



TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2012

TERM 1 WEEK 1 2012

LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4 which is a short 9 weeks! It is hard to believe that we will be looking at celebrating Christmas before too long!

Thank you to Lynne Rohanna who was Acting Principal in my absence and to Lonnie Rutland who was Acting Assistant. Along with Jane Marrison they did a wonderful job of looking after the needs of the school. We are very blessed to have such competent people in our school.

It was great to come back to St Augustine's this week to catch up with the children. They have all certainly grown over the last few months and the Prep children are looking so ready for Year One.

The Year 7 children are in their final term of primary school now. They head off to camp next Monday and I'm sure that they will have a wonderful experience with their teachers and fellow students. The camp at Tunnel Ridge sounds like it will be great, not to mention the visits that the children will be taken to places like 'Australia Zoo' and 'Top Shots'.

We welcomed two new students to St Augustine's this week – Madison in Year 1 and Amazon in Year 2. I'm sure that the girls will enjoy their time with us.

Over the holidays the Administration area received a facelift with some new carpet tiles. This has really improved the overall appearance. The Library will be next having some minor work done to make it much more functional for the children.

I will be away on Thursday with Therese Sharkey as we prepare the budget for the 2013 school year. Jane Marrison will be attending a curriculum day on Friday. Trish May is away for these first 2 weeks and is being replaced by Kara Mallory, while Jane Powell is teaching the Year 1 class whilst Kerrie Chudleigh continues to enjoy her long service leave.

[Stephen Montgomery]

Behaviour Management

We have high expectations regarding behaviour choices at St A's and we base these expectations upon:

- Respect for self and others;
- Speak to please, not to tease;
- Hands and feet to ourselves;
- Respect for property and the environment.

Children are reminded constantly by staff of some of the ways to solve problems and they are presented strategies to assist in dealing with difficult situations that may turn to bullying. We would appreciate parents reinforcing these with their children at home.

Some include:

- Stay calm and don't act angry or upset. Bullies love a reaction;
- Practice what you'll do the next time it happens;
- Don't fight back. If you fight back, you could make the situation worse, or be blamed for starting the trouble; get help;
- Try to calmly withdraw from the situation, ignore the bullying or say 'no' really firmly, then turn and walk away;
- Avoid being alone in places where you know the bully is likely to pick on you;
- Don't be afraid to tell an adult you trust, like a teacher or your mum or dad, and keep telling them over and over again;
- Most of all, don't give up. Being bullied can make you feel really bad about yourself and very discouraged. This is what the bullies want. If you don't do something about it, they will be able to take advantage of you again.

To support our policy and expectations regarding bullying and physical aggression, Senior Constable Kurt Foessil from the Elanora Police Beat will address our assembly this Friday morning.

Weekly Parish Mass

It is good to see so many parents join us at the weekly staff Masses held on Thursdays at 9:00am in the (Jubilee) Chapel. So that you can come when your own child's class attends the following timetable has been set. It does happen on occasions that this will change. Teachers will notify you of these changes as well as a note being written in the newsletter when possible. Fr John has conducted Reconciliation ceremonies with students in Years 4 and 5 during Term 3. Years 6 and 7 will be involved in these ceremonies on the dates stated below.

Timetable for Chapel Masses/Reconciliations for Term 4

Date/Week	Class/ Ceremony	Class/ Ceremony
Thurs, 11 October: Week 1	Year 5: Mrs Todarello Chapel Mass	
Thurs, 18 October: Week 2	Year 2: Miss Sampson Chapel Mass	Year 6: Mrs Reinhard Reconciliation
Thurs, 25 October: Week 3	Year 2: Mrs Deeth Chapel Mass	Year 6: Mr Dolan Reconciliation
Thurs, 1 November: Week 4	Year 3: Miss Mac Chapel Mass	Year 7: Mrs Ormerod Reconciliation
Thurs, 8 November: Week 5	COMMUNITY INVITATION TO A WHOLE SCHOOL MASS	
Thurs, 15 November: Week 6	Year 1: Mrs Chudleigh Chapel Mass	Year 7: Mr Dick Reconciliation
Thurs, 22 November: Week 7	Year 3: Mr Barrett Chapel Mass	
Thurs, 29 November: Week 8	Year 7: Mrs Ormerod & Mr Dick Chapel Mass	
Fri, 7 December: Week 9	END of YEAR SCHOOL LITURGY	

October, the Month of the Rosary

The word rosary comes from Latin and means a garland of roses, the rose being one of the flowers used to symbolize the Virgin Mary. We're familiar with the images: the silently moving lips of the old woman fingering her beads; the oversized rosary hanging from the waist of the wimpled nun; more recently, the merely decorative rosary hanging from the rearview mirror. After Vatican II the rosary fell into relative disuse. The same is true for Marian devotions as a whole. But in recent years the rosary has made a comeback, and not just among Catholics. Many other Christians now say the rosary, recognizing it as a truly biblical form of prayer—after all, the prayers that comprise it come mainly from the Bible. The rosary is a devotion in honor of the Virgin Mary. It consists of a set number of specific prayers. The following link will assist you in praying this traditional prayer.

Prepare a healthy, fresh lunch for National Nude Food Day - Wed 17/10

Preparations are well under way for National Food Day on Wednesday 17 October. Parents can join in the fun by helping students prepare a healthy, rubbish free lunch for Nude Food Day.

Packing a Nude Food Day lunch has many benefits:

- Students learn to make healthy food choices.
- Students feel happier, are healthier and perform better at school with plenty of fresh, healthy food to give them energy.
- Students can learn about the environmental differences they can make in their school and for their planet.

Sock-tober

Friday, 26 October is 'Crazy Sock Day' at St A's (Week 3). The opportunity to be 'out of uniform' with silly, odd or crazy socks will incur a gold coin fine. This is an annual event where the money raised is forwarded to Children's Missions in Brisbane. Your donation will be much appreciated on this date.

Please start collecting and putting aside your 'Spring Cleaning' items for our annual November Papua New Guinea Appeal. Clothes, towels, toiletries, books and of course, soap, are among some of the items that can be sent in for this appeal. Send items into school during the week of 26 November.

Police Blitz

During the last week of last term parents may have noticed police in our crossing area checking speeds of cars in the 40 km zone. One morning 7 drivers were fined for speeding, one was travelling at 74 km/h in the 40 zone. The police have advised us that they will be blitzing the area throughout this term. Hint: SLOW DOWN and keep our kids safe.

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

GENERAL NEWS

Book Club News

Welcome back to a new issue of Bookclub. Catalogues have gone out to your child's classroom and need to be completed with all info, child's name, class and include payment etc. thank you. All orders MUST be returned by Tuesday 16 October.

Chris Beitey (Book Club Organiser)

Speech and Drama News

Welcome back one and all. We hope you had a lovely break and enjoyed the fabulous weather after our hectic term three. An even more frantic and fast term is ahead! Classes resumed again this week and the students will have great fun preparing for our ASCA presentations in November at school. More details of this event appear in the newsletter/account being issued this week. Our programme is based upon four terms of work each year culminating in this assessment and the students are always enthusiastic about the skills required for their presentation. We welcome parents and family along on the day and we will give you plenty of warning about the actual date and times. At the bottom of this terms account you will see a section regarding classes in 2013. Please make sure you attend to this as a priority.

Some limited vacancies are available this term in a few grades. If you are considering Speech and Drama and our programme for your child/children, this may be a good time to contact us as starting this term will secure placement for 2013. We will only accept places this term up until the end of week two.

Vacancies for all classes for 2013 will be advertised shortly.

Year Two loved Term 3

"I loved the Olympic equestrian events because I am a total horse lover. I wish I could join the equestrian team. My favourite subject this term was art because art comes from the inside as well, not just the outside." Jude

"My favourite subject is Science because I like mixing up all the ingredients. It was so fun mixing it all up. It made me feel fuzzy. My favourite activity this term was the Athletics Carnival. I was in high jump. Jude took my place because I was sick. So thanks Jude." Oliver

"My favourite activity in term three was Mother's Day because Mum liked it so I liked it. It made me feel good. I also liked Father's day because I got to meet Lily's Dad. My Dad didn't get to come because he was in Western Australia working hard." Kali

"My favourite activity in Term 3 was the Beachathon because it's nice to walk on the soft sand and build a little or big sandcastle. You also can eat yummy watermelon, juicy oranges and a cold zooper dooper. I love the Beachathon!"

"My favourite subject is Art because you can do craft, paint, colour, draw and make stuff. I love art!" Benjy

"My favourite activity in term 3 was going to the ball games. I got two third ribbons and I got to sit at the front of the bus. My favourite subject was Art because we go to do an Olympics collage." Jack

"My favourite experience this term was the choir because we got to go on stage. I had never even been on stage. It was fun because of the travelling to Brisbane. It was also good because we were allowed to have a nap. This term I liked Science because we did push and pull and also mix it up." Saxon

MUSIC NEWS

Ukulele Group

The Ukulele group performed at their first 'gig' on the last Tuesday of term 3. After another solid rehearsal session at morning tea they performed for the Preps and the Grade Ones. By all accounts it was a triumph with the crowd yelling for more. The only thing that would calm the crowd was to perform an encore! Pieces included such favourites as Hot Cross Buns, The Farmer in the Dell and The Wheels on the Bus. As you can imagine these songs had the crowd singing along too! What a great first concert - ably lead by Ukulele maestro Mr Pizzoli! Look out for the next concert in term 4, word is spreading and tickets will sell fast!!

Deirdre Pullen (Music Teacher)

SPORTSCENE

Summer Sport

This term, students in grades 5-7 will be involved in one of many exciting choices for Summer Sport in 2012. This year, students will be involved in either; Learn to Surf (\$80), Dancing (\$30), Ozsports (\$40 - Indoor Cricket, Soccer, Netball & Dodgeball) and Skating (\$30). On the front school noticeboard from Tuesday 9 October, students can see what sport they have been allocated from their choices. Summer Sport payments (indicated above) are due no later than this Thursday 11 October and Parent Consent and Authority Forms are due the same day to each student's respective class teacher. Due to all sports being predominately indoor, there will be no cancellations due to rain over the eight week period, therefore, we can enjoy a full season of Summer Sport on Friday afternoons from 12.00pm. We look forward to a great term of fun!

Swimming lessons P-5

In weeks 4 and 5 of this term, students from Prep to Year 5 will be involved in an intensive swimming lesson program at Palm Beach Pool. These lessons will be held focusing on all aspects of learning to swim, stroke

correction and confidence in the water. St A's rash shirts are available for purchase in the uniform shop. Good luck to these students.

Year 7 Surfing Lessons

Congratulations to all Year 7 students who participated in the 'Learn to Surf' lessons at Currumbin Alley in the last week of term 3. From all reports, these students had an awesome experience, listened well and were very well behaved. St A's thanks the brilliant instructors from Surfing Services Australia for leading our students in this program.

St A's 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.

St A's AFL Auskick Program

In term 4, St A's students will have the opportunity to be involved in an after-school AFL Auskick program at our school. St A's students from Prep – Year 5 are welcome to attend, with the first sign on and first session to be held on Thursday 18 October (week 2). Time will be between 3:10pm - 4:10pm. Once again parents are expected to attend for supervision purposes each week please. Cars are not permitted down the side road or on the oval. Students are to be ready and on the oval by 3:05 pm for a 3:10 pm start. The cost is \$60 for the entire program. Participants receive benefits which includes, Hat, Water Bottle, Football, Back pack CD Rom and much more. To register you can go online at www.aflauskick.com.au . For more formation, you can contact Kieran Daley on 0424 136 494.

Shaun Dolan (Sports Co-ordinator)

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS

I regularly write about the importance of raising resilient kids. Resilient kids are able to cope with life's disappointments, can sort out their own problems most of the time and know when and how to seek help when the problem does get beyond them.

Teaching our children to act and behave positively and optimistically is one of the most important ways teachers and parents can help develop resilient kids. Positive people refuse to feel helpless and don't give up when faced with difficult problems. They expect to succeed, believe in their abilities and remain optimistic. They are less likely to suffer from depression and other debilitating mental illnesses and are less likely to be vulnerable to bullying.

Negative people, on the other hand, feel helpless and at the mercy of bad luck most of the time. They tend to 'catastrophise' ... see the worst in almost every situation (make mountains out of molehills). Pessimism gets worse with every setback and the negative person thinks a problem is overwhelming and gives up before even trying.

As children grow and develop, they need many opportunities to experience success. Each time kids manage situations well or achieve even small goals, they develop beliefs that they are capable and can go on trying and experiencing more successes. Of course, they also need to develop positive self-talk. Self-talk is what we say to ourselves to make sense of things that happen to us during the day. If their self-talk is positive and optimistic, there is a much greater chance of them being successful and able to overcome, or at least cope with, adversity.

What Parents and Teachers Can Do:

We need to act positively ourselves and share positive and optimistic thoughts and beliefs with the children in our care ... be positive role models.

- Teach children to develop more rational thinking about difficult situations. For example, "I can't do maths" can be restated as "I have difficulties with maths, but with help I am getting better".
- We can tell children our own stories of overcoming adversity ... "when I was at school, I thought ...but then I realised ..."
- Draw attention to public figures or sporting heroes who have shown resilience in the face of adversity and/or use stories or films such as *The Karate Kid*; *The Lion King*; *The Tortoise and the Hare*; *The Little Red Engine*; etc to inspire and encourage.
- Use and live by some of the old sayings ... 'if at first you don't succeed ...'; 'There's no such word as can't'; 'Every cloud has a silver lining'.
- Encourage the notion of 'personal best' rather than too much emphasis on winning or comparison with the successes of peers.
- Model and teach 'bouncing back' when things do go wrong.

The more positive kids are, the more able they are to succeed and have an optimistic sense of the future and of being able to make friends and learn at school.

Thought for the Week:

Winning isn't everything - but the effort is!

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

P & F NEWS

Beachathon Prize Winners

A huge congratulations to our Beachathon prize winners! The P&F hope you all enjoyed your prizes over the holidays.

The winners were: Prep/Year1: Willow Dalton and Harper Jenkins

Year 2/Year 3: Sophie Crouch and Hayden Thompson

Year4/ Year 5: Abi Parker and Noah Barea

Year 6/Year 7: Terri-Anne Egan and Jared Cavanagh

Class 4W was the class who raised the most money. A total of \$961.45.

Outstanding effort from: Dean Burge, Aaron Barea, Natalie Shortis, Corey Parker, Maggie Reynolds and a special mention goes to Felicity Williams, Erin Clark and Loki Gibson for their fundraising efforts!

Our lucky chance prize draw of a laptop computer went to Georgia Hosgood - Congratulations!

St Augustine's has managed to raise over \$8,000 for our school. Well done everyone who contributed towards this fantastic effort!

Up and coming events...

9 November: School Disco. Notes and Volunteer forms to be sent out in the next few weeks.

Sue Wood (P&F Secretary)

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

The following students were presented with their certificates at the Friday assembly in the last week of term 3.

ON Charlie S	OY Eloisa F	1W Finn M	1N Luke K
2N Piper R	2W Damon P	2Y Gemma I	
3N Jade O'G	3W Jonah S	4N Minnie P	4W Andrew B
5N Joseph L	5W Bronson H	6N Maggie R	6W Maddy H 7N Maddy L

COMING EVENTS

<i>Thurs 11/10</i>	<i>Summer Sport payments due</i>
<i>15/10-17/10</i>	<i>Year 7 Camp: Tunnel Ridge Ranch, Landsborough \$365</i>
<i>Wed 17 October</i>	<i>National Nude Food Day</i>
<i>Mon 22/10</i>	<i>Pupil Free Day (Professional Development and Plan Day for Staff)</i>
<i>Thurs 25/10</i>	<i>St A's Art Show Year 5-7 (2:00-3:30pm and 5:00pm)</i>
<i>Fri 26/10</i>	<i>Crazy Sock Day (Gold Coin Donation)</i>
<i>Thurs 8 Nov</i>	<i>Whole school Mass in school hall</i>
<i>Fri 9 Nov</i>	<i>P & F School Disco</i>
<i>Mon 29/10-Thurs 1/11</i> <i>Mon 5/11 - Thurs 8/11</i>	<i>Swimming lessons, PBC Pool (Prep - Year 5)</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>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: 10am – 12noon.</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>

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

<i>Date:</i>	<i>Tuckshop Helpers:</i>	<i>Home Baking:</i>
<i>Wed 10 October</i>	<i>C Lanham, D Power (8:30-11:30)</i>	<i>A Finn</i>
<i>Thurs 11 October</i>	<i>J Field</i>	<i>P Walsh</i>
<i>Friday 12 October</i>	<i>R Bulkeley, J Fing, S O'Grady</i>	<i>A Holmes</i>
<i>Tues 16 October</i>	<i>B Robinson, V Reihana (11:30-2:30)</i>	
<i>Wed 17 October</i>	<i>F Boyle, C Scotcher (8:30 - 2:30)</i>	<i>P Walsh</i>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Car Pooling:

Hello, we are new to St Augustine's and we are looking for people to share driving to school from central Burleigh Heads. Please call Rochelle Barclay 0405 175 105.

Hello Busy Mums and Dads:

Would you like some help some time with? Cooking a meal; Washing and ironing; Picking up children from school; or babysitting for a night out? I am a grandmother with lots of experience, love children, and teacher R.E. at state schools. Good references available. Current blue card valid to 10/2014. Reasonable rates. Please ring Tea at home on 55210 735 or 0412 171193