



Leadership Team News

Athletics Carnival

Well it was worth the wait! Our Athletics carnival went off without a hitch, or a drop of rain, last Thursday and Friday. Huge thanks to Mr Dolan for organising such a finely-tuned and excellent carnival. Thank you to all of the teachers and staff for undertaking their roles for the day, to the Year 7 students for their leadership of each of the house teams and to the children for their energy, skill and participation in events. Thanks, too, to Rob for preparing the oval through some pretty tough prior conditions, and to Robyn, Nicole and the parent helpers for the BBQ and canteen (Nigel Fing certainly cooks great sausages). All in all, it was a wonderful day. Congratulations to all winners and participants.

A new Director of Brisbane Catholic Education in 2013

Earlier this year our Executive Director, Mr David Hutton announced that he will retire at the beginning of 2013. Bishop Mark Coleridge announced this week that Mrs Pam Betts will be the Executive Director of Catholic Education from February 1, 2013. Pam has been in the role of Director – Administrative Services at the BCE Office since July 2010. She is an educator and leader with wide experience in a number of roles in Catholic education in Queensland. We congratulate Pam on her appointment and offer her our prayerful support as she takes on this most significant ministry with the Archdiocese early next year.

Rubbish at St A's

Many thanks to the families who have supported our request to attempt to reduce waste at the school by packing nude lunches nude lunches and using reusable containers. On 6, 7, 8 August we have invited representatives from Gold Coasts 'Wipe Out Waste' program to work with each of our grades to come up with more ideas and workable concepts to continue to illuminate this problem. Special thanks to Mrs Barrett for her leadership with this initiative.

ACARA letter

Brisbane Catholic Education has received a request from the Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QCEC), on behalf of the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), regarding the provision of selected student and parent information. ACARA has requested this information under the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority Act 2008.

Brisbane Catholic Education will be supplying the information on behalf of all BCE schools. Please see the letter below from ACARA explaining their request. Parents not wanting information to be included must contact the school by Thursday August 9. If we do not hear from parents it will be inferred that details may be forwarded on to ACARA.

Please see below the letter from ACARA:

Information required to determine the Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) for schools

PRIVACY NOTICE

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the 'ACARA Act 2008' for one or both of the following purposes:

formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and

assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matter.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you **do not** want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice. Further information about ACARA can be obtained from our website: www.acara.edu.au

Invitation



All parents and friends are invited to join the school community in the celebration of the first whole school Mass in the Mary MacKillop Centre next Thursday 9 August. This day also coincides with Fr John's 40th anniversary as a priest and we want to make this Mass special for him. The students have been revising songs and the band is ready! The Mass will commence at 9am and will take the place of the normal Thursday community Mass. Parishioners have also been invited. A morning tea will be held in the chapel entrance after the Mass, a plate would be greatly appreciated. We would love to see you there to join in this special celebration for Fr John.

Carpark Pickup Trial



We are trialling a name recognition system during car park pickup. We will provide each family with your family name and ask that you display this when your car approaches pickup. This will help us recognise you and alert your child quickly for pickup. A suggestion that the name be affixed to the lefthand windscreen visor and lowered when you approach the pickup area or displayed on the dashboard on approach. We are hoping that this will make the pickup more streamlined each afternoon.

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

General News

Sincere Condolences



Please keep the Pedemont family in your thoughts and prayers on the passing of Des Newman. Loving father of Kellie, father-in-law to Corey and poppy to Harry (Prep) and Seraya. *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon him, May he rest in peace, Amen.*

Wed 15 August - School as normal

Please note that our school does not get the Ekka holiday, Wednesday 15 August. School will be as per normal.

Lost Property Cleanout

Any old containers, lunch boxes will be thrown out at the end of the week if not claimed. Named containers and items of clothing will be returned to the child.

Speech and Drama News

The time to our own 'Olympics' - the Gold Coast Eisteddfod marches steadily towards us! Let's hope some of the wonderfully inspiring television footage (and some of the gracious losses along the way), can inspire some extra practise in the next few weeks!

Obviously there were no classes last week due to the sporting events at school, however Kathryn will be working additional days in the lead up to make sure all our students are as ready as possible. That's where the great work at home becomes vital - commit words to memory at home and we can polish up the performance in class time!

Thank you to all who have paid term fees. All outstanding fees must now be paid unless you have contacted me to discuss the issue.

Keep watching this most amazing games and become inspired to achieve - no matter what your particular discipline!

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

Sportscene



St A's Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics carnival last week was a great success, due to the fantastic students of St A's being so co-operative and understanding. Held over two days, our Field Events Carnival and the whole school Track Carnival ran well, considering we had to modify the day due to a wet track from an unexpected overnight storm. Many thanks to the House Captains and Year 7 leaders who were great assistants last Friday, as well as, the Year 6 students aspiring to be leaders in 2013 – thank you!

Yet again, the staff of St Augustine's were very professional and extremely supportive in their many roles. Their help was very much appreciated and allowed the day to run smoothly. The canteen ladies and parent helpers, supplied a fantastic lunch that allowed the students to nourish away on goodies. Most of all I would like to especially thank our groundsman in Rob White, for his invaluable assistance over the two days and the pre-carnival preparation of the oval – thanks Rob!

Due to the **800m** races being cancelled last Friday, they are now re-scheduled for next **Monday 6 August from 9:00am**. Unfortunately St A's has too many other activities on this week, to allow time to do so. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us again.

Congratulations to the Teachers who finally won the Parent v Teacher vs Student race at the end of the day (it's taken a few years to do so!). Thanks to the many parents who also took part in this fun race, the students loved seeing you participate!

District Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the 16 students who represented St A's at the District Championship Day Carnival on Monday 30 July. Our students can hold their heads up high with pleasing performances. Well done St A's!

Mr Shaun Dolan (Sports Co-ordinator)

Coming Events

<i>Tues 31 July</i>	<i>ICAS English Competition</i>
<i>Fri 3 Aug</i>	<i>School fees due</i>
<i>Mon 6 Aug</i>	<i>St A's 800m races, 9:00am</i>
<i>Thurs 9 Aug</i>	<i>Whole school Mass in the Mary MacKillop Centre next Thursday 9 August.</i>
<i>Tues 14 Aug</i>	<i>ICAS Mathematics Challenge</i>
<i>Mon 20 Aug</i>	<i>Book Week commences "Champions Read"</i>
	<i>Prep - 3: Librarians from Elanora Library</i>
	<i>Year 4-7: Susy Boyer, Illustrator</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, 9:00am in the hall</i>
<i>Thurs 30 Aug</i>	<i>St A's Day celebration</i>
<i>Fri 31 Aug</i>	<i>Gold Coast Show holiday</i>
<i>12 Sept</i>	<i>St A's Readers' Cup</i>
<i>Mon-Thurs 17-20 Sept</i>	<i>Year 7 Surfing</i>
<i>15/10-17/10</i>	<i>Year 7 Camp: Tunnel Ridge Ranch, Landsborough \$365</i>
<i>Mon 12-16 Nov</i>	<i>St A's Annual Book Fair held in the Drama room. 8am - 4pm each day</i>

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, 8:30am

Tuckshop Roster 55078162

Date:	Tuckshop Roster:	Home Baking Roster:
Wed 1 August	F Boyle, C Scotcher	S Morley, P Walsh
Thurs 2 August	C Gabriel, A Meehan	L Koschel
Fri 3 August	K Cleaver, S Beame	
Tues 7 August	J Taylor, K Slop	C Rogers
Wed 8 August	S Dickinson, K Burns	K Cleaver

Please remember to pay \$1.00 for toasted sandwiches from home. Thanks to everyone for their help on Friday at the Athletics Carnival. Thanks for the home cooking that we sold with our coffee and tea. Thanks again to the Donovan family for the coffee supply.

Robyn and Nicole (Tuckshop Convenors)

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 Scouts/Cubs needs you!

If you are a young adventurer aged 7-12 and are looking for an activity where FUN is the only pre requests then we need you. Children Learn Life skills at every session.

When: Tuesday Night 630-8pm during school term

Where: Palm Beach Scout Hall Salk Oval Palm Beach

New and old members welcome and experienced Team leaders needed ... call Keeley on 0415 596 976.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Host an International Exchange Student

- Gain a new family member
- Make a life long link to a family in another country
- Learn about another language and culture
- Share the beauty and culture of Australia
- Contribute to international goodwill

By offering to act as a host family in a volunteer capacity, you will provide an international student with the opportunity to study and experience life here in Australia. With new students arriving in January 2013 from over 20 countries, why not give the students in your local area the opportunity to learn about other cultures and make international friends!

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today. Note: opportunities exist for families to host on a long term basis (5 or 10 months) basis as well on a temporary and short term basis (2 or 3 months).

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of

Australia call 1300 135 331 or visit our website:

www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student
