



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)



TUESDAY 15 AUGUST 2012

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Leadership Team News

Dear Parents,

I received a phone call on Monday morning to ask if I could return to the role of Area Supervisor for a few more weeks as the current role holder is on unexpected sick leave. This will give some continuity to all of the Gold Coast schools, of which there are 15. I spoke with Lynne Rohanna and Lonnie Rutland who have graciously accepted the invitation to continue on as Acting Principal and Acting Assistant Principal respectively.

I had the brief pleasure of being back with the children on Monday and so it was great to see them and the staff again. I apologise for any inconvenience that this may have caused but I know that the children and the school are in very capable and experienced hands while I am away.

At this stage, with all things being equal, I will return to St Augustine's on 27 August. If there is any change to this I will let you know.

Regards, Stephen

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This Wednesday is a normal school day. Gold Coast Catholic schools do not get the Ekka holiday this year. The Gold Coast Show holiday is Friday 31 August.

Fr John ... 40 year anniversary Mass

Thank you to all the families and parishioners who joined us for Fr John's special 40 year anniversary Mass. We were so very proud of the students. They behaved with respect and reverence and as parents, you would have been equally as proud. We knew by Fr John's response that he really enjoyed the celebration. The whole school Masses will continue with one each term. Mark Thursday 8 November in your calendars for the next one! Thank you and congratulations to Fr John on this wonderful milestone.

Fr John is starting Reconciliation with Years 4,5,6 and 7 so that all students will get another opportunity to celebrate this sacrament before the end of the year. Mrs Todarello's Year 5 will commence on Thursday after the 9am weekly Mass in the Jubilee Chapel.

Uniform Concerns

We are very proud of our school uniform at St A's and appreciate all those students who wear our uniform with pride. We are concerned of late however, about the inconsistencies which make the uniform look 'bitty and shabby'. We ask that you address these concerns if your child is an offender. (Cont'd)

Sport Shoes

The Uniform Policy states, "White runners with white laces, white St A's socks." Coloured laces are creeping in, please exchange these for white laces.

Hair Length

The school policy states, "Hair needs to be neat and tidy. No extreme cuts are permitted eg. mohawks, tails, bowl cuts, total head shaves etc. Such cuts impose social pressure and financial burdens on families. Hair below the collar needs to be tied back at all times. Fringes are to be no longer than eye brow level or pinned back to avoid vision interference. Colours, bleaches gel or additives are not part of the uniform. Blue, white or yellow ribbons/scrunchies/ties only. No fancy additions please." Fancy additions could include floral materials or flowers.

Again, your assistance would be much appreciated in this area.

Jewellery

Jewellery is to be left at home. Plain silver or gold studs or sleepers are permitted but would be best avoided on sport days. Earrings which do not open when accidentally snatched are not permitted. These are a risk when grabbed and cause torn ear lobes. They are a WHS concern and need to be exchanged for those mentioned.

Students are not to wear make-up, coloured sunscreen or nail polish.

INFRINGEMENT NOTES will be sent home to parents if the school policy is not followed by the students. We know that parents support the policy when they enrol their children into our school and sometimes it is the students who actually convince parents that things are ok!

Again, thanks for your support in keeping our uniform neat, tidy and consistent.

Altar Servers Meeting

Many of the current Year 4 students who made their First Communion this year are asking when they can join this ministry. There is a meeting planned for Thursday 13 September at 3:30pm in St Monica's Church. All those who are already altar servers are asked to attend and any other child from other years may also join the group as long as he/she has made their First Communion.

Mini Vinnies Footy Tipping

The annual Mini Vinnies Footy Tipping Competition is being held this week in the school breaks. There will also be a table set up in the sail area for parents who would like to try their luck! All money raised will go to the Winter Appeal for St Vincent De Paul. This group has already raised over \$500 this year for the local St Vincent de Paul.

Newsletter Advertising

If you would like to advertise in the weekly enewsletter and hardcopy newsletter, please contact Australian Newsletter Services on 1800 245 077.

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

General News

Bookclub

Bookclub Issue 6 has gone out to your child's classroom. This is replacing the usual Bookfair held in Bookweek (which will be held later in the year). Please take a look and return all orders with child's name and class and place in a sealed envelope along with payment. All orders go into the red bucket located in the library. All orders are to be returned by this Thursday 16 August. Late orders will not be accepted. Thanking you, Mrs Beitey (Library Aide)

Tips for Asthma sufferers at school

Does your child have asthma? If so, there are a few things you can do to help the school manage your child's asthma.

- Provide an up-to-date colour copy of your child's Asthma Action Plan.
- Tell the school and your child's teacher about the signs and symptoms that your child might show when experiencing asthma.
- When your child is experiencing asthma symptoms, notify the school and discuss a course of action using their Asthma Action Plan.
- Provide a spacer and blue reliever medication for your child to use at school. Clearly label the medication and spacer with your child's name.

For any other tips, or for more information about asthma, call Asthma Assist on 1800645130.

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School Banking – Dollarmite Competition Winner

“Congratulations to Taya G, from Nairne Primary School in Nairne SA, who is the winner of the Be a Dollarmite competition which went in search of Australia's Best School Banking Saver. The Be a Dollarmite competition is part of the Commonwealth Bank's centenary celebrations and commitment to increasing financial literacy skills amongst children in Australia. To see the complete list of competition runners-up and for more information visit: <http://www.commbank.com.au/beadollarmite>.”

St Vincent de Paul Society

On behalf of St Augustine's Conference members, I thank the Mini Minnie members and the school community for their outstanding support of the various fundraising activities, over the past 6 months. This resulted in the presentation of a cheque for \$512.00 toward our Conference Winter Appeal. These funds will be used to help make the lives of needy people in our area a little more comfortable, via our 'hand up' policy.

Your efforts are truly commendable. Thank you all.

Keith Preston (Hon. President)

Coles and Woolworths Promotions finishes 14 August

Please drop all stickers and docketts to the front office over the next week. Thank you to all families for participating in this fabulous promotion. We're excited about the fabulous resources that we will receive as a result of this promotion.

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

Library News

Book Week 2012 "Champions Read!"

Book week is fast approaching. We are very excited about our big week with lots of activities planned for the week!

Mon 20 August:	The children's librarians from the Elanora Library at the Pines will visit Prep to Year 3 classes.
Tues 21 August:	Book Week play: "And the winner is...". Prep – 7
Wed 22 August:	Children's author/illustrator Kim Michelle Toft will speak to Prep – 3
Thurs 23 August:	Children's author Phil Kettle will speak to Years 4-7. Phil's books will be on sale on the day and Phil will be there to sign books on the day. There will be copies of his "Our Australia" series @\$15ea, "Marcy" series @ \$12 ea and "Too Cool" series@ \$12 each for sale.
Fri 24 August:	Our FANCY DRESS PARADE in the hall from 9am. Come dressed as your favourite book character, but please don't go to any expense, it's just for fun! All welcome for a fun morning.

Premier's Reading Challenge

We've received some completed challenge forms but not as many as I had hoped for. The closing date is fast approaching. It's an easy challenge: 20 books for Prep - Year 4; 15 books for 5-7. Remember the rules of the challenge state that any book that is read by, or to, a student may be added to the form. Closing date 7 September. Come on St A's ... we want ALL students to complete the reading challenge!

Mrs Lonnie Rutland (Librarian)

Sportscene

St A's Athletics Carnival Presentations

Congratulations to the following students who achieved Age Champion recognition in 2012:



(Back l to right: Kieran, Sophie, Liam, Terri-Anne, Deklan)

(Front l to right: Ella, Jett, Abbey, Noah and Jack)

Age:	Female Age Champion:	Male Age Champion:
8 years	Starr S	Mitchell S
9 years	Ella B	Noah C/Jett L
10 years	Abbey H	Deklan McM
11 years	Sophie Z	Jack S
12 years	Terri-Anne E	Kieran B
13 years	Mia D	Liam B

2012 Female and Male Athletics Champions

St A's also congratulates the following two students who have had an exceptional Athletics Carnival and have been awarded overall Female and Male St A's Athletics Champion:



(Left to Right: Liam B and Terri-Anne E)

2012 House Colour Champions

Congratulations to the 2012 Athletics House Colour Champions in the 'Currumbin Blue Whales'. Yet again another dominant team performance! House Colour Points and Overall House Colour Champion:

4th	Gold	1450 points
3rd	Green	1485 points
2nd	Red	1551 points
1st	Blue	1797 points

Morning Athletics Training

This week's training will only be Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Next week will be back to Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, at 7:50am on the oval. The whole Catholic Athletics Squad is expected to attend for improvement of fitness. Please meet Mr Dolan in the undercover area on the oval (students must have joggers)

Mr Shaun Dolan (Sports Co-ordinator)

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at last Friday's assembly:

OW	Jake McK	OY	Willow D
1N	Zach H	1W	Zach H
2N	Koen H	2Y	Amelia W
2W	Oliver W		
3W	Mya M		
4N	Jamey R		
5W	Joseph R	5N	Bailey K
6N	Thomas C		
7W	Caleb C	7N	Maddie C

From the Guidance Counsellor

Know When to Seek Help for Your Child

Parents are usually the first to recognize that their child has a problem with emotions or social behaviour. The first step is to gently try to listen to your child. An honest open discussion about feelings can often help. You may choose to consult with your family doctor, teachers, members of the clergy, or other adults who know the child well. These steps may resolve the problems for the child and family.

Following are a few signs of child behaviour which may indicate that either you or your child might benefit from further professional support:

- Marked drop in school performance, particularly if the child seems to be working hard;
- A lot of worry or anxiety, as shown by regular refusal to go to school, difficulty sleeping or reluctance to take part in activities that are normal for the child's age;
- Persistent nightmares;
- Persistent disobedience or aggression (longer than 6 months) and provocative opposition to authority figures;
- Frequent, unexplainable temper tantrums;
- Inability to cope with problems and daily activities;
- Marked changes in sleeping eating habits;
- Many physical complaints;
- Sexual acting out;

- Depression shown by sustained, prolonged negative mood and attitude, often accompanied by poor appetite, difficulty sleeping or thoughts of death;
- Threats of self-harm or harm to others;
- Self-injury or self-destructive behaviour;
- Frequent outbursts of anger, aggression;
- Constant threats to run away;
- Aggressive or non-aggressive consistent violation of rights of others; truancy, thefts, or vandalism;
- Strange thoughts and feelings; and unusual behaviours.

If problems persist over an extended period of time and especially if others involved in the child's life are concerned, it is best to seek some professional advice.

Thought for Today: Smooth seas do not make skilful sailors.

Have a great week,

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

P & F News

Beachathon, 14 September

Beachathon sponsor forms will be out this week. We have some fantastic prizes this year. Some of the prizes are Razor Scooters, Skateboards, gift vouchers and many more ! Take a look out for the prize list to come out soon.

We also will be sending out Parent Volunteer forms this week. For the Beachathon to run without any problems and for it to be a great day we need as many helpers as we can get. There are different duties that need to be filled so please if you can help out in any way, complete the form and we will let you know of your position and duties on the day. Please refer to your enewsletter or school website for the Sponsorship and Volunteer form.

Parish Picnic

Don't forget to pack your picnic rug for the Parish Picnic on Sunday 26 August. Picnic is held at Neumanns farm at Currumbin Valley (signs are posted along the way so you can find the farm). Come along to meet other families of the parish and also Father John and his lovely dog Max. Please see the school website or electronic newsletter for the Picnic flyer link.

Coming Events

<i>Wed 15 Aug</i>	<i>Normal school day - no Ekka holiday</i>
<i>Thurs 16 Aug</i>	<i>Book club orders due</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>Sun 26 Aug</i>	<i>Parish Picnic at Neumann's farm</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>7 September</i>	<i>Closing date for Premier's Reading Challenge</i>

Wed 12 Sept	St A's Readers' Cup
Thurs 13 Sept	Altar Servers Meeting, 3:30pm in St Monica's Church.
Fri 14 Sept	Beachathon
Mon-Thurs 17-20 Sept	Year 7 Surfing
15/10-17/10	Year 7 Camp: Tunnel Ridge Ranch, Landsborough \$365
Thurs 8 Nov	Whole school Mass in school hall
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
Thurs 24 January 2013	Uniform Shop Open 8:30 - 1:30pm
Wed 30 January 2013	Term 1 commences, 8:30am

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Date:	Tuckshop Roster:	Home Baking Roster:
Wed 15 August	#	#
Thurs 16 August	Help please! #	#
Fri 17 August	Help please! #	#
Tuesday 21 August	Help please! #	#
Wed 22 August	T Jones (11:00-2:30)	M Suddes

As you can see by this week's roster, we would really appreciate any help that people could give us this week and also for the rest of the year.

Community News

Fiona's High Tea

[For those of you who don't know, Fiona Irvine is one of our Year 2 mums who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Fiona has recently undergone surgery and is now going through chemotherapy treatment. If you are able to come and support Fiona, please see details below.]

Please join us for an afternoon of friendship, fashion and fundraising. Date: Sunday 26 August; Time: 2.00pm; Venue: St Augustine's School Hall, Galleon Way, Currumbin Waters. RSVP: 15 August or Jo Nairn 0405 700 081
jnairn@marymount.qld.edu.au

\$35 pp Fashion Workshop included! What to bring - a plate of gourmet food, a sense of humour and your wallet to bid on some fantastic items for auction. If you can assist by donating a prize, please call Jo Nairn or Karen Scott on 0409 246 950 kamcat@bigpond.com.au

Mobile Phone Collection ... 180 needed!

[We are trying to collect 180 mobile phones. Unicef have pledged that if we collect 180 phones, that they will donate an Ipad. Ipad to be used in the raffle at Fiona's High Tea.] Drop into the school office. Jo Nairn

Palm Beach Currumbin Junior Cricket Sign-On

Sunday 26 August, 11:00am to 2:00pm. Salk Oval, Palm Beach. Contact 0428 761 387.

Tugun Junior Nippers - Sign On

Sunday 12 and 26 August 2012; Sunday 9 Sept 2012 at the Palm Beach Olympic pool (next to Palm Beach Currumbin High School), Thrower Drive, Palm Beach. UBD Map #70. 9:00 am to 11:00 am for your pool proficiency. Nippers starts on 23 September, 8:00am to 12:00 noon. Includes tour of club and introduction to Tugun SLSC for all nippers. Tugun Surf Club, 29 O'Connor Street, Tugun. Tugun Juniors Nippers Contact is Dave Egan on 0405 243 470; nipperscommittee@hotmail.com
