

## LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS



Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

You will have noticed that there have been a series of articles over recent newsletters regarding **funding for Catholic schools**. These have been prepared for us by the Queensland Catholic Education Office in an attempt to provide you with relevant information on this issue. Please take the time to read them.

### *Getting a better funding deal for Catholic schools*

*The makeup of Catholic school families is quite similar to those in government schools.*

*Catholic schools are an important part of the community in some of Australia's most disadvantaged areas. Like government schools, Catholic schools also cater for families with middle and high incomes.*

*Catholic school students, on average, receive 20 per cent less government funding than government school students. There is also a significant gap in funding for students with special needs.*

*To make up the difference, parents at Catholic schools pay fees. Even then, Catholic schools still operate at around 90 per cent of the cost of education in government schools.*

*As it stands, paying fees is not easy for many Catholic families now.*

*If Catholic parents are forced to pay more in fees, it will put a lot of pressure on many families. They will have no option but to move their children from Catholic schools to government schools. Government schools will struggle to cope with more students.*

*For more information about Catholic school funding visit [fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au](http://fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au) View a video on Catholic school funding on the electronic version of this newsletter.*

### **This Friday is World Teachers Day**



This is the day we recognise and thank all who work in our schools. It is a day we combine with School Officers and celebrate. The staff will be having a special morning tea to mark the occasion. If you are talking/meeting with staff on Friday, why not give them a 'pat on the back' for the great work that they are doing here at St Augustine's.

## Welcome Back

Last Friday we said thanks and farewell to Anthony Touzell who has been relief teaching in the school for quite some time. We welcomed back Leanne Cutting and Trish May this week after their leave. Thanks also to the other teachers who have been relieving in our school, particularly Kara Mallory and Jane Powell.

## Brisbane Catholic Education Art Competition

Congratulations to the 9 children who have been shortlisted in the **Brisbane Catholic Education Art Competition**. Their art work will be on display next weekend at Suncorp Piazza at Southbank. Winners of the competition will be announced next Monday.



### *St Augustine's Art Show*

*Don't forget that the St Augustine's Art Show is on this Thursday. The viewing times are 2:00 - 3:00 pm and 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the hall. Thanks to the P & F for supporting this evening with sausage sizzle and raffle. \$5 per family.*

### Soctober ... this Friday!

The annual **Crazy Sock Day** is happening this Friday 26 October as a way of raising funds for Children's Missions in Brisbane. A gold coin donation is required.

## New Caledonians

We warmly welcome the staff and children of St Therese School in New Caledonia to our community this week. The annual visit is enjoyed by so many of our families who assist by billeting students. Our host families enjoyed a full 'day of play' with their new friends on the PFD on Monday and are supporting the students all week in their homes. We thank the Bosworth, Campion, Hamill, O'Grady and Taylor families for opening their homes and hearts.

## Swimming Lessons – Promoting Independence, Responsibility and Resilience

As all would know now, that swimming lessons for Prep to Year 5 children will commence next Monday. Parents are reminded that if children are not swimming on any day the class teacher will require a note from their parent. Children not swimming will remain at school in the care of another grade teacher. They will be given an appropriate activity to complete by their own teacher so that their time is used wisely.

Children who forget their swimming gear will also remain at school. Please note we will not be allowing students to phone parents expecting them to deliver the gear. We aim to develop independence, responsibility and resilience in our students. If the gear is forgotten one day, we feel sure that it will be remembered the next day when the consequence is missing the dip in the pool, and the fun bus trip with classmates. We ask parents to support us by promoting with children that they must be organised and think / pack bags ahead.

## Staff News

Stephen will be away at a Principal's Meeting on Tuesday afternoon and away on Wednesday for skin surgery.

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

## LIBRARY NEWS

### St A's Annual Book Fair

You may have noticed that we did not hold our annual book fair during Book Week this year. This was not an oversight. We are in fact holding a book fair. It will be held in November this year (November 12-16) and will be held in the Drama Room, next to Music and Art and near the Prep classrooms. The Fair will be open each morning from 8:00 am and each afternoon until late. On Monday 12 November, we'll host late night shopping until 7pm! A 'Wine & Cheese and Music' evening will be held for late night shoppers. This will be a great chance to view the books, have a drink, a bite to eat and buy some early Christmas presents. I'll also have some books suitable for donation put aside for the library Wish List. All welcome!

### RIBIT (Read In Bed It's Terrific!)

Congratulations to the following RIBIT readers : Max R, Mitchell S and Nathan G. Keep up the great effort. Enjoy your prizes!

*"You know you're a book lover when.....you do something violent if someone spoils the ending for you!"*

Mrs Lonnie Rutland (Librarian)

## GENERAL NEWS

### National Nude Food Day

Last Wednesday St Augustine's students and staff joined other schools across the country and took part in National Nude Food Day as part of Nutrition Australia's National Nutrition Week. Our students enthusiastically shared their nude food lunch under the sails and enjoyed watching Mrs Mallory, Mrs Genert and Miss McDonald answer questions about healthy food and sustainability. Mrs Genert won the quiz and her class enjoyed a healthy fruit and vegetable platter. Students Sophie H (3N) and Milan G (ON) were the lucky winners of the Nude Food Lunch boxes. We hope that by celebrating National Nude Food Day we continue to eat healthy foods and prepare our school lunchbox food without the use of wrappers.

Natalie Barrett (Prep Navy Teacher)

### Speech and Drama News

The final term is well and truly underway with preparations for our ASCA assessments proceeding very well. The students are enthusiastic and ready to perform once again in a more formal situation in November.

At the ASCA assessment days an audience is always welcome - in fact - it is essential as these assessments are marked upon the communication skills of our young students. **For your information the ASCA day at St Augustine's will be Friday 23 November during school hours.** We will send the actual times for each student/group as soon as possible. We really hope some of you are able to join us.

**A reminder that fees for the term are now due and payable as per the account sent home in the first week of term. Please make sure you inform me of continuation of classes for next year as positions vacant will be advertised within the next week or so.**

If you have any questions regarding this term or any aspect of classes, please feel free to contact me.

Have a great week!

Anita Eldridge (Specialist Teacher) [aeldridge@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:aeldridge@bne.catholic.edu.au)

### Pauls Collect-A-Cap is Ending on 31/12/12

Pauls would like to thank you for participating in the Pauls Collect-A-Cap Program. **2 MONTHS TO GO!** The last day of the Pauls Collect-A-Cap Program will be 31 December 2012. There is just over THREE months left to keep collecting and raise funds for your organisation, so please keep collecting and get your caps sent in. Once again, thank you for your continued support of the Pauls brand and for your participation in Collect-A-Cap. Happy collecting! (Pauls Collect a Cap Team)

# PARISH NEWS

## Catholics Returning Home:

Do you know someone who was baptized a Catholic but who does not come, or seldom comes to church anymore? We will be offering the six week program, '*Catholics Returning Home*' in the Parish beginning on the 14 February next year and we need your assistance. Firstly, we need your prayers that many will respond to this invitation and secondly we ask you to consider inviting any relatives or friends who may be interested in coming along. A small parish team is meeting to prepare for the program and we will continue to provide you with more information as the time draws closer. Thank you for your prayerful support. Phone the Parish Office on 07 5598 2165.

# TUCKSHOP NEWS AND ROSTER

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuckshop Helpers:</b>	<b>Home Baking:</b>
Wed 24 October	S Dickinson, K Burns	K Cleaver
Thurs 25 October	S Hawney	T Jones
Friday 26 October	S O'Grady, A Wolff (11:30-2:30)	E Navin
Tues 30 October	Help please!	F Hore
Wed 31 October	T Jones (11:00-2:30)	M Suddes

## Wednesday Wacky Wedges!

Wednesday only until the end of term. A cup of delicious seasoned wedges for \$2.50.

NB: Must order on a paper bag as per normal. Thank you.

## Tuckshop Helpers 2013

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 out the form or give us a call on 55078162 (Tuckshop) OR Robyn on 0402 730016.



### ST A'S TUCKSHOP HELPERS / BAKERS 2013

*If you can help out in the tuckshop next year by either working or baking, please fill in the slip and return to the tuckshop or office. Please remember, your children love seeing you.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

***I would like to work in the canteen / do baking (please circle) on the following day:***

*Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday*

*[Home bakers needed. We encourage all volunteers especially on Thursday and Friday.]*

*You can also do ½ days if you wish. Just write underneath the day. [Morning is 8.45 -11.30 am, Afternoon is 11.30 – 2.00 pm].*

*I would like to be on with: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Mrs Nicole Lee will be working Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Robyn Curran will be working Thursday and Friday.  
Tuckshop Direct Telephone No. is 55078162.*

## COMING EVENTS

Thurs 25/10	School Fees due
<b>Thurs 25/10</b>	<b>St A's Art Show Year 5-7 (2:00-3:30pm and 5:00pm) Entry fee \$5 per family.</b>
Thurs 25/10	Mass in Chapel, 9:00am: 2White
Fri 26/10	Crazy Sock Day (Gold Coin Donation)
Fri 26/10	World Teachers' Day
Thurs 1 Nov	Mass in Chapel, 9:00 a.m.: 3Navy
Thurs 1 Nov	Kate Pagano Speech Finals (Year 6 - 11:20 a.m.); (Year 7 - 12:20 a.m.)
Mon 5 Nov	Piano and Violin students' concert, 6:00 p.m. in the Hall
Wed 7 Nov	Prep 2013 Information Evening, 7:00 p.m.
Thurs 8 Nov	Whole school Mass in school hall
Fri 9 Nov	P & F School Disco
Mon 29/10-Thurs 1/11 Mon 5/11 – Thur 8/11	Swimming lessons, PBC Pool (Prep - Year 5) Prep - 11:00 a.m.      Year 4 - 11:30 a.m.      Year 2 - 12 noon Year 3 - 12:30 p.m.      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.
Sat 24 Nov	Welcome Mass for 2013 new students and families, St Monica's Church, 6:00 p.m.
Tues 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 10 am
24 January 2013	Uniform Shop Open 8:30am - 1:30pm

## COMMUNITY NEWS

## For Sale

1 brand new Bosch ceramic cooktop. 70 cm. \$1100 ono. Phone 0415 210013.

## Art with Susy Boyer after school at St A's



The poster features a black header with the text "after school" in white, flanked by a row of colorful circles. Below this, the word "art" is written in large, bold, black lowercase letters. To the left of "art" is a cartoon illustration of a white cat with a red collar and a yellow patch. To the right is a blue cartoon monster with large eyes and a wide grin. Below "art" is the text "for kids who love to draw!".

**FUN DRAWING CLASSES** to improve your skills, with tips and techniques taught by professional artist and children's book illustrator Susy Boyer. High quality lessons that are fun and confidence-building, for beginners to budding artists aged 6 -12yrs.



**WHEN: 3pm to 5pm Wednesday afternoons**

**WHERE:** St Augustine's Primary School - Conveniently held at school in the specialised art room.

**COST: \$20** per 2hr class (*'Come & try' - first lesson free*)  
All art materials supplied incl A3 Art Folder & A5 sketch diary

**CONTENT:** Covering most areas of drawing...Realistic, Still Life, Cartooning/Characters, Fantasy/Imaginative

**MEDIA:** Using a variety of media...  
Graphite & Coloured pencils, Charcoal, Watercolour & Chalk Pastels.



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## 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 fascinators, best dressed female and male. Bookings essential phone 07 55343955. [Support the club that supports our school.] Click on the [link](#) for further details.