



St Augustine's Parish Primary School Newsletter

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LEADERSHIP NEWS

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2

Welcome back to all of our families and especially to new families commencing this week at St A's. This term, as usual, is sure to be fast and busy, so hold on tight and get ready for loads of exciting learning and events ... we have Cross Country, Athletics, a school musical, Years 3,5 & 7 testing, the Canberra trip, Year 5 and Year 6 camps, Bike Education, reporting and interviews, Prep 2009 enrolment interviews, three long weekends ... and ... phew! That's just the beginning.

We warmly welcome Mrs Jodie Williams to MJO. Mrs Williams is replacing Mrs Ormerod for the term as Mrs Ormerod will be Acting APA for the next 11 weeks.

SINCERE CONDOLENCES

St Augustine's school community was deeply saddened by the loss of our ex-student Elly Strotton. Elly was killed in a car crash on Sunday 6 April, she was 20 years old. Our sympathy and prayers go out to her parents Trish and John and to her older sister Jessi.

CYBER BULLYING AND INTERNET CRIME PREVENTION EVENING

All parents are reminded of this special Parent Information Evening to be held next Tuesday 22 April at 7.00 p.m., in the classroom opposite the front office. This meeting will be run by Constable Lisa Wheeler of the Qld Police Service, and member of the ARGOS team. Lisa will concentrate on issues regarding Internet Crime and Cyber Bullying. We have asked Lisa to place a specific emphasis on chat rooms and messaging and the ways that you, as parents can manage cyber bullying and predators on the internet.

Constable Wheeler will also be speaking directly to our Year 6 and Year 7 children throughout the day on Tuesday. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to be 'in' on the latest and 'same' information that their children are receiving. As well as hearing the consequences the talk will touch on some strategies and methods of how to keep a 'step ahead' in this very fast moving and new area for parents.

We ask that parents who intend to coming along complete the cut off slip in today's newsletter.

ANZAC CEREMONY

Next Friday, 25 April is ANZAC Day. Our school ceremony will be held on Thursday at 2pm under the sails. All family and friends are encouraged to attend. If you know veterans who would like to join us please invite them as our guests for the afternoon and notify Jane of such. Our four school leaders have also been invited to an annual ceremony at ANZAC Square next Wednesday to represent our school and join other schools from Queensland for a service.

Can you help? If you have a slouch hat that we could use for our ceremony on Thursday please ring Clare and let her know. Thank you.

SPORT UNIFORM DAYS

Many of our classes wear their sports uniforms on different days. Unless there is a carnival or special event such as Cross Country (tomorrow) students are required to wear these uniforms twice each week. The days for each class group are as follows:

Prep: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday;

Year 1: Wednesday and Friday; Year 2 - Monday and Tuesday;

Year 2/3 - Monday and Wednesday; Year 3 - Monday and Tuesday;

Year 4/5 - Monday and Friday; Year 6/7 - Monday and Thursday.

If your child is involved in before school training on a day other than these days, please remind them to bring in school shoes and to wear correct full school uniform.

AN EVEN START - NATIONAL TUITION PROGRAM

The Australian Government has introduced An Even Start - National Tuition Program to help students who are experiencing difficulties with reading, writing or numeracy. The program will provide parents/caregivers of eligible students with \$700 of tuition in one targeted area for their child.

If your child is eligible for this funding and attended St Augustine's School for testing in 2007 then you should have received a notification. Please return the relevant documentation by Wednesday 16 April (tomorrow). If your child is eligible for this funding and attended another school for testing in 2007 then you will need to contact the previous school for the relevant paperwork. If you have chosen to use a private tutor for this program could you notify Sue Murray or Jane Marrison of this choice.

Lynne Rohanna (Acting Principal),

Jane Marrison (APRE), Jo Ormerod (Acting APA)

GENERAL NEWS

SINCERE CONDOLENCES

Please keep the Beitey family in your thoughts and prayers on the recent passing of Earl Beitey. Much loved husband of Peggy, admired and respected father to Bruce, father-in-law to Chris and adored grandad of Jessica and Nicky.

SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS

School fee accounts will be posted out to families later this week. Those families paying their school fees will not receive a statement. School fees are due on Wednesday 14 May. Late payment of fees will attract a \$20 fee.

RIBIT (READ IN BED - IT'S TERRIFIC!)

Congratulations to the following mighty RIBIT readers who received their awards on the last day of term; Sam Shaw, Jaiah Parry, Breannah Hamill, Monica Esmond, Will Frost, Sarah Todarello, Faith O'Shea, Maggie Reynolds, Zoe Dunne, Sophie Bourke, Connor Weston, Kirralee Howells, Joshua McLuckie, Jack Stones, Taylah Favot, Grace Burgess, Carly Burge, Jordan Pearson, Hayley Webster, Juliana McAlister, Georgia Hosgood, Amelia Fawsitt, John Sangricoli, Chloe Dolan, Siobhan Troy, Brigitte Jones, Timeera Bulkeley, Sheridan Power, Maire Pullen and Sophie Zillman

Whew...what a lot of reading is happening at nights in bed! Keep up the great effort.

*"To sit alone in the lamplight with a book spread out before you -
such is a pleasure beyond compare". ~Kenko Yoshida*

Lonnie Rutland (Librarian)

SPEECH AND DRAMA NOTICE

I hope you all had a great week off. Always seems as if we just settle in for a break and its time to go back! Lessons begin this Friday for what promises to be a very long term. Notices and accounts will be sent home shortly with details of upcoming events. Please note fees are due no later than Monday 28th April. If you have any questions after you receive your notice please feel free to contact me.

Regards, Anita Eldridge 0412 178737

YEAR 7 CANBERRA FUNDRAISER - CAR BOOT SALE

Year 7 are in full Canberra fundraising mode and are conducting some car boot sales before the trip takes place. We are asking the school community to help us get together some items suitable to sell at the car boot sales. Why not have a big clean up and get rid of all those unwanted items - we are happy to take them off your hands. If you can help us, please contact either Liz Giess on 0412 407 464 or Jenny Lems-Johnson on 0404 883 205 ASAP to arrange for pickup.

NOTE FROM THE PARISH - CONFIRMATION/ FIRST COMMUNION MEETING

This is a reminder for all parents who wish to enrol their children in this program for 2008. The Sacramental program for Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist is no longer run through the school but is conducted through the parish by the Sacramental Team. The school assists and reinforces knowledge of these sacraments but no longer is the main educator, this teaching is a privilege given to parents. A compulsory parent meeting will be held in the St Monica's Centre next to St Monica's Church in Tugun on Thursday evening, 17 April from 7-9pm. Any questions please ring Bob Boardman.

OHSC NEWS

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to a new term. We have had loads of fun at Vacation Care even though the weather has kept us inside a little more than usual. We finished the holiday with a water pistol challenge yesterday, just before the storm hit. Thank you to the parents that make an effort to keep our accounts up to date. We are just about to install an EFTPOS machine. This will ensure that payments are made easier.

We are looking forward to having another fun term. We are having "Three Worlds - Circus Skills" for Active After Care Program starting Thursday week - everyone is welcome.

Thank you, God Bless. John Skuja (OSHC Co-ordinator)

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS

MY CHILD IS STEALING

Stealing is a fairly common behaviour in young children (and in many primary school classrooms and playgrounds). It usually involves items such as pencils, pens, money, food and the 'latest fad collectables'. Of course, it can be a very serious concern, particularly, if the stealing is occurring both at home and in other places such as school, shops etc..

The Purposes of Stealing:

The child may be:

1. wanting material possessions to gain self-esteem or impress or attract friends.
2. seeking power or revenge or may be venting anger or envy.
3. responding to peer pressure.
4. seeking attention.
5. trying to satisfy 'real needs' eg stealing food when hungry.

[It is usually related to unfulfilled emotional needs]

Suggested Strategies:

1. Inform the child that he/she is suspected of stealing or been seen taking an item. Do not force a confession or engage in arguing. Simply direct the child to return the item.
2. A logical consequence for stealing is for the child to return the item to the 'victim' and face the situation. It is often a good idea to 'wise' the victim up, so that forgiveness is communicated, but that wrong is emphasised.
3. Maintain your 'cool' and try to stick to objective facts ... 'chocolates are missing, there is a paper wrapper under your bed'. An overreaction may provide the child with undue attention. Humiliation and harsh punishment may escalate the child's resentment to the extent that he/she might seek revenge.
4. Work out other ways for the child to gain approval and recognition.
5. Remove temptation by ensuring that valuables are secured.
6. Examine the purpose of the stealing in a collaborative way with the child ... focus questions are phrased as 'considered guesses' for the child to respond with confirmation or correction. It is inappropriate to state, "I know why ...".

Rather, a question such as "Could it be that ...

- a) Attention ...you want me (parent, teacher, friend, peers) to notice you more?"
... you want to belong/be special to the group?
- b) Power ... you want to show that you can do what you want and no-one can really stop you?"
... you want to be in control (the boss)?"
... you are willing to do anything to take control?
- c) Revenge ... you want to get back at me (teacher, parent, friend, peers), get even?
... you want me (teacher, parent, friend, peers) to feel bad/hurt
- d) Display inadequacy ... you can't be the best at something/ everything?
... you feel unimportant unless you can do things well?

Strategies to avoid:

- . Over-reaction; prolonged lecturing/moralising.
- . Labelling the child as a thief.
- . Allowing the child to be blamed every time something goes missing.

Have a great week. Tony (aposhea@bne.catholic.edu.au)

SPORTSCENE

WINTER SPORT

Round four will resume on Monday 28th April, week three of this term. All the usual information will be in next week's newsletter and on the school internet site.

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Our school carnival will be held this Wednesday 16th April. All students from Prep-Gr 7 will be competing and representing their house colours. Prep students will either run or walk with their buddies over 400m; 6, 7 & 8 year olds will run 1km; 9 & 10 year olds will run 2km; and 11-13 years will run 3km over the school track.

Students are asked to wear their sports uniform and house colour hat, bring two drink bottles and sunscreen. The order of events are broken up over two sessions and are as follows:

Grades 4 - 7 (Morning session) Times & Distances:

12/13 BOYS	9:00 am	3km
12/13 GIRLS	9:15 am	3km
11 BOYS	9:30 am	3km
11 GIRLS	9:45 am	3km
10 BOYS	10:00 am	2km
10 GIRLS	10:15 am	2km
9 BOYS	10:30 am	2km
9 GIRLS	10:45 am	2km

(Students turning 9 in 2008 and are in Year 3, to attend morning session with older students).

Years P-3 (Middle session) Times & Distances:

8 BOYS	11:30 am	1km
8 GIRLS	11:40 am	1km
7 BOYS	11:50 am	1km
7 GIRLS	12:00 pm	1km
6 BOYS	12:10 am	1km
6 GIRLS	12:20 am	1km
Prep	12:30am	400m

SCHOOL SPORT REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to Bethany Pinchin (6/7 SSD) who has gained selection to attend the Regional U/12 Girls Soccer Carnival this year. A fantastic achievement Bethany, her second consecutive year.

SURFING LESSONS

Congratulations to all students in the senior Year 6/7 classes who completed either level 1 or 2 'Learn to Surf' Certificates in the last week of Term 1. The four days were most enjoyable with all our students making fantastic progress. It was also great to see two 'wipe out' specialist teachers reminiscing with awesome moves out past the break as well!

SPORTS QUIZ

Who is the captain of the Australian Womens Hockeyroo team?

Shaun Dolan (Sports Co-ordinator)

LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS ...

CANTEEN PRICE INCREASE

The new prices for 'Red Rocks' chips is now \$1.20, Burger Man \$1.20 and JJ's \$1.00. Please amend your canteen price list.



FOUND

- 1 x green lanyard and blue 'Smash' phone pocket and
- 1 black digital watch.
- 1 pink stoned ring.

Please collect items from the office.

COMING EVENTS

Wed 16/04	School Cross-Country Carnival
Tues 22/04	Internet Safety & Cyber-bullying, 7.00 p.m.
Thurs 23/04	ICAS Science Competition entries due
Tues 29/04	Canberra meeting for parents, 6.30 p.m.
Tues 6/05	ICAS Spelling Competition entries due
Tues 6/05	ICAS Writing Competition entries due
Wed 7/05	Thrass Training
13-17/05	Years 3,5 & 7 Testing
Thurs 22/05	St A's Musical -SCP and SSD, Doyle Centre, Marymount College, Burleigh Heads
Fri 23/05	St A's Musical-SDP, SAD. Doyle Centre, Marymount College, Burleigh Heads
Thurs 29/05	ICAS - Science Competition, \$6
4-6 June	Year 5 Camp - Midjimbingul
Thurs 12/06	ICAS - Spelling Competition, \$8
Thurs 12/06	ICAS - Writing Competition, \$12
Thurs 19/06	Field events
Fri 20/06	ICAS Mathematics entries due, \$6
Fri 20/06	Track events
25/06-27/06	Year 6 Camp Goodenough
Fri 27/06	ICAS English Competition entries due, \$6
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,
Wed 6/08	ICAS Computer Skills entries due \$6
Tues 12/08	ICAS English Competition
16-22/08	Book Week "Fuel Your Mind"
Wed 27/08	ICAS Computer Skills
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

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Home Baking Roster:

ST AUGUSTINE'S STRIVES TO BE A PEANUT FREE ZONE

COOKING ROSTER:

Wed 16 April	J O'Shea, K Forbes (8.30 - 11.30)
Thurs 17 April	L Hendriks, D Ross (8.30-11.30), M Irvine, S Cartwright
Fri 18 April	J Condon, D Condon, F Hore (8.30-11.30)
Mon 21 April	C Rogers, B Robinson
Tues 22 April	J Esmond, B Douglas, S Robinson



HOME BAKING ROSTER:

F Bucknell
L Koschel
I Long, F Hore
S Heck
P Thomas

SUPPORT-A-READER PROGRAM

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.

ICAS COMPETITIONS

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) of the University of New South Wales (UNSW). The competitions are conducted during school hours and require no special preparation over and above the class work students cover with their teachers each day.

Entry into any of the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools is open to all students **from Year 3 to Year 7**. Entry must be made through your school.

If you would like your child to participate in one or more of the ICAS competitions please collect an entry form from the office or from the Learning Support Staff in EC. On receipt of a completed entry form with relevant payment(s) by the due date(s), Learning Support Staff will submit the school entry for each competition (subject).

If you are entering more than one competition, you may submit all your entries on the one form (with payment for all entries), or you can submit further forms as it gets closer to the closing date for each subject. Science entries must be received by Thursday 23rd April.

Unfortunately, if your child is absent on the sitting date (school camp; sports event; illness) it is not possible to reschedule the competition date or refund monies.

For further information on ICAS please visit <http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/>

SUBJECT	SITTING DATE	COST	CLOSING DATE PAYMENT and ENTRY FORM TO BE SUBMITTED BY:
Science	Thurs 29 th May	\$6	Thur 23 rd April (Week 2, term 2)
Spelling	Thurs 12 th June	\$8	Tues 6 th May (week 4, term 2)
Writing	Thurs 12 th June	\$11	Tues 6 th May (week 4, term 2)
Maths	Tues 29 th July	\$6	Fri 20 th June (end term 2)
English	Tues 12 th Aug	\$6	Fri 27 th June (end term 2)
Computer Skills	Wed 27 th Aug	\$6	Wed 6 th Aug (term 3)

WOW (WORKING OUT WORDS)

WOW PEER TUTORING started today for a group of students in Years 2 and 6/7. Peer tutoring using the WOW program is of great benefit to these students. The younger students receive some one on one attention and individualised instruction in early reading skills. The older students (the tutors), by revising and teaching these early reading skills, often develop in reading competence and confidence. They also receive practical opportunities to learn and develop organisational and social skills such as time-management, record-keeping, responsibility and independence. Class teachers nominate students to be part of the WOW program.

Mrs Murray trained the senior students as WOW reading tutors last term. Children from Year 2 have been matched with these trained tutors. WOW lessons (in which the tutors work with their younger buddies for two, twenty minute sessions per week) will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. All sessions are coordinated and supervised by Mrs Murray.

THRASS TRAINING FOR PARENTS

A few parents have expressed an eagerness to learn about the THRASS program as a way of assisting their children with their literacy skills. THRASS is used by teachers at St A's as a supporting tool for our Literacy program. Mrs Tania Teitzel, Speech Pathologist and one of our mothers, is trained in the use of THRASS. Tania has kindly offered to share some ways that parents can support their children when using this program. Tania will run a parent session on Wednesday 7 May from 9.00 am till 10.00 a.m., with a question time following. Anyone wishing to attend the presentation is asked to notify the office no later than Wednesday 30 April.

Sue Murray - Support Teacher (Inclusive Education)