



TUESDAY 24 JULY 2012

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Leadership Team News

New Carpet in B Block

The teachers and students in B Block (Years 1, 3, 4 and 7) are very delighted this week as new carpet was laid in their classrooms last Friday and Saturday. The rooms look lovely and fresh, and the carpet is made up of square tiles, so that if an accident or spill occurs the carpet square can be replaced or removed, leaving everything still looking very clean and new for a long time.

Athletics Carnival – Take 2!



The St A's Athletics Carnival is this Thursday and Fridayweather permitting, yet again! Details of the two days can be found in Mr Dolans sport section of our newsletter. We wish everyone a great day. Friday is traditionally a fun and social day at our track events, with picnics, sausage sizzles and great athletic achievements. Thank you to Mr Dolan, Mrs Hamill and Rob White for all of the preparation and forward planning for this school carnival.

Tuckshop

Our Tuckshop convenors, Nicole and Robyn do a wonderful job each week cooking and preparing food for our children and staff. Sadly though, they are very short of helpers at the moment. If any parents are free and would like to support the school by volunteering some of their time in the tuckshop it would be greatly appreciated. Robyn and Nicole will be about on Friday at the Athletics Carnival if parents wish to chat to them about helping, otherwise please phone them in the tuckshop Tuesday to Friday on 5507 8135.

Another Tuckshop issue we ask that parents check the coins that children bring to purchase products at the tuckshop please. There has been a lot of foreign coinage handed over of late. Only Australian currency will be accepted.

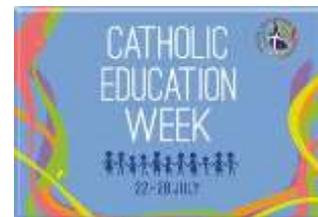
New Caledonian Billets

Thank you to the families who offered to take New Caledonian students later this year. We now have a home for all of the children. Details will be forwarded to the billeting families as the time gets closer. For now though, a big thanks for your support of this program.

Catholic Education Week 2012 - 22-28 July 2012

Catholic Education Week in Queensland is a special opportunity for all Catholic schools to celebrate their distinctive mission and share the great things they are doing with their school, parish and wider communities.

Catholic Education Week 2012 will be held from Sunday 22 July - Saturday 28 July and will focus on the theme:



Celebrating Community

Family Parish School

Thank you to all those who joined with the students and teachers at St Augustine's School on Monday for an opening prayer to commence the week. Thank you Year 4 and Mrs May.

Queensland's 292 Catholic schools educate 138,000 students and employ more than 17,000 teachers and staff and like St Augustine's most will celebrate Catholic Education Week in some way this year.

Some facts about Catholic education in Queensland

- The first Catholic school in Queensland was established in 1845 in central Brisbane near where the Myer Centre now stands.
- The Catholic schools in Queensland are made up of 197 primary, 69 secondary and 26 P-12 schools serving metropolitan, regional, rural and remote communities in locations ranging from Thursday Island to Longreach and south to the border.
- The schools are administered by five Diocesan authorities based in Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton, Toowoomba and Brisbane as well as 18 Religious Institutes.
- 18% of all Queensland school students and approximately 60% of those attending non-government schools attend a Catholic school.
- Over the past decade, enrolments in Queensland Catholic schools have increased by around 3.0% each year.

Important Message re. Chapel Mass

There will be no Chapel Mass this week as Fr Denis is at a conference and is unavailable for the community on this day. Mr Dolan's Year 6 will change to Thursday 16 August. We take this opportunity to thank Fr Denis for Masses he has celebrated with the Year 4 children over the last two weeks. Fr Denis is amazing with the children, he explains why things are done and assists them to understand and participate in the Mass. Thanks to him for sharing himself with us while Fr John has been away.

Thursday 9 August is a very special day for Fr John. It will be the day when he celebrates 40 years of priesthood and he wants to celebrate it with us at a Mass. We will be joining him in a whole school Mass in the Mary MacKillop Centre commencing at 9am. This whole school Mass will be the start of something that we hope to continue so that parents, friends and community members may join us at a Mass on a more regular basis. Please mark this date on your calendars as we would love you to share this celebration with us.

Seasons for Growth Program

Loss and grief are issues which affect all of us at some stage in our lives. Learning to deal with these issues is central to personal wellbeing and happiness. Unresolved grief can also affect learning. St Augustine's School is offering an Australian education program called Seasons for Growth which supports participants who have experienced change in their family because of death, separation or divorce. It is suggested that the child has experienced the loss more than six months ago.

The program will be led by Mrs Maree Burgess. It explores issues such as change, loss, managing feelings, coping strategies and support networks. Seasons is an eight week program which concludes with a 'Celebration' session to which family are invited.

Seasons will commence in Week 8 (week of 27-31 August) of this term. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons we would encourage you to talk to them about this. Should he/she decide to participate please ring Clare (55988730) or Maree and ask for a participation form to be sent home. A parent information session will be held at a later date if necessary. We are pleased to be able to offer this program at St A's and we are confident that it will be a valuable experience for those who request to be involved.

Music Day of Excellence Day at Marymount - Monday 23 July

Year 7 and musicians attended the Music day of Excellence at Marymount College. The concert band was made up of children from St Vincent's, Marymount Primary, Marymount College and St Augustine's. We were proud of our choir and musicians.



Lynne Rohanna, Jane Marrison and Lonnie Rutland (Leadership Team)

General News

School Fees & Chess Fees

School fee statements were posted out yesterday. Families paying by direct debit will not receive a statement. Chess fees for Semester 2 have also been billed to all chess participants. School fees are due 3 August, 2012.

Tuckshop Reminders

- All sandwiches that are sent in from home to be toasted cost \$1.00 per sandwich.
- Sushi: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday only.
- No foreign coin please.

Kind regards, Nicole and Robyn (St A's Tuckshop Convenors) 55078 162 / 135.

Knitting and Crochet Club

Our knitting and crochet club is up and running again. We meet in the Drama Room on Thursdays at morning tea. Students from Years 2-7 are welcome to come and learn how to knit and crochet. Together we knit or crochet squares to be used to make rugs for charity. We have plenty of wool and knitting needles, however we are short on crochet hooks (size 4 or larger). If you have any at home you would like to donate this would be appreciated. If they wish to take their project home, we ask the children attending to bring their own needles (sizes 4-6) or hooks (size 4 or 4.5) We are knitting or crocheting squares 20cm x 20cm to make up these rugs. If anyone would like to donate squares for these rugs it would be great. We have plenty of wool if you would like to help. Mrs Murray has started two 'continuous community' rugs which we use for teaching crochet. One of these is based on the granny squares pattern and the other is a round in double crochet. If you wish to contribute your

crocheting skills to these rugs while sitting at school (collecting children, morning assemblies etc.) please collect the basket which contains 2 hooks, rugs and wool from the staff room. Please return the community rugs basket to the staffroom when finished and do not take it off the school premises.

Speech and Drama Reminder

Just a reminder to parents to please make sure you include students name and school as a reference when paying your term account by direct debit. Payment date for the term - Friday 20 July. Thank you to all who have taken care of this.

The Gold Coast Eisteddfod programmes have been handed out to all families. Please locate these and have a look at performance times - very exciting!

Lastly - a reminder to encourage practise at home! This is so valuable to the overall participation and confidence.

Any questions - feel free to email me.

Anita Eldridge (Specialist Teacher) aledridge@bne.catholic.edu.au

The Learning Centre News

ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) Results

Entries have now closed for all 2012 ICAS competitions.

The **ICAS Computer Skills Competition** was held on 22 May and the **ICAS Science Competition** was held on 6 June. Well done to all the students who entered these competitions. The students received the following awards:

COMPUTER SKILLS

CREDIT:	Jade O'G 3N; Michaela S 3N; Alexandra B 4N; Orlagh H 7N
PARTICIPATION:	Stephanie I 3N; Harry R 3N; Harrie VDB 4N; Christopher B 5W; Maggie R 6N; Matilda T 6N

SCIENCE

HIGH DISTINCTION:	Liam S
DISTINCTION:	Alexandra B 4N; Seamus H 4N; Madeline H 4N; Caitlin H 7W
CREDIT:	Harry R 3N; Maggie R 6N
PARTICIPATION:	Stephanie I 3N; Adam N 3N; Sydnie W 4W; Bronson H 5N; Jaiah P 6N; Hannah VDB 6W

When certificates arrive they will be awarded at a Friday school assembly.

Support-A-Reader Room 15 - please help!

Mondays - Fridays 2:00pm to 3:00pm

We have the comfy lounge, we have the keen and ready students, we have the books BUT we don't have enough supportive adult volunteers to listen to the children read. Please consider becoming a volunteer SAR tutor. There is no need to commit to a regular time or day. You may wish to come a little earlier for afternoon pickup (eg. 2:30pm) and join us in room 15.

The St Augustine's Support-A-Reader (SAR) program provides opportunities for students to read to/with a supportive trained tutor on a regular basis. Support-A-Reader tutors are volunteer parents or community members who are trained in techniques that help to support the student reader. The reader is positively reinforced for good reading by means of highly specific and contingent tutor praise.

A big thank you to our TWO (2) regular SAR tutors but **more volunteer tutors are urgently needed**. If you would like to volunteer (or know someone in the community who would be interested) please complete the *Volunteer Learning Centre Helpers and Tutors Form* - available from TLC or the School Office. If you were a tutor last year we'd love to see you again, but please complete the volunteer form to express your interest.

SAR sessions are held every afternoon between 2pm and 3pm in the classroom beside TLC (Room 15). Tutors do not have to commit to regular days, times or sessions.

Sue Murray (Support Teacher, Inclusive Education)

Sportscene

St A's Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics carnival is on this week. Split over two days, our Field Events Carnival will be on this Thursday 26 July and the whole school Track Carnival on Friday 27 July. Students have the opportunity again to represent their House Colour team and cheer on their peers running for House Colour points. All students are to wear their House Colour hats and sports uniform, bring 2 x drink bottles, sunscreen, packed morning tea and lunch (tuckshop not open, but a BBQ lunch will be available). Joggers are to be worn (compulsory) throughout all running events this year. Programs are available for 20 cents at the front office. The Track Events Carnival will commence at 8:50am and conclude at 2:45pm. Parents are invited to attend this great day and even join in for the annual Parent v Student v Teacher Relay (60m) in the last event of the carnival. The Field Events Carnival this Thursday 26 July is for students who have trialled and have made the top 8 per age division. These students will come out of class 15 minutes before their start time and return after their event. The first events start at 8:35am and conclude at 2:30pm. Parents are most welcome to come and watch their child perform. The program for Field Events is below and can also be viewed on the front school noticeboard.

High Jump		Long Jump		Shot Putt	
9:00am	11 boys	8:35am	10 boys	8:35am	12 boys
9:30am	11 girls	9:00am	10 girls	9:00am	12 girls
10:00am	10 boys	9:25am	8 boys	9:25am	9 boys
10:30am	10 girls	9:25am	8 girls	9:45am	9 girls
11:00am	8 boys	10:05 am	12 boys	10:05am	8 boys
11:30am	8 girls	10:25am	12 girls	10:25am	8 girls
12noon	9 boys	10:45am	11 boys	11:15am	10 boys
12:30pm	9 girls	11:15am	11 girls	11:35am	10 girls
1:00pm	12 boys	11:35 am	9 boys	12noon	11 boys
1:30pm	12 girls	12noon	9 girls	12:25pm	11 girls
2:00pm	13 boys	12:25pm	13 boys	12:50pm	13 boys
2:20pm	13 girls	12:45pm	13 girls	1:05pm	13 girls

District Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the 44 students who represented St A's last week at the District 'C' Schools Carnival. St A's finished 4th overall behind winners Gilston SS. Congratulations to Liam B who is having a great year in sport, he finished the Carnival with the 13yr boy Age Championship medallion. Well done Liam! Many thanks to Mrs Hall and Mrs Goody for their invaluable assistance on the day.

Students who finished 1st or 2nd last Wednesday have qualified to compete at the District Championship Day next Monday 30 July at Pizzey Park Athletics Track. Students involved will receive a Consent Form and Program this week.

NRL – Titans

Great win by the Titans over arch rivals the Broncos (14-10) last Friday night. St A's is an official 'Titans Ambassador Program' school and we sent through a supporter fax prior to the game. It obviously worked, as the Gold Coast Titans team has thanked St A's for our continued support and encouragement and they played extra hard for us! Semi-finals might yet be a possibility – Go Titans!

Mr Shaun Dolan (Sports Co-ordinator)

Students of the Week

Students were presented with their certificate at last Friday's assembly:

<i>OY</i>	<i>Roxanna H</i>
<i>OW</i>	<i>Jag G</i>
<i>ON</i>	<i>Caleb T</i>
<i>1N</i>	<i>Oscar S</i>
<i>1W</i>	<i>Macy H</i>
<i>2Y</i>	<i>Ethan H</i>
<i>2N</i>	<i>Sophie C</i>
<i>2W</i>	<i>Jessica M</i>
<i>3N</i>	<i>Eden G</i>
<i>3W</i>	<i>Zac B</i>
<i>4N</i>	<i>Sophie P</i>
<i>4W</i>	<i>Sasha M</i>
<i>5N</i>	<i>Yasmin D</i>
<i>5W</i>	<i>Dylan Cl</i>
<i>6N</i>	<i>Yasmin F</i>
<i>6W</i>	<i>Kyle M</i>
<i>7N</i>	<i>Aoife W</i>

Coming Events

<i>Thurs 26 July</i>	<i>Field Events Carnival at St Augustine's</i>
<i>Fri 27 July</i>	<i>Track Events Carnival at St Augustine's</i>
<i>Wed 31 July</i>	<i>ICAS English Competition</i>
<i>Fri 3 August</i>	<i>School Fees due</i>

Tues 14 Aug	ICAS Mathematics Competition
Mon 20 Aug	Book Week commences "Champions Read" Prep - 3: Librarians from Elanora Library Year 4-7: Susy Boyer, Illustrator
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, 9:00am in the hall
Thurs 30 Aug	St A's Day celebration
Fri 31 Aug	Gold Coast Show holiday
12 September	St A's Readers' Cup
Mon-Thurs 17-20 Sept	Year 7 Surfing
15/10-17/10	Year 7 Camp: Tunnel Ridge Ranch, Landsborough \$365
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
Fri 7 Dec	End of term 4.
Wed 30 January 2013	Term 1 commences

Tuckshop Roster

Date:	Tuckshop Roster:	Home Baking Roster:
Wed 25 July	C Lanham, M Boyle, D Power (8:30-11:30)	A Finn
Thurs 26 July	C Carroll, J Field	P Walsh
Fri 27 July	R Bulkeley, J Fing, S O'Grady (8:30 - 11:30) #	A Holmes
Tues 31 July	B Robinson, V Reihana (11:30-2:30)	Baking needed!
Wed 1 Aug	F Boyle, C Scotcher (8:30-11:30)	Baking needed!
#	Athletics Carnival this Friday we will be selling sausages on bread with or without onion \$2.00. Lollies, chips and drinks etc. We will be selling Coffee and Tea \$2.50; some home cooking would be appreciated to sell with coffee and tea.	

Term Dates 2012 and 2013

Term dates 2012:	Term 3: Monday 9 July to Friday 21 September (11 weeks) Term 4: Monday 8 October to Friday 7 December (9 weeks)
Term dates 2013:	Term 1: Wed 30 January - Thursday 28 March Term 2: Monday 15 April - Friday 21 June Term 3: Monday 8 July - Friday 20 September Term 4: Tuesday 8 October - Friday 6 December

Community News

Palm Beach Junior Touch Football

Palm Beach Junior Touch Football Summer Comp commencing Friday 5 October - 4 March 2013. Under 8,10,12,14,16 Boys & Girls. Sign on Friday 24 August and Friday 7 Sept from 4-6:30pm and Sat 1 & Sat 15 September 9-11:30am at Mallowa Drive, Palm Beach. For more info call Jim on 0402170784.

Currumbin Nippers Sign on days

Sunday 12 & 19 August 9:00am till 11:00am. Palm Beach Currumbin Swimming Pool. **Every member must do a pool swim so all must bring swimmers and all new members and children under 7 years MUST bring Birth Certificate.** Enquires contact Louise on 0412 347114 or Janine on 0408 969369.