



St Augustine's PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are RAPT at St A's!
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 7 of Term 2.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews will be held for years P-7 from June 4 - June 22. Interviews will be of 10 -15 minutes duration. For these interviews we are introducing a new internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO). It will save time for parents, staff and students. Using this system you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet connected computer.

Please access the system as follows:

Go to the school's home page: www.sa.qld.edu.au

Click on the PTO icon as shown here.

Click Obtain PIN/Password and enter your email address. Your PIN will be emailed to you.

Full instructions are provided to you after log in.

Please note the following points:

When you log on, the system displays only your own child/children. Bookings are made for individual parents/guardians, not for couples. Couples can however log onto the system simultaneously to coordinate bookings. If two parents/guardians wish to attend a single interview time slot, one parent/guardian should make the booking then both can attend.

You will only see time slots that are available at the time you are using the system. PTO prevents double-booking of teachers or parents/guardians. When you have made all the bookings that you require, you can download or email a report of your bookings in time order for printing. If you encounter any problems using PTO please contact Stephen or Lynne at the school office.

Staff News

Jane Marrison will be at a Curriculum Day on Wednesday. Stephen will be at a Principal's Meeting on Thursday morning. From next week, Lynne Rohanna will be Acting Principal and Lonnie Rutland will be Acting APA until August 10. Anthony Touzell will be in the library working while Lonnie is Acting APA. Jane Marrison will be attending a Facilitator's Day for Catching Fire next Tuesday. Lynne Rohanna will be at a Principal's Cluster next Tuesday morning.

The Year of Grace

The Year of Grace began last Sunday, the feast of Pentecost, in Catholic Parishes throughout Australia. Grace is a difficult concept to understand especially for children but Father John put it simply in his homily last week, 'Grace is the encountering of Jesus Christ in our daily lives.' Throughout the following year we are encouraged to take a few moments each day to appreciate the gift of God around us. Our school morning prayer each morning will assist the children to focus on this each day.

This excerpt is taken from 'The Year of Grace' website.

(<http://www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au/index.php/about/about-the-yog>)

It will help you to find out more about this special initiative of the Australian Bishops in particular, our new Archbishop, Mark Coleridge.

"A Year of Grace is the Australian bishops' gift to the Church to celebrate and renew our faith and life as Catholics. It will begin at Pentecost 2012 and is an exhortation from the bishops of Australia to "Start afresh from Christ."

The Year of Grace has been like a seed, being watered gently and growing with tender care. It comes from the bishops' reflection over a number of years on the Apostolic letter *Novo Millennio Ineunte* (at the start of the new millennium).

This letter recalls the events in Rome during the Jubilee year of 2000 and the Pope's challenge to the whole Church to "contemplate the face of Christ."

We warmly welcome you to this site and hope that it will be a space of prayer; a place to seek resources and a place of information for you as we go on this journey together in the Catholic Church in Australia.

A holy time, given by God, to start afresh from Christ, contemplating his face, and listening to his word, that he may heal our wounds, overcome all our divisions and make us rich in hope, so that we may show forth his face and speak his word to the world in new ways".



+ Archbishop Mark Coleridge
Chair, Bishop's Working Party – Year of Grace

Confirmation and First Communion

The school community takes this opportunity to congratulate the 78 students from our school and parish who will be celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion next week. Both of these sacraments complete the process of initiation as full members into our Catholic family. These children have undergone a series of lessons with their family as well as a weekly meeting with other children and their families. This is however, only a small step in the journey of learning and growing as a Catholic. This process is a life journey which is supplemented by many along the way. Do not think that the children now know everything about their faith. We are all part of their faith journey, parents, school, grandparents and parish community, to name a few, and we are all responsible for deepening their faith through our example. Please talk about God with your children and find time to pray with them daily.

Prayer Community at St As

As part of a caring, Catholic community, we at St Augustine's School pray for families who have sick friends, relatives or families who are grieving loved ones. Last week we prayed for two families at our school both of whom lost loved ones in the last few days.

Our thoughts and sympathies go to the Boyle family after the loss of their Grandfather, Darcy, (fondly known as Pop), in Sydney and to the Peacock family after the sudden loss of their Uncle John, who passed away after a stroke on his 50th birthday celebration trip to the Great Barrier Reef. Please continue to keep these families in your prayers.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord
May perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*



Village Art

Three of our Year 6 students currently have their Village Art up on the official Australian Olympic Committee website. Congratulations to Sarah, Kyle and Maggie. Their achievements are in the attachment at the end of this newsletter.

The AOC received approximately 2000 submissions from schools around Australia. They have selected 65 submissions for their Art Gallery website.

<http://www.bkzone.com.au/gallery.cfm?GalleryID=316&show=view&PhotoID=20811>

Hopefully our students' art will make it to the walls of the London Olympic Village and they will each receive a postcard from an Australian athlete.

Thanks to Mrs Wood, our art teacher, who encouraged the students to enter this competition.

Have a great week.

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

GENERAL NEWS

News from the Shed

The members of the Woodwork and Craft Club Inc. were greatly relieved recently with the announcement Tugun **Community Bank**[®] Branch would assist the club with funding of \$7,100.00. This timely and generous support followed a visit to the Woodwork and Craft Club by three board members of the branch.

Funding will assist with insulation of the shed and to alleviate drainage problems causing water to enter the shed during heavy rainfall. When the shed was being built costs were a prime consideration and funding did not allow the 'luxury' of insulation. For the first time, full operations were carried out in February, and the oppressive heat made it obvious that cooling of the shed in summer was not an option, but a necessity.

Tugun **Community Bank**[®] Branch is owned by local shareholders, including "Mum and Dad" type investors. A **Community Bank**[®] branch is a locally owned and operated company, which functions as a franchise of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank provides the coverage of its banking licence, a full range of banking products, training of staff and ongoing support.

When the local company begins to make a regular operating surplus, after the payment of branch running costs, and Bendigo and Adelaide Bank's share of the revenue is received, the remaining funds are available to be reinvested back into the community through dividends to shareholders and grants to community groups and projects.

With more than 290 **Community Bank**[®] branches across Australia, more than \$70 million has been distributed back into local communities. Tugun **Community Bank**[®] branch has supported its community with more than \$175,000 to local groups and projects.

Thank you Tugun **Community Bank**[®] Branch

LIBRARY NEWS

RIBIT (Read In Bed It's Terrific!)

Congratulations to our mighty RIBIT readers for this week: Daniel P, Zachary R, Daniel M, Clara C, Mitchell S, Fletcher C, Nathan G, Teagan C, Lily P, E.J. A and Patrick R. A mighty effort everyone! Keep up the great work!

Mrs Lonnie Rutland (Librarian)

BOOKCLUB Issue 4

This is the last bookclub for this term. Please put your order in a sealed envelope and place it in the red bucket located in the library. It is essential to state your child's name and class and include all payments in the envelope. All orders are **due this Thursday 31 May**. Thank you.

Chris Beitey (Teacher Aide)

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. The Catholic Carnival will be held at **St Brigid's Primary School** next Wednesday 6 June (Week 8).

Catholic Cross Country times – Wednesday 6 June

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| 8 Years Boys | 1km | 11:00am |
| 8 Years Girls | 1km | 11:10am |
| 9 Years Boys | 1km | 11:20am |
| 9 Years Girls | 1km | 11:30am |
| 10 Years Boys | 1.5km | 11:40am |
| 10 Years Girls | 1.5km | 11:55am |
| 11 Years Boys | 1.5km | 12:10pm |
| 11 Years Girls | 1.5km | 12:25pm |
| 12 Years Boys | 2km | 12:40pm |
| 12 Years Girls | 2km | 12:55pm |
| 13 Years Boys | 2km | 1:10pm |
| 13 Years Girls | 2km | 1:25 pm |

Presentation approximately 1:50pm

ARL Development Program

Over the last two weeks, Years 4-7 have been involved in Rugby League drills, skills and fitness, for boys and girls. Under the guidance of the ARL Development Team, our students have been having a ball. We thank Peter Reeves and his team for coming to St A's and giving our students this opportunity. This certainly helps our School Rugby League Program that is already in place.

Year 5-7 Winter Sport

Round 9 of the 2012 Winter Sport competition will be on this Friday 1 June. 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 9:

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

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| 5B | v | Marymount 1 | 1.20pm | Crt 7 |
| 6B | v | Palm Beach | 1.20pm | Crt 8 |
| 6A | v | Burleigh Heads | 12.50pm | Crt 8 |
| 7C | v | Marymount | 1.50pm | Crt 15 |
| 7A | v | Marymount | 12.50pm | Crt 15 |

Soccer:

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|-----------|---|--------------|---------|-------------------|-----|
| 5 Girls | v | Elanora 2 | 1.30pm | Coplicks | F 4 |
| 6 Girls | v | Elanora 1 | 12.40pm | St Andrews School | F 2 |
| 7 Girls v | | St Andrews 2 | 1.30pm | Coplicks | F 2 |

(Coplicks Fields are at Tallebudgera)

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| 5 Boys | v | Bye | | | |
| 6 Boys | v | GCCC | 12.40pm | Coplicks | F 1 |
| 7 Boys | v | Elanora 2 | 1.30pm | Mallowa Dr | F 3 |

Rugby League:

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| 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).

Mr Shaun Dolan
Sports Co-ordinator

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS

Two weeks ago, I wrote about the 'typical' differences between the ways boys and girls engage in bullying behaviours. It is important that we recognise that bullying can occur in different forms. Most familiar is bullying which involves direct aggression such as violence, verbal or psychological abuse etc. We typically associate such behaviours with boys as perpetrators, while girls tend to use more indirect behaviours often referred to as relational aggression (exclusion, ignoring, disclosure of secrets, rumour spreading, etc).

We know that bullying has long-term detrimental effects on victims and, therefore, it is important that, as parents, we do what we can to help our children effectively deal with such problems. Here are some suggestions for parents to help their children in cases of suspected bullying:

Take time to actively listen to your child to learn how he or she is coping with peer relationships ... it is best to comment as little as possible other than to let the child know you are listening ... validate feelings with comments such as "you seem to be handling that well" or "that must be hard for you".

If there are obvious concerns ... once you have listened and tried to understand how it is from his or her perspective, it is important for both of you to adopt a problem-solving orientation ... ideally the child stays "in charge", but you might need to lead him/her to this ... avoid the temptation to over-react and become unnecessarily emotional, rather acknowledge the concerns, validate how the child feels and look towards options that might solve the problem ... role play effective approaches to respond to bullying and rehearse these so that your child feels confident to use the strategies.

If necessary, make contact with the school to get support ... ideally accompany your child to a meeting with the class teacher/Administration person so that he/she can explain what is happening (that way your child feels 'in control'). Again, adopt a problem-solving orientation ... teachers don't condone bullying, but such behaviour is often difficult to identify (and sometimes your child may not be giving you the full story).

Remember that bullying is usually a one-way process of attack, where the victim has less power or status and feels unable to retaliate ... 'fights' which involve two-way aggressive behaviours between kids of equal power do not normally constitute bullying, though they still need to be addressed.

Suggestions for kids who are being bullied:

- Stay calm and don't act angry or upset. Bullies love a reaction.
- Practice what you'll do the next time it happens.
- Don't fight back. If you fight back, you could make the situation worse, get hurt or be blamed for starting the trouble.
- Try to calmly withdraw from the situation, ignore the bullying or say 'no' really firmly, then turn and walk away.
- Avoid being alone in places where you know the bully is likely to pick on you.
- Don't be afraid to tell an adult you trust, like a teacher or your mum or dad, and keep telling them over and over again.
- Most of all, don't give up. Being bullied can make you feel really bad about yourself and very discouraged. This is what the bullies want. If you don't do something about it, they will be able to take advantage of you again.
- Don't give anyone else the power to ruin your day.

Parents should avoid:

- Confronting another child or their parents about suspected bullying (it is more effective to contact the school to enable an objective response to occur).
- Communicating sympathy, anger or blame (over-identifying with the child's emotions) when your child raises a concern about bullying.
- Taking over the problem.
- Doing nothing.

[NB I am always happy to support parents in helping their kids in such situations ... either email or leave a message for me at the school office].

Thought for Today: "Growing older is mandatory. Growing up is optional."

Have a great week!

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

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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| ON | Ethan C |
| OW | Taj M |
| OY | Charlie C |
| 1N | Ash S |
| 1W | Felix L |
| 2N | Ben C |
| 2W | Lily P |
| 2Y | Gemma I |
| 3N | Jack H |
| 3W | Joel McA |
| 4N | Ryker S |
| 4W | Peter B |
| 5N | Jay R |
| 5W | Joey L |
| 6N | Emily G |
| 6W | Tiffany G |
| 7N | Nicky H |
| 7W | Ben H |



COMING EVENTS



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| 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 |

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| Tues 19 June | ICAS Spelling Competition |
| Tues 19 June | ICAS Writing Competition |
| Wed/Fri 20/22 June | Year 5 Camp |
| Wed 3 July | Closing Date and 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 Aug | ICAS Mathematics Competition |
| Mon/Fri 20/24 | Aug Book Week "Champions Read" |
| Mon 20 Aug | Elanora Children's Librarians Visit |
| Mon 20 Aug | St A's Readers' Cup |
| Tues 21 Aug | Book Week play: "And the Winner Is" |
| Wed 22 Aug | Author Kim Michelle Toft P-3 |
| Thurs 23 Aug | Author Phil Kettle 4-7 |
| Fri 24 Aug | Fancy Dress Parade |
| Mon/Thurs 17/20 Sept | Year 7 Surfing |
| Mon 12/16 Nov | St A's Annual Book Fair held in the Drama Room 8am-4pm each day |
| Tues 13 Nov | Gold Coast Catholic Readers' Cup |
| Wed 14 Nov | Catholic Aquathon, Currumbin |

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



P & F News

Disco

What a fantastic night we had at the disco! DJ Electra was awesome and made sure everyone had a great night. On behalf of the P & F a huge thank you to all parents and teachers who helped with supervision, car park, serving food and drink, signing in and out...we appreciate everybody's efforts to make the night a success.

Ladies Fashion Luncheon Fundraiser

The P & F's next big fundraiser is being held on Saturday 14 July. Ladies fashion luncheon. Gather together all your girlfriends, mothers, sisters and aunties and come and enjoy a scrumptious 2 course meal at the Palm Beach Currumbin Sports Club. Tickets only \$30 per person! There will be Raffles, Lucky Door Prizes and Fashions to BUY at cheap prices! Invitations will be out this week. Check out the end of this newsletter for more information.



TUCKSHOP ROSTER

| Date: | Tuckshop Helpers: | Home Baking Roster: |
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| Wed 30/5 | S. Dickinson, K. Burns G. Dietrich (11.30 – 2.30) | K. Cleaver |
| Thurs 31/5 | Help Required Please | |
| Fri 1/6 | S. O'Grady (8.30 – 11.30) | |

Tues 5/6 A. Wolff
K. Favot
K. McLuckie
Wed 6/6 S. Beame
T. Jones

E. Navin

F. Hore

M. Suddes

Wacky Wednesday Snack Box Meal – A Winter Warmer - Something different for you to try!
Available from 6 June until the end of Term 2. Wednesdays only!

Snack Box Meal:

2 x Goujans, 2 x Chicken Crackles, plus a handful of potato wedges, only \$4.00.

OSHC NEWS

June/July 2012 Vacation Care

Phone: (07) 55 078 108 or 0457 936 022

EMAIL: currumbinoshc@bne.centacare.net.au

Time: 6.45am -6.00pm

Location: St Augustine's Parish Primary School, Top Cark Park, OSHC Building. 106 Galleon Way, Currumbin Waters.

Age: Prep - Year 7

Fees: \$39 per child when booked as a permanent booking.

\$44 per child when booked as a casual booking.

*Incursions and excursions are extra.

Permanent bookings are those made before 6pm Friday 15 June.

St Augustine's OSHC is an approved Service for Child Care Benefit

To receive benefit, supply your family and child/rens' CRN and DOB to St Augustine's OSHC staff

Late Fees: \$22 for each 15mins (or thereof) as per Late Collection Policy.

Parents please take time to read our parent information fact sheets about our booking policy, payment details and other policies regarding attendance at St. Augustine's OSHC. These can be found on the school website.

Website: www.sa.qld.edu.au/ourschool/oshc

If your child is not enrolled at the centre enrolment forms can be found on the above website. Please be aware that your child's behaviour will determine his/her continuing enrolment at OSHC.

What to bring:

Morning tea and lunch (not to be heated please and keep in mind we strive to be a nut free zone), drink bottle of water, hat, sunscreen (we provide 30+), enclosed footwear, appropriate outdoor clothing and a fun attitude!

All Electronic equipment and/or toys are brought to the centre at your own risk and to be signed into the GADGET Register.

Please see vacation care program attached at the bottom of this newsletter. Any enquiries please call Vikki at the OSHC centre 5507 8108.

Vicki Stuart
OSHC Co-Ordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

Computers for Cambodia

Are you replacing your laptop for a new one? Why not give your old laptop to Colmax Computers and help build a future for some children in a Cambodian school.

How does it work?

You give your old laptop to Colmax Computers. They fix it, and will give it to a school in Tanop village in Cambodia. It's a win win situation for everyone involved. www.singingkites.org