



TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2012

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## LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Last week the Friday Assembly reminded me of the great school we have here at St A's. The children were acknowledged for Student of the Week, ICAS Maths Competition, Reading, TLC work and the children presented a cheque to St Vincent de Paul for the work of the Mini Vinnies as well as the Knitting Group. All of these activities demonstrate the opportunities that are available to the children. The children also listened to Alex from Aus Kick and Mr Shaun Dolan about Friday sport opportunities for Years 5 - 7 skating, dance, surfing, indoor soccer, cricket and dodge-ball. This is a great choice of sporting activity that would be unique to our school. We are indeed blessed.

### Year 7 Camp

The Year 7 children left very early on Monday morning to go to their camp and will be back with us on Thursday. We thank the class teachers, Alan and Jo, and the support staff, Sharon, Martin and Mandy for the time away from their own families to ensure that the Year 7's have a great experience. We hope that they all travel safely and have lots of fun. I will join the children on Tuesday for the day.

### Nude Food Day ... Wednesday 17 October

As advertised in the newsletter last week and at the Friday assembly, this Wednesday the school will be participating in this national event. I would encourage all families of the school to get behind this initiative. Thanks to Mrs Natalie Barrett for her leadership in this area. We can all play a part in helping our environment.

### St A's Art Show ... Thursday 25 October

A fabulous display of Year 5, 6 and 7 Children's Art.

In the Mary Mackillop Hall

Exhibition open for viewing 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

This event will raise much needed funds for art supplies, it is also hoped that this exhibition will help to inspire all visitors to see the Visual Arts platform for reflection and self-expression and to find the artist within.

Click on the link on the electronic version for further details.

## Pupil Free Day

Next Monday 22 October, there is no school for the students as this is a Professional Development Day for the teachers. The teachers will be working at the school on this day.

On Tuesday next week, the teachers will be traveling to St Brigid's Nerang straight after school as part of our annual CTJ (Consistency of Teacher Judgement) work.

## Leaving St A's?

Any families who know that they are leaving the St Augustine's school community could they please inform the office as we need to complete our paperwork for 2012.

## Diary Dates

Have you noted the special dates for the term that were included in last week's newsletter? There are many important ones that you might like to note in calendars.

## Standing up for fair funding for Catholic schools



*One in five Australian students attends a Catholic school. On average, they receive 20 per cent less government funding than if they went to government schools.*

*The families who choose to send their children to Catholic schools are quite similar to government school families. Catholic schools tend to charge low fees, so that more families can make that choice for their children. When parent fees are included, Catholic schools operate on around 90 per cent of the cost of government schools.*

*Many parents make big sacrifices to send their children to a Catholic school. This includes parents whose children have special needs.*

*Special needs students in Catholic schools receive less funding from government than if they were going to a government school. Despite the lack of funding, Catholic schools continue to show improvement for their students, including their most disadvantaged.*

*Parents should be free to choose the type of education they want for their children. When parents choose a Catholic school for their children, governments can invest more on students in government schools.*

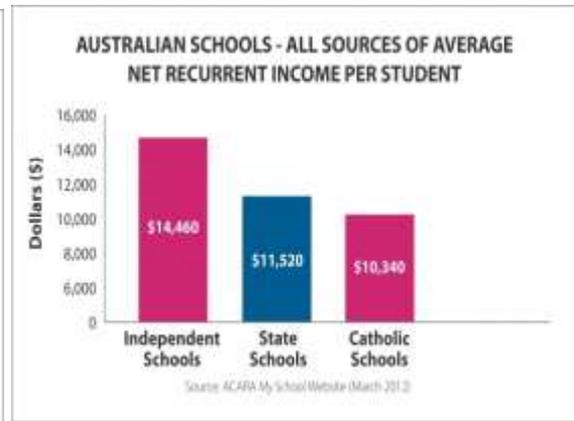
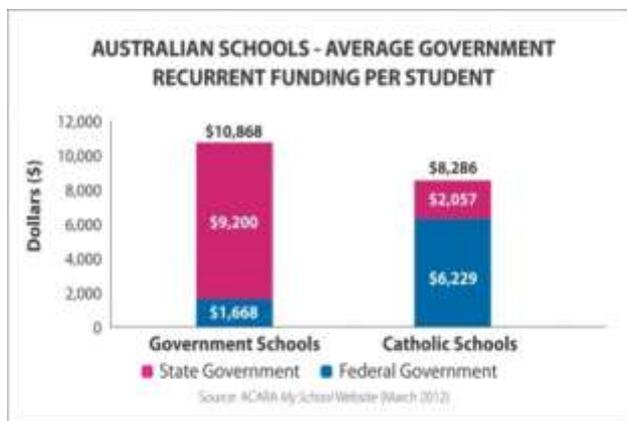
*In choosing a Catholic education for their children, parents are also saving the taxpayer around \$2.2 billion, which can be spent in other schools.*

*Any decision to stop government funding for Catholic schools, or to reduce funding by not having school funding keep pace with government school funding, will mean that parent fees will have to go up.*

*If Catholic school fees go up, parents may have to change their mind about where they send their children to school. Their only choice may be government schools, which will put increased pressure on the government system. Properly funding Catholic schools now, and in the future, will help take pressure off government schools.*

For more information about Catholic school funding visit: [fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au](http://fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au)

[View a video on Catholic school funding here.](#)



## Getting funding right for special needs students

*Governments have never funded students with special needs in Catholic schools in the same way they fund students with the same needs in government schools.*

*This is despite more and more families with Indigenous, poor or refugee backgrounds, or with children with disabilities, choosing to send their children to a Catholic school.*

*As part of their social justice mission, Catholic school communities welcome these students, despite the relatively small amount of funding they receive to support them.*

*Government funding for Catholic students with special needs often falls short of what students with special needs require.*

*If these Catholic students were enrolled in government schools, they would receive more funding to support their needs.*

*It's time governments fund students equally, based on their needs, and not the school they attend.*

*For more information about Catholic school funding visit [fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au](http://fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au)  
View a video on Catholic school funding [here](#).*

Have a great week.

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

## GENERAL NEWS

### School Fees

School fee statements will be posted this week. Fees are due Thursday 25 October.

Year 7 students only: A 'carried forward' balance is showing on these statements for \$365. This carried forward amount is the amount owing for the Year 7 Trip.

### Crazy Sock Day ... Friday 26 October

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.

## Book Club News

Welcome back to a new issue of Book Club. 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.

## Ribit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Ribit award at today's assembly: Ben C, Angus S, Brandon H, Jessica M, Zachary R, Molly M, Michaela S. Super Ribit: Abbey H, Joseph L and Hudson C.

## Kate Pagano Public Speaking Competition

The Public Speaking Comp is fast approaching us. This is a reminder that the Year 6 and 7 finals will be held in Week 4 and Years 1 – 5 finals will be held in Week 6. Timetable for finals:

|                               |        |            |
|-------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Week 4: Thursday 1 November   | Year 6 | 11:20 a.m. |
|                               | Year 7 | 12:20 a.m. |
| Week 6: Monday 12 November    | Year 3 | 9:40 a.m.  |
|                               | Year 4 | 11:20 a.m. |
|                               | Year 5 | 12:20 a.m. |
| Week 6: Wednesday 14 November | Year 2 | 9:40 a.m.  |
|                               | Year 1 | 11:20 a.m. |

## Music Department News

There has been another ukulele become available should a student from Gr 4-6 wish to join the Ukulele group. It is free of charge and the group practices on Tuesday morning tea. Please contact Mrs Pullen.

Deirdre Pullen (Music Teacher)

## St Vincent de Paul Society - St Augustine's Conference

Congratulations to Juliana McA who won the Mini Vinnies 'Footy Tipping' competition; the prize is one to be cherished. Special thanks to all the Mini Vinnies who promoted the competition and followed up to the finish raising \$274.00, which has been donated to the Society's Winter Appeal and the School/Church community which supported this activity.

Special thanks also to The Knitting Club members who donated beanies, scarf and a superb knitted squares rug, to be given to needy people in our community. It is a joy to see the delight and genuine thanks shown by people receiving such items.

Keith Preston - Hon. President

## **SPORTSCENE**

### Summer Sport

Last Friday, students in Years 5-7 were involved in week one of Summer Sport. From all reports, our students had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A reminder to parents who have not yet paid, that it is due no later than this Thursday 18 October. The costs again are; Learn to Surf (\$80), Dancing (\$30), Ozsports (\$40 - Indoor Cricket, Soccer, Netball and Dodgeball) and Skating (\$30). 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 the remaining weeks!

## 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. Notes and consent forms will be coming home from your child's teacher/s over the next week. St A's rash shirts are available for purchase in the uniform shop. Good luck to these students.

## Total Football Academy

Unfortunately the Total Football Academy Program planned for Tuesday afternoons has been cancelled this term. Notification came through to the school last Friday afternoon from the instructors. They are planning to come back in term 1, 2013. Sorry for any inconvenience to those who have already registered. An email from Total Football Academy has been sent to these parents.

## 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 here at our school. St A's students from Prep – Year 5 are welcome to attend, with the first sign on and 1<sup>st</sup> session on this Thursday 18 October (week 2). Time will be between 3:10 p.m - 4:10 p.m. Once again parents are expected to attend for supervision purposes each week please! Cars are also not permitted down side road or on the oval. Students are to be ready and on the oval by 3.05pm for a 3.10pm 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](http://www.aflauskick.com.au) . For more formation, you can contact Kieran Daley on 0424 136 494.

Shaun Dolan (Sports Co-ordinator)

## P & F NEWS

### Disco 9 November

Kids get your best dancing clothes out and dust off those dancing shoes! The last disco of the year is coming up on the 9 November and will be the best one so far so make sure you there to join in the fun. Disco notes will be going out to each child this week.

We will also need parent volunteers to help out with supervision etc. to make this night a fantastic night for all the children. These notes will be going out shortly so if you can help out we would most appreciate it.

### Art Show 25 October

The P & F are pleased to support Mrs Tania Wood and the art department with a very special Art Show on the 25 October.

Children from Years 5 to Year 7 will be displaying their art work in the Mary MacKillop hall on the day and into the evening. Going by what is on show in the display window outside of the Mary MacKillop hall the art work on show will be outstanding.

There will be sausage sizzle on the night and cool refreshments to enjoy. We will also have a lucky door prize and a raffle to raise much needed funds to assist the art department.

A note will be going out shortly with the times the art work will be on display and general info of the night.

Hope to see you there.

Sue Wood (P & F Secretary)

# TUCKSHOP ROSTER

| <i>Date:</i>             | <i>Tuckshop Helpers:</i>                     | <i>Home Baking:</i> |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------|
| <i>Wed 17 October</i>    | <i>F Boyle, C Scotcher (8:30-11:30)</i>      | <i>S Morley</i>     |
| <i>Thurs 18 October</i>  | <i>A Meehan, S Woods, B Connors, B Barea</i> | <i>L Koschel</i>    |
| <i>Friday 19 October</i> | <i>J Bond, K Cleaver</i>                     |                     |
| <i>Tues 23 October</i>   | <i>J Taylor, K Slop</i>                      | <i>C Rogers</i>     |
| <i>Wed 24 October</i>    | <i>S Dickinson, K Burns</i>                  | <i>K Cleaver</i>    |

Hi ladies, It's that time of the year again and we would like to make up a "start up roster" for 2013. Anyone who can help in canteen or home cooking please fill contact Robyn or Nicole in the Tuckshop on 55078162 or 0402 730016.

# COMING EVENTS

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| Wed 17 October                                   | National Nude Food Day   |
| Thurs 18 October                                 | Mass in Chapel, 9:00am: 2Navy  |
| <b>Mon 22/10</b>                                 | <b>Pupil Free Day (Professional Development and Plan Day for Staff)</b>  |
| Thurs 25/10                                      | School Fees due  |
| Thurs 25/10                                      | St A's Art Show Year 5-7 (2:00-3:30pm and 5:00pm)  |
| Thurs 25/10                                      | Mass in Chapel, 9:00am: 2White   |
| Fri 26/10  | Crazy Sock Day (Gold Coin Donation)  |
| Thurs 1 Nov                                      | Mass in Chapel, 9:00am: 3Navy  |
| Thurs 1 Nov                                      | Kate Pagano Speech Finals (Year 6 - 11:20 a.m.); (Year 7 - 12:20 a.m.)   |
| Thurs 8 Nov                                      | Whole school Mass in school hall   |
| Fri 9 Nov  | P & F School Disco   |
| Mon 29/10-Thurs1/11<br><br>Mon 5/11 - Thurs 8/11 | Swimming lessons, PBC Pool (Prep - Year 5)<br><br>Prep - 11:00 a.m.; Year 4 - 11:30 a.m.; Year 2 - 12 noon; Year 3 - 12:30 p.m.;<br><br>Year 5 - 1:00 p.m.; Year 1 - 1:30 p.m. |
| Mon 12-16 Nov                                    | St A's Annual Book Fair held in the Drama room. 8am - 4pm each day   |
| Mon 12 Nov                                       | Kate Pagano Speech Finals: Year 3-9:40 a.m.; Year 4-11:20 a.m.; Year 5-12:20 pm  |
| Tues 13 Nov                                      | Gold Coast Catholic Readers' Cup   |
| Wed 14 Nov                                       | Catholic Aquathon, Currumbin   |
| Wed 14 Nov                                       | Kate Pagano Speech Finals: Year 2-9:40 a.m.  |
| Thurs 15 Nov                                     | Mass in Chapel, 9:00am: 1White   |
| Thurs 22 Nov                                     | Mass in Chapel, 9:00am: 3White   |
| Thurs 27 Nov                                     | Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas concert, 6:00pm  |
| Thurs 29 Nov                                     | Mass in Chapel, 9:00am: 7Navy and 7White   |
| Thurs 29 Nov                                     | Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas concert, 6:00pm  |
| Thurs 6 Dec                                      | Years 7 final assembly and farewell to the school - DVD and song.  |
| Fri 7 Dec  | End of term 4 Awards and Liturgy commencing at 10am  |

# OSHC NEWS

## Welcome back to Term 4

OSHC hosted a fantastic Vacation Care with the children attending enjoying multiple activities from Zova Soccer to cooking their own pizzas from scratch for lunch.

Already in the pipeline, the Christmas Vacation Care Program will be out at the start of Week 6!

## Important Dates ... Pupil Free Day and Melbourne Cup

OSHC will be open for the Pupil Free Day on Monday 22 October from 6:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Fees and conditions will be the same as per a Vacation Care Day.

We are already receiving bookings for the Melbourne Cup Day - Tuesday 6 November. We have limited spaces, please book ASAP to avoid disappointment.

## AASC Term 4

This term we will be hosting Badminton and Hockey skills as part of our Active After School Communities Program.

Badminton will be run by QLD Badminton on Mondays at ASC from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. for seven weeks starting Monday 15 October.

Hockey (Skills and Street) will be run by our OSHC Staff on Thursdays at ASC from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. for seven weeks starting Thursday 18 October.

This is a great way for children to be introduced to a range of sports that they perhaps wouldn't get the opportunity to try. We encourage all children attending to give it a go!

Bookings and fees are as per a normal ASC session with no extra cost for the AASC activity. Any enquiries please contact OSHC staff on 5507 8108 or 0457 936 022.

Have Fun! Play Safe!

Staff at St Augustine's OSHC

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Tuesday 6 November 2012 at Palm Beach Currumbin Sports Club. \$33.90 per head. Enjoy a glass of champagne on arrival. Buffet luncheon. Lucky door prizes, trivia, best fascinator, best dressed female and male. Bookings essential phone 07 55343955. [Support the club that supports our school.] Click on electronic version for further details.

## For Sale

1 brand new Bosch ceramic cooktop. Currumbin Waters. 70cm. \$1100 ono. Phone 0405 993 679 or 0415 210013.