

**LEADERSHIP NEWS**

Dear Parents and Families of St Augustine's,

**MESSAGE FROM MR BENFIELD:**

I have been offered - and have accepted, the position as Acting Area Supervisor - Brisbane North West. This position, offered through Brisbane Catholic Education, is for the eleven weeks of Term Two (April 14 to June 27). Upon completion of the contract time, I plan to resume my duties at St Augustine's.

This appointment will result in some staffing changes for the school. During Term Two, Mrs Lynne Rohanna will assume the position of Acting Principal. Mrs Rohanna's position will be filled internally through a process of application and appointment. The outcome of this process, which may involve a class teacher, will be announced next week.

**DISCO**

This Friday, 28 March we will hold the first P&F Disco for the year. These discos are very well managed by volunteer parents and the expectation regarding student conduct at the disco is clearly spelt out in the following 'Code of Conduct':

**CODE OF CONDUCT****AIM OF DISCO:**

*To provide an experience for the children whereby they can socialise and enjoy themselves in a relaxed, dance and music enhanced environment.*

*At a St Augustine's Disco we expect participants to follow a code of conduct that endeavours to make the event enjoyable, safe and friendly for all involved.*

**WE EXPECT:**

- # *Only St Augustine's students will attend;*
- # *Pleasant, polite language is to be used by all;*
- # *The safety of all at the disco must be respected;*
- # *That no child/children will be left out;*
- # *That children will remain in the designated 'Disco' area and not be wandering about the grounds and in unsupervised areas.*

**EASTER**

*"We have just passed through the saddest week of the year, which is also the greatest expression of love the world has ever seen. We now rejoice at an empty tomb but our joy at the Resurrection carries a challenge to continue to bring this dream of God into the twenty-first century. This dream the angels sang of at Jesus' birth- peace on earth and good will towards all."*

(Taken from Madonna; Prayer and Spirituality for Today's Christian, March -April 2008)

**COMING WEEK**

We have another busy week coming up when we will celebrate several big days. During the week, the classes will have the chance to join in some Irish dancing with Mrs Pullen (because St Patrick's Day was in Holy Week it was inappropriate to do this last week), Harmony Day will be celebrated on Wednesday (11.30 am again due to the fact that Harmony Day was 21 March on Good Friday) and at Friday's Assembly we will join with other Christians around the world in celebrating the feast of Easter (2.30 pm).

**HARMONY DAY**

Harmony Day began in 1999 to celebrate our diverse society and cultures. More than six million people have chosen to call Australia home since the end of the Second World War. Many too, have spoken out for peace, empathy and respect for all in our community. This day looks at how we can promote and live our Christian values to work towards peace in our homes, our community and our country.

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

## GENERAL NEWS

### *PREP ENROLMENTS 2009*

Interviews for Prep. enrolments 2009 will take place next term. If you have not already done so, please download an enrolment form from the school website and hand into the office by the end of this term. Please also provide a copy of the child's baptismal certificate and birth certificate. New families are required to pay a one off pre-enrolment fee of \$55.

### *EASTER HAT PARADE*

On Thursday, 27 March, Prep - Year 3 students will be performing in a Easter hat parade. The parade commences at approximately 9.00 a.m. All welcome.

## P&F NEWS

### *DISCO*

The school disco will be held this Friday night, 28 March. 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 drop off no earlier than 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.

**Children are to bring their water bottles, cool water will be provided in addition to a popper. Thank you to the great response for volunteers, we still need more help for the 2nd session. Your help is greatly appreciated. A note will go home this week explaining your roster.**

**ALL MONIES AND RSVP'S must be received no later than WED 26TH March.**

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)

## OHSC NEWS

### *VACATION CARE BOOKING FORMS*

The booking forms for Vacation Care are available at the OSHC building. Please remember if your account is not up to date we cannot guarantee a place for your children.

### *CHILD CARE BENEFIT REGISTRATION*

Please make sure that all of your children are registered for Child Care Benefits as we cannot refund the difference if they are not registered. It is best to have them registered in all services because they do not carry across from one to the other.

#### **Provider Numbers for:**

Vacation Care: 406 942 732K

After School Care: 406 942 724K

Before School Care: 406 942 678S

## ENRICHMENT CENTRE NEWS

### *SUPPORT-A-READER PROGRAM*

One of the single most important things we can do to help students develop with their reading is to listen to them read and/or read with them as often as possible. The St Augustine's Support-A- Reader program provides opportunities for students to read to/with a supportive trained tutor on a regular basis.

Support-A-Reader tutors are volunteer parents or community members who are trained in techniques that help to support the student reader. The reader is positively reinforced for good reading by means of highly specific and contingent tutor praise.

We urgently need some more Support-A-Reader Tutors for the 4/5 classes. If you would like to volunteer (or know someone in the community who would be interested) please contact Mrs Murray.

### *PARENT/VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP*

**Thursday 27 March, 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm in EC Room**

#### **TOPIC:**

Using Pause, Prompt, Praise to Help Low Progress Readers (This is a repeat of our first workshop).

This workshop is recommended for:

- # Parents/Volunteers who support the reading of students with reading difficulties;
- # Parents/Volunteers who are interested in becoming EC and/or Support-a-Reader tutors.

If you are planning to come to this workshop please complete the tear off slip on the bottom of the next page.

Sue Murray (Support Teacher - Inclusive Education)

**SPORTSCENE**

**WINTER SPORT (ROUND 3, MONDAY 31 MARCH)**

**Netball:** (All games played at Mallowa Dr Courts, Palm Beach)

5A	vs	Burleigh	12.50 pm	Crt 7
5C	vs	Miami	1.50 pm	Crt 7
6A	vs	Elanora	12.50 pm	Crt 8
6C	vs	Burleigh	1.50 pm	Crt 8
7A	vs	Broadbeach	12.50 pm	Crt 15
7B	vs	Tallebudgera	1.20 pm	Crt 9

**Soccer:**

5 Girls vs	Elanora	12.40pm,	Marymount,	Field 5
6 Girls vs	Elanora	12.40pm,	Marymount,	Field 1
7 Girls vs	Elanora	1.30pm,	Marymount,	Field 1
5 Boys vs	Elanora	1.30pm,	Marymount,	Field 5
6B Boys vs	Bye			
7 Boys vs	Elanora	1.30pm,	Mallowa Dr,	Field 2

**Rugby League:**

10A vs Worongary,	Currumbin Jnrs,	12.50pm	Field 2
11A vs Worongary,	Currumbin Jnrs	1.35pm	Field 2
Open A vs St Vincents,	Glennon Park, Nerang,	1.35pm	Field 1

**CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING**

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

**SCHOOL SPORT REPRESENTATIVES**

Congratulations to Jed Cartwright and Nat Swain who have gained selection to attend the Regional U/12 Rugby League Carnival this year. Daniel Rawding, Josh Springfield, Taj Springfield and Ben Beggs, have also gained selection to attend the Regional Hockey Carnival. A fantastic effort by all of these students. St A's is proud of you!

**SURFING LESSONS**


Next week, students in Years 6 and 7 will be completing their Level 1 or 2, 'Learn to Surf' certificate at Currumbin Alley. The team at 'Surfing Services Australia' who are fully qualified instructors will be teaching our students over four days from Tuesday through to Friday. Each child will be receiving a St A's permission form and 'Surfing Services Australia' Indemnity Form to complete and return by this Friday, 28 March. All necessary details will be outlined on these notes. Please read carefully. We look forward to hearing some fantastic surfing adventures.

**SPORTS QUIZ**

Which Australian won the 1999 World Men's Surfing Crown?

Last week's answer: Rob De Castella

Shaun Dolan (Sports Co-ordinator)



**Great Quotes from Great Leaders**

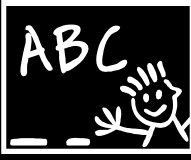
"In this life we cannot always do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

Mother Teresa 1910-1997



.....(detach and return to office or the EC room)....

**EC VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP (THURSDAY 27 MARCH)**



I, ..... will be attending the EC Volunteer Workshop - 'Using Pause, Prompt, Praise to Help Low Progress Readers' on Thursday 27 March in the EC Room at 1.30 p.m.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Class: \_\_\_\_\_

*Term 1 Week 9 - Student of the Week - 25 March, 2008*

There were no 'Student of the Week' presentations due to the Holy Week liturgy.

However, congratulations to Bradley Cinelli (2B) who received the Student of the Week last week and was omitted from the newsletter.

**COMING EVENTS**

Wed 26/03	Harmony Day, 11.30 a.m.
Thurs 27/03	Easter Hat Parade, Prep - Year 3, 9.00 a.m.
Thurs 27/03	Parent/Volunteer Workshop, 1.30 p.m. EC
Fri 28/03	Assembly 2.15 pm. Feast of Easter, 2.30 p.m.
Fri 28/03	Winter Sport Training, 12.15 p.m. - 1.15 p.m.
Fri 28/03	School Disco 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.
Mon 31/03	Winter Sport Round 3
Fri 4/04	Last day of Term 1
Mon 7/04	Dental Van leaves the school
Mon 14/04	Pupil Free Day
Tues 15/04	Term 2 commences
22/04	Internet Safety & Cyber-bullying, 7.00 p.m.
1-4/04	Surfing lessons, Years 6 & 7, Alley
Thurs 29/05	ICAS - Science Competition, \$6
Thurs 12/06	ICAS - Spelling Competition, \$8
Thurs 12/06	ICAS - Writing Competition, \$12
Fri 27/06	Last day of Term 2
10-14/07	Brizstay (World Youth Day)
Mon 14/07	Pupil Free Day
Tues 15/07	Term 3 commences
Tues 29/07	ICAS Mathematics Competition, \$6
Tues 12/08	ICAS English Competition, \$6
16-22/08	Book Week "Fuel Your Mind"
Wed 27/08	ICAS Computer Skills, \$6
Fri 19/09	Last day of Term 3
Mon 6/10	Term 4 commences
Week 1-5	Swimming lessons (dates to be confirmed)
Mon 20/10	Pupil Free Day
Fri 5/12	Last day of Term 4



**Canteen Roster**

**Direct Line: 55078162**

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

	CANTEEN ROSTER:
Wed 26 March	S Dickinson, K Burns, K Mallory
Thurs 27 March	S Vandebroek, J beggs, C Peacock (8.45 - 11.30) M Kebby (11.30-2.30)
Fri 28 March	K Cleaver, M Hoy, F Stedman
Mon 31 March	S Meskell, M Pearson
Tues 1 April	S Bosworth (8.30-11.30), L Ross (8.30-11.30) J Workman (11.30-2.30), K Wallace (11.30-2.30)
Wed 2 April	J Williams, G Dietrich, J Taylor



	BAKING ROSTER:
	M Suddes K Harrison
	K Cleaver S Jenner
	F Janes K Dick

## NEWS FROM TONY (GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR)

### **BED-WETTING (Enuresis)**

This is a fairly common problem for many children (and their parents) and is very difficult to address.

**Description:** The child inappropriately (and usually involuntarily) discharges urine after an age at which bladder control is expected. Primary enuresis refers to a child who has never had bladder control, while secondary enuresis refers to a child who had bladder control at one time before regressing. Bed-wetting (nocturnal enuresis) is the most common form, but the problem can occur during the day (diurnal enuresis). A diagnosis is not made for a child under the age of 5 years.

**The problem:** Often the bed-wetter experiences feelings of embarrassment and shame, the parent(s) have tried many forms of reward and punishment and are quite frustrated and resentful. The child may be teased by siblings (and others). Bed clothes, pyjamas and the mattress are regularly wet. The room and the child may smell, acting as a constant reminder of the problem to all concerned.

### **Suggested Strategies:**

A medical practitioner should first consider any physical disorders.

Once medical conditions have been ruled out, the most common and successful treatment is the use of an urine alarm combined with cleanliness training (positive descriptive acknowledgement of any improvements is also recommended). The bell and pad, available at many chemists, either wakes the child (or alerts the parents) when urination begins. The theory is that the immediate sounding bell wakes the child while the bladder is still filled, enabling an association to be made between a full bladder and the need to wake and go to the toilet.

It is also considered essential that the child engage in cleanliness training, to assume some responsibility for the behaviour ... not as punishment, but as a logical consequence. For this to be effective, the child wakes, goes to the toilet, cleans up, changes clothing, strips and remakes the bed and returns to sleep. It is important that the child is trained to do this, knows where sheets are and so on. (The child's bed-wetting behaviour can be subtly reinforced when a parent cleans up and gives attention to the child). Attention to improvements is given the next day using descriptive acknowledgement eg: "Tom, you only wet once last night and you cleaned it up all yourself, good on you" or "Tom, you had a dry night last night, good on you", using economy of language.

The parents should avoid negative behaviours such as nagging or criticising as this may give undue attention to the behaviour and act as further reinforcement.

Have a great week.

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### **GIRL GUIDES**

After a break due to Council plans, guides will return to their hut on Salk Oval on Friday 18 April. Come and join an exciting program of skills, craft, camping, canoeing, etc. Girls from 5 to 10 years will meet from 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. and girls from 10 to 14 years will meet from 6.00 pm till 8.00 pm each Friday.

For further information please contact Ruth Arthur on 5533 5353 or join us on the 18th April at the hut.

### **CATHOLIC FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES - FATHERING AFTER SEPARATION (A COURSE FOR MEN)**

'Focus is on specific issues relevant to separated Fathers.'

This six session program:

Focuses on the Father's Relationship with his children; acknowledges a Father's commitment to his children;

Strengthens the ability of separated fathers to parent with confidence; assists father to make good choices for themselves and their children in deciding how to deal with separation. Please phone Centacare on 55569900 to register.