



St Augustine's PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS

Date Change for St Augustine's Day Celebrations

The St Augustine's Day Celebration will NOW be held at 9am on Friday 14 September at St Monica's Church (before the Beachathon). Come and celebrate this special day with us!

Gold Coast Eisteddfod – Year 3

Congratulations to our wonderful Year 3 students who were represented at St A's last Thursday in the Gold Coast Eisteddfod for Verse Speaking. 3N were awarded a Very Highly Commended and 3W won the second place trophy. Both classes received glowing comments from the adjudicator regarding their talent, enthusiasm and commitment. We were very proud of the girls and boys, particularly their ongoing joy and dedication to listening, rehearsing and learning the skills of performance through team work and poetry.

Christmas Concert Plans

Our Christmas concert plans are in place for 2012. We will have 2 evenings this year so that families can enjoy the festive season along with their children's performance work. We ask that the following dates be diarised please as we naturally would like all children to be in attendance for their performance.

- Tuesday 27 November at 6pm -Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas concert
- Thursday 29 November at 6pm - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas concert.
- Thursday 6 December - Year 7 final assembly and Farewell to the school – DVD and Song. Time to be advised.

Education Tax Refund

For families wishing to claim the book allowance through the ATO the amount of resources built into the school fees in 2012 is \$260 per child per annum. www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au

Sick Children Reminder

Just a reminder that if your child is sick, please do not send them to school. Thank you for keeping them at home until they are well.

P&F Meeting

The next P&F meeting is TONIGHT, Tuesday 4 September at 6:30pm. All are welcome!

Long Service Leave

Welcome Miss Jane Powell who is replacing Mrs Chudleigh whilst she is on 6 weeks long service leave. Next week we welcome Mr Anthony Touzell who will replace Mrs Leanne Cutting, she will also be taking leave (4weeks). Kerrie and Leanne enjoy your well deserved long service leave break.

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

GENERAL NEWS

Artwork Award

Congratulations to Mathew Trewin of Year 6. Mathew has just received a highly commended award for his artwork submission into the QIEU Awards for Excellence in Art Design- 2012. Mathew created a piece of artwork that best reflected the theme 'Explore Dream Discover'. He has been invited to the presentation and exhibition night on the 12 September at the Bardon Centre in Brisbane to receive his award. Well done Mathew! See enewsletter for Mathew's art piece.

Mrs Wood (Specialist Art Teacher)

Music Department News

Ukelele

Ukulele lessons are in full swing now - Tuesday morning tea time is filled with the sounds of plink-plonking ukuleles. We have been thrilled with the amount of progress made - there is some terrific practice going on at home! Well done!

Choir – Year 2, 3 and 4

On 17 August the Year 2's, 3's and 4's went to the QLD Catholic Colleges Music Festival - They earned a silver award. Click on the link (on the enewsletter) to see the performances.

Deirdre Pullen (Music Teacher)

Chess News

This Wednesday 5 September, the Chess students will be participating in the Interschool Chess Championship Day at Carrara Indoor Basketball Stadium.

This is the largest Chess competition for the year with approximately 900 students from over 30 primary schools from South, Central and Northern Gold Coast regions.

Students need to be at school by 7:45am at the latest to catch the bus. Full school uniform (not sport), hats, drink bottles and lunch are required.

The bus will be returning to the school by 3:00pm but could be a little late due to traffic delays at that time of the day.

We hope to have a very exciting and successful day - good luck to all students.

Karen Dick (Chess Co-ordinator)

Speech and Drama News

WOW! What a huge 12 days we had! The Gold Coast Eisteddfod is wrapped up once again until next year but not without some wonderful work and endless 'personal bests' from our students.

All who appeared were a credit to their parents and school. Smiling faces all round - regardless of the outcome. They are all to be congratulated on their preparations and performances. Well done one and all!

Unfortunately this year we experienced the largest amount of 'sickies' we have had for years. Our hearts go out to those who were unable to perform because of illness and to their partners who missed their performance as a result. We hope everyone is on the mend and we will make sure there will be another opportunity to perform before the year is out!

Speaking of which - time marches on! We have two more weeks of lessons before the holidays and then we start again the very first week back in term four with the preparations for perhaps the most important part of our year - the ASCA speech assessments in week seven of term four. The students enjoy this opportunity immensely and we will forward details home at the start of next term. In the meantime, take a well-earned break from practise at home and enjoy the holidays when they arrived.

Anita Eldridge (Speech and Drama Co-ordinator - aeldridge@bne.catholic.edu.au)

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week 2012: "I Luv a B-OO-K, OK?"

What a wonderful week we celebrated last week for Book Week! It was a jam-packed literary week, with visits from authors, illustrators, librarians from the Elanora Library and a Book Week play, not to mention our colourful and fun fancy dress parade. The children and teachers looked fantastic. There were just so many champions in our parade! Thank you everyone for all your support and enthusiasm throughout the week and a special thank you to Mr Touzell, Mrs Beitey and Mr Sanders and the IT crew for all your help. Book Week is definitely a highlight of our school year.

Read-o-meter: "Champions Read!"

Champions do read....I've always known that St A's was a champion school of readers. With a school motto "Take and Read", how could we be anything other than champion readers? I have continued to keep a tally of books borrowed in the library and our total, to date, is 33592 books! Isn't that fantastic? I wonder what the total will be by year's end?

Some thoughts from 3Navy about Kim Michelle Toft's visit:

"Today we had a visitor. Her name was Kim Michelle Toft. She is a writer and illustrator. We had it in the library with 3White as well. It was fun! She illustrates lots of animals and lots of sea animals. Some of the colours she used were pink, purple, blue, light green, dark green, blues and aqua. Her art is lovely" Merryn B

"This is how she makes her books. She draws them first on silk and the dye goes right through the silk, then she takes a photo of it, then she puts it on the computer and then prints it on the book Her paintings were very colourful and very good. It was so fun!" Eden P

"Kim Michelle Toft was born on the 29February and that means that every four years she has a birthday and she is 13 years old! She started drawing when she was four!" Jack H

"Kim brought about eight paintings to the library. On the paintings there were dinosaurs, a lot of fish, butterflies, leaves, crocodiles, sharks, snakes, a coral reef and a sea slug. Marburg, the crocodile is Kim's friend that's dead, but has cotton in him" Rhys D

Click on the [link](#) in the enewsletter to view photos of the Bookweek Parade.

Mrs Lonnie Rutland (Librarian)

SPORTSCENE

Morning Catholic Squad Athletics Training

This week's training will be on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 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).

Catholic Athletics Carnival

This week St A's will be sending a large squad of 75 (squad listed on front school noticeboard) students to Pizzey Park Athletics Track, Miami to compete at the Catholic Carnival on Thursday 6 September. The team bus will be departing St A's at 7:50am sharp and will return at 3:00pm. The squad is to be at school by 7:40am at the latest please. Hats, sunscreen, joggers and drink bottles are compulsory. We wish this squad all the best. Permission forms and program of events will be sent home this week.

Catholic Ballgames Carnival

St A's will be sending 10 boys and 10 girls from each grade (140 students) to represent us at the Catholic Ball Games Carnival at St Kevin's Primary, Benowa on Thursday 6 September. Children attending the ball games should: BYO lunch, fruit, water, sunscreen and hat. The team bus will depart school at 10:30am and return by 2:30pm. Good luck to all these students. Permission forms were sent home last week.

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)

THE LEARNING CENTRE NEWS

ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) Results

The **ICAS Writing and Spelling Competitions** were held on 19 June. Well done to all the students who entered these competitions. The students received the following awards:

Spelling:

DISTINCTION: Emily Gorman (6N)

CREDIT Rhys Doherty (3N); Alexandra Bugeja (4N); Liam Suddes (5N); Hannah Van den Broek (6W)

PARTICIPATION Jade O'Grady (3N); Harry Ross (3N); Seamus Harrison (4N); Ryan Clarke (4W); Max Mallory (5N);

Writing:

DISTINCTION	Hannah Van den Broek (6W); Sydney Williams (4W)
CREDIT	Matilda Teitzel (6N)
PARTICIPATION	Hannah Van den Broek (6W); Sydney Williams (4W), Peppa Starr (5W); Caitlin Hore (7W)

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS

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)

P & F NEWS

Beachathon - 14 September

Beachathon is fast approaching so let's start collecting sponsorship money and you could be in the running to win some fantastic prizes! Prizes are for the girl and boy who raise the most money in each category and a pizza lunch for the class who raise the most. Take a look at the fantastic prizes that you could win.

To make this day a success and a great day at the beach we are looking for volunteers for the day. We need help with water stations, canteen, BBQ and parent walkers. If you can assist please email Sue on suewood@live.com.au or Brooke on brooke@connors.com or complete the Volunteer form and email or send to the school office.

P and F Meeting ...Tonight!

Next P and F meeting is Tuesday 4 September at 6:30pm. All are welcome!

Parish Picnic

Weather was gorgeous, the setting was peaceful and the kids had fun! Sunday was a fantastic day at Neumann's farm with a lot of people from the parish bringing their picnic rugs and relaxing for the day. Maree Burgess, Therese Sharkey and the parish women made sure all the kids were kept active with a great range of games and activities. Thanks to all who organised the day and made it such a relaxing day.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

OW	<i>Tex Lintmeijer</i>
OY	<i>Skye Cafe</i>
1W	<i>Molly Green</i>
1N	<i>Ava Chamberlain</i>
2W	<i>Emily Herden</i>
2N	<i>Fletcher Cremin</i>
2Y	<i>Fletcher Purchase</i>
3W	<i>Riley Rankin / Bianca Trewin</i>
3N	<i>EJ Atis</i>
4W	<i>Hayden Field</i>
4N	<i>Bonnie Wilson</i>
5N	<i>Eliza Rohanna</i>
5W	<i>Finn Hendriks</i>
7N	<i>Sheridan Power</i>

OSHC NEWS

Vacation Care Program

The OSHC [Vacation Care Program](#) for [September/October](#) holidays is out now! Click on the Vacation Care Program link or go to the school website for further details.

Sustainability Grant

We were recently successful in obtaining funding to assist in making our centre more sustainable. We have installed a rainwater tank thanks to HORIZON TANKS, interior curtains thanks to VILMA'S and the external blinds and kitchen reno will be started in two weeks. Thank you to all families who helped us fundraise last year and to the community who supported us with our grant application.

AASC

This Wednesday is the last of the seven Basketball sessions with Willard from the Gold Coast Regional Basketball Association. We have learnt some amazing skills this term.

Term 4 will see us host Qld Badminton. This should be on a Monday ASC session, we will confirm later in the term.

John Skuja Best and Fairest Award

Congratulations to Nathaniel Willis for receiving the most amount of nominations to take out this biannual award. Children are nominated by staff and peers for their role model behaviour, fair play and consistency. Well Done Nathaniel!

Accounts

We have a really high number of families with 30day+ overdue accounts. Please keep in mind that we are a not for profit, self funded service relying on the prompt payment of fees to maintain effective and efficient operations. Our regular operating income comes directly from CCB and Parent Fees.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty please call the centre to discuss payment plan options.

Your account must be up to date for Vacation Care bookings to be accepted.

Have Fun! Play Safe!

Vikki and Staff at St A's OSHC (55078108 / 0457 936022)

TERM DATES 2012 and 2013

Term 3: Monday 9 July to Friday 21 September (11 weeks)

Term 4: Monday 8 October to Friday 7 December (9 weeks)

Term dates 2012:

Term 1: Wed 30 January - Thursday 28 March

Term 2: Monday 15 April – Friday 21 June

Term dates 2013:

Term 3: Monday 8 July – Friday 20 September

Term 4: Tuesday 8 October – Friday 6 December



COMING EVENTS

Tues 4 Sept

P & F Meeting, 6:30pm

Wed 5 Sept

Interschool Chess Championship Day at Carrara Indoor Basketball Stadium

<i>Thurs 6 Sept</i>	<i>Catholic Athletics Carnival, Pizzey Park Athletics Track, Miami</i>
<i>Thurs 6 Sept</i>	<i>Catholic Ballgames Carnival, St Kevin's Primary, Benowa</i>
<i>Fri 7 Sept</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>St A's Day celebrations at St Monica's Church, 9:00am AND Beachathon</i>
<i>Mon-Thurs 17-20 Sept</i>	<i>Year 7 Surfing</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>Thurs 27 Nov</i>	<i>Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas concert, 6:00pm</i>
<i>Thurs 29 Nov</i>	<i>Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas concert, 6:00pm</i>
<i>Thurs 6 Dec</i>	<i>Years 7 final assembly and farewell to the school - DVD and song.</i>
<i>Fri 7 Dec</i>	<i>End of term 4 Awards and Liturgy</i>

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