



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)



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LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS

Winter sport

Last Friday saw the conclusion of our winter sport season for 2012. While a good proportion of the program was washed out, the weeks that the children did play were great fun and filled with good sportsmanship and skill development. We thank Mr Dolan for his superb organisation of our program and also to our teachers who coached and supervised the students each week. We look forward to the athletics season coming up in Trm 3 and then the summer sport program in Term 4.

Parent/ Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews are occurring in classrooms both before and after school this week and next. Thank you to our teachers for their extra time and commitment during this period of reporting to parents. Thank you to the parents who have been able to attend interviews. This communication and sharing of children's progress and development is so important and valuable in assisting each child to reach his / her full potential.



New Caledonian Visitors need billeting once again

Our friends from the St Therese School in New Caledonia have yet again asked for St A's families to billet their students when they visit our country in October this year. This tour has become a yearly event now and the relationship we have with the School is a treasured and special one. This year there will be 12 students on tour, aged from 10-12 years. The tourists will be on the Gold Coast and needing a welcoming home to stay in from 22 till 26 October. The French speaking New Caledonian children are billeted in pairs. Please contact Mrs Rohanna asap if you would like to enjoy the experience of sharing your home and culture with two lovely students who will appreciate your open hearts and companionship long into the future.

Welcome Fr John



We extend a huge welcome to Fr John and Max, his dog. We are very happy to have him with us. Fr John has only been in the parish two weekends but he has already officiated at two Confirmation ceremonies and two First Communion Masses! We look forward to working with him in our parish team and the children will meet him at an assembly next Friday. We ask God to bless him in his work in our school and our parish.

Community Masses in the chapel this week and next week will be assisted by Year 7. Fr John will be on his annual holiday from this time until the end of July.

We apologise for Fr John's name not being on the school newsletter as yet but assure you that his name will be there shortly.

Confirmation and First Eucharist Congratulations

Our sincere congratulations go to the 78 young children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Our thanks go to Fr John, thank you to the parents who supported the program with their children, your good example is so important at this early stage in their lives. Church is an integral part of life at St Augustine's School and whether you are regular church goers or not, we thank you for reinforcing, supporting and assisting your children to realise the sacredness of church celebrations and the reverence that is expected at these.

A special thanks to the musicians, Mrs Pullen and Mr Pizzol and the teachers, Mrs May and Mrs Williams who supported their children with their presence and assistance on these evenings. It was also very special weekend for 32 of these young children who made the final step as full members of our Catholic Church. The children were a credit to their parents, families and school and it was a pleasure to be part of the ceremonies. It was great to see the proud faces on parents, grandparents and community members alike. We hope that you enjoyed this family occasion together. There are 46 more families who will celebrate this special event with their children next weekend.

Welcome Marymount Students Ex St A's girls – Work Experience

Five ex-students of St A's, now in year 11 at Marymount College are coming back to their old primary school next week to do work experience in our classrooms. We welcome Kate Thomas, Madalina B, Lily T, Teagan G and Alex H. The girls will be assisting teachers in Prep, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and in the Learning Support Centre. We are sure that these young ladies will see another side to primary school and will undoubtedly enjoy working alongside and with our teachers.

ICLT (Information, Communication and Learning Technology) Student Code of Conduct

At St Augustine's, we understand the key role that technology plays in the development of learning and we are also aware of the need to provide a safe framework in which students can appropriately develop knowledge, skills, attitudes and values. We encourage considerate and appropriate behaviour, good manners, etiquette and responsible use of school resources.

As we are half way through the year, it is timely to revisit our ITLC Student Code of Conduct. If the Code of Conduct is breached, possible school responses could include: a discussion with the student, informing parents or a loss of ICLT privileges. If students are found to be participating in any form of cyber bullying or harassment that affects the emotional or mental wellbeing of staff or students, the school will follow necessary procedures and the police will be notified.



It is important, therefore, that parents revisit the ICLT Student Code of Conduct document, discuss the rules and encourage children to follow the school's cybersafety program. The ICLT Student Code of Conduct may be found on the St Augustine webpage, under *Policies*.

Lynne Rohanna (Acting Principal), Jane Marrison (APRE) and Lonnie Rutland (Acting APA)

GENERAL NEWS

Wacky Wednesday Snack Box Meal – A Winter Warmer!

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Altar Servers

A reminder to all the current Altar Servers that you need to check your rosters each week and arrive 15 minutes before Mass in order to be ready to serve with Fr John.

Weekend of 16/17 June: Ben O'H and Katie F (Sat 6pm) and Aisling, Naimh and Aoife W (Sun 9:30am).

Weekend of 23/24 June: Lucy and Molly K (Sat 6pm) and Ashleigh P and Jessica B (Sun 9:30am).



Speech and Drama News

My gosh - where has this term gone? However, in saying that, it will be nice to pull up the doona and not worry about deadlines for a couple of weeks as we enjoy the winter weather!

By the end of term all regular classes will have been completed plus an extra one for most groups. This includes extra days to make up for the public holidays and sport carnival days throughout the term. We begin classes once again in the first week of term three. This will be an exciting and long term, so make sure you are refreshed and ready for the rollercoaster to follow for the next 11 weeks! Term three includes the Gold Coast Eisteddfod. Programmes will be printed and sent home within the first week (or close to that time). As it is such a long term we expect to be able to conduct extra classes.

Most work to be presented for the Eisteddfod has been discussed and issued to the children. There may be one or two individual pieces still to choose at the start of next term. It is very important that this work is practised between class times. Please encourage this! I have a running 'joke' with my students that I am working on a secret 'pill' they can take which will immediately commit their words to memory!! They think this is a wonderful idea - but until that time - just ask them to keep working hard on memorising words the old fashioned way!

On behalf of my wonderful teachers and myself, have a great holiday break! Stay safe and warm, enjoy some quality family time together and see you all next term.

Anita Eldridge (Speech and Drama Co-ordinator)

Woolies Vouchers

Keep them coming in! Thank you to all of the students and families who have already collected stickers and completed whole pages.

LIBRARY NEWS

2012 Premier's Reading Challenge

Once again, St Augustine's is participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. Last year, "nearly" every student completed the Challenge. This year, our aim is to have every student complete the challenge. In this National Year of reading, this is a way to show that St A's is indeed a "reading" school.



The Premier's Reading Challenge encourages students from Prep to Year 7 to read or experience a variety of books. It is not a competition, but a way to encourage greater involvement in reading and develop a love of reading for life. The Challenge begins this week and will end on 31 August. Each student will be issued with a Reading Record Form, which when completed must be returned to their class teacher. Parents are asked to sign off each book as it is completed. All students who complete the Challenge will be issued with an official certificate from the Premier.

Prep - Year 2 - read or experience 20 books:

Students can read independently and/or experience 20 books. Experiencing a book can include classroom or at-home activities such as shared reading, listening and reading along with a text, or being read to.

Students can share their reading with parents, carers, teachers, aides, siblings, student buddies or classmates. Reading aloud and reading picture books is encouraged.

Years 3-4 - read 20 books:

Students are required to read 20 books to complete the challenge unless they are considered to have a special need in which case they can experience as well as read books..

Students are encouraged to read independently. They can also read with peers and adults

Years 5-7 - read 15 books:

The requirement for Year 5 through to Year 7 students to read 15 books rather than 20 books acknowledges that older students are likely to select longer, more complex books and because of this, it may take them longer to read.

RIBIT (Read In Bed It's Terrific)

Congratulations to the following RIBIT readers: Riley W, Ben R, Kalinda B, Mitchell S, Alexander T, Charlotte McD, Jade O'G, Bailey B and Jude T. Why not add these books to your Premier's Reading Challenge Reading Record Form? How easy is that?



Lalonga Rutland (Acting
Assistant Principal)

SPORTSCENE

District Athletics

Congratulations to the 16 students who competed at the Championship Athletics Day last Wednesday. Well done to Harry B (3rd 10yr boys 800m) and Jakob H (4th 11yr boys 800m) who now advance to the Regional Athletics Carnival on the 21 July next term. Great effort!



Catholic Cross Country

Well done to the 50 students who represented St A's at St Brigid's Primary School track last Wednesday. St A's finished 7th behind overall winners Guardian Angels. Congratulations to the following students who finished in the top 10 for their age races: 1st Bailey B 8yr boys, 2nd Noah C 9yr boys and Harry B 11yr boys, 3rd Jakob H 11yr boys, 5th Sophie P 8yr girls. The following age divisions finished with ribbons in their teams events: 2nd 9yr boys, 4th 8yr and 13yr boys. Well done to all! All singlets are required to be washed and handed back to Mr Dolan this week please.

District & Catholic Singlets

All Catholic and District Cross Country Squads are to hand back their laundered running singlets to Mr Dolan by Friday 15 June please.

Winter Sport

Our rain disrupted Winter Sport season has finally come to an end in 2012. Well done to all the 14 teams who played in Rugby League, Netball and Soccer! St A's improved in all sports in 2012 with outstanding weekly results and great sportspersonship displayed at each game. Our netball teams had an enjoyable season, with improvement evident. Our soccer teams were very competitive and the rugby league teams had another successful season. Not a bad effort from one of the smallest schools in the competition!

I would especially like to thank all the trainers and coaches who gave their time to prepare these teams week-in, week-out. Special thanks to; Mrs Ormerod, Miss Miller, Mrs Biggins, Mr Dick, Mr Montgomery, Mr Sanders, Mrs King, Mrs Reinhard and Mrs Hamill. Our students are very fortunate to have you as coaches or helpers. Many thanks to Brims Coaches for safe travel to and from venues and their continued support of our great school!

Winter Sport Soccer and Rugby League Jerseys

All jerseys need to be laundered and returned to Mr Dolan this week please. Once returned, students names will be marked off the list.

St A's Athletics Carnival

Trials for all Field Events have concluded, however, students who have missed out due to absence on trial days, will still have the opportunity to be considered. Please see Mr Dolan. Our school carnival will be held over two days. The Field Events will be on Thursday 12 July and Track Events (whole school) on Friday 13 July. This is week 1 of term 3.



Gold Coast Titans NRL Debut

Congratulations to ex-student, Jamie Dowling, who made his NRL debut against the Cronulla Sharks on the weekend, playing fullback! Jamie becomes the first St A's student to make it to top grade in the NRL – may they be many more to come!

COMING EVENTS

<i>Tues 19 June</i>	<i>ICAS Spelling Competition</i>
<i>Tues 19 June</i>	<i>ICAS Writing Competition</i>
<i>Wed/Fri 20/22 June</i>	<i>Year 5 Camp</i>
<i>Wed 3 July</i>	<i>Closing Date and Payment required for English Comp. \$7</i>
<i>Thurs 12 July</i>	<i>St A's Athletics Field Events</i>
<i>Fri 13 July</i>	<i>St A's Athletics Track Events</i>
<i>Wed 17 July</i>	<i>Closing Date and Payment required for Maths Comp. \$7</i>
<i>Mon 23 July</i>	<i>Music Day of Excellence, Marymount College 9am - 1pm</i>
<i>Wed 31 July</i>	<i>ICAS English Competition</i>
<i>Tues 14 Aug</i>	<i>ICAS Mathematics Competition</i>
<i>Mon/Fri 20/24</i>	<i>Aug Book Week "Champions Read"</i>
<i>Mon 20 Aug</i>	<i>Elanora Children's Librarians Visit</i>
<i>Mon 20 Aug</i>	<i>St A's Readers' Cup</i>
<i>Tues 21 Aug</i>	<i>Book Week play: "And the Winner Is"</i>
<i>Wed 22 Aug</i>	<i>Author Kim Michelle Toft P-3</i>
<i>Thurs 23 Aug</i>	<i>Author Phil Kettle 4-7</i>
<i>Fri 24 Aug</i>	<i>Fancy Dress Parade</i>
<i>Mon/Thurs 17/20 Sept</i>	<i>Year 7 Surfing</i>
<i>Mon 12/16 Nov</i>	<i>St A's Annual Book Fair held in the Drama Room. 8am-4pm each day</i>
<i>Tues 13 Nov</i>	<i>Gold Coast Catholic Readers' Cup</i>
<i>Wed 14 Nov</i>	<i>Catholic Aquathon, Currumbin</i>



GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS

Tony on Long Service Leave:

Please note that I will be taking long service leave for the first five weeks of term 3. I will be replaced during this time by Sandra Devine who can be contacted via the school office. Please do not hesitate to contact Sandra if you have any concerns about your child's social or emotional welfare.

Parenting for Appropriate Behaviour

Parents who adopt a consistent, positive approach to discipline tend to have fewer discipline problems than those who either adopt a very permissive attitude, or those who are too authoritarian. You cannot expect that your child will never engage in naughty or unacceptable behaviour, but here are some suggestions which you might try to help reduce this type of behaviour:

Help build your child's self-esteem by letting her do things on her own, such as getting dressed, packing her bag, walking into school without you ... extend the independence in gradual, safe stages and give her appropriate acknowledgement for these achievements.

Always adopt a problem-solving orientation when your child raises problems or concerns rather than take over or rescue. Pose the question, 'what do you want to do about this?' or 'let's look at some ideas/options'. Acknowledge the child's feelings (of anxiety, fear, disappointment, inadequacy etc.), but communicate your trust that he has the power to deal with the problem.



Reassure your child that you love him even when the behaviour has been unacceptable. Use descriptive acknowledgement to encourage more of the behaviour you want to see (eg 'you have put all your clothes in the basket, good on you; you have thought through that problem carefully and come up with a workable solution; you have been able to concentrate on your homework for a full ten minutes and have managed to get lots completed, good on you').

Focus on the positive improvements much more than 'nagging' about inappropriate behaviours to get better outcomes.

Be consistent in the way in which you manage your child's behaviour. Set clear limits and stick to them so that she knows what you expect. Communicate that you expect compliance.

No matter how busy you are, try to spend time with your child playing or doing things together. A child who is not getting enough attention from his parents often misbehaves to get noticed.

Children copy the behaviour of their parents. So always try to lead by example. For instance, if you want your child to have good manners, make sure she sees you being polite to others. If you want your child to read, make sure he sees you making time to read.

Plan, plan and plan ... if you are having an ongoing difficulty with your child's behaviour, you usually know what to expect next time ... be prepared and have a plan ready to deal with or minimise the problem. Don't just wait until it happens again.

Be flexible and change if what you are trying is ineffective ... seek help if necessary ... if you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got!

There is no such thing as a perfect parent (or the perfect child). It will save you a lot of emotional turmoil if you can learn to accept that you are going to make mistakes and that you find some areas of parenting harder than others. Don't be too hard on yourself ... learn to forgive yourself for your mistakes, seek help from professionals when it all gets too hard and persevere.

Today's Reflection: It is never too late to be what you might have been.

Have a great week.

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

TERM DATES 2012

Term Dates 2012:

- Term 2: Monday 16 April to Friday 22 June
- Term 3: Monday 9 July to Friday 21 September (11 weeks)
- Term 4: Monday 8 October to Friday 7 December (9 weeks)



TUCKSHOP ROSTER

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Date:	Tuckshop Helpers:	Home Baking Roster:
Wed 13 June	C Lanham, M Boyle, D Power (8:30-11:30)	A Finn
Thurs 14 June	C Carroll, J Field	P Walsh
Fri 15 June	R Bulkeley, J Fing, S O'Grady (8:30-11:30)	A Holmes
Tues 19 June	B Robinson, V Reihana (11:30-2:30)	
Wed 20 June	F Boyle, C Scotcher (8:30-11:30)	

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Please keep in mind you can join the Tuckshop roster at any time. Please think about this for next term as we really do need some help. Just a couple of hours any day would be great!

P & F NEWS

Ladies come and socialise with old friends and make new ones at the St. Augustine's Fashion Fundraiser Luncheon! Gather a group of friends together for...

- *Saturday 14th July at the Palm Beach Currumbin Sports Club!*
- *Tickets just \$30 per person ...price includes sit down 2 course*
- *Meal, champagne on arrival and a complimentary goody bag!*
- *Donate your quality clothing items or accessories for our preloved sale!*
- *All items can be dropped into the office for collection.*



Business mums bring in your business card for St. A's directory and a chance to win a great prize on the day! (Business cards to be in by Wed 20 June 2012). See you all there!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Presented at last Friday's assembly:

<i>ON</i>	<i>Jack S</i>	<i>OW</i>	<i>Isabel N</i>
<i>OY</i>	<i>Matt O'G</i>		
<i>1W</i>	<i>Molly G / Sienna T</i>		
<i>1N</i>	<i>Isabelle L / Sunny W</i>	<i>2N</i>	<i>Keely L</i>
<i>2W</i>	<i>Benji S</i>	<i>2Y</i>	<i>Keira C</i>
<i>3W</i>	<i>Hayden T</i>	<i>3N</i>	<i>Jack H</i>
<i>4N</i>	<i>Sam F</i>	<i>4W</i>	<i>Brooklyn K</i>
<i>5N</i>	<i>Jeven P</i>	<i>5W</i>	<i>Ben O'H</i>
<i>6N</i>	<i>Lily G</i>	<i>6W</i>	<i>Sarah T</i>
<i>7N</i>	<i>Dean B</i>	<i>7W</i>	<i>Joshua M</i>