



# St Augustine's PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL



TERM 2 WEEK 4 2012

TUES 8 MAY 2012

## LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's edition of the St Augustine's newsletter – Week 4 of Term 2.

### Archbishop Mark Coleridge

On Friday this week, Stephen Montgomery along with the school captains, Lahni Biggins and Jack Mallory will be attending the installation of the new Archbishop at St Stephen's Cathedral. We are very blessed that we have the opportunity to attend the ceremony and represent the school at this very important occasion.

### Parent Meeting – Year 7 to Secondary (Year 4 in 2012 – Year 7 in 2015)

All parents, especially those with children currently in Year 4, are invited to a Parent Night this Thursday night, 10 May, where Mr Chris Noonan, Principal of Marymount College will be our guest. This will be a chance to hear about the proposed move of Year 7 to Secondary in 2015. The meeting will be held in the Drama Room at 6pm and will be concluded within the hour.



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### Year 6 Camp

Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the Year 6 children will be attending their annual camp to Camp Goodenough at Bilambil Heights. The camp program is designed to enable the children to participate in activities that they would not normally do and to live away from the normal home routine. Being out of the school context for a short while, living with others is a great learning experience. We wish them all a successful camp. Thanks to the Shaun Dolan, Siobhan Reinhard and staff who will be also supervising the children.

### NAPLAN

As you would be aware the annual NAPLAN tests are being administered next week in all schools throughout Australia. We will conduct these next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday so we would ask all families to ensure children in Years 3, 5 and 7 are here at the start of each day. Should children be away from school on any of these days there will be a catch up day on Friday.

### Guitar lessons

Guitar teacher, Stuart Humphries has ceased guitar lessons here at St A's. If parents are looking for continued lessons they can contact Musiccorp. Adam from Musiccorp conducts instrumental lessons each Tuesday at school. Contact number at Musiccorp is 1300 858 911.



### Sincere Thanks

Craig and Madi Briscoe have asked to pass on their sincere thanks to the St Augustine's staff, parents and community for your support after the loss of Jake. Your thoughts, kind wishes and prayers were a great support to them. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

## Staff News

Jane Marrison and Jo Ormerod will be attending a Grammar workshop on Wednesday this week.

St Vincent's staff will be coming to St Augustine's on Wednesday afternoon, after school, to participate in a Bluearth workshop.

Jane Marrison's surveys are due today. Thank you to those parents who have completed the survey for her Review.

Lynne Rohanna will be attending a Behaviour Management workshop on Thursday.

Lonnie Rutland will be attending a Teacher Librarian Network next Monday.

Stephen will be attending a finance meeting next Monday.

Have a great week,

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

## GENERAL NEWS

### Whooping Cough

A Year 7 student was diagnosed last week with Whooping Cough. This is the second case of Whooping Cough in this year level over the last 6 weeks. Please take the time to read the attached fact sheet from Qld Health in regards to Whooping Cough. A letter from Qld Health also was sent home to all Year 7 students today.

### Mini Vinnies Fundraiser - Powerball

Buy a \$2 powerball for your chance to win \$40. Members of Mini Vinnies will be selling the powerball numbers each Friday before assembly.

The winning ball is the powerball number drawn in Thursday nights (17 May) Powerball draw. The winner will be announced at assembly each Friday. Don't forget your money, you have to be in it to win it!

### Jump Rope for Heart

All sponsorship money is due to class teachers no later than Friday 8 May (week 3). Please have the money counted and totalled. Bring the money to school in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with the child's name, class, total and prize selected if over \$500 is raised.



If you have registered online all donations will be added to the class total. If you have collected any cash as well as online, bring this in as described and we will add the totals together.

Jump Off day is in the PE lessons in Week 4.

Sue Hamill (PE Teacher)

### Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion - Stickers Needed

Our school is now registered for the 2012 Earn and Learn promotion. It will run from Wednesday 9 May to 1 July. For every \$10 spent instore customers will receive a sticker. Students are encouraged to bring these into their class where they will have a class sticker sheet to fill in. These will be used in the promotion to gain resources for our school. Collection boxes are located at the Pines and 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue Woolworths stores, as well as St Augustine's and St Monica's Churches for any family or friends to drop in to help our tally grow.

## SPORTSCENE

### District Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to all students who participated in the District Carnival on Tuesday 8 May. Under great conditions, St A's students ran exceptionally well against all District South Schools. Congratulations to Liam B – 4<sup>th</sup> (13 year boys) and Jakob H – 7<sup>th</sup> (12 year boys), who now progress to the Regional Carnival, an awesome effort boys!! Many thanks to Miss Clancy for her assistance on the day too.

## Cross Country Training

All Catholic (8-13yrs) squad members (see front school noticeboard) are expected to come down to attend training this Thursday and Friday morning at 7.50am. Next week training will be on Monday, Thursday and Friday. Students must wear joggers for training. Please meet Mr Dolan in the sails area.

## School Sport Representatives

Rugby League – Congratulations to Oliver S and Cole G who were part of the undefeated U/11 Gold Coast team which competed over the long weekend on Sunday and Monday.

Basketball – Well done to Breannah H who has been selected as a shadow player for the U/12 girls regional team. Great effort Breannah!

## Year 5-7 Winter Sport

Round 6 of the 2012 Winter Sport competition will be on this Friday 11 May. Below are a list of times, venues and opponents for each team and sport. If cancellation is to occur due to bad weather or field closures, 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 6:

Netball: All games at Mallowa Dr courts, 19th Ave, Palm Beach.

5B	v	St Andrews	1:20pm	Crt 7
6B	v	Elanora	1:20pm	Crt 14
6A	v	St Andrews	12:50pm	Crt 8
7C	v	Elanora	1:50pm	Crt 9
7A	v	Elanora	12:50pm	Crt 9

Soccer:

5 Girls	v	Elanora 2	1:30pm	Coplicks,	F 4
6 Girls	v	Burleigh	12:40pm	Coplicks	F 3
7 Girls	v	Elanora 1	12:40pm	St Andrews School	F 1

(Coplicks Fields are at Tallebudgera)

5 Boys	v	BYE			
6 Boys	v	Burleigh	12:40pm	Mallowa Dr.	F 2
7 Boys	v	Elanora 1	12:40pm	Mallowa Dr.	F 1

Rugby League:

10A	v	Elanora	12:50pm	Currumbin Jnrs	F 2
11A	v	Elanora	12:50pm	Currumbin Jnrs	F 1
Open A	v	Elanora	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).

### **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 a skills square focusing on different skills each week, such as dribbling, turning and shooting. Start date: This Wednesday 9 May, Prep - Year 4, 3:15pm – 4:15pm. Sign up online at [www.totalfootballacademy.com.au](http://www.totalfootballacademy.com.au) or call Andy Robinson on 0413 888 643.

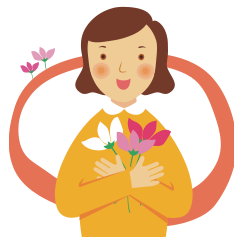
Mr Shaun Dolan (Sports Co-ordinator)

## P & F NEWS



**Mothers Day Stall**  
Mothers Day Stall this Thursday 10 and Friday 11 May (from 9am).

Lots of gifts for Mum, Grandma, and Nana. Bracelets, chocolates, notebooks, mugs and Heaps more! Gifts range from \$2-\$7.  
Come and spoil Mum for Mothers Day!



### Disco

We have our first Disco coming up Friday 18 May ! DJ Electra will be firing out some great tunes for all the children to dance to. Don't forget to get your money into the office \$6.50 per child.

Disco sessions are:	Prep-Year 3:	5:00 – 6:30pm
	Year 4 - Year7:	7:00 – 8:30pm



See you there!

(P & F Committee)

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

OY	Skye C
OW	Jag G
1W	Imogen W
1N	Charlie G
2N	Courtney W
2Y	Ethan H
2W	Blythe G
3N	Jackson M
3W	Joshua B
4W	Matilda Y
4N	Beau M
5N	Kalani A
5W	Abbey H
6N	Juliana McA
6W	Maddi D
7N	Katie F
7W	Jakob H



## TUCKSHOP ROSTER

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuckshop Helpers:</b>
Wed 9 May	S Beame, T Jones (11.00-2.30)
Thurs 10 May	M Dellar, R Strotton
Fri 11 May	C Johnston
Tues 15 May	L Perkins, V Barr
Wed 16 May	C Lanham, D Power (8.30-11.30), M Boyle

**Home Baking Roster:**

M Suddes  
B Smith  
K Dick  
A Meehan  
A Finn

## TERM DATES

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

<p>Tues 8/05  Tues 8/05  Wed 9/05  Thurs 10/5 and Fri 11/5  Thurs 10/05    14/5 – 16/5  15/05 – 17/05  Wed 16 May  Wed 16 May  Fri 18/05  Tues 22 May  Tues 5 June  Wed 6 June  Wed 6 June  Wed/Thurs 6/7 June  Sat/Sun 9/10 June  Mon 11 June  Sat/Sun 16/17 June  Tues 19 June  Tues 19 June  Wed-Fri 20/6-22/6  Wed 3 July  Thurs 12 July  Fri 13 July  Wed 17 July  Wed 31 July  Tues 14/08  Monday 20/8  Mon 17/09-20/09  Wed 14/11</p>	<p>School Fees Due  District Cross Country  Total Football Academy: Prep - Year 4, 3.15pm - 4.15pm.  Mother's Day Stall (run by P &amp; F)  Principal from Marymount speaking to parents of Year 4 and any others who are interested, <b>6.00pm</b>, in the Drama Room.  Year 6 Camp  NAPLAN Testing (Years 3, 5 and 7)  Closing Date &amp; Payment required for ICAS Spelling Comp. \$10  Closing Date &amp; Payment required for ICAS Writing Comp. \$15  P &amp; F School Disco  ICAS Computer Skills  Regional Cross Country  ICAS Science Competition  Catholic Cross Country  Confirmation  First Communion, St Monica's, Tugun  Queen's Birthday  First Communion, St Monica's, Tugun  ICAS Spelling Competition  ICAS Writing Competition  Year 5 Camp  Closing Date &amp; Payment required for English Comp. \$7  St A's Athletics Field Events  St A's Athletics Track Events  Closing Date and Payment required for Maths Comp. \$7  ICAS English Competition  ICAS Mathematics Competition  Bookweek commences  Year 7 Surfing  Catholic Aquathon, Currumbin Beach</p>
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# GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS








These days, much attention is devoted to bullying and appropriately so when we consider the severe and detrimental long-term effects on victims (and bullies). Bullying occurs in all areas of society. Many parents will have witnessed or experienced bullying in a number of contexts ... work, school, community and, for some, even in the family situation.

Schools can provide fertile opportunities for bullying ...

- there are lots of kids from varying social and cognitive backgrounds, creating differences in power and status arrangements;
- teaching staff, while obviously present in their supervision capacity, are not privy to every physical or verbal interaction;
- children are reluctant to 'dob'; and
- even when allegations are made, they are often difficult to substantiate, due to conflicting versions.

We also need to be careful about what constitutes bullying. I recall that, during my previous life as a principal, I would receive complaints ascribed as bullying that were actually one-off acts of aggression or retaliatory responses ... still most inappropriate and worthy of investigation, but not bullying! So, a workable and easily understood definition is critical.

Bullying is now generally defined as the repeated physical, verbal or psychological intimidation of a less powerful person by a more powerful person or group. It may include some or all of the following behaviours:

-  Name calling;
-  Teasing and taunting;
-  Racist or sexist remarks;
-  Social ostracism;
-  Malicious gossip;
-  Threats;
-  Physical force.

... but, essentially relies on an imbalance of power in the relationship between the bully and the victim.

Therefore, not all acts of aggression are bullying. Normally, aggression that involves any 2-way process of attack and counter-attack is not bullying. Particularly, if the attacks occur between parties of equal power/strength/status and are part of a 2-way attack and retaliation process. Rather, bullying usually refers to a one-way attack situation in which the perpetrator has more power and the victim cannot really retaliate. In fact, the victim usually feels helpless and powerless.

Fights that have occurred between two girls, both vying for superiority in a friendship clique, come to mind as examples. One day, Jenny may have the 'upper hand'; the next day, Francine may be able to ostracise Jenny from the group. So, while the behaviours are labeled as bullying by the girls (and, often, by their parents) when each appears to be on the receiving end, in reality, the situation is best described as a kind of feud with varying win-lose outcomes.

In the next newsletter, we will explore how bullying behaviour may be different for boys and girls.

Thought for today: "The trouble with doing nothing is that you can never take any time off."

Have a great week,

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