICAS Spelling Competition
Tues 19 June	ICAS Writing Competition
Wed-Fri 20/6-22/6	Year 5 Camp
Wed 3 July	Closing Date & Payment required for English Comp. \$7
Thurs 12 July	St A's Athletics Field Events
Fri 13 July	St A's Athletics Track Events
Wed 17 July	Closing Date and Payment required for Maths Comp. \$7
Wed 31 July	ICAS English Competition
Tues 14/08	ICAS Mathematics Competition
Monday 20/8	Bookweek commences
Mon 17/09-20/09	Year 7 Surfing
Wed 14/11	Catholic Aquathon, Currumbin Beach

## TUCKSHOP ROSTER 55078135

Date:	Tuckshop Roster:	Home Baking Roster:
Wed 18 April	C Lanham, D Power (8.30-11.30), M Boyle	A Finn
Thurs 19 April	C Carroll, J Field	P Walsh
Fri 20 April	S O'Grady (8.30-11.30), R Bulkeley, J Fing	A Holmes
Tues 24 April	B Robinson, V Reihana (11.30-2.30)	
Wed 25 April	C Scotcher (8.30-11.30), F Boyle	



0N	Tobey C
0Y	Zak McC
0W	Edie S
1N	Lucy B
1W	Harper J/ Maya M
2N	Natasha W
2N	Demphol C
2Y	Matthew B
2W	Jude T
3N	Jessica T
3W	Mia B /Eli H
4N	Jimmy F
4W	Benjy P
5W	Bede C
5N	Molly K
6W	Ally B
6N	Sophie B
7N	Lahni B
7W	Patrick B



## P & F NEWS

Welcome back for term 2! We hope everyone had a nice Easter break. We have another busy term ahead of us!

### Easter Raffle Winners Drawn

A big congratulations to our Easter Raffle Winners:

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	V Reihana
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	Peter B (4W)
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	Margaret Grim c/o Danika B (0Y)

Thankyou to everyone who supported our Easter raffle. You raised **\$2184.00** for your school. Well done!

### Disco

This term we will have our first Disco on Friday 18 May so keep this free for a night of fun, dancing and prizes!



### Mother's Day

We will be holding our Mother's Day stall on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 May. Lots of fabulous gifts for the kids to buy for Mum so kids start saving your pocket money!

### Mums Luncheon

A luncheon for St A mums is planned for June. Keep an eye out for details in coming newsletters.

Brooke Connors (P & F President) and the P&F committee

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### BECOME A WEP HOST FAMILY

Open your door to an international exchange student and expand your knowledge of other countries, cultures, languages and cuisines!

#### A place to call home

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to one of our international students arriving in July 2012. Our students from Italy, Belgium and The Netherlands are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.



#### Meet Our Students

*"I think it would be a magical experience to share our cultures and each other. I'm very curious to discover, to see a "new world"."* ~ Harmonie, France

*"I see this as I once-in-a-lifetime experience. I hope to find a loving family that can teach me a lot of Australia and show me the way people live 'down under'!" ~ Toon, Belgium.*

*"I would like to come to Australia because it is my dream to see your beautiful country, to know lots of new friends and to learn a new kind of life. From here we see Australia as the best place in terms of education, welfare and style of life: it is two years that I try to spare my money for this experience." ~ Umberto, Italy*

### **Find out more!**

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved.

Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Chantel Woods, Inbound Exchange Administrator

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