

## **Principal's News**

## **News 5 Term 1 2019**

### **Prep Enrolment 2020**

Parents and community members are advised that St A's Prep enrolments for 2020 are open.

If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 they are eligible for Prep in 2020.

Please complete an online application enrolment. Even 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 2020 Prep at St A's. Interviews will commence March 18.

An early year's open afternoon will be conducted on Wednesday March 20 (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

Please help us to spread the word!!!

### **Leadership Day**

This Wednesday our Year 6 leadership group will attend a leadership day at St Vincent's, Clear Island Waters (along with other Gold Coast Catholic Schools).

It is another great opportunity to reflect on qualities of a good leader.

## Safety Messages

Sadly some of our parents are making dangerous, selfish choices in haste that are affecting students, other parents and our staff. We understand that 3 pm is a busy hectic time on the road however we do not apologise for doing all that we can to keep our children at St A's safe, to lead by example and to be thoughtful and caring to those around us.

- **School Crossing Reminder**

Parents are reminded that our school crossing is overseen by very dedicated, trained crossing supervisors.

The supervisor whistle **must** be adhered to, and parents are asked not to ignore and cross without supervisor guidance.

Please remember that these rules are all about the safety of children, and parents should certainly be role modelling for their own, and other, children.

- **Car Pick Up**

Our safe car pickup area is outside the chapel in the top car park.

Parents **SHOULD NOT** be stopping at the railing on the road near the crossing to allow their children into their car. Decisions to stop in unsafe places impacts the safety and view of those working to keep our children safe. We have the dedicated pick up area that is supervised by staff, from 3pm till 3.30pm. Please use this service and be patient and kind to those around you.

- **Prep Pick Up**

Prep children who are being picked up from the top car park / chapel area will be dismissed at 2.45pm and taken to the pickup area by prep staff. **ALL other prep children** will be dismissed at 3 pm. This includes children who are walking home with parents, catching buses or being collected in any other place. Children going to OSHC will be collected by OSHC staff at 3 pm from the classroom.

## Catholic Swimming

Good luck to all students competing at the Catholic Swimming Carnival this week. Our Catholic interschool carnival will see a large squad taking part. Thanks to Mr Dolan for his continued efforts with the swimming carnivals.

## 2019 School Fees

School fees were due last Friday 22 February.

**Our preferred method of payment is direct debit.**

Please see Clare Zuber to set up your direct debit payments as soon as possible.

Thank you.

St A's Playgroup is on this Friday under the Chapel. It begins around 8.30am. Please spread the word and bring your non-school age children. Thanks Ms Katie Hoy for convening again in 2019! A gold coin donation is requested to cover tea/coffee costs.

Mr Warren Fields (Principal)

## **APRE News**

### **Year 3 Confirmation**

A reminder for Year 3 parents (and others if child is baptised but has missed out on Confirmation) that the first meeting on Thursday 28 February at 7:00pm in the hall at St Monica's Tugun.

Parents need to attend if they intend for their child to make their Confirmation this year.

**Diane Anderson** (Assistant Principal R.E.)

### **Pancake Tuesday**

Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup> is Shrove (pancake) Day. The Social Justice Crew will be cooking and selling pancakes to raise money to assist those in need in our community.

Order forms have been sent home. Please fill in the form and return it to your child's classroom **WITH** the correct money in an envelope or zip lock bag. Pancakes need to be pre ordered as there will be very limited extras on the day. The pancakes will be delivered to classrooms in time for morning tea.

**Do not place an order online or at the tuckshop for this event.**

Gluten free pancakes are available if required.

Looking forward to your support for this event.

Diane Anderson (APRE)

## **Library News**

### **Otto Awards**

This week we will commence our OTTO Awards.

This award is given to students in Prep, Year 1 and 2 for displaying an appreciation and love of reading. Each week a different class teacher from each year level will choose the recipient for this award. Recipients are announced at Friday Assembly.

The award comes with an award certificate, the OTTO travelling suitcase and a copy of "*Otto the Book Bear*". Also, the child can borrow seven library books to take home in their suitcase to read and share at home. Students keep the suitcase and books for a whole week!

OTTO bear will visit many families this year, meet many family members and have many books read to him, so we ask that you take special care of OTTO. And do enjoy reading your special copy of "*Otto the Book Bear*".

## Sportscene

### Oceanic District Swimming Carnival

Students aged 10-12 years represented St A's at the District Oceanic Carnival at Miami Pool, last Thursday 21 February. Our students were simply fantastic in each of their races they participated in.

Congratulations to Zahri J who won the 10yr girls Oceanic Age Champion with consistent performances in her races.

Well done to squad members who have progressed through to the Regional Carnival next Monday 4 March at Gold Coast Aquatic Centre, Southport, due to their results and qualifying times– a magnificent achievement!

### Catholic Swimming Carnival

This carnival will be held this Friday 1 March at Pizzey Park Pool, Miami.

St A's will have a large squad representing us this year. Students aged 8-12 years will be representing our great school.

Each successful member will receive a 'Parent Slip' email this week, outlining all necessary details for this awesome day. The team bus departs St A's at 7.45am (students to arrive at 7.30am) and will return by 2.45pm. All the best to this squad!

**Students requiring a bus to the carnival MUST email Mr Dolan by Tuesday noon: [sdolan@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sdolan@bne.catholic.edu.au)**

### NRL Get Active After School Program Term 1

St A's is hosting the first ever 'NRL Get Active After School Program' on Wednesdays from 3:15pm in term 1. Students from Prep-Year 6 can all participate in a non-contact skills program in a fun & friendly environment. Cost is \$60. Parental supervision is required. To register and receive your NRL pack (back pack, Steeden football, NRL hat, NRL drinkbottle & pencil case) log on to: <https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=79765&programID=44092>

The contact is: David Knight – 0447 037 934 or [dknight@nrl.com.au](mailto:dknight@nrl.com.au)

Mr Shaun Dolan (Sports Co-ordinator)

## General News

### Speech and Drama News

A reminder to all families that fees for this first term are now overdue and payable. All fees have been sent by email and we thank the majority of families who have made this payment a priority. If you have not received your account, please contact me as a matter of urgency. **Now the term has settled, we do have a very small number of vacancies in the lower years (Prep and Year One parents and carers – this is your opportunity)**. It is never too early to begin the vital skills involved in learning how to communicate and present publicly and we would love to build our junior classes a little more. If you are interested in finding out more – send me an email! [aeld1@bigpond.com](mailto:aeld1@bigpond.com)

Anita Eldridge (Specialist Teacher – Programme Director)

## **Playgroup**

The St Augustine's Playgroup runs from 8:30am to 10:30am on Fridays. Playgroup is held weekly in the space under the Chapel, and all parents and carers with children aged 0 to 5 years are invited to attend.

There will be plenty of toys and playmates for the children. As the year progresses we spend time in the library and the current prep sandpit play area. It's a great way for future St A's students to become familiar with the school, and get to know some of their future classmates.

There is no need to register from week to week, and you're welcome to stay for as little or as long as you like and enjoy a tea or coffee. We kindly ask for a gold coin donation.

A massive thanks to Diahann Marsh for all of her hard work building and facilitating the Playgroup until this year, and for all of your help setting up the group for 2019.

Please contact Katie Hoy with any questions 0424 949 225.

## **P&F News**

### **St Augustine's Parish Primary P&F - AGM and New Committee**

The P&F Association AGM was held last Wednesday. A big thank you to all who attended.

***Welcome to the new committee for 2019:***

***Bernie Cochran - President***

***Charesse Smith - Vice President***

***Andi Little - Treasurer***

***Shawnah Urizar - Secretary***

***Committee Members:***

***Sarah Firth, Amber Patch, Kylie Cox, Renee Strotton, Lisa Rafferty, Carrie Goulding***

There are a number of activities planned for 2019 and we look forward to kicking these off, we will provide further information shortly.

## **Next Meeting**

The next P&F meeting will be held on Thursday 7th March at 6:00pm in the school staff room.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

## **Contact for P&F**

If anyone wishes to contact the P&F the best point of contact is our Secretary, Shawnah Urizar - email [szurizar@hotmail.com](mailto:szurizar@hotmail.com) or alternatively the President, Bernie Cochran - email [bernie@7thvision.com.au](mailto:bernie@7thvision.com.au)

## Coming Events

Thursday 28 February	Year 3 Confirmation - Parent Meeting - 7:00pm (Church)
Thursday 28 February	Class Mass 9:00am 3S
Friday 1 March	Catholic Swimming
Monday 4 March	Regional Swimming
Tuesday 5 March	Shrove / Pancake Tuesday
Wednesday 6 March	ASH WEDNESDAY - Lent Commences
Thursday 7 March	Class Mass 9:00am 3K
Monday 11 March	<b>School Photo Day</b>
Thursday 14 March	Year 4 First Communion - Parent Meeting - 7:00pm (Church)
Thursday 14 March	Class Mass 9:00am 3OT
Friday 15 March	St Patrick's Day Fundraiser
Wednesday 20 March	PREP Open Afternoon 3:15pm
Thursday 21 March	Class Mass 9:00am 2M
Monday 25 March	Year 5 Surfing
Tuesday 26 March	Year 5 Surfing
Wednesday 27 March	Year 5 Surfing
Thursday 28 March	Year 5 Surfing
Thursday 28 March	Class Mass 9:00am Social Justice Crew
Tuesday 2 April	Cross Country Years 3-6
Wednesday 3 April	Cross Country Years P-2
Thursday 4 April	Class Mass 9:00am 2AR
Friday 5 April	Easter Liturgy 2:00pm
Friday 5 April	School finishes 3:00pm - School Holidays commence
Friday 19 April	GOOD FRIDAY
Tuesday 23 April	SCHOOL RESUMES FOR TERM 2
Wednesday 24 April	Anzac Day Liturgy 4H
Thursday 2 May	Class Mass 9:00am 4W
Thursday 9 May	Year 4 First Communion Rehearsal - Parent-Child - 6:30pm (Church)
Thursday 9 May	Class Mass 9:00am 1MW
Thursday 16 May	Class Mass 9:00am 5H
Thursday 23 May	Class Mass 9:00am 1S
Tuesday 28 May	Year 3 Confirmation Rehearsal - 6:00pm (Church)
Thursday 30 May	Year 3 Confirmation - 6:00pm (Church)
Thursday 30 May	Class Mass 9:00am 2G
Saturday 1 June	Year 4 First Communion - 6:00pm Mass (Church)
Sunday 2 June	Year 4 First Communion - 9:30am Mass (Church)
Thursday 6 June	Class Mass 9:00am PREP
Thursday 13 June	Class Mass 9:00am 1B
Thursday 20 June	Class Mass 9:00am PREP
Thursday 27 June	Class Mass 9:00am PREP
Thursday 19 September	Year 3 Reconciliation - Parent Meeting - 7:00pm (Church)
Thursday 21 November	Year 3 Reconciliation - 6:30pm (Church)

## Term Dates

<b>2019</b>	Term 1	Wednesday 30 January – Friday 5 April (10 weeks)
	Term 2	Tuesday 23 April – Friday 28 June (10 weeks)
	Term 3	Monday 15 July – Friday 20 September (10 weeks)
	Term 4	Tuesday 8 October – Friday 6 December (9 weeks)

## Community News

### Advertisement

#### **HOW DO EMOTION-BASED BEHAVIOURS DEVELOP?**

#### **PLEASE HELP US FIND OUT BY PARTICIPATING IN OUR INTERESTING STUDY.**

If you are the parent of a child/adolescent aged between 6 and 16 years and are able to accompany your son or daughter to Griffith University – Gold Coast campus for 60 minutes of participation please contact Jared Walters (E: [jared.walters@griffithuni.edu.au](mailto:jared.walters@griffithuni.edu.au)),

School of Applied Psychology, Griffith University, for more details.

#### **ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE FINANCIALLY COMPENSATED FOR THEIR TIME.**

This research has been approved by the Griffith University Human Ethics Research Committee (GU Ref No: 2016/756) and is funded by a grant from the Australian Research Council. The research will take place at Griffith University outside of school hours and will not in any way interfere with normal school activities. For further information regarding the study, or any enquiries or concerns, please contact me via email at: [jared.walters@griffithuni.edu.au](mailto:jared.walters@griffithuni.edu.au)

Brisbane Catholic Education Research Committee has endorsed this.

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