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**LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS**

**Dear Parents,**

Welcome to this week's edition of the St. Augustine's newsletter. Congratulations to everyone on such a smooth start to the 2011 school year. The first week has already flown by and there are only 11 weeks until Easter holidays! Thank you for the warm welcome I have received as well.

**School Leaders**

It is with great pleasure that we congratulate the school leaders for 2011.

School Captains are Luca S and Flynn B. Vice Captains are Bella C and Sam I.



*L to R: Bella C (V/C), Flynn B (C), Luca S(C) and Sam I (V/C)*

Sports House Captains are:

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Kirra Red Dolphins:       | Georgia B and Harrison T |
| Currumbin Blue Whales:    | Dominica N and Lachlan C |
| Tugun Green Sharks:       | Emily J and Tavis R      |
| Coolangatta Gold Marlins: | Sienna DT and Rhys C     |



**School House Captains:**

*L to R: Sienna DT, Rhys C, Dominica N, Lachlan C, Georgia B, Harrison T, Emily J and Tavis R*

Badges will be presented at next Wednesday's Opening Liturgy, 9 February at 11:30am.

## **Queensland Floods**

Last week I mentioned that we would be looking to assist the school at Rosewood but since then we have learnt that they did not experience any problems. We have been "twinned" now with St Augustine's at Springfield Lakes. Jane Marrison has informed all of the children and therefore the proceeds of the gold coin day this Thursday will support our twin school. I am sure the children have already asked you what they could do so as to earn a gold coin to bring to school. Thanks in advance for your support.

## **Parent Nights**

Each Year Level will be conducting Parent Nights over the next two weeks.

<i>Tues 8 Feb</i>	<i>Year 2 Parent Information Evening, 6:00pm</i>
<i>Tues 8 Feb</i>	<i>Year 5 Parent Information Evening, 6:30pm</i>
<i>Wed 9 Feb</i>	<i>Year 7 Parent Information Evening, 6:00pm</i>
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<i>Thurs 10 Feb</i>	<i>Year 3 Parent Information Evening, 6:30pm</i>
<i>Thurs 10 Feb</i>	<i>Year 4 Parent Information Evening, 6:00pm</i>
<i>Tues 15 Feb</i>	<i>Prep Parent Information Evening, 6:00pm</i>
<i>Tues 15 Feb</i>	<i>Year 6 Parent Information Evening, 6:00pm</i>

I strongly encourage you to come along to the relevant night so that you are able to hear what the program and expectations are for the year. Your attendance and support will show your child that you value the parent/teacher partnership and their education.

## **Building Progress**

The staff room and uniform shop should be completed by the end of this week. This will free up some extra space at the assembly area where the children gather in the mornings and at break times. The hall continues to progress and is on track for the mid March completion date.

## **School Swimming Carnival**

On Friday, weather permitting, the annual Swimming Carnival takes place at Palm Beach Currumbin Pool. I know that many of the children will be eagerly looking forward to the day. I know that information has already been sent home. If the Carnival has to be postponed due to bad weather the backup day is Wednesday 9 February.

## **Fr Kevin**

Fr Kevin is celebrating 25 years as a priest this year. This is a wonderful milestone in his vocation. We congratulate him for his dedication and commitment to the priesthood. There is a special mass at St. Augustine's, Coolangatta on Sunday, February 13 at 4pm. As well as his special celebration, Fr Kevin will be heading to the Holy Land on February 14 for a two week pilgrimage.

## **School Fee Accounts**

The school fees for the term will be sent home this week. School fees are due Friday 11 February. Today I have sent home a letter in relation to school fees for the year. Should you have any concerns about your payments I would encourage you to complete the tear-off section and return to the school?

## **Coles Vouchers**

We received confirmation during the holidays, that our community's effort to gather 'Coles Sport Equipment' vouchers was very, very successful. We managed to get 43,500 redeemable points. What a sensational effort, St A's. Thank you all so much.

Mrs Hamill and Mr Dolan are working with our P&F and listing the equipment we wish to purchase. Our selection will be displayed at assembly once it arrives and will be a range that rewards all classes in the school. Thank you to Mrs Hamill and Mr Dolan for their time preparing the shopping list. Many thanks also to Sue Wood and Tanya Lollback from the P&F for their support. Please stay posted to hear about the gear that we purchase.

## **Playground Softfall**

Over the holidays there were many building and grounds projects in action. One was the replacement of the softfall under the climbing equipment on the playground near the tennis court. This \$34,500 project was made available through a Queensland Government Gaming and Gambling Grant. We acknowledge the Queensland Government's Gambling Community

Benefit Fund for its support in this worthy student safety project. We also thank 'Playscape Creations' for the work they did in replacing the old torn, black soffall with the lovely new upgraded, green soffall. We appreciate the efforts of the Playscape Creations staff to complete the project before the term began.

### **Something New - Susy Boyer Art Classes**

Susy Boyer is a well known Children's book illustrator. She has approached our school wishing to run art classes for our children each Wednesday afternoon after school. We see this as yet another extra-curricular option available to our children allowing them to experience different activities and interests in their outside of school hours time. Please see Susy's flyer at the bottom of this newsletter and contact her directly if you are interested in your child joining her group. She will be able to enrol up to 20 children. Lessons will be held in our wonderful new art facility from next Wednesday 9 February (for students 6 – 12 years) from 3:00pm to 4:30pm. \$19.80 per class (incl GST).

### **Beginning School Liturgy**

The school liturgy to celebrate and ask God's blessing on the year will be held next week on Wednesday 9 February at 11:30am. All families are welcome to join us for this special combined event. If the swimming carnival is moved to this date a note will be sent home to inform you of an alternate day/time.

### **Apology to Aaron I**

At the Awards Ceremony at the end of each year, the list of the students who received the 'George Doniger' Good Aussie Award is read out by George. Our apologies go to Aaron I who won the award in 2006. The award was incorrectly named. Our list has been rectified and Aaron's name will be proudly read out at the end of 2011.

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

## **GENERAL NEWS**

### **Crossing Safety**

The school crossing is currently experiencing a large volume of people using it. Could parents Please be aware of these peak times of a morning and afternoon and take extra care when driving near the school/crossing.

### **Chess News**

Chess classes will commence on Tuesday 8 February. Fees for Chess are \$125 per semester (Terms 1 and 2) and will be charged on the school fee account. Parents are encouraged to see Mr Sheahan to set up a direct debit payment system to pay for these fees.



Class times will be finalised once we have a total number of chess students. These will be co-ordinated with classroom teachers for best time allocations.

Notes have already been given out to students. Extra notes for enrolment are also available at the office with Mrs Clare Zuber. Hopefully we will have enough girls to form an "all girls" class. Come on girls – have a go!

Karen Dick (Chess Co-ordinator)

### **Bookclub 1st Issue**

Welcome to the new year and the start of Bookclub. The catalogues have been delivered to your child's classroom. All you need to do is mark your selection with your CHILD'S NAME and CLASS at the top of order form and place together with payment in an envelope. Payment can be made by:- CASH or CREDIT CARD (I only need the receipt number as well as the order) or CHEQUE (made out to Scholastic).

Please place all orders in the red bucket located in the Library. Orders due Thursday 3 February, late orders will not be accepted. Thanking you. Chris Beitey.

### **School Electronic Newsletters**

Could new families (including Prep) please contact the office or email czuber@bne.catholic.edu.au and provide us with your email address. This will be the last hardcopy of the weekly newsletter for new families.

### **Canteen Price List**

A hardcopy of the Canteen Price List was sent home last week to all families. A copy of this new list is attached <http://www.sa.qld.edu.au/canteen.php>

### **Uniform Shop Change of Hours this week**

The Uniform Shop is open on Thursday of this week instead of Friday. Normal operating hours / days will recommence next week in the new Uniform shop ie. Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8:30am to 9:30am.

### **Uniform Supplies**

We understand that many people do not have uniforms as stock is out. If this is the case please send in a note to your child's teacher and that will carry them over until the new uniform arrives.

### **Found**

A pair of school shoes were handed into the office today which were accidentally picked up during assembly. Please collect from the front office. Thank you.

### **Musicorp**

Any student (Year 3 and above) wishing to learn saxophone, clarinet, flute, trumpet or trombone are to collect an expression of interest form from Mrs Zuber or alternatively can contact Musicorp directly on 07 36345900. Lessons are taught each Tuesday (mid session) by Mr Adam Owens.

### **P & F AGM**

The next P & F AGM will be held on Wednesday 16 February at 7:00pm. We welcome all parents and friends to this important annual general meeting.

## **SPORTSCENE**

### **St A's 2011 Swimming Carnival**

This will be held at the new PBC Pool this Friday 4 February for students aged 8 - 13 years (students in Year 2, turning 8 in 2011, have the option of attending). The carnival will start at 8:40am and finish at 2:45pm. All students in the relevant age groups are expected to attend with class roles taken on the day. For the carnival to run smoothly, we ask that all students be at the pool no later than 8:30am and be picked up at the above designated time. Students are to wear their sports uniform and House Colour hat - compulsory (available from Uniform Shop), bring along sunscreen, towel, rashshirt (optional, but recommended) and swimmers (one piece for girls and no boardshorts for boys), as well as 2 x drinkbottles. House Colour swimming caps will also be distributed on the day and must be worn during races.



A barbeque lunch will also be operational on the day for students and parents to purchase a sausage in bread as well as cakes, drinks and other goodies. Students are not permitted to go to the pool canteen while the carnival is in progress. Time will be given during the lunch break. Each House Colour held a meeting on Monday to organise nominations for each of the days events. Freestyle (either 25m or 50m – not both) will be the only compulsory stroke for the students. The remaining three strokes are only 50m events. All details were discussed with the students by our Year 7 leaders yesterday. Once again students were placed in either Torpedo (old A division) or Electric Eel races.

Students who finish with the fastest two times in all 50 metre races in the 10-13 years age divisions as well as Open 100m freestyle and 200m Individual Medley races, will progress to the District Carnival on Thursday 17 February.

Students who attend OHSC before and after school only this Friday will be able to catch the bus departing St A's at 8:20am and will return by 3:00pm from the pool.

In the event of heavy rain that may be predicted for Friday and cancellation is our only option, the carnival will be moved to next Wednesday 9 February. A decision will be made this Thursday afternoon (if need be) prior to students going home from school.

## St A's Sports Carnival date changes for 2011

This year our school will be holding all three Inter-House sports carnivals in Term 1. Due to the Pan- Pacific Games being held this year, all schools find themselves in the position of selecting District squads much earlier than usual. Therefore, St A's dates in Term 1 are as follows: Cross Country Carnival – Wednesday 23 March; Athletics Carnivals – Field Events on Tuesday 5 April and Track Events on Wednesday 6 April. It is going to be a busy term.

Mr Shaun Dolan (Sports Co-ordinator)

## CANTEEN NEWS

Wed 2 Feb  
Thurs 3 Feb  
Fri 4 Feb

T Giess  
A Waugh, R Dick  
Swimming Carnival  
C Johnston, M Irvine

Mon 7 Feb  
Tues 8 Feb  
Wed 9 Feb

M Blew  
D Glover, V Barry, A Williams (8:30-11:30)  
G Callaghan (8:30-11:30), C Wildman (8:30-11:30)  
K Burns, K Harrison



A Finn  
H Swain

S Tenadii  
M Sheahan  
A Williams

H McMichael



## ST A'S CANTEEN HELPERS / BAKERS 2011

If you can help out in the canteen this year by either working or baking please fill in the slip and return to the canteen or office. Please remember, your children love seeing you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to work in the canteen / do baking (please cross out) on the following day:

Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday

You can also do ½ days if you wish. Just write underneath the day.

[Half day is 8.45 – 11.30 am, Full Day is 11.30 – 2.30 pm]

I would like to be on with: \_\_\_\_\_

Many thanks, Robyn & Nicole 55078 162

[Please fill in and return to the canteen]. Thank you

## PARISH NEWS

### Coolangatta Tugun Parish Sacramental Programme 2011

An invitation to all parents of Year 3 and Year 5 children (who are planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year).

A compulsory Parent Information Meeting is being held at St Monica's Centre in Tugun on Tuesday, 22 March at 7-8:30pm. All students in Year 3 or new students to the school will need to give a copy of Baptismal Certificates to school/parish.

**Parents are reminded that children celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in two stages;**


1. With a group - 8-10 year olds (usually Year 3)
2. Individually – 10 years and over (usually Year 5).

**BOTH** stages are essential in preparing for the sacrament.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

The Parish Sacramental Team

## COMING EVENTS

Thurs 3 Feb	Bookclub Orders due	
Fri 4 Feb	Swimming Carnival, PBC Pool, 8:40am – 2:45pm	
Tues 8 Feb	Chess recommences	
Tues 8 Feb	Year 2 Parent Information Evening, 6:00pm	
Tues 8 Feb	Year 5 Parent Information Evening, 6:30pm	
Wed 9 Feb	Beginning School Liturgy at 11:30am.	
Wed 9 Feb	Alternate date for Swimming Carnival if rained out on Fri 4 Feb.	
Wed 9 Feb	Year 7 Parent Information Evening, 6:00pm	
Wed 9 Feb	Year 1 Parent Information Evening, 6:30pm	
Thurs 10 Feb	Year 3 Parent Information Evening, 6:30pm	
Thurs 10 Feb	Year 4 Parent Information Evening, 6:00pm	
Fri 11 Feb	School Fees due	
Sun 13 Feb	Mass at St Augustine's Coolangatta for Fr Kevin, 4pm	
Tues 15 Feb	Prep Information Evening, 6:00pm	
Tues 15 Feb	Year 6 Parent Information Evening, 6:00pm	
Wed 16 Feb	P & F AGM, 7:00pm	
Thurs 17 Feb	District Carnival on Thursday 17th February.	
Wed 23 Feb	Medical Alert Meeting	
Tues 22 March	Parent Parent Information Meeting, St Monica's Tugun, 7:00 – 8:30pm (Parents of Years 3 and 5 who are planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year).	
Wed 23 March	Cross Country Carnival	
Tues 5 April	Athletics Carnival – Field Events	
Wed 6 April	Athletics Carnival - Track Events	

## TERM DATES 2011



25/01 - 15/04  
27/04 - 24/06  
12/07 - 16/09  
03/10 - 02/12

## GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS

After being away in an Acting Principal role for the second half of 2010, I am now back in the Guidance role at St Vincent's and St Augustine's ... special thanks to Nicole and Sandra who took on my responsibilities during that time.

For those new to the school, my name is Tony O'Shea and this is my ninth year in the role at St Augustine's and St Vincent's.

The purpose of the Guidance Counsellor role is to work collaboratively with members of the school community to promote and foster the social and emotional health of all the students. I work closely with the school leadership and staff and am available to assist parents, particularly in some of the following areas:

- Social or emotional issues.
- Behaviour management (school and home).
- Bullying concerns.
- Anxiety.
- Self-esteem.
- Friendship stresses.
- How to manage difficult situations.
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I firmly believe that our children need to develop resilience to cope as well as they can with the demands of school and their lives generally. With this in mind, I regularly consult with teachers, other professionals and parents and am involved in the Student Support Team Meeting process. I work with whole classes on social skills development (specially designed games to develop social competencies) and am regularly involved in conducting formal and informal assessments.

Parents who have concerns about their child's social and/or emotional development can make contact with me through the class teacher, via email on [aposhea@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:aposhea@bne.catholic.edu.au), or by contacting the office. Referral forms are also available at the office. Please note that email is the most efficient way to get to me!

### **Some General Tips:**

- Address concerns earlier rather than later.
- Try to validate your child's feelings, but adopt a problem-solving orientation.
- Be patient and tolerant of school staff, they are professionals and have our kids best interests at heart, but they too are human!
- Focus on the positive and model resilience yourself ... today's children tend to get too many negative impressions of the world.
- Avoid criticising the school or staff, particularly in front of your child ... there is no more effective way to create negativity for him/her about learning and education. Instead, if you perceive a problem, approach the appropriate staff member in a calm and constructive manner with the aim of clarifying the situation and seeking a solution.

As we embark on another exciting year of learning, growth and development for our children, let's not forget that there is no such thing as the perfect parent, nor the perfect child or teacher. We can all make a huge difference if we practise a little tolerance and patience and support one another (even when mistakes are made!).

Enjoy the 2011 school year, don't take it all too seriously and don't be afraid to seek help when you need it.

Have a great week.

Tony ([aposhea@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:aposhea@bne.catholic.edu.au))

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **"Fathering After Separation" Workshop**

This workshop is being held at Centacare Ashmore, commencing on Wednesday 23 February 2011. The workshop will run for six weeks each Wednesday evening from 5.30 pm – 7.45pm. The cost is \$20 registration fee and then \$10.00 per session.

### **Currumbin Eagles Junior Rugby League Football Club Inc. Sign On Days**

(Formerly Currumbin Tugun JRLFC Galleon Way). Boys 6 to 17; Girls 6 to 12  
Sign on days for 2011 Season, this Saturday and Sunday 5 and 6 February at the Galleon Way clubhouse. 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

### **For Sale**

Full Drum Kit for Sale. \$120 phone Jordan 55341105.

### **Tugun Soccer Sign-On**

5 and 6 February, 10-2pm. Tugun Soccer Club. More Information 0412 624679. Palm Beach Currumbin Alleygators Juniors Rugby Union Sign On U6-U18. Friday 4 February, 4pm – 6pm. Saturday 5 and Sunday 12 February. 11.00 am – 2.00pm. At the Club, Bienvenue Drive, Currumbin Waters. Phone 55985228. [www.alleygators.com.au](http://www.alleygators.com.au)

### **World Marriage Day Mass**

You are invited to a celebration of Eucharist at 11:00am, at St Benedict's Church Wallaby Drive, Mudgeeraba, on **Sunday 13 February**, to celebrate with other couples in the parishes of our South- Coast Deanery, your marriage, whether you were married only last year or decades ago. Father Rafal Rucinski will conclude the Liturgy with a renewal of your Marriage Vows. We invite you to bring a plate and stay awhile, to chat with other like-minded couples, over a byo lunch on the verandah. For more information contact Sue and Bren Milsom, 55224880

### **Hockey Burleigh**

[www.hockeyburleigh.com](http://www.hockeyburleigh.com) will be holding free 'Come and Play' sessions from 7 Feb through to 11 Feb for all ages. Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm. All equipment provided, experienced Blue Card instructors. Bring along a hat, drink bottle, sunblock and enthusiasm. All Mallowa Sports complex – look for the Hockey Burleigh marquee. Free BBQ for all participants on the Friday afternoon.