



NEWS 8 TERM 4 2012

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LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's edition of the newsletter.

Class Placements for 2013

Next week all current students will be advised of their teacher for next year via a note in with the report cards. This is a change from the usual practice of having class lists on display for the first day of the new school year. There has been a lot of time put into the process by the current teachers, the leadership team and specialist staff to ensure that we get the best possible placement for your child.

School Leaders at Marymount

Recently I received a copy of the Marymount College newsletter advising that six of next year's leaders are St Augustine's ex-students. This is an amazing representation of leaders from one school and is a real credit to our teachers here and to the students' parents. Well done to all of the staff who are helping to form leadership qualities in the younger generation.

Moving Day

By Monday of next week classes will have completed the moving of classrooms for 2013. This may mean that your child will be in a different room for the last week of the term. Please bear with us as we prepare for this.

Prep classes remain in the same location as do Year 6 and 7. Year 1 and Learning Support will occupy the top floor of Brady Block and Year 5 will be in the two rooms where the current Year 3 classes are.

The Year 2's, 3's and 4's will all be housed in the Carlton Block which is beside the tuckshop.

School Fees

Please attend to finalising payments for this year's fees as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have attended to these already.

Prep Rebate Reminder

Last chance for Prep 2012 parents to obtain the receipts from school to claim Government/Medicare rebate for this year's school fees. Please register at the school admin office before 28 November, 2012.

Christmas Concerts

Thanks to Deirdre Pullen and the teachers for preparing for the Christmas Concerts this week. It is always a great way to celebrate the end of the year. Children are reminded to be there by 5:45pm in readiness for the 6:00pm start.

A reminder that as part of the Licencing Agreement we are not able to take photos or videos of the 2 musicals 'The Grumpy Sheep' and 'Hosanna Rock' concerts nor 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.

End of Year Assembly

Next Thursday morning (6 December) at 8:30am the Year 7 students will present their final Assembly of our school for 2012 in the Mary MacKillop Centre. Please come along and join us for the final assembly with the Year 7 students.

End of Year Awards and Liturgy

With the end of term fast approaching you may need to know the plans for the last day of school. All parents are invited to celebrate the end of year at St Monica's Church in Tugun on Friday 7 December. This is a special day for all as our school students especially the Year 7's will be farewelled and our Annual Awards will be presented. The timetable is as follows:

10:00 am Awards Ceremony;

10:30 am Morning Tea break.

11:00 am Final End of School Liturgy

12 noon The official conclusion to the 2012 school year.

Look out for permission notes for the bus trip. These will be sent home soon.

Reports

All reports will be going home on Monday 4 December. Please ensure that you collect these from your child.

Greetings from Timor Leste

The schools in the Brisbane Archdiocese have come together to assist the women in Timor Leste. We have purchased 50 Christmas cards and 50 gift cards which we are selling in the front office for \$3 each. These cards are unique as each card is handmade. By purchasing these cards you are supporting 52 women and their families in a very practical way as they strive to lead their way out of poverty and into a life of personal and financial independence. These cards are available from the front office.

School Uniform

Children often grow out of shoes near the end of the year. There are many pairs in the Second Hand Uniform Shop at \$5 each. All money goes to assist the school. We also would appreciate any uniforms that are too small, shirts, dresses, shorts, shoes, socks etc. All will be accepted with thanks.

Behaviour / Bullying Survey

Part of our planning for 2013 involves reflection and modification of our Behaviour Management program here at St A's. We are gathering relevant data this week, surveying students, staff and parents regarding incidents involving bullying. *Bullying is **repeated** verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one of more persons.* Please be involved and spend a minute completing the parent survey online. There are just 3 quick questions.

Pious Goods

Each Friday the Mini Vinnies group, assisted by Maree Burgess sell religious gifts in the Mary MacKillop Centre. They have purchased some lovely Christmas activity books which are priced at reasonable prices as well as Advent calendars, prayer books, book marks and jewellery.

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

GENERAL NEWS

Purchasing School Uniforms for 2013

The Uniform Shop will be only be open for another 5 more days until the end of year to purchase new uniforms for next year, in particular Prep 2013. Uniform Shop hours are Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings between 8:30am and 9:30am. The uniform shop will also be open on 24 January to collect uniform orders and last minute items.

Tracy Grieve (Uniform Shop Convenor)

Music News

Congratulations to Timeera in Grade 6 who recently sat her first piano exam! She was awarded an A (honours) for her Preliminary Grade. Well Done Timeera!

Chess News

Nine rounds of Chess in one day! An amazing St A's record was achieved last Tuesday as the Chess students battled their way through 9 rounds for our annual Chess Championship Day. Congratulations are to be given to all 73 students on their excellent game play, behaviour and sense of fair play. In 2012 our students have progressed extremely well with many achieving Chess ratings and doing very well at Interschool Chess competitions. Our new students have gained skills and confidence and are now established players. Our very experienced and talented coach, Mr Froeliche (Mr F) has guided the students to higher results and we are pleased he will be returning for 2013. I continue to encourage students to learn to play Chess as it has many benefits which relate to general school learning, especially Maths. Also students develop a sense of belonging and commitment to the club. Sadly I say farewell to the Year 7 students many of whom have been playing for 4 or 5 years. They have always been a delightful group, displaying talent and great sportsmanship. Mia Dickinson, the only Year 7 girl has set a wonderful example to our younger girls. They have great respect and admiration for this quiet achiever.

Overall Chess Champion: Nathan Janes

RESULTS FOR 2012	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 7	Nathan J	Aaron K	Jack M
Year 6	Darcy W	Kyle M	Aaron B
Year 5	Liam S	Bronson H	Jack R
Year 4	Harrie VDB	Ryker S	Seamus H
Year 3	Jack H	Bailey S	Jed H
Year 2	Brandon H	Benjy S	Sonny W
Senior Girls	Mia D	Matilda Y	Alex B
Junior Girls	Ellena P	Bianca T	Keira C

Information notes will be given out at the beginning of next year for those interested in playing. I would love to see more girls join as Chess is a worldwide game for everyone and it's fun. Karen Dick (Chess Co-ordinator)



Doll House Raffle

This gorgeous Dollhouse made by Rosie in the Woodwork shed is being raffled. Tickets selling for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Tickets available from the front office.

Win iPad Mini's for Christmas with School Banking!! By simply making a deposit into your CommBank Youthsaver account through School Banking between November 19 and December 14 2012 you will be automatically entered in the draw to win one of twelve iPad Mini's (2 per state) valued at \$369 each (16GB with wi-fi) for Christmas. For more information and terms and conditions visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.

PARISH NEWS

Catholics Returning Home

Have you been away from the Church for a while? Have you ever thought about returning? If so, we would like to welcome you back. No matter how long you have been away we invite you to renew your relationship with the Catholic Church. Please join us for the first of six weekly sessions at 7pm on.... **14 February 2013** at **St Monica's Parish Centre**. For further information please call 5598 2165 or 0428 222 241

Found

1 x turquoise Tomas Sabo beaded bracelet with a G on it. Please collect from the office.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

OY: Ania A	ON: Jack S	OW: Tiahna M
1W: Macy H	1N: Lincoln S	
2W: Whole Class	2N: Angus S	2Y: Noah C
3W: Zac B and Joel McA		3N: Liam W
4N: Jayden G	4W: Sam B and Matilda Y	
5N: Erin W	5W: Bede C	
6W: Siobhan T	6N: Oliver S	
7N: Ebony B	7W: Lauren S	

COMMUNITY NEWS

Marymount College Uniforms - Year 8, 2013

Thank you to all the parents, friends, carers etc. who turned up to their appointments on Friday 9 and Saturday 10 November. Winners of the raffles have been notified; they were Sharon Jurd, Sharon Wright, Gloria Freeman and Anh Nguyen. **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, Tuesday 4 December. I still have appointments available after school. The Uniform Shop will be available again for uniform fittings on Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 January 2013. Please contact Anne Barrett at the College on 5586 1014 to make an appointment.

Anne Barrett (Marymount College Uniform Shop)

TUCKSHOP NEWS AND ROSTER



<i>Date:</i>	<i>Tuckshop Helpers:</i>	<i>Home Baking:</i>
<i>Wed 28 November</i>	<i>T Jones (11:00-2:30)</i>	<i>M Suddes</i>
<i>Thurs 29 November</i>	<i>M Dellar, R Strotton</i>	<i>B Smith</i>
<i>Fri 30 November</i>	<i>C Johnston, F Burge</i>	<i>K Dick</i>
<i>Tues 4 December</i>	<i>Help please!</i>	<i>A Meehan</i>
<i>Wed 5 December</i>	<i>C Lanham, D Power (8:30-11:30)</i>	<i>A Finn</i>

Robyn and Nicole (Canteen Convenors)

P & F NEWS

Christmas concerts



Christmas Pageant

This Tuesday evening Prep to Grade 2 will be holding their Christmas concerts in the hall. This will be a fantastic night for all the children and parents. We would appreciate if all families attending could bring a plate to share for supper. Thursday night the Christmas concert will be held for Grade 3 – Grade 6. There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks for sale for \$2. We still are looking for people to help with the bbq so if you are able to assist please email suewood@live.com.au

Thank you

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, grandparents, teachers and children for all of your help with fundraising and assistance throughout the year. We hope everyone enjoyed all of the P & F functions and we look forward to many more in 2013.

Merry Christmas and a safe New Year!

Sue & Brooke (P & F Committee members)

OSHC NEWS

Last day of Term 4

OSHC will operate an early ASC 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 operate as usual.

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. 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.

Accounts

As the end of year approaches please ensure your account is up to date. We have sent out some reminders this week. 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. Have fun! Play safe!

TERM DATES

<i>Term dates 2012:</i>	<i>Term 4: Monday 8 October to Friday 7 December (9 weeks)</i>
<i>Term dates 2013:</i>	<i>Term 1: Wednesday 30 January - Thursday 28 March</i>
	<i>Term 2: Monday 15 April – Friday 21 June</i>
	<i>Term 3: Monday 8 July – Friday 20 September</i>
	<i>Term 4: Tuesday 8 October – Friday 6 December</i>

COMING EVENTS

<i>Tues 27 Nov</i>	<i>Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas concert, 6:00 pm.</i>
<i>Thurs 29 Nov</i>	<i>Mass in Chapel, 9:00am: 7Navy and 7White</i>
<i>Thurs 29 Nov</i>	<i>Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas concert, 6:00 pm.</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, Tugun. Dismissal 12 noon.</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>