

Leadership Team News

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's edition of the newsletter.

End of the School Year

This Friday marks the end of the school year for 2012. We wish all families a safe, happy and holy Christmas and New Year. For those who are travelling we wish you safe travel wherever you go. There are some families who will be finishing at St. Augustine's on Friday for the last time. Thank you for your support over your time with us and all the best for the future.

We wish our graduating class of Year 7 every success as they journey through high school in the coming years. The children have been excellent role models for our younger students this year and we wait to hear of all of the wonderful things they will accomplish as they grow older. The final farewell/prize giving at St. Monica's on Friday morning will be a special time for the children and their families.

Staff News

Mrs Michelle Campbell will be returning to St Augustine's next year after 2 years of leave. Michelle will be teaching Prep. We look forward to having Michelle back on staff with us.

2013 School Year

The children will start school on **Wednesday, January 30, 2013**.

Christmas Concerts

A big thank you to all of the people who came to share in the Christmas Concerts last week. It was a great celebration of the talents of the children. Thanks to Deirdre Pullen and all of the staff who were responsible for the organisation of the evenings.

Advent

Last Sunday began the Season of Advent in our Catholic tradition. Advent comes from Adventus or 'coming'. Advent also begins a new Church year. We are now in Year C.

The reading for Advent tell us to "Stay awake!" Our waiting for the Lord has gone on for so long that it is easy to fall asleep on the job. The problem is not whether God will tear open the heavens and come, but whether we will be alert enough to notice God.

Prayer for the First Week in Advent

Lord Jesus, You are the light of the world. All the prophets spoke of your coming, telling us that you would come to save us. We invite you to come into our lives and bring your light of love and peace into our world. Amen

Papua Week

Thank you to all those who sent in clothing or other goods for Papua on Friday. Don't forget SOAP is a scarce commodity and we broke the record of 1906 cakes and our total was 2194. Well done St A's! Thank you to Mrs Burgess and the Mini Vinnies who did a great job in collecting, counting and motivating.

End of Year Assembly

Don't forget the Thursday morning Year 7 Assembly at 8:30am in the Mary MacKillop Centre. At this assembly the Year 7 students will present their final Assembly of our school for 2012. Please come along and join them.

End of Year Awards and Liturgy

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 of our school students, the Year 7's will be farewelled and our Annual Awards will be presented. The timetable is as follows:

10:00am: Awards Ceremony

10:30am: Morning Tea break.

11:00am: 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 were sent home last Friday.

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

General News

Doll House Raffle

Congratulations to Noni who was the winner of the Doll House drawn last Friday.

Christmas Concert Costumes

A reminder that all Christmas costumes borrowed from Mrs Pullen are to be returned to the Music Room immediately.

Prep Concert Stories

On Tuesday I went to the Christmas concert and it was heaps of fun. We gave a present to every Prep person of the school and maybe you liked it because we want you to be very happy. (Roxanna H.)

On Tuesday night we sang Christmas carols. I dressed up as a villager. I got the idea from Minecraft. I had a white coat and a belt. My belt was black. I liked standing on the stage and the curtains opening. Mrs Pullen is my favourite. (Charlie C.)

On Tuesday night I had my Christmas concert and dressed up as Joseph. We sang our Christmas carols and our poems and my mum was surprised and my Grandma was too. Everyone's parents were there and after the Christmas concert we gave Mrs Cutting a present. (Zac McC.)

On Tuesday I dressed up as a sheep and I sang to the mums. They clapped and cheered. They liked our songs. I saw mums and dad. (Danika B.)

On Tuesday night I went to the Christmas concert and I sang Christmas carols and Mrs Pullen helped us to sing. (Sienna H.)

On Tuesday we went to have our Christmas concert. We sang Away in the Manger and Lullaby My Little One. I was excited about it. Mrs Pullen is the best music teacher. I love you. (Eloisa F.)

Library News

Library Care Group

At last week's assembly, the 2012 Library Care Group was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked for their service throughout the year. At the Awards Ceremony on Friday, the 2012 Library Service Award recipient will be announced. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Library Care Group. Their support and help throughout the year was very much appreciated. My sincere thanks go to Ebony, Nathaniel, Madie, Katie, Lauren, Damien, Mia, Erin, Aoife, Hannah, Niamh and Orlagh.

Book Fair

My sincere thanks to the following families who donated books to the library. A big thank you to the Smith, Barea, Mott, Hanns, Mallory, Puffett, Teitzel, Dyde-Nairn, Sheahan, Dunlop, Reynolds, Cogo, Cleaver, Wilson, Taylor, Hore, Brow, Koschel, Peacock, Bosworth, Maxted, Roylance, Willis, Crouch, O'Halloran and Doherty families and thanks to Mrs Joan Townsend and Miss McDonald. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Read-o-meter total

The total borrowings, as to the end of last Friday was 46, 767! We didn't quite make the 50,000 mark, but that's pretty impressive. I've kept this tally going throughout 2012 the National Year of Reading. St A's can definitely boast with pride, that we are a school that promotes library use! *"Readers are Achievers!"*

School Holidays

I have already mentioned to the students to keep reading during the holidays. When we stop reading for seven weeks, we find it difficult to come back to school again. All books read during the holidays, can be added to your RIBIT total! Holiday activities will be planned at the local Gold Coast libraries. Check out their website for more information: <http://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/library/>.

If you are not a member, why not join now and borrow some books over the holidays? Membership is free.

Overdue books

Students with overdue books outstanding will receive a letter during the holidays to remind them to look for the book and return it on the first day back 2013. Thank you. Happy holidays everyone!



Sportscene

Summer Sport

Last Friday concluded our 2012 Summer Sport program. Congratulations to all students on their behaviour at Friday sport, particularly for their cooperation, team work and enthusiasm. This has been greatly appreciated. Many thanks to all our teachers in Mrs Reinhard, Mrs King, Miss Miller, Mrs Ormerod, Mr Dolan, Mr Dick, and our Dance teacher Miss Kate for making each sport so enjoyable. Our venues have also looked after us with top notch facilities and friendly care. Special thanks to Mark and Bianca at Surfing Services Australia, Abbey and Ross and the team at Burleigh Ozsports and Terry at Brims Coaches for the safe travel on their buses. We thank them for their support and accommodating St A's.

End of Year Sports Wrap

It has certainly been another terrific year of sport at St A's. From class swimming lessons involving Prep-Year 5 at Palm Beach Pool, P-4 PE lessons with Mrs Hamill, new sporting gear through the fantastic collection of Coles vouchers by students and co-ordinated by Mrs Hamill, Motor Skill lessons with the Greigs, Gr 5-7 PE and Health lessons, 'Bluearth', 'Dancing' & 'Get Active' programs, ARL Development Clinics, Rugby League Blitz (Titans Ambassador School), AFL Auskick and Total Football Academy (soccer) after school programs, before school training in terms 2 and 3, three Intra-school House Colour competitions led by their respective Year 7 House Colour Captains, Inter-School; Swimming, Cross Country, Athletics, Ballgames, Aquathon, All Schools Touch, Winter & Summer Sport disciplines, students progressing through many District, Regional, State, and even as high as National Schools Representation in many sports. It certainly has been busy and exciting in 2012! Through all these activities, St A's students have been keen and eager to participate, represent the school and themselves with distinction, and most importantly, have had fun. Once again, I must thank all the tremendous teachers and staff of St A's for their time in helping to make sport so enjoyable and possible at St A's! We look forward to 2013 for another sensational year.

Merry Christmas everyone!

Shaun Dolan (Sports Co-ordinator)

Coming Events

<i>Thurs 6 Dec</i>	<i>Years 7 final assembly and farewell to the school - DVD and song, 8:30am.</i>
<i>Fri 7 Dec</i>	<i>End of term 4. Awards and Liturgy commencing at 10 am at St Monica's Church, Tugun</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>

Student of the Week

ON	Tobey C
OW	Peter N
OY	Charlie C
1N	Molly R
1W	Zoe R and 1W
2N	Ben C
2Y	Isla C
2W	Cael S
3N	Ruby O'H
3W	Mia B/Olivia C/Ellena P/Jayden F
4W	Ky M and Molly M
5N	Bailey K
5W	Abbey H
6W	Darcy W
6N	All of 6N
6W	Rowan C
7N	Niamh W

Tuckshop Roster

Date:	Tuckshop Helpers:	Home Baking:
<i>Wed 5 December</i>	<i>C Lanham, D Power (8:30 - 11:30)</i>	<i>A Finn</i>
<i>Thurs 6 December</i>	<i>J. Field</i>	<i>P Walsh</i>
<i>Fri 7 December</i>	<i>Closed</i>	
<i>Tues 29 January</i>	<i>Pupil Free</i>	
<i>Wed 30 January</i>	<i>S. Dickinson</i>	<i>K. Cleaver</i>

To all our wonderful and valued Tuckshop helpers and home bakers, we are very grateful for your help throughout the year. We hope you and your families have a safe and very happy holiday and Christmas. God Bless!

Robyn and Nicole (Canteen Convenors)

OSHC News

Last day of Term 4

OSHC will operate an early ASC for families who require care on Friday 7December. 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!

Staff at St A's OSHC



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