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LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS

Mr Montgomery - Area Supervisor Update

After last week's newsletter was released Mr Montgomery was contacted yet again by Brisbane Catholic Education requesting that his return to the role of Area Supervisor would need now to be for the remainder of this term, due to the unexpected sick leave of the current role holder. While we are all disappointed not to have Mr Montgomery back here we do appreciate and understand the situation and know that he is the best person to continue in the Area Supervisor role. We all miss Mr Montgomery and can't wait for him to return to our school. We are remaining in close contact with him, though, and keeping him up to speed with what's happening at St A's.

Prayers from our School

It is with great sadness that we inform the school community of the loss of Fr John's beloved sister, Margie. Margie celebrated her 60th birthday last month and she and Fr John were very close. Margie lived with Fr John from 1994 until 2007 when she went into care at St Joseph's Hostel in Nundah. Please keep Fr John, Margie and his family in your prayers at this difficult time. There will be NO Mass in the chapel on Thursday.

Book Week – Champions Read!

Book Week is always an exciting and fun time at St A's. There is a buzz about the place as children enjoy the visiting authors and artists that have come to share their talents with them. Of course the fancy dress parade is a highlight for all and we look forward to seeing what great stories come to life in the characters that appear on Friday at our parade. Parents are very welcome to join us in the hall on Friday morning.

Music Festival – Gold! Silver! Silver!

Congratulations to our Years 2, 3, and 4 children who performed at the Queensland Catholic Schools and Colleges Musical Festival held at Villanova College in Brisbane last Friday. Over 100 Catholic schools from around the Diocese participated in the festival. Our children represented their school with true pride. Reports came back with comments from onlookers and staff about the quality of the children, their respectful behaviour and their polished performances.

Congratulations, and special thanks, to Mrs Pullen who taught and rehearsed the choirs. Year 3 was awarded Gold, and Year 2 and 4 were awarded Silver. Our thanks also to the accompanying class teachers who assisted with organisation and motivation techniques, settled nerves and kept everyone safe and happy. Well done Choirs!

Year 3 - Gold Coast Eisteddfod

Best wishes to our Year 3 classes who will participate in the Gold Coast Eisteddfod this Thursday. The two classes will recite 2 poems each in the verse speaking sections.

St Augustine's Day Celebrations

Next week are the Feasts of St Monica (Monday) and St Augustine (Tuesday). You are all invited to come and join in the celebrations to mark St Augustine's Day for 2012. This year the feast of Augustine will be celebrated on Thursday 30 August when we will all come together as a school for our patron. The most important part of the day, the reason why we are St Augustine's School, will commence at 12:00noon in the Mary MacKillop Centre. This will be followed by lunch and games on the oval. Please send in a little something to share with the class. Thank you to the Year 7 classes for arranging these games. We look forward to meeting up with you and celebrating together this special day in our school calendar.

Our parish will be celebrating this feast with a Parish Picnic on Sunday 26 August at Neumann's farm. All are welcome to join the festivities which begin at 11:30am. Bring along a picnic and blanket, go along to Currumbin Creek Road for 8.5 km after Galleon Way and look for the signs to number 947.

Personal Games/Property

It is school policy at St Augustine's that all games, balls, etc. remain at home unless otherwise stated by the teachers. With the fabulous support from the Coles and Woolies dockets we have purchased lots of great equipment for the students to use in break time. Thank you for supporting us with this as we are trying to avoid breakage and loss.

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

GENERAL NEWS

Our Talented Preps

On Friday 10 August we recorded a video of our talented Preps singing "Old Macdonald had a Farm." The video was sent in to 'Woolworths Earn and Learn' competition in the hope of earning more Earn and Learn points for our school. The winners from each state will receive 10,000 points, and the national winner will earn an extra 40,000 Earn and Learn points for their school. The points will help our school get some great new learning resources including art supplies, books, musical instruments and much more. (Click on the play button to watch the video.)

On behalf of the prep team I would like to thank Mr Sanders for filming and creating the video and Mrs Pullen for all her talented help and assistance with the music and a big thank you to all the Preps for their wonderful singing voices.

Miss Casey Hayes (Prep Yellow Prac. Teacher)

Speech and Drama News

The time has arrived! Eisteddfod time! Lots of excited and nervous tummies around (not just mine and Kathryn's) but all of us looking forward to the fun of the next week or so.

You will all have your programmes and last minute notes by now. Please refer to them to be sure of appearance times. There will be no lessons at school next week as we will all be at the eisteddfod most of the time. If for some reason you do not see us there for your performance, please rest assured the children do know what to do and the wonderful staff at the centre will make you all feel welcome and involved. We do plan to be in attendance most of the time - but problems can occur! Likewise, if you have a problem with attending with you child - please let us know immediately.

Classes will be held at school again in the week of 3 September. We are all looking forward to these as we can 'move on' from practise and experience some different aspects of our class times. We will also be introducing the students to our plans for term four - more valuable public appearances and excitement to come!

Thank you to all families who have made payment of fees a priority. There are still many outstanding accounts for this term and it is expected these be paid immediately unless you have discussed the situation with me. If you are unsure of account details - please email me.

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

Found

Have you misplaced your sunglasses? If so, please see Clare in the office. 4 pairs have been handed in over the last two weeks.

SPORTSCENE

Representative School Sport

Touch Football: Congratulations to Terri-Anne E and Jakob H who both represented South Coast at the Queensland State Titles in Touch Football last week. Terri-Anne's team won the State Carnival and she scored the winning try in the final. She has also been named as a shadow player for the State Team – awesome! Jakob's team also played exceptionally well with great results. Congratulations to both students.

Athletics: Good luck to Abbey H who is competing at the Regional Athletics Carnival next Tuesday 28 August. Abbey is in Long and High Jump.

Morning Catholic Squad Athletics Training

This week's training will return back to Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning, 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).

Total Football Academy

Total Football Academy have been invited back (cancelled back in Term 1 due to all the rain) to run an after School soccer program in Term 4 at St Augustine's. Registration forms will be distributed during a free demonstration in the next few weeks. During the 6 week program games will be played inside an inflatable soccer field, which captures the imagination of students, giving them a great soccer experience. Training will take place inside a skills square focusing on different skills each week, such as dribbling, turning and shooting. Start date: Tuesday 23 October, Prep - Year 4, 3:15pm - 4:15pm. Sign up online at www.totalfootballacademy.com.au or call Andy Robinson on 0413 888 643.

Mr Shaun Dolan (Sports Co-ordinator)

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

0W	Nicholas C	0N Milan G
0Y	Lachlan R	
1N	Oliver R-W	1W Macy H
2N	Isabella Y	2Y Daniel M
2W	Cael S	
3N	Jed H	
4N	Nat P	
5W	Isabelle T	5N Henry D
6W	Annika D	6N Callum B
7W	Aaron K	7N Natalie C

P & F NEWS

Beachathon Friday 14 September

All children should have received the [Beachathon Sponsorship form](#) for our annual Beachathon. Start collecting as many sponsors as you can from friends, neighbours, and family as the prizes for most raised boy and girl from each category are fantastic! The Beachathon day is a gorgeous day out in the sunshine, walking along our fantastic beaches. To hold this great day we require as many hands as possible. We are looking for assistance with water stations, canteen, BBQ and set up. If you can help us on the day with one of these jobs please email Sue Wood on suewood@live.com.au or complete and email [Volunteer form](#) linked. See you all there!

P & F Meeting

The next P & F meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 September, 6:30pm. All are most welcome to attend these meetings.

Parish Picnic

The Parish Picnic is on Sunday 26 August from 11:30am. Bring along your picnic rug for this fun day out at Neumanns Farm, 947 Currumbin Creek Road, Currumbin Valley. There will be lots for kids to do such as jumping castle and games! See the signs along Currumbin Creek Rd for directions. All are welcome! Come and meet people from the parish and get to know our new Parish priest Father John. All welcome! (P & F Committee)

COMING EVENTS

<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, 11:00am</i>
<i>Thurs 30 Aug</i>	<i>St A's Day celebration, 12noon</i>
<i>Fri 31 Aug</i>	<i>Gold Coast Show holiday</i>
<i>Mon 3 September</i>	<i>Silverrose Sports and Special Group Photos</i>
<i>Tues 4 September</i>	<i>P & F Meeting, 6:30pm</i>
<i>Fri 7 September</i>	<i>Closing date for Premier's Reading Challenge</i>
<i>Wed 12 Sept</i>	<i>St A's Readers' Cup</i>
<i>Thurs 13 Sept</i>	<i>Altar Servers Meeting, 3:30pm in St Monica's Church.</i>

<i>Fri 14 Sept</i>	<i>Beachathon</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>Thurs 25/10</i>	<i>St A's Art Show Year 5-7 (2:00-3:30pm and 5:00pm)</i>
<i>Thurs 8 Nov</i>	<i>Whole school Mass in school hall</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>
<i>Fri 7 Dec</i>	<i>End of term 4 Awards and Liturgy</i>
<i>Thurs 24 January 2013</i>	<i>Uniform Shop Open 8:30 - 1:30pm</i>
<i>Wed 30 January 2013</i>	<i>Term 1 commences, 8:30am</i>

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Whacky Wednesday Snack Box Lunch

A reminder that there are only two weeks left of Winter, which means that there are only two weeks left to order our "Whacky Wednesday Snack Box Lunch" (a serve of potato wedges, 2 chicken coujons and 2 chicken crackles - all made with real chicken breast meat) all for only \$4.00. Wednesdays only. NB: Order on a paper lunch bag as per normal.

Tuckshop Helpers Needed!

A friendly reminder that we are in need of helpers in the Tuckshop even two or three hours in the mornings would be so helpful and it is only once a month on a roster. Remember to ask Grandma too! Thanks for all continued support from our regular helpers. You can phone direct to 55078135/162. Nicole and Robyn 55078162/135

COMMUNITY NEWS

Year 4 Mums Dinner

"Pinch and a punch for the first of the month" ... You are invited to the Year 4 Mum's Dinner at The Point Restaurant Rocks Resort, Currumbin

Date: Saturday 1 September from 6:30pm. For a fun filled evening of laughter and great food! Enjoy a two course gourmet meal for \$40 RSVP : Sue Wood on suewood@live.com.au Hope to see you there! NB: You don't have to be a Year 4 mum to come along. The more the merrier!

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! Sunday 26 August.

Time: 2:00pm (due to the Parish Picnic, the Fashion presentation by Lucy Hendriks will commence at 3:00pm)
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

Sign On Day - PBC Swimming Club - 8 September

We are located at the Palm Beach Currumbin Aquatic Centre, Thrower Drive, Palm Beach and we are looking for all ages to come join us for some fun race practice and games, great food and maybe even meet some new friends. Swim Club nights are held every second Friday and run for approximately 1.5 hours. Swimming is a wonderful sport and can be enjoyed by all ages. So let's go come join us! Sign on day is Saturday 8 September, 2012 at the PBC Pool from 7:00am to 9:30am. Please contact Bernadette Smith on 0439 646 776 for further information or talk to the friendly staff at the pool on 55 344188.

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God Bless!

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