



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 5 of Term 2.

Mother's Day

We extend a big thank you to the P&F for the wonderful stall that was set up last week for the children. No doubt there were many of mums who enjoyed a special surprise on Sunday. We say thank you to all mothers for the great work they do in looking after children – both young and older!

School Disco

As you will have seen, the School Disco is on this Friday evening. The P-3 disco is on from 5pm-6.30pm while the Yr.4-7 disco is on from 7pm-8.30pm. These are always great nights and an excellent opportunity for the children to enjoy themselves. Thank you to the P&F for organising this evening once again.



Archbishop Mark Coleridge



(L to R: Jack M and Lahni B (School Captains) and Stephen Montgomery (Principal))

Last Friday I attended the installation of Archbishop Mark Coleridge with Lahni and Jack, our school captains. We set off early so that we could get to the Cathedral by 10:10am. We hadn't banked on the fact that there was an accident on the M1, so we arrived with about 10 minutes to spare. We took our seats in the cathedral which was full. It took about 15 minutes for all of the priests and bishops to enter, and there were VIP guests including the Governor, Premier, Leader of the Opposition as well as leaders of other churches. The mass took two and a half hours which was a big ask of the children, but our school leaders were fantastic. After the mass, we paid a quick visit to the Mary MacKillop Chapel before our return trip to the coast.

My sincere thanks to Lahni and Jack for representing us and being a part of the occasion.

Parent Meeting – Year 7 to Secondary

Thanks to the many parents who were able to be at the meeting on Thursday night. Chris Noonan and Marie Hansen were able to present some very useful information for parents. We are keen to hear questions or comments from parents for either St. Augustine's or Marymount to add to the list regarding transition of Year 7 to Secondary in 2015.

NAPLAN

As you would be aware the annual NAPLAN tests are being administered this week in all schools throughout Australia. We will conduct these on 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.

Staff News

Stephen has been appointed as Acting Area Supervisor from June 4 until August 10. Lynne Rohanna will be the Acting Principal for this time and the Acting APA will be known by next week.

The Prep teachers will be released from teaching class next Monday as they will be completing the Index that all Prep teachers need to complete in catholic schools.

Jane Marrison's review is being held next Monday, as previously mentioned.

Have a great week and see you at the disco!

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

GENERAL NEWS

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 Musicorp. Adam from Musicorp conducts instrumental lessons each Tuesday at school. Contact number at Musicorp is 1300 858 911.

RIBIT (Read In Bed It's Terrific!)

Congratulations to last week's RIBIT readers: Courtney W, Jessica M, Daniel B, Oliver W, Damon P, Benji S, Blythe G and Kellan M.

And congratulations to this week's RIBIT readers: Hudson Y, Starr S, Ben C, Brandon H, Jude T, Matthew B, Olivia C, Eden P and SUPER RIBIT reader: Joseph R.

Well done everyone. Kids who read lead! You are our St A's reading leaders!

Mrs Lonnie Rutland (Librarian)

Wanted Towels

Second hand towels wanted for sick bay. Any donations will be most welcome.

Jump Rope

Thank you to all those students who raised money for the Heart Foundation. It's a great sight to see a lot of our students continuing to jump at break times and improving their own heart health.

A special mention to Olivia C of Year 3W, who was our highest individual fundraiser with \$160. A great effort! Also to Miss McDonalds' Year 3 class for raising the highest combined class total at \$525.

St Augustine's has now raised over \$2600 which is a wonderful effort!

All monies have now been collected and the prizes will be allocated out in a few weeks' time for all those who have raised over fifteen dollars.

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 in store customers will receive a sticker. Students are encouraged to bring these into their class where they will have a



class sticker sheet to fill. These will be used in the promotion to gain resources for our school. Collection boxes are located at the Pines and 19th 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.

Sue Hamill (PE Teacher)

Speech and Drama News

Thank you to all parents and students for the prompt return of their eisteddfod entry forms. All entries are now with the Gold Coast Eisteddfod office and it is back to the fun of preparations for us until the programmes are issued early in term three.

Thank you also to the many families who have made the payment of term fees a priority. There are still many outstanding and I would appreciate your immediate attention to this unless you have made contact with me to discuss the situation.

We wish the Years 3, 5 and 7 students all the best in the NAPLAN tests this week. The tests have not caused major disruptions to class times and it is business as usual - with just a few re-jigs here and there to timetables!

The winter chill has arrived. Rug up and enjoy the beautiful winter weeks ahead!

Anita Eldridge

Specialist Teacher

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SPORTSCENE

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 Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Students must wear joggers for training. Please meet Mr Dolan in the sails area.



School Sport Representatives

Cross Country – Congratulations to Liam B (13yr boys) who has advanced to Regional Cross Country, after qualifying 3rd at the Independent Colleges Cross Country last Friday. A terrific effort Liam!

Year 5-7 Winter Sport

Round 7 of the 2012 Winter Sport competition will be on this Friday 18 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	Bye	1:20pm	Crt 14
6B	v	Burleigh Heads	1:20pm	Crt 14
6A	v	Broadbeach	12:50pm	Crt 14
7C	v	Burleigh Heads	1:50pm	Crt 9
7A	v	Palm Beach	12:50pm	Crt 9

Soccer:

5 Girls	v	Elanora 1	12:40pm	Coplicks	F 4
6 Girls	v	Elanora 2	12:40pm	Coplicks	F 3
7 Girls	v	Currumbin	1:30pm	Mallowa Dr.	F 2

(Coplicks Fields are at Tallebudgera)

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6 Boys	v	Elanora	1:30pm	Mallowa Dr.	F 3
7 Boys	v	Currumbin	12:40pm	Mallowa Dr.	F 3

Rugby League:

10A	v	Merrimac	12:50pm	Currumbin Jnrs	F 2
11A	v	Burleigh	1:35pm	Currumbin Jnrs	F 1
Open A	v	Bye			

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 (Uniform Shop). Mouthguards - Compulsory (Chemist or Sports Store), Shoulder Pads and Head gear - Optional (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: Last Wednesday 9 May, Prep - Year 4, 3.15pm - 4.15pm. Sign up online at www.totalfootballacademy.com.au or call Andy Robinson on 0413 888 643.



Shaun Dolan (Sports Co-ordinator)

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Date:	Tuckshop Roster:	Home Baking
Wed 16 May	C Lanham, M Boyle, D Power (8.30-11.30)	A Finn
Thurs 17 May	C Carroll, J Field	P Walsh
Fri 18 May	R Bulkley, J Fing, S O'Grady (8.30-11.30)	A Holmes
Tues 22 May	L Perkins, V Barry	A Meehan
Wed 23 May	F Boyle, C Scotcher (8.30-11.30)	-

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

OW	Tex L
OY	Yasmin D
0N	Jax D
1N	Kaylah M
1W	Finn M
2N	Starr S
2Y	Sophia M
2W	Saxon H
3W	Liam B
3N	Bella H
4N	Jordan W
4W	Eliza J
5N	Olivia D-N
5W	Kirra P
6W	Emily M
6N	Maggie R
7W	James P
7N	Chloe D



PE AWARDS:

OW	Jag G
1N	Lucy B
2N	Sean D
3W	Olivia C

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



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
Wed/Thurs 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
Mon 23 July	Music Day of Excellence, Marymount College 9am – 1pm
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

P & F NEWS

Disco
 This Wednesday 16 May is the last day to send in your money to the office and RSVP for the disco on Friday 18 May - \$6.50 per child. DJ Elektra will be ready for a fun night, so kids make sure you have your dancing shoes on and have a fantastic night!



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

Disco Volunteers – Calling All Parent Helpers!

Each year our disco has a wonderful group of parent helpers and this year we are calling out again for help. Your help is much appreciated.

If you can volunteer your time to help out please complete the tear out the Volunteer form below and send it into the office. Please make sure you put your email or mobile number so we can advise you of your role before the night.

See you there!

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(Please tear out)

Disco Volunteers – Calling All Parent Helpers!

Name: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

I can assist with the:

First Session (Years Prep – Year 3) _____

Or

Second Session (Years 4-7) _____

Mother's Day Stall

On behalf of the P & F, we would like to thank all the children who came and bought Mother's day gifts from our Mother's day stall. The children were all very well-mannered and very excited to choose their presents for Mums.

We hope all Mums had a relaxing day and enjoyed the gorgeous weather.

Have a great week!

(P & F Committee)

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS

In today's newsletter, we continue the series on bullying with a look at how boys and girls typically engage in different forms of bullying behaviour. It is not surprising that much of the early research, even up until the early 1990s, focussed on boys as bullies. The image of a bigger boy 'standing over' and inflicting either physical or psychological pain on a less robust, smaller, victim is usually the most often associated with bullying. Bullying by boys is usually quite direct and identifiable, while girls who act as bullies are much more subtle and indirect in their behaviours.

Let's consider a couple of examples:

Tom is in year 6. About halfway through last year, Brosnan started giving him a hard time. Since then things have gotten progressively worse. Tom has been constantly teased, shoved, bumped and had his hat taken, often to the jeers and laughs of a group of boys who used to be his mates. Sometimes the others even join Brosnan in hitting and pushing Tom as well. Tom doesn't want to tell anyone because he believes things will get worse, so he tries to hide away in the library to avoid the playground or 'fake' that he's sick so that mum lets him stay home.

Francine is in year 4. There are 14 girls in her class and she used to be part of the 'in' group of four until three weeks ago. Cassie has always decided who is in and who is out and now Francine's former friends move away when she approaches, ignore her when she speaks ("can you hear something ... a dog barking", they say), exclude her from games and whisper and gesture at her. She is even finding anonymous nasty notes in her bag and desk.

Francine notices that most of the other ten girls just wait each day to see if they are lucky enough to be included. If one girl does get 'in', she happily 'drops' yesterday's friends for the much greater prize. Francine has tried begging to be included. She has even ganged up on another girl just to belong to the 'in' group even for a short while.

Boys use language quite literally and directly to command, threat or boast. As girls are socialised to avoid rough-type physical attacks, they tend to use language (and other non-verbal communication) to maintain, destroy and control relationships in indirect ways. With their more developed levels of social and verbal intelligence, girls are more likely to use 'sharp tongues' rather than fists.

Much of this can be related to the distinct friendship patterns that girls establish. These patterns are based on shifting alliances of two (dyads). Relational forms of aggression (exclusion, ignoring, rumour-spreading and exposure of secrets) are used to jealously guard these alliances and to maintain an individual's status and perceived popularity. The 'nice-but-nasty' behaviours regulate what girls wear, the types and quantities of food they eat and with whom they associate. Gilligan and Brown (*Meeting at the Crossroads*) call it 'the tyranny of kind and nice'. They try to set up situations where they can avoid blame for any nasty stuff. Gilligan and Brown suggest that, at a point in their development, girls dread exclusion so much that they will do anything to be accepted.

According to some experts, many girls believe such behaviour is acceptable and normal, often reinforced by adults who dismiss it as part of growing up.

Remember we are discussing typical behaviours ... not all girls and boys behave as described and some girls will be overly aggressive, just as some boys will engage in relational aggression normally associated with girls' bullying.

In the next newsletter, we will explore some ideas for solutions.

Thought for today: "When you're arguing with a fool, make sure he isn't doing the same thing."

Have a great week!

Tony O'Shea (aposhea@bne.catholic.edu.au)

OSHC NEWS

Bookings

This term we are experiencing high levels of children attending with permanent bookings.

If you require a casual place at Before or After School Care please ensure that you book as soon as possible or you may find we are booked out.

This is especially the case for those ringing on the day requiring After School Care. Whilst we try to accommodate all bookings we are governed by staff to child ratios, licensing regulations, as well as the availability of staff. Alternatively please talk to Vikki and the OSHC staff about creating a permanent booking.

AASC

We are very excited to be hosting this AASC activity every Monday for seven weeks in Term 2. Zumbatomic is a mix of Zumba, Hip Hop and Aerobics. Fun! Please book as per normal After School Care booking.

Accounts

As we are a 'not for profit, self-funded service' we rely on the prompt payment of fees to maintain effective and efficient operations. Thank you to those families keeping their accounts up to date.

Enrolments

Families must be currently enrolled with us at St Augustine's OSHC for their children to attend the service. 2012 Enrolment forms are available on the school website; www.sa.qld.edu.au under the OUR SCHOOL tab at OSHC. Please see the centre if you need a hard copy or have any other enquiries.

June/July Vacation Care

COMMUNITY NEWS

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A weekend away for married couples in a peaceful, picturesque surrounding – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!

Weekend date: 10 – 12 August, 2012
Venue: Santa Teresa, Ormiston QLD

For bookings/details contact: Terry and Rhonda Boyle - tel. 07 3352 3328 or
boyletj@powerup.com.au Information website: www.wwme.org.au

Samurai Judo Club

Learn Judo Olympic Martial Art sports and self-defence for fitness, confidence and fun. Pay as you go! No Contracts. Samurai Judo Club – www.samurajudo.com
56 Currumbin Creek Road, Currumbin Waters. **Call for your free lesson!** 07 55344940; 0401285514

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

Take home a big brother or big sister by hosting a short term exchange student. Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2012 for a short term of only 3 months. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Denmark, Norway, Finland and Sweden will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!