



# St Augustine's PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### Strategic Renewal Plan

Attached to today's newsletter is our 2017 Strategic Renewal Plan. This document highlights the core focuses for 2017 and accompanying actions for the year. Please take the time to read the document and feel free to offer any feedback via email: [pcur@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pcur@bne.catholic.edu.au)

### Prep Enrolment 2018



Parents and community members are advised that St A's Prep enrolments for 2018 are open. If you have a child born between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013 they are eligible for Prep in 2018. Please ask for an application package at the front office or download one from the school website [www.sa.qld.edu.au](http://www.sa.qld.edu.au)

Current families with students eligible for Prep are also required to apply for their new child. Preference is given to current families but applications must be submitted early to ensure a vacancy. I am available for school tours throughout the year and look forward to meeting with new and current families. Please be our eyes, ears and mouths and spread the word about 2018 Prep at St A's. Interviews will commence 13 March.

An early year's open afternoon will be conducted on Tuesday March 8 (3:30pm - 4:30pm). The open afternoon will include:

- Current Prep parents available to speak about their transition into Prep;
- Early years class teachers available for discussion;
- School leadership team available for tours;
- Activities in the Prep rooms.

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# Open Afternoon

Wednesday 8 March | 3.30-4.30pm

Join us for an afternoon at  
**St Augustine's Parish Primary School in Currumbin Waters**  
and discover how your child will experience a tailored learning  
experience, in a caring, family-focussed environment.

See our Early Years classrooms in action • Meet our Prep teachers  
Speak with other St Augustine's families • School tours • Light refreshments



**Please help us to spread the word!**



Last week students who have a medical alert on their file had a copy of these details forwarded home. It is requested that parents check their child's medical details, update the form where required and return to the office ASAP. These updates help the school to manage our support plans for students. ?

### **Leadership Cluster Meeting**

This Thursday and Friday, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Rohanna and Mrs Sewell and I will be attending a two day conference with other Catholic Schools on the Coast. During the majority of this time, we will consider how to implement our 2017 strategic plan, link this with staff goal setting and also review parent input received from parent teacher evenings.

Mr Dick will be available in the office to support you if required on Thursday and Friday.

### **Property Opportunity**

One of our Parents (Bruce Sohier) is marketing a new development in Currumbin Waters. Bruce has pledged that for every family associated with St A's who purchase a townhouse, he will donate \$500 to the St A's P&F. Click on the link below for more information. Thanks Bruce!

Warren Fields (Principal)

### **APA NEWS**

St A's Ex-students, now Captains at Marymount College. Congratulations to St A's ex-students who were recently presented their Leadership Badges at Marymount College. Eshwin Rangesh (School Captain), Jack Mallory (Vice Captain) Lahni Biggins (Spiritual Captain), Rory Impellizeri (Sports Captain) Dean Burge (Bulimah Blue House Captain), and Jaime Johnson (photographed) all attended our primary school from Prep to Year 7. We often hear of our students gaining leadership positions at the College, but to have 5 from one year level be elected leaders is exceptional and exciting. The Year 12 students have done their families and St A's proud. We wish the entire Year 12 cohort a successful and wonderful final year of school.

Lynne Rohanna (Assistant Principal)

**Project Compassion**



Hopefully you will have received your Project Compassion Box for your home by now. There are a few spare available if you missed out. If you fill the box please feel free to send in the box with your name on it and we will bank the money and return to box to you.

Although Project Compassion officially starts on Ash Wednesday; poverty doesn't have a time frame!

**Shrove Tuesday - Pancakes**



We have had a steady flow of orders for pancakes, don't forget to place your child's order with their teacher. The pancakes will be delivered to classrooms by morning tea time on Shrove Tuesday.

**Year 6 Leadership day**

This Wednesday sees our Year Six students join with all other catholic primary schools on the coast at St Kevin's for a liturgy and talk by the Orange Sky Team. This is always a great event and the messages for the children are well remembered.

## Canberra Update



The cost has been kept down but just to let you know that if you want to take out travel insurance this will be at your expense. Travel insurance generally doesn't cover change of mind so please be aware of this.

Have a great week.

Diane Anderson (APRE)

## GENERAL NEWS

### **School Photo Day is Monday 6 March**

Have your child's school memories captured forever!



Please take the time to read the relevant information on the MSP photography order envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Ensure your order is placed by photo day to avoid any late fees.
- Ordering online using your child's Unique Shoot Key is the easiest, safest and most secure way to order. If you do not know their Unique Shoot Key, please call MSP Photographers on the number below.
- Sibling photography envelopes are available for collection from the school office. Please read them carefully as appointments are limited.
- If enclosing payment inside an envelope, please ensure the correct money is provided as no change is given. Cash, cheques and money orders are accepted.

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope, however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day. Please indicate on the child's envelope that contains all sibling payments the names of the children you are.

Photo envelopes will be sent home this week. Please ensure to check your child's bag.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact MSP Photographers, Burleigh Heads on : [admin.gcnr@misp.com.au](mailto:admin.gcnr@misp.com.au) or 07 5668 9110.

### St A's Playgroup



Playgroup has had to be cancelled for this Wednesday 22 February, due to pathway and building works scheduled for the day. Apologies for any inconvenience.

### SPORTSCENE

#### District Oceanic Swimming Carnival



Seventeen students aged 10-12 years represented St A's at the District Oceanic Carnival at Miami Pool, last Thursday 16 February. Our students were simply fantastic in each of the races they competed in.

Congratulations to Jax D (10years), Cooper L, Harper J (11years), Jay H and Ryder D (12years) who have progressed through to the Regional Carnival (27 February and 1 March) due to their qualifying times– a magnificent achievement!

### **Catholic Swimming Carnival**

This carnival will be held on Friday 3 March at Pizzey Park Pool, Miami. St A's will have a large squad representing the school this year. Students aged 8-12 years will be participating and the full squad are listed on the front school noticeboard. Each member will be receiving an information note outlining all details for this awesome day. More details in next week's newsletter.

Mr Shaun Dolan (Sports Co-ordinator)

### **P And F NEWS**

**Camp Out - save the date!**



Save the date, **Saturday 25 March** for this year's CAMP OUT! We invite all families to join in this fun night of 'simple enjoyment'. Dust off your tents and spend a night on the oval, or if you don't want to camp you can still join us for an afternoon of activities followed by a movie under the stars. More information to follow next week.

Carrie Goulding (President), Bernie Cochran (Vice-President) and Lisa Rafferty (Secretary)

### **PARISH NEWS**

**Dear St Augustine's Mother's**

We are told that faith is caught not taught. The family is the first and most powerful teacher of the faith. Faith is such a precious gift to pass on to your children to help them negotiate a whole and happy

pathway through life.

Would you therefore be interested in belonging to a St A's Mum's group which would be designed to help you grow in your faith and link you socially with other Mums at the school. This group, meeting in the school Chapel, would be designed to incorporate 20 minutes silent Christian meditation followed by 10 mins sharing on the Gospel of the day. We would then head off to a local cafe for coffee and a snack. The group could meet once or twice a week depending on times preferred.

If such a group would be of interest to you could you e-mail your preferences to [nadette@iinet.net.au](mailto:nadette@iinet.net.au)

## **STUDENT of the WEEK**



Student  
of the  
Week

The following students were presented with a Student of the Week certificate at last Friday's assembly:

0BW	Jude M / Emma C
0C	Evie F / Tommy B
0M	Evie H / Hugo M
1B	Ilaria C / Brooklyn J
1S	Lilah B
1G	Kian McC
2K	Bella P
2AD	Jake C
3O	Zahri J
3W	Amelia
3MC	Jack O
4H	Emma C
4OT	Lucinda R
5O	Lachlan H
5D	-



5C	Emily L
6M	Kellin H
6D	Kaylah M

## TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Date:	Tuckshop Helpers:	Baking Roster:
<b>2017 ROSTER</b>		
Wednesday 22 February	M Bartsch, G Donnelly	L Dunne
Thursday 23 February	R Strotton, M Dellar, L Dick	L Dick
Friday 24 February	F Dougan (8:45-11:30)	J McFadden
wednesday 1 March	T Dantaz-Maclean (8:45-11:30)	C Lovi
Thursday 2 March	B Connors, S Shanahan (11:30-1:30)	C O'Connor
Friday 3 March	A Bibby, T Jones (10:00-3:00), D Bel-Saunders (11:30-2:30)	-
Wednesday 8 March	N Reid (8:45-11:30), Y Foster (11:30-2:30)	P Lee
Thursday 9 March	L Dick, D Kirkness	L Dick
Friday 10 March	L Fortunato, M Bartsch (8:45-11:30), F Pollard	R Hersel
Wednesday 15 March	L Cashman, C Majnusz-Roberts (8:45-11:30)	A King
Thursday 16 March	J Elwin, V Williams (11:30-2:30), S Hawney	A Williamson
Friday 17 March	C Emge (8:45-11:30), C Hoffman, E Damro	P Walsh
Wednesday 22 March	M Bartsch, G Donnelly	L Dunne
Thursday 23 March	R Strotton, M Deller, L Dick	L Dick
Friday 24 March	F Dougan (8:45-11:30)	J McFadden
Wednesday 29 March	T Dantaz-Maclean (8:45-11:3)	C Lovi
Thursday 30 March	B Connors, M Moloney (8:45-11:30am), S Shanahan (11:30-2:30pm)	C O'Connor
Friday 31 March	A Bibby, T Jones (10-3:00), D Bel-Saunders (11:30-2:30)	P Walsh

## COMING EVENTS



Monday, 20 February	5 Year Plan Draft Forum and Tour 8:40am (Staffroom)
Wednesday, 22 February	Gold Coast Leadership Day
	5 year Plan Draft Forum and Tour 5:30pm (MacKillop Hall)
Monday, 27 February	Regional Swimming Carnival
Tuesday, 28 February	Shrove Tuesday Pancakes on sale \$1each
Wednesday, 1 March	Ash Wednesday/Lent commences
	Regional Swimming Carnival
Friday, 3 March	Catholic Swimming Carnival, Pizzey Park Pool, Miami
Monday, 6 March	Photo Day
Wednesday, 8 March	Early Years Open Afternoon 3:30pm
Thursday, 9 March	Year 4 Confirmation and First Communion Parent Meeting 7:00pm
Friday, 10 March	Catholic Swimming Backup
Monday, 13 March	Enrolment 2018 Interviews Commence
Friday, 17 March	St Patrick's Day Fundraiser
	Year 3 Excursion
Saturday 25 March	P and F Camp Out
Monday, 27 March - Thursday, 30 March	Year 5 Surfing
Thursday 30 March	Year 3 Parent Confirmation Meeting, St Monica's, 7:00pm
Monday, 17 April	Easter Monday
Wednesday, 19 April	St Augustine's Cross Country
Friday, 21 April	Winter Sport Round 1
Tuesday, 25 April	Anzac Day
Wednesday, 26 April	St A Back-up Cross Country
Thursday 4 May	Year 4 ONLY Confirmation/First Communion Parent & Child meeting, 6:30pm
Tuesday, 9 May	NAPLAN
Wednesday, 10 May	NAPLAN
Thursday, 11 May	NAPLAN
Thursday, 25 May	10-19 Year Oceanic Cross Country
Monday 29 May	Year 3 ONLY Confirmation rehearsal, 5:30pm
	Year 4 ONLY Confirmation rehearsal, 7:00pm
Wednesday, 31 May	State or Origin 1
	Catholic Cross Country
Thursday 1 June	Year 3 ONLY Confirmation. 4:45pm, St Monica's
	Year 4 ONLY Confirmation, 7:15pm, St Monica's
Saturday 3 June	Year 4 ONLY First Communion, 6:00pm
Sunday 4 June	Year 4 ONLY First Communion, 9:30am
Tuesday, 6 June	10-19 Regional Cross Country
Wednesday, 7 June	Catholic Cross Country Backup
Monday, 19 June - Wednesday 21 June	Year 5 Camp
Wednesday, 21 June	State of Origin 2
Friday, 23 June	Winter Sport concludes: Round 10
Monday, 26 June - Friday, 7 July	School Holidays
Monday, 10 July - Wednesday 12 July	Year 6 Canberra/Sydney trip
Wednesday 12 July	State of Origin 3
Thursday, 20 July	Athletics Field Events
Friday, 21 July	Athletics Track Events
Thursday, 10 August	10-12 Oceanic Athletics
Thursday, 10 August	Catholic Music Festival
Friday, 11 August	10-12 Oceanic Athletics
Friday, 11 August	Catholic Music Festival
Monday, 21 August - Friday, 25 August	Bookweek
Monday, 21 August	Oz Tag Challenge
Thursday, Thursday 31 August	Catholic Athletics and Ballgames
Friday, 1 September	Gold Coast Show holiday
Tuesday, 5 September - Wednesday, 6 September	Regional Athletics
Friday, 8 September	Catholic Athletics and Ballgames B/up
Monday, 11 September - Thursday, 14 September	Year 6 Surfing
Thursday 14 September	Year 3 Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 7:00pm
Friday, 15 September	Beachathon
Monday, 18 September - Friday, 29 September	School Holidays
Monday, 2 October	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday, 6 October	Summer Sport commences: Round 1
Monday, 16 October	Pupil Free Day
Monday, 23 October - Friday, 27 October	Book Fair
Thursday, 26 October	Art Show
Thursday 26 October	Year 3 Reconciliation, St Monica's, 7:00pm
Wednesday, 8 November	Catholic Readers Cup

<b>Friday, 10 November</b>	Summer Sport
<b>Monday, 13 November</b> – <b>Thursday, 16 November</b>	Prep – Year 4 Swimming Lessons
<b>Friday, 17 November</b>	Summer Sport
	Swimming Lessons
<b>Monday, 20 November</b>	Chess Championship
<b>Tuesday, 21 November</b>	Christmas Concert Prep – Year 2
	Swimming Lessons
<b>Wednesday, 22 November</b>	Swimming Lessons
	Catholic Aquathon
<b>Thursday, 23 November</b>	Christmas Concert Year 3 – 5
	Swimming Lessons
	Summer Sport
	Swimming Lessons
<b>Friday, 1 December</b>	Term 4 finishes