



## St Augustine's Parish Primary School Newsletter

# TOLLE LEGE

"TAKE & READ"

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### LEADERSHIP NEWS

Dear Parents and Families of St Augustine's

#### *MATERNITY LEAVE*

This Thursday, Mrs Michelle Campbell will commence Maternity Leave. Michelle is a much loved member of our school community and we pass to Michelle and David the blessings and wishes of everyone at St A's.

#### *BUILDING FUND DONATIONS*

The final completion of our building projects is still weather delayed. A list of "additional works" - (library and classroom air-conditioning; window tinting; installation of blinds; new library shelving; covered walkway to the library...) is growing and we will only be able to complete these works when funds become available. For such projects the school relies upon the generosity of the P&F, while additional support from families and members of the wider community is always appreciated.

Families are reminded that donations to our School Building Fund Contribution are 100% tax deductible. Please do not confuse this with the School Fee Building Levy, which is a compulsory levy and is therefore not tax deductible.

#### *EASTER CEREMONIES AT ST AUGUSTINE'S*

Palm (Passion) Sunday yesterday marked the beginning of Holy Week. On Sunday, we stood on the sidelines and praised our leader as he entered Jerusalem on a donkey but are we going to be one of those who turn on him and crucify him on Friday? How would we have acted 2000 years ago when Jesus walked through the streets carrying his cross? Would we have helped him or jeered at him? Holy Week gives us the chance to contemplate on the events and actions of the time and allows us to reflect on how we would have acted in the same circumstances. The Holy Week story will be acted out in two liturgies this week led by our Senior classes. The first was this afternoon when we looked at Palm Sunday and The Last Supper while the second will begin at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday afternoon. All parents and family members are encouraged to come along as we think about the last week in the life of Jesus.

Parish services are as follows: Holy Thursday 7.30 p.m. at St Monica's Church, Tugun; Good Friday: Stations of the Cross, 10.00 a.m. at St Monica's Church, Tugun; Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3.00 p.m. St Augustine's Church, Coolangatta. Easter Vigil on Saturday 7.00 p.m. at St Monica's Church, Tugun; Easter Sunday: 7.00 a.m. & 9.30 a.m. at St Monica's Church, Tugun and 8.15 a.m. at St Augustine's Church, Coolangatta.

#### *PROJECT COMPASSION*

Thank you to all those who gave to the 'small change' appeal for Project Compassion last Friday. A total of \$367.10 was raised to go towards our Lenten total. Project Compassion will conclude on Thursday. Thank you for supporting our drive this year, three days left!

#### *PLAYGROUND PLAYMATES*

There has been a question regarding who children should, or should not, play with in the playground at break times. At St A's we encourage the children to play and socialise with students in their own grade / class. In so doing we certainly do not expect them to ignore siblings and friends from outside their class, in fact the support network of our community benefits from such networking, care and social interaction. The younger students have been told that playing with older students is not acceptable as accidents and problems occur. In the past we have experienced prep and year 1 children asking buddies for money, younger children jumping on the backs of older children etc, and this is not acceptable. It is important that we teach children to respect one another and not to impose on them. With stage based classes we are very supportive of positive interaction with peers and siblings, but playtime is best kept to children in a 'similar' age bracket.

#### *CLASS REPS*

Thank you to the very kind mums who offered their services as a class rep following our plea in last week's newsletter.

We are still in need of support for the following classes: 2B, 2/3MT, MLH, MSF, MMO, MJO, SCP and SAD..... Just 8 to go.

Please contact Lynne Rohanna if you could take on this role in our school. Remember it can be a shared role with another mum from your child's class, if that helps.

*We wish all our staff, students and families the blessings of the Risen Christ this Easter - keep safe.*

Greg Benfield, Jane Marrison and Lynne Rohanna (Leadership Team)

## GENERAL NEWS

### **WATER USE / RECYCLING**

We **do** recycle! If anyone notices Rob, our groundsman - or our cleaners using water to wash, hose or clean areas, please don't think that we waste water at St A's. We have five rainwater tanks - a capacity in excess of 150,000 litres ... that's the water we use.

### **SCHOOL JUMPERS AND VESTS**

Closing date for jumpers and vests was last Friday. Anyone who hasn't placed their order please see Denise Neilsen in the Uniform Shop ASAP. Uniform Shop hours are Monday, Tuesday and Friday between 8.30 a.m. - 9.30 a.m. or phone the Uniform Shop directly on 55078163.

### **HEAD LICE**

#### **Signs and Symptoms:**

You have to LOOK for head lice. Many head lice infections cause no symptoms, and only some cause itchiness or scratching.

Head lice eggs (nits) are grey-white in colour, very small (the size of a pinhead) and attach to shafts of hair close to the scalp.

#### **Signs to look for:**

The lice are difficult to see. To check hair for head lice, use a magnifying glass in strong light, or:

1. Comb dry hair with hair conditioner;
2. Carefully comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb;
3. Wipe the combings on a paper towel and look for lice or eggs;
4. Repeat the combing for every part of the head 4 or 5 times;

If lice or eggs are found, the child's hair should be treated.

#### **How do I manage head lice?**

Your pharmacist will provide assistance and help you choose appropriate treatments. This will require: a head lice comb, a large bottle of inexpensive hair conditioner; an effective medicated product and care instructions.

### **STORIES BY 3MC - VISIT TO SOMERSET LITERATURE FESTIVAL**

*Today we went to see Libby Gleeson. She wrote stories! Today we was talking about books. She read us a story called 'Skating and Sand'. She read 'Big Dog'. Then we went on the bus.*  
by Ebony Batterham 3MC

*Today I went to Somerset College. We got on the bus. When we got there we met Libby Gleeson. She told us how to make books. She read two books about Hannah and the Tomorrow Room and skating on sand. She showed us pictures of a book that she wrote. She told us that a book takes a year to make. She used to go to University.*  
by Lauren Smith 3MC

*Today I went to Somerset College to see Libby Gleeson. She told us all about her books. She writes kids' books. She doesn't illustrate her books. An illustrator does it. She is an excited writer. She started when she was in her 30s. Her good books are 'Hannah' books she wrote. She told us you can spell Hannah backwards. It was fun.*  
by Chloe Dolan 3MC

*Today at Somerset, I went to go and see an author. Her name was Libby Gleeson. She has written many books. I'll name one of them for you - 'Skating on Sand'. She told us a few stories. I was amazed. I sat next to my best friend Riley. I think Libby Gleeson was 57. I thought she'd be much younger. She studies at University to be an author but I don't know who illustrated her books but that was a fun Thursday.*  
by Santana Haynes 3MC

*Going to Somerset School. We went to Somerset school. We saw Libby Gleeson. She read a couple of books that she had written. A couple of other schools' came as well. She read 'Hannah' and the 'Tomorrow Room'. She has made 30 books. Me and my friends went on a big bus on the way there. When we were going to school we went on the mini bus. I had heaps of fun.*  
by Jemma Smith 3MC

*Today we went on a bus to Somerset College. We went to Somerset College to see Libby Gleeson. We went into a big theatre. Year One, Year Two, Year Three and some Year Six students from another school came. She talked about her novels and her picture books. She has been an author for many years. She is 57 years old. She has written thirty books.*  
by Nathan Janes 3MC

## LIBRARY NEWS



### **RIBIT (READ IN BED IT'S TERRIFIC!)**

The following RIBIT readers received their award at Friday's assembly: Sam Shaw, Kate Thomas, Mathew Trewin, Rachel Janes, John Simmonds, Harry Bryant and Ash Roberts. Keep up the great effort.

Remember: *Kids who read, succeed!*

## P & F NEWS

### *SCHOOL DISCO*

We are pleased to announce our School Disco will be held on Friday 28 March, 2008. An invitation is enclosed for your child/ren to attend. The format will be very similar to last year. We will hold two session times.

Session 1. Prep - Year 3: 5.00 p.m - 6.30 p.m.

Session 2. Year 4 - Year 7: 7.00 p.m - 9.00 p.m.

**Due to the nature of this event we need to address some very serious and important security issues and would ask you to discuss these with your children and adhere to the procedure.**

The disco is strictly for current St Augustine's school students. Only nominated parent helpers will be allowed in the disco area. We would kindly ask parents to drop off quickly in the Top Car Park only, using the same system the school has in place for afternoon collections. This will ensure a smooth flow of traffic. Nominated parent helpers will be assisting in the car park and escorting your child to the sign in register. Access to the school disco will only be via the gate opposite the school chapel.

We would greatly appreciate Session 2 parents (Year 4-7) to not drop off prior to 6.50 p.m., so the exit of the first session is complete. Parents of both sessions your children can wait in the allocated area near the Prep classes.

No monies or late entrance will be accepted on the night.

Thank you again for your support and understanding to ensure our children's well being. We look forward to a fantastic night.

Regards,



Craig Mallory (P & F President)

## SPORTSCENE

### *WINTER SPORT*

Over the past two weeks, students in Years 5-7 have been involved in two rounds of the Winter Sport competition for 2008. All three sports and the teams involved, have had numerous challenges, varying results, but overall, had lots of fun. Many thanks to the coaches for putting in the effort to have these teams prepared each week.

Next week is a rest week. Round 3 will not be played until Monday 31 March (last week of Term 1). A reminder to all students in soccer and rugby league that the St A jersey is to be worn only at Monday school sport, not as a training jersey for club training, etc.

### *CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING*

All students from Years 1 - 7 are welcome to come down to the oval at 8.00 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings for Cross Country training (next week only Wednesday & Thursday mornings). Joggers are required for these training sessions (if wearing full uniform, black shoes to be worn after session). We look forward to some fun and games as well. House colour points for attendance are very close between the four House Colours.

### *SCHOOL SPORT REPRESENTATIVES*

Congratulations to Bailey Lawson (SCP) who has gained selection to attend the QLD Schools' State Swimming Championships after a fantastic performance in the 50m freestyle for U/11 boys. Well done Bailey! St A's has a number of students trialing for district school sport representation in various sports at the moment. As soon as confirmation of selection comes to hand, names will be printed in upcoming editions of 'Sportscene'.

### *SPORTS QUIZ*

*Which Australian won Gold in the mens' marathon at the 1982 Commonwealth games held in Brisbane?*

Last week's answer: Preston Campbell

Shaun Dolan (Sports Co-ordinator)

## OSHC NEWS

### *OSHC ACCREDITATION*

St Augustine's OSHC recently went through an Accreditation. We achieved good to high quality in all eight areas of the NCAS's guidelines for quality care. Our next accreditation will be in April 2010.

### *HOLIDAY PROGRAM & FOOTWEAR*

School holiday programs will be out this week and I ask that all bookings be made on the booking forms only. Please remember if your account is not up to date we cannot guarantee that places will be available for your children. We have a policy that children must wear shoes with a closed in toe e.g. runners. We do not permit sandals or thongs, as they restrict interaction in games and sports and is also a WH&S requirement.

### *PEANUT FREE ZONE*

We strive to be a peanut free zone so we ask that children do not bring products with traces of nuts e.g. Muesli bars, snacks with peanuts or peanut butter sandwiches etc. to Vacation Care.

The staff at OSHC wish everyone a happy and safe Easter.

God Bless. John Skuja (Co-ordinator)

Term 1 Week 8 - **Student of the Week** - Tuesday 18 March, 2008

Every student is important at St Augustine's. To recognise this, the school presents a Student of the Week Award to one child from each class each week. It is a special honour, with the recipients receiving their award from the Principal at a full school assembly. Parents are always welcome at these assemblies which occur each Friday afternoon at 2:15 pm.

Congratulations go to the following students who have excelled at school last week. We are very proud of you.

PREP AWARDS	OBW Jacinta Burgess	OC Jimmy Finn
YEAR 1 AWARDS	1C Dylan Carroll	1F Isabelle Taylor
YEAR 2 AWARDS	2AS Phoebe Porter	2B Bradley Cinelli
YEAR 2/3 AWARDS	2/3MT Jamie Johnston	
YEAR 3 AWARDS	3B Abbey MacTaggart	3MC Ebony Batterham
YEAR 4/5 AWARDS	MAS Tomas Ashmole-Lord/Jayda Gaffey	MJO Ryan Harcombe
YEAR 4 AWARDS	4MO Kane Anderson/Mia Bristowe	MLH Holly Chisholm MSF Kelsie Stapleton
YEAR 6/7 AWARDS	SAD Kacie Eccleston	SAK Sam Kiely SCP Maddie Taylor
	SDP Aisling Waugh	

**COMING EVENTS**

Tues 18/03	Holy Week Liturgy, 2.40 p.m.	Thurs 29/05	ICAS - Science Competition, \$6
Thurs 20/03	Good Friday Liturgy, 2.30 p.m.	Thurs 12/06	ICAS - Spelling Competition, \$8
Fri 21/03	Good Friday holiday	Thurs 12/06	ICAS - Writing Competition, \$12
Mon 24/03	Easter Monday holiday	Fri 27/06	Last day of Term 2
Tues 25/03	Students return from Easter break	10-14/07	Brizstay (World Youth Day)
Thurs 27/03	Parent/Volunteer Workshop, 1.30 p.m. EC	Mon 14/07	Pupil Free Day
Fri 28/03	Winter Sport Training, 12.15 p.m. - 1.15 p.m.	Tues 15/07	Term 3 commences
Fri 28/03	School Disco	Tues 29/07	ICAS Mathematics Competition, \$6
Mon 31/03	Winter Sport Round 3	Tues 12/08	ICAS English Competition, \$6
Fri 4/04	Last day of Term 1	16-22/08	Book Week "Fuel Your Mind"
Mon 7/04	Dental Van leaves the school	Wed 27/08	ICAS Computer Skills, \$6
Mon 14/04	Pupil Free Day	Fri 19/09	Last day of Term 3
Tues 15/04	Term 2 commences	Mon 6/10	Term 4 commences
22/04	Internet Safety & Cyber-bullying, 7.00 p.m.	Mon 20/10	Pupil Free Day
1-4/04	Surfling lessons, Years 6 & 7, Alley	Fri 5/12	Last day of Term 4

**Canteen Roster**

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**ST AUGUSTINE'S STRIVES TO BE A PEANUT FREE ZONE**

**CANTEEN ROSTER:**

**HOME BAKING ROSTER:**

Wed 19 March	T Giess, T Sutton (8.30-11.30 a.m.) E O'Halloran (8.30 - 11.30 a.m.)	M Boyle
Thurs 20 March	S Pinchin, S Orbansen-Thew, K Pinchin	B Smith
Fri 21 March	<b>Monday Easter Holiday</b>	
Tues 25 March	B Nichols, C Anderson (8.30 - 11.30 a.m.)	<b>Home baking needed please</b>
Wed 26 March	S Dickinson, K Burns, K Mallory (8.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m)	M Suddes
Thurs 27 March	C Peacock (8.45 - 11.30 a.m.), M Kebby (11.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.), J Beggs	K Harrison

Have a happy and safe break and enjoy the time with your families. God Bless. Nicole and Robyn

## NEWS FROM TONY (GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR)

I have included this before, but thought it was worthwhile sharing again. While we know that some requirements have genuinely reduced risks and injuries, we also know that our kids are growing up in a very regulated environment. It means that we have to be conscious of this when helping them to develop resilience (the best anti-dote to debilitating depression and other mental illnesses). I certainly do not agree that everything in that era was appropriate, but it does make you wonder if there is such a thing as over-regulation.

### People over 35 should not be here!

According to today's regulators and bureaucrats, those of us who were kids in the 40s, 50s, 60s, or even maybe the early 70s probably shouldn't have survived. Our baby cots were covered with bright coloured lead-based paint.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets, and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets. (Not to mention the risks we took hitchhiking). As children, we would ride in cars with no seatbelts or air bags. Riding in the back of a ute on a warm day was always a special treat. We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle.

We ate lots of cakes, bread and butter, and drank soft drink with sugar in it, but we were never overweight because we were always outside playing.

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle. We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem. We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo 64, X-Boxes, video games, no 99 channels on pay TV, video tape movies, dvds, surround sound, mobile phones, personal computers, or Internet chat rooms.

### INSTEAD, WE HAD FRIENDS!

We went outside and found them. We played brandy, and sometimes, the ball would really hurt. We fell out of trees, got cut and broke bones and teeth, and there were no lawsuits from these accidents. They were accidents. No one was to blame but us.

We had fights and punched each other and got black and blue and learned to get over it. We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and ate worms, and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes, nor did the worms live inside us forever. We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rang the bell or just walked in and talked to them. Local football teams had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't, had to learn to deal with disappointment.

Some students weren't as smart as others, so they failed a grade and were held back to repeat the same grade. Tests were not adjusted for any reason.

Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law. Our generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever. The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.

And if you're one of them! Congratulations!

Please pass this on to others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before lawyers and government regulated our lives, for our own good!

Have a great week.

Tony (aposhea@bne.catholic.edu.au)

## PARISH EASTER SERVICES & TIMES

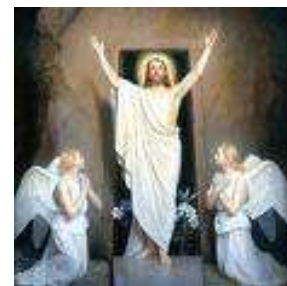
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*Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3.00 p.m. St Augustine's Church, Coolangatta.*

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*Easter Sunday:* 7.00 a.m. & 9.30 a.m. at St Monica's Church, Tugun and 8.15 a.m. at St Augustine's Church, Coolangatta.



## GREAT QUOTES FROM GREAT LEADERS



"As we let our own light shine,  
we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same."

Nelson Mandela (1918-)

