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LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

You will see below the proposed class teachers for next year.

Laura Dick, Laurie Hallinan and Michael O'Shea will return from their year away. Laurie has been exchange teaching in Canada while Michael and Laura are back from travels to Europe, US and Canada. We look forward to hearing all the wonderful stories of their travels.

Angela Genert has been on exchange from Canada and will be leaving at the end of the year. Thanks for sharing your time and talent with us Angela and we wish you a safe return to Canada. **Jodie Williams** completes a contract with us at the end of the year. We thank her for also sharing her talents and time with us. Jodie will be around the school as she continues in the parent role. **Siobhan Reinhard** will be taking 12 months leave to travel with her husband next year. We wish Siobhan safe and happy travels over the coming year.

Class Teachers for 2013

Prep – Melissa Sewell/Lisa Strazzaboschi-Hughes; Natalie Barrett/Marg Walgers; TBC

Year 1 – Anne-Louise Allen; Kerrie Chudleigh; Clare Deeth

Year 2 – Angela Sampson; Laura Dick

Year 3 – Paul Barrett; Judy McDonald; Kathy Toderello/Allison King

Year 4 – Leanne Cutting; Trish May

Year 5 – Shaun Dolan; Laurie Hallinan

Year 6 – Julia Miller; Michael O'Shea

Year 7 – Alan Dick; Jo Ormerod

End of Year Concert

As part of the Licencing Agreement we are not able to take photos or video of the concert to post them on social media or Youtube. We would ask your co-operation in taking every possible measure to ensure that any photos/video do not get posted there.

Road Safety

We remind everyone to observe road safety around the school in the morning and afternoon. Observe the 40 km/hr speed limit, No U turns to get into the carpark, walk across Galleon Way using the supervised crossing are a few to remember. Please remember we need to be extra vigilant where there are so many children. We hope you have a great week!

Papua Week

Thank you to all those who have already sent in clothing or other goods that could be sent to Papua on Friday week. Don't forget SOAP is a scarce commodity and we are attempting to beat the 2000 cake total donated by St A's last year. Thank you to the Mini Vinnies who are doing a great job in collecting, counting and motivating. Anything, no matter how small, can be used and sent in our container; shoes, band aids, toys, towels and clothing.

Members from St Vincent de Paul will be at the school to receive the goods on Friday 30 November (Friday week) and they have arranged a truck to transport our goods to Brisbane. Thank you again St A's for your generosity with this annual appeal.

School Shoes/Second Hand Uniforms

Many students wear out or grow out of shoes at this time of year. To avoid unnecessary expense before Christmas you may purchase second hand shoes from the uniform shop. We would also appreciate the donation of any school uniforms from any grades especially the Year 7's as they move into high school. All money collected is used for goods around the school that benefit your children. Many thanks for your consideration.

'The Month of All Souls'

As we approach the end of November, we keep our deceased loved ones in our minds and our hearts. We have several pages of special people with their names written in our Remembrance Book. We pray that God holds all these loved ones in the palm of his hand and gives comfort to the families who are left behind especially over the Christmas, family season.

Reports

Reports are in progress at the moment. Last year all reports were placed in a central space in Brisbane. This year the process continues with St A's reports being again placed in the BCE SRS (Student Reporting System). This means that all schools within the Brisbane Archdiocese can access student reports when students move around within the system. It also means that there are similarities between all reports. Levels will be as follows:

- Well above expected level
- Above expected level
- Achieving at expected level
- Below expected level
- Well below expected level

The effort scale uses Consistently, Generally, Sometimes or Rarely. These are also consistent words used across the diocese. In the reports from Years 1-7 there are added comments after the literacy and numeracy areas as well as a general comment at the end of the report. Reports will be sent home with the students on Monday 3 December.

It is to be noted that the Education Minister requires that the following statement be included for your information. "You can ask the school to provide you with information that clearly shows your child's achievement in the subjects studied in comparison to that of other children in the child's peer group at the school. This information will show you the number of students in each of the achievement levels." The peer group is defined as the whole year and not just a single class. Your child will not receive a class placement, for example fifth out of sixty. Instead you may request the number who received 'At the expected level', 'Above expected level' and so on. No student identity can be given. You may request this information after the reports have been sent home.

Business Cards Needed

We would appreciate any old business cards with blank backs for use on our prayer cross. Please send them in to the front office for Jane Marrison. Many thanks.

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

GENERAL NEWS

Kate Pagano Public Speaking Competition

The public speaking finals were held recently. The speeches presented were of a very high standard and the adjudicators were really impressed with the talented speakers at our school.

I'd like to thank our visiting adjudicators Mrs Anita Eldridge, Mrs Gwenda Pearson and Ms Kathryn Foran. These ladies were ably assisted by Mrs Jane Marrison, Mrs Lonnie Rutland and Mrs Lynne Rohanna. They had such a difficult task to choose the winners because all the speakers were so impressive. Thank you so much for your assistance with the speaking competition. Congratulations to all the place winners who are listed below. Presentation of medallions will be at Friday assembly, 30 November.

Year 1		Year 5	
1st	Molly S	1st	Eliza R
2nd	Ava C / Felicity W	2nd	Max M / Jack R
3rd	Ruby H / Raimee W	3rd	Finn H / Molly K
Year 2		Year 6	
1st	Lily P	1st	Aaron L
2nd	Isla C	2nd	Matilda T / Hannah VDB
3rd	Sophie B / Faith O'S	3rd	Maddy H
Year 3		Year 7	
1st	Jude H	1st	Eshwin R
2nd	Bailey S	2nd	Dean B
3rd	Jade O'G / Sam T	3rd	Breeanah H / Sheridan P
Year 4			
1st	Alex B		
2nd	Benjy P		
3rd	Matt D / Seamus H		

Anne Louise Allen (Public Speaking Co-ordinator)

Volunteer Helpers Morning Tea

We wish to invite Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers, Volunteers, Friends

who have helped in any way about our school in 2012 to Morning Tea at the Currumbin RSL Club on Tuesday 27 November, 2012 from 10 am till 11:30 am.

We will gather on the verandah at Alleys Café Terrace for coffee and cake.

RSVP: Thursday 22 November, 2012 to the office at pcurrumbin@bne.catholic.edu.au or 55988730.

Volunteer help comes in many forms.....canteen helpers, support a reader program, general class room helper, class room reading or math's helper, library helper, book covering, gardening, P&F.....the list goes on.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DO SO MUCH FOR US. YOU ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.



SPORTSCENE

G.C. Catholic Schools Aquathon

Last week, St Brigid's, St Kevin's, St Vincent's, Assisi, Jubilee, Guardian Angels and the mighty St A's competed in the annual Catholic Schools Aquathon Carnival at Currumbin Beach. Students aged 10-13 years and a squad of 32 represented St A's at this great day. Each age division consisted of 4 boys and 4 girls competing in the flagship race the Aquathon (Run-Swim/Wade-Run), Flags and Beach Relay. Our squad thoroughly enjoyed themselves by representing their school with pride, on a magic day at the beach. Congratulations to the following students who finished with placings in the main race, the Aquathon: 10 years: 4th Liam S; 4th Abbey H; 11 years: 2nd Josh B; 2nd Mia H; 12 years: 1st Jakob H; 4th Jemma S; 13 years: 4th Liam B.

Flag results:

10years:3rd Liam S; 11years: 2nd Cole G and Annika D; 12years: 4th Sheridan P; 13years:1st Liam B .

Relay results: 11year boys: 1st; 12year boys: 3rd; 12year girls: 4th; 13year boys: 2nd; 13 year girls: 3rd.

Special thanks to Mrs Lanham – Aquathon Recorder; Miss Clancy – Team Manager; Mr Montgomery – Water Safety and 6W who assisted responsibly by being helpers on the course. Thank you all for your valuable assistance. We look forward to this day again in 2013. Shaun Dolan (Sports Co-ordinator)

TUCKSHOP ROSTER AND NEWS

Pizza Special this Tuesday and Wednesday ONLY! Pizza and Popper for \$3.00.

Order as per normal.

Date:	Tuckshop Helpers:	Home Baking:
Wed 21 November	S Dickinson, K Burns	K Cleaver
Thurs 22 November	S Hawney, A Meehan, M Dellar	T Jones
Fri 23 November	S O'Grady, A Wolff	

<i>Tues 27 November</i>	<i>Help please!</i>	<i>F Hore</i>
<i>Wed 28 November</i>	<i>T Jones (11:00-2:30)</i>	<i>M Suddes</i>

Robyn and Nicole (Tuckshop Convenors)

LIBRARY NEWS

Gold Coast Catholic Primary Schools' Readers' Cup CHAMPIONS!!!!

Congratulations to Emily, Juliana, Maggie and Matilda who won the 2012 Gold Coast Catholic Primary Schools' Readers' Cup last Tuesday. They did St A's proud, winning quite convincingly by 10 points. We are very proud of you. Readers are Achievers!! (and winners are grinners). Great effort girls.

2012 Premier's Reading Challenge

The official certificates from the Premier of Qld were presented to the students who completed the Challenge last Friday. We are very proud of all the students who completed this challenge. Once again, St A's has proven that it is a "school of readers"! What an outstanding result. Congratulations to all of the students who completed the challenge and received a certificate.

Mrs Lonnie Rutland (Librarian)

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

OY	<i>Milan G</i>
OW	<i>Kelly R</i>
OY	<i>All of the Prep children for being so grown up in the big school!</i>
1N	<i>Felicity W</i>
1W	<i>Kiki I</i>
2N	<i>Natasha W</i>
2W	<i>Saxon H</i>
2Y	<i>Sonny W</i>
3N	<i>Courtney S</i>
3W	<i>Asha O</i>
4N	<i>Alex B</i>
5W	<i>Ben O'H</i>
6N	<i>Maggie, Emily, Matilda and Juliana</i>
7N	<i>Kieren B</i>
7W	<i>Terri-Anne E and Caitlin H</i>

TERM DATES 2013

<i>Term dates 2013:</i>	<i>Term 1: Wednesday 30 January - Thursday 28 March</i>
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Term 2: Monday 15 April – Friday 21 June

Term 3: Monday 8 July – Friday 20 September

Term 4: Tuesday 8 October – Friday 6 December

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR ARTICLE

Following on from the theme of developing resilience in kids, I include the following excerpt about independence:

INDEPENDENCE

“I take great heart from those who work with children with disabilities, and from the children themselves.

These children courageously pursue independence, rejecting unnecessary help and demanding the right to try things on their own. So strong is their desire to be independent, that they would rather struggle to overcome their limitations than take the help that weakens their resolve.

Their carers seem to have a deep understanding of the importance of the role that independence plays in self-esteem. Always ready to help, they nevertheless manage not to step in on the children’s struggle to be independent. When the children’s determination falters the carers will urge them on, knowing full well that the more they can do themselves, the more fulfilling their lives will be.

In having a disability the children tenaciously explore the abilities they have, supported by carers committed to the hard and often painful journey of independence. Whatever gains are made are earned. Love and care are ever present but in a form that strengthens, encourages and inspires. It never weakens, undermines or removes the will of the children to be independent.

On many occasions, I think we, the parents of children with able bodies and minds, weaken them by a love and caring that makes them dependent. We say we want them to be independent, but in some strange contradiction we enjoy them needing us. We do things for them that would be insulting if done to some children with disabilities.

We dress them when they can dress themselves, we pick up after them, run to them whenever they call, talk to them like babies and lead them to their classroom when they should be going alone, saying goodbye to them in the devastated tones of people leaving a loved one forever.

If you’re a parent you’ll think I’m exaggerating. If you’re a teacher you know I’m not.

The carers of children with disabilities know that independence is essential for assimilation, integration and acceptance. Most of the children know that too and work feverishly to get the skills that will free them.

It saddens me when able children are raised to be disabled, and it inspires me to see disabled children shake off their limitations to live full and rewarding lives.

That we love our children is a given. That they know we love them is also a given. It requires no proving, is unconditional and should enable us to look realistically at the skills and qualities our children need to survive in the world.

Loving our children must give us the strength to help them grow into independent adults with reasoned and considerate behaviour.”

[From Wilson McCaskill in his book, Children Aren't Made of China. It can be ordered from The Game Factory PO Box 85 Greenwood WA 6924. Phone: 08 9309 3992; Email: thegamefactory@iinet.net.au It is a good general book for teachers and parents.]

Have a great week.

Tony O'Shea aposhea@bne.catholic.edu.au

OSHC NEWS

Last Day of Term 4: OSHC will operate an early After School Care for families who require care on Friday 7 December. A half day fee will apply. Please let OSHC know if you require care, as well as returning the bus forms to school. BSC will run as usual.

Menu Changes: This term we are working on our Food and Nutrition Policy. We are adjusting our menus, both Breakfast and Afternoon Tea, to be consistent with the Australian Dietary Guidelines, National Quality Standards, 'My Time, Our Place' Framework for School Age Care as well as the Education and Care Services National Law Act(2010) and Regulations(2011). We are focusing on variety, "sometimes" foods and serving sizes. We will be asking the children and families of ways to improve, if you would like to contribute please see OSHC Staff.

Vacation Care Program out now! : Please go to the school's website www.sa.qld.edu.au and under the OUR SCHOOL tab click on OSHC to find the latest program and information for Vacation Care. Click on the links also for the programmes etc. Hard copies of the program are available at the OSHC centre. Accounts must be paid up to date for Vacation Care Bookings to be accepted.

Enrolments 2013

2013 Enrolment Forms are also available online. ALL FAMILIES WISHING TO ATTEND OSHC IN 2013 MUST ENROL. All current Fact Sheets are on the website outlining such things as; Fees, Booking Procedures and General Information about our centre. Please take the time to read these Fact Sheets.

Changes to OSHC Fee Structure

Please note there are changes to our fee structure from the beginning of January 2013. Most families currently attending will have received an email about this. If you did not receive this email the Changes to OSHC Fee Structure Letter is on the website or please ask Vikki to forward you a copy.

Accounts

As the end of year approaches please ensure your account is up to date. We will not be able to accept Vacation Care bookings or re-enrolments for 2013 if accounts are not paid up to date. Any enquiries please contact OSHC staff on 5507 8108 or 0457 936 022.

COMING EVENTS

Tues 20 Nov	Prep 2013 Orientation day: 9:00am to 12 noon
Thurs 22 Nov	Mass in Chapel, 9:00 am: 3White
Sun 25 Nov	Welcome Mass for 2013 new students and families, St Monica's Church, 9:30 am.
Tues 27 Nov	Volunteers Morning Tea, Currumbin RSL, 10 am - 11:30am
Tues 27 Nov	Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas concert, 6:00 pm.
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, 6:00 pm.

<i>Thurs 29-Fri 30 Nov</i>	<i>PNG collection.</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 commencing at 10 am at St Monica's Church</i>
<i>Thurs 24 January 2013</i>	<i>Uniform Shop Open 8:30 am. - 1:30 pm.</i>
<i>Wed 30 January 2013</i>	<i>Term 1 commences, 8:30 am.</i>

Marymount College Uniforms - Year 8, 2013: Please note that an appointment MUST be made for all new uniform fittings. There is only one day left this year for those students who have not had their fitting. The College Uniform Shop will be open on the Orientation Day, Tues 4 December. Appointments still available after school. The Uniform Shop will be available again for uniform fittings on Wed 23 and Thurs 24 January 2013. Please contact Anne Barrett at the College on 5586 1014 to make an appointment.