Dear Members of the College community

CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE CEREMONIES

On behalf of Matthew Hutchison and myself, thank you to the staff, parents and students for attending the Celebration of Excellence ceremonies held last Monday and Tuesday. Matthew Hutchison is currently overseas travelling with his son, Henry, who is in the Australian Rugby School Boys Team to play in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Matthew sends his apologies for being unable to attend and congratulates all award winners.

CARITAS WEEK – YEAR 10

Last week our Year 10 students participated in a week of service primarily to those on the margins of society. A successful Augustinian education endeavours to prepare one for an active life commitment, seeking to form ‘men for others’, who manifest a particular concern for the poor. Faith that does justice is integral to education at the College. Our Year 10 Caritas Week Programme is one practical attempt to give reality to these ideals.

I would like to congratulate the Year 10 students on their attendance and participation at the various community organisations they visited during last week. We hope that by reaching out and serving others that you have learned new skills and developed your self-confidence and self-esteem. By giving back to the community, you have shown that volunteering makes a difference and that it feels good to help others. Well done boys.

The Caritas Week concluded with Year 10 boys and their parents celebrating Mass in the Brimson Centre on Friday. Our sincere thanks to Fr Jepser Bermudez OSA for celebrating our Mass and to Kate Donnellan (SEA Programme Co-ordinator) and Daniel Bradford (Year 10 Student Formation Leader) for co-ordinating the Year 10 Caritas Week.

VOLUNTEERS LUNCHEON

Every year we take the opportunity to thank the numerous volunteers for their support in providing the services of the canteen and the clothing pool to the College community. Last Thursday, Matthew Hutchison and I enjoyed a celebratory lunch with the volunteers at Brookvale Hotel. We wish to thank Carol Pritchard (Canteen Manager), Adele Campbell (Uniform Shop Manager) and their wonderful teams for their dedication and contribution to the boys and the College.
END OF YEAR REPORTS

At this time of year our teachers are under considerable pressure. The end of year examinations require preparation and planning. The marking that ensues also takes up many hours over and above the classes that still need to be taught. Of course, results need to be compiled, reports need to be formulated and report comments to be written. All of these are part and parcel of being a professional teacher. Schools are by nature very busy places, so the end of year deadlines that arise in the weeks ahead only add to the daily demands of our teachers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their hard work and dedication to the boys and College, particularly at this demanding time of the year.

CONGRATULATIONS

1st IV ROWING TEAM

Congratulations to our 1st IV rowing team, Sean Murphy (Year 11 Captain of Rowing), Jack Bray (Year 11), Zac Von Appen (Year 10), William Grisewood (Year 10), and Cox, Finn Mitchell (Year 6) on their courageous win, by three lengths, at the Riverview Gold Cup Regatta last Saturday. It is only the second time in the Cup’s history that a non GPS school has won the event. Shore School was placed 2nd, St Ignatius’ Riverview 3rd and St Joseph’s College in 4th place. The boys will be awarded Principal’s Half Colours at a College assembly in Term 1, 2014.

On times, the St Augustine’s boys 1st IV are currently the fastest team in NSW. Congratulations also to their coach Matthias Ungemach and Thomas Jubb, TIC Rowing. The boys have worked tirelessly over many months to achieve this outstanding result – well done boys.

DJ FLUME (Harley Streten Old Boy)

We congratulate Flume, (Harley Streten, Old Boy, Class of 2009) on being nominated for eight ARIA (Australian Record Industry Association) awards and winning four awards, including Breakthrough Artist, Best Male Artist, Best Dance Album and Producer of the Year.

Congratulations also to Boy and Bear - featuring Old Boy Killian Gavin (Class of 2003) - on their nomination for three Arias - Best Group, Best Rock Album and Producer of the Year.

2013 WRITER’S RETREAT

It was with great pleasure that I visited the inaugural St Augustine’s Writer’s Retreat at Chowder Bay on Monday afternoon. 30 boys ranging from Year 7 to 11 participated in a two day retreat designed to enhance and support a love of creative writing. The boys were engaged through a variety of workshops on publishing, film and a short story session presented by Old Boy Angus Dalton.

We were extremely privileged to have Australia’s John Marsden, award winning author of “Tomorrow, When the War Began” and many other titles, spend a day with boys leading them through their journey of creative writing through active role play and writing exercises.

A special thank you to Tate Williams for organising such an important event for our boys. This retreat has set the stage for an annual event and I strongly encourage all boys to apply to attend next year and also foster their love of literature and writing through the Principals Writing Award Competition in 2014.
FAREWELLS

SEA PROJECT

On Saturday, December 7 a number of staff and students will travel to Cambodia and India to participate in the SEA Programme Projects. We wish our travellers a safe and successful tour and look forward to their safe return on December 21 and 22.

Cambodia

Phillip Nicotra (Team Leader), John Laforest, Adam Evans, Aleksi Kohonen, Duncan Kerr, Sam Halsted, Jordan McMenamin, Kieran Flynn, Jarod Horan, Tobias Brocklehurst, Daniel Gray, Nicholas Chivers, Sean Gillespie, William West, Lachlan Iacono, Oliver Smith and Zac Von Appen.

India

Craig Jeffery (Team Leader), Adam Craven, Alex Rigg, Elijah Burton, Hamish Gardner, Alec Gowan, Jed Hessell, Alex Ingall, Lucas Nicol and Matthew Varano.

 Congratulations and best wishes to Caitlin Murray on her upcoming marriage to Steven in the holidays.

Our sincere thanks to Narelle Brigden for her support and contribution to the boys this term as College Counsellor, while Di Lowe is on long service leave.

Farewell and best wishes to Mark Bakon, David Gale, Tim Holmes, Craig Jeffery, Paul McAlinden, Margaret McElhone and Garry Simmons who are taking Long Service Leave in Term One, 2014.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Over past weeks our staff and students have been busily preparing the annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal Hampers to go to needy families in our wider community. The hampers were presented today at our Christmas Liturgy. Our sincere thanks to the parents, staff and students for their continued generosity in donating items for these hampers. The support for our Christmas Appeal has always been a testament to the Augustinian values the boys have - sharing and loving in friendship.

END OF YEAR CORRESPONDENCE

In the week commencing December 9, parents will receive, via mail, their son’s End of Year School Report, 2013 Community Letter from the Head of School and Principal, the 2014 College Calendar, 2014 Fee Schedule and the 2014 Uniform Requirements and the opening hours of the Uniform Shop.

The 2013 Year Books were distributed to students, through their Student Formation Leader, at the Celebration of Excellence Ceremonies. I would like to congratulate Vicki Lewis (Information Services Co-ordinator), Lianne Williams (Marketing Manager) and Matt Anglicas (Multi Media/Graphic Designer) for another wonderful publication illustrating the colourful tapestry of our College.

MEMORIAL BENCH TO REFLECT ON THE LIFE OF DANNY HASLER

This afternoon, together with Year 11 parents and students, I will attend a gathering at the Memorial Park Bench, which has been installed at Long Reef headland, in memory of Danny Hasler. The headland is a special place for Danny and his family and therefore an appropriate place for all to remember Danny and his life’s journey.

PRAYERS

Please continue to keep David Gilbert in your prayers as he recovers from his second major operation.

Please pray for the following members of our community. The Butterworth family, following the death of Michelle Butterworth, mother of Tim (Class of 1998) and Michael (Class of 2001) and the Lovell family following the death of Bill Lovell, father of Adam (Class of 1987) and Jason (Class of 1988).

May the Lord welcome Michelle and Bill into his kingdom of peace.
Reflection: Advent prayers

We thank you, Lord God, for the prophets and leaders who looked forward to the coming of Jesus the Saviour.
We thank you for those who prepared the way for him, like John the Baptist.
We thank you for the angels you sent with the message about Jesus and we thank you for Mary, who believed the message and was willing to do your will.
We thank you most of all for Jesus, who was born to save us.
In this Advent time, when we get ready for Christmas, help us to hear your message, to be excited that you want to be with us, and help us to be part of your plan for this world you care so much about.

Amen.

As this is the last newsletter for 2013, I take this opportunity to thank all who have contributed in so many ways to the life of our community during the year.

On behalf of the College, I offer my best wishes that your celebration of Christmas be a thoughtful and happy one that brings joy and peace to you and your family.

Peace and blessings of the season be with you.

Tim Cleary
Principal

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India SEA Programme Immersion Trip |
| 2014 |
| Tuesday 14 – Friday 17 January | Uniform Shop (9.00 am – 4.00 pm) |
| Tuesday 21 – Thursday 23 January | Uniform Shop (9.00 am – 4.00 pm) |
| Wednesday 22 January | Year 9 Students (Surnames A – L) BYOT check (9.00 am – 10.30 am)
Year 9 Students (Surnames M – Z) BYOT check (11.30 am – 1.00 pm) |
| Thursday 23 January | Year 8 Students (Surnames A – L) BYOT check (9.00 am – 10.30 am)
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| Monday 27 January | Australia Day Holiday |
| Tuesday 28 January | Feast of St Thomas Aquinas
Staff Development Day (Student free day) |
| Wednesday 29 January | Term One commences for Year 5, 7 & 12 students
New Parents Morning Tea (8.30 am – 9.30 am)
Uniform Shop (8.00 am – 4.00 pm)
ID Photos Year 5, 7 & 12 |
| Thursday 30 January | Term One commences for all students
ID Photos Year 6, 8, 9, 10 & 11 |
| Friday 31 January | Chinese New Year |
It has been a real pleasure acting as Dean of Senior School this term. Caring and supporting the older boys with an excellent team of teachers has broadened my experience and allowed me to engage with students with slightly different needs. I feel the term has been a very successful one for the Senior School, capped off by a well-attended and positive Celebration of Excellence last night.

As many parents would be aware Dan Bradford will be moving to a new and exciting challenge as House Master at Riverview next year. We bid Dan farewell and wish him and his family all the best in this new role. Dan’s rapport and genuine love for each boy in his care will definitely be missed. Ilona Welch, returns to the formation or pastoral domain next year as Year 10 Student Formation Leader. Ilona brings a wealth of experience to the role and the College looks forward to witnessing Ilona’s talents in action in 2014.

YEAR 10

The Year 10 Outdoor Education Camp and Caritas Week were extremely successful. Thank you to Dan Bradford and all staff who left family and work commitments to attend the camp and also to Kate Donnellan who worked tirelessly in the placement of boys during Caritas Week. As a very appropriate finale I joined a number of staff at Miramare Gardens last Thursday night for the Year 10 Dinner Dance. The evening was enjoyed by all and I would like to acknowledge the work of Dan Bradford and Marcela Lyall for the preparations behind the scenes.

Year 10 students engaged with serving others during Caritas Week

And enjoying themselves at the Dinner Dance

As I concluded in my address Monday night, I wish all families a safe, joyful and blessed Christmas.

Peter Nolan
Acting Dean of Senior School
The word **Advent** derives from the Latin word meaning coming. In the early church Advent was a time of prayer and confession. Today, it’s more a time for preparation and anticipation of the birth of our Lord. The season of Advent has both a joyful and penitential spirit as we wait and prepare. The traditional colour of Advent is purple, which symbolizes the penitential spirit. Purple also symbolizes royalty, and we are awaiting the arrival of a King – our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Another busy year has come to an end. A year that has seen the College celebrate our faith in a variety of ways; from formal Masses with the extended community, to class prayer services. The staff and each Year Group have had a Retreat or a Reflection Day to think more about their lives, each other and the place of God in their lives. We have seen groups put into action the Biblical mandate to care for the poor and marginalised in the many SEA Programme initiatives, from gardening for community groups to overseas immersions. Below are some images.

Thank you to all who have made each of these opportunities to express our faith possible. The parents, the staff, the extended community and the boys. Without the contributions of so many, so little would be achieved.

I will be taking Long Service Leave Term 1 next year. I wish Sab Trovato all the best as Acting Mission Advisor for the term. May you all have a safe and Happy Christmas and I look forward to returning in Term 2. God Bless.

**Margaret McElhone – Mission Advisor**  
Ph: 9938-8297  mcelhone@saintaug.nsw.edu.au
The University of Notre Dame Academic Merit Scholarship applications are available. Students must achieve an ATAR of 90 or above and be a new uni student recently completing year 12. Access ACU Schools Relationship Bonus enables students to receive 5 bonus ATAR points. St Augustine's qualifies for this scheme. Schools Relationship bonus points are automatically applied through UAC if you list an ACU course as a preference – there is no need to apply separately.

Next Step is a new pathway program for students who have not gained entry into Macquarie University by having achieved a sufficient ATAR. The program features a range of units that students can study, and upon completion of the program students will be guaranteed entry into Macquarie University. Applicants must have completed their HSC or equivalent in the past two years with a minimum ATAR of 30, there are no ATAR requirements for mature age students.

Macquarie University HSC Early Entry Program provides early entry into a select number of degrees based on subject performance rather than ATAR score. Students are reminded that UAC preferences that have already been submitted can be changed up until 4/1/14 for main round offers. Many universities host information days just prior to this date to help with last minute adjustments to preferences.

Macquarie University has introduced a Pre-Law Pathway for students who have not met the required ATAR. UNSW offers bridging courses in Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics.

Macquarie University offers some course preference advice in its article “Getting Your UAC Preferences Sorted.”

Private Colleges
- International College of Management Sydney: Information Evening is on 5/12/13.
- Qantom College open day is on 7/12/13.
- William Blue College of Hospitality Management & APM College of Business and Communications: Parent Information Evening is being held 10/12/13.
- 2013 audition dates in November & December are available for the Actors College of Theatre & Television.
- Sydney College of Event Management information session is being held 6/12/13.
- Macleay College has provided information on their new Bachelor of Journalism and Bachelor of Business degrees and also scholarship information.

TAFE
- TAFE Northern Sydney Institute: Associate Degree of Accounting Information Session is being held 23/1/14 at Meadowbank. This information session is about the two year Associate Degree of Accounting program on offer at TAFE Northern Sydney Institute. There is no ATAR entry requirement, and students can continue this course into a third year at a partner university to achieve a full Bachelor degree. Further details are available – ph: 9942 3733.
- Scholarships/ Cadetships
- The University of Notre Dame Academic Merit Scholarship applications close 31/12/13.
- The International College of Management full tuition scholarship applications close 6/12/13.

Student Programmes/ Workshops
- The School for Excellence offers “summer school” lectures on Yr 11 Preliminary & HSC courses.
- University of Sydney offers HSC Preparation Courses throughout the year for a range of subjects, including Biology, Mathematics, Economics, Physics, and more.
- America: Prophecy, Power, Politics is a Board of Studies endorsed HSC course that offers Year 11 & 12 students the opportunity to develop university standard writing and critical thinking skills, and earn credit towards a tertiary degree.
- UTS Discover Architecture Summer School applications close 23/12/13. For information contact Joanne Kinniburgh on Joanne.Kinniburgh@uts.edu.au or call 02 9514 8849.

Miscellaneous
- The College has recently subscribed to a new careers website “careersworks”. The site provides a directory of links to resources applicable to secondary students and parents. The subscription enables all members of our community to access the site using the password – “plan”.
- National Parks & Wildlife Service: Field Officer Traineeships are currently being advertised
- LeavingSchool.com.au is an online magazine that aims to provide secondary school leavers with advice, information and resources that will help them with the transition from secondary school.
- National Institute of Fitness Career Profiles provide anyone interested in a career in the fitness industry a number of profiles on how to become a fitness professional and what attributes fitness and health organisations are looking for in potential employees.
- A local landscaping business specialising in high end properties has an apprenticeship opportunity available. See me for further details or contact belinda@pettetlandscapes.com.au.
- Liberty Signs Frenchs Forest has a sign technician apprenticeship available.
- Contact Paul Cunningham on 0411 697 296 or see me for further details.
- Job Outlook - this government website provides facts and figures on over 350 jobs including average earnings.
- The Differences Between High School and Tertiary Education - This article by Hobson's Course Finder covers the difference between high school and tertiary education in order to give students an idea of what to expect.
- The Macquarie University: HSC-University Pathway for Talented Students program allows high achieving students in their final year of the HSC to undertake a university course. Units undertaken as part of this program will not form part of the HSC or contribute towards the student's ATAR. However, the program will count towards a degree program with Macquarie University. There are no tuition fees for students in this program. Courses are available from the faculties of Arts, Human Sciences & Science.
- Contact: (02) 9850 6831 or nonaward@mq.edu.au
- The University of Canberra free Career Finder App for iPhone and Android helps students find a career aligned with their interests and shows them how to get there.
- EducationUSA provides advice to students interested in applying to U.S. colleges and universities. Information includes how to apply, testing, financial aid, visas, and more. The U.S. Consulate General in Sydney has an EducationUSA Centre and students and parents can make appointments to visit the centre. A number of information sessions are being held in January – contact the centre at edadvsyd@gmail.com or phone 9373-9230.
- Students considering part-time work through the holidays may require a Tax File Number. A simplified application form can be obtained from the Career's Office, where the school verifies an applicant's identity. See me for the application form.
- The NSW Government free Careers Advisory Service is available from 19/12/13 to 24/12/13 either via phone (1300 300 687) or email.

For further information on any of the above contact Paul McAlindan at the College.

Previous editions of Career News are available on the College Portal under the News heading.
**BYOT CONNECTION DAYS:**

To ensure the smooth implementation of the BYOT (bring your own technology) Programme, the College will be timetabling specified ‘Connection Days’ for students to have their devices set up to run on the College wireless network. Students will need to bring their device to the Brimson Centre where they will be shown exactly how to set it up for school use. In addition, College IT Staff will be available on the day to help iron out any minor issues. We anticipate that this will take approximately 20 – 30 minutes.

Prior to the connection day itself, please ensure your son has installed Flash, Java Client and an appropriate anti-virus programme in order for us to achieve a smooth process of connection. Links to all of these free applications are below:

- Adobe Flash
- Adobe Shockwave
- Java

**Anti-Virus Software:**

Sophos for Windows (instructions can be found on ATLAS homepage)
Microsoft Security Essentials for Windows
Sophos for Mac Home Edition for Mac OSX

It is important that your son attends the appropriate day. Please see the timetable below:

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Please contact grichards@saintaug.nsw.edu.au if your son is unable to attend the allocated day so that we may make alternative arrangements.

**BOOKLISTS:**

Booklists for Years 6 to 10 2014 will be distributed to students next week and will be available on [www.campion.com.au](http://www.campion.com.au) Our school code is **JXPV**.

Orders are to be made online on the Campion Website by Monday 9th December 2013 to ensure delivery of textbooks before the start of Term 1 next year.


Second-hand texts may be bought and sold through ATLAS under Notices/For Sale.

To make a sale, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on .

A new window will open to enter details. For all second hand sales and purchases, firstly check the Campion Website to ensure that the book will be required next year and that you are selling or purchasing the correct edition.

When purchasing a text book, scroll through the books for sale or to easily locate books for a particular year, hover the mouse on the word ‘Year’ until a dropdown arrow appears, click here to sort by year.

Please delete items once they have been sold. To delete items click on the box next to your item and the following task bar will appear at the top of the page. Simply choose delete item.
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NORTH SHORE SPEECH THERAPY
Onsite at St Augustine’s in 2014

Does your child need help?

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Writing stories
Completing projects
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ABOUT US

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If you are interested in having your child attend speech therapy at school please contact Admin at North Shore Speech Therapy on 9411 3727 or admin@speechtherapy.com.au

Places are limited and will fill up quickly so don’t delay!
P&F PRESIDENT’S REPORT

On behalf of all the parents and friends I wish all our St Augustine’s teachers and staff a blessed Christmas and a happy and restful holiday. Merry Christmas to all our community and enjoy the holidays boys.

Our first P&F meeting for 2014 is in Week 2 Wednesday 29th January 7.30pm in the ARC.

We need help with the following events. Please contact Liliana at pandf@saintaug.nsw.edu.au if you can help with one of these dates.

- New Parent Welcome Morning Tea, Wednesday 29th January
- Welcome Cocktail Party, Friday 14th February
- Class Parent/Year Group Reps Morning Tea, Friday 21st February
- College Open Day, Friday 14th March
- P & F Father and Son Breakfast, Thursday 27th March

Early in Term 1 next year we shall be calling for volunteers to take on the roles of Class Parent and Year Group Representative. Happily we already have some volunteers. Please contact Rosemary Cullen, Class Parent and YGR Co-ordinator on cpcoordinator@saintaug.nsw.edu.au

Liliana O’Toole
P&F President
Students in the Year 8 Learning Enrichment History Course have been exposed to ancient cultures and the techniques that historians and archaeologists use in order to solve mysteries. They have been working once a week in the library with the assistance and guidance of Glen Coulter, History and English teacher. The mysteries of History often lead to great research, forensic science, debates and new theories. Glen Coulter has selected topics and teaching strategies to enhance learning opportunities. Some of the topics selected included the “Iceman”, “Bog Bodies” and “Ancient Warriors”. Students worked together in pairs, individually and as a whole group to find facts, to cross reference material, to formulate opinions and discover new knowledge.

The aim of the History Extension Course is for students to develop their skills of research, analysis, comprehension and creativity through exploring Ancient History. Glen Coulter was very impressed with the enthusiasm shown by the students working in his extension class and it is hoped these students will take History as an elective in Year 9 next year based on their extension experiences.

Graham Bruce  
Learning Enrichment Coordinator

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HAVING FUN LEARNING LANGUAGES

_The boys in our primary school enjoy two hours of languages each school cycle. Following are their thoughts, feelings and attitudes, towards learning a second language._

“Languages are fun and helpful because it will be easy to communicate with people around the world”  
_ Warwic Hale

“Languages have opened up new worlds for me... Languages let you communicate in different ways and styles”  
_Bailey Sayer

“Italian makes me feel happy because I think that one day I will be able to speak to people in Italy and they will understand me”  
_Josh Thorowgood

“I found languages fun and interactive”  
_Conor Rothplez-Smith

“I love Italian because when I go home I get to talk to my grandma in Italian”  
_Lewis Frame

“I like showing mum and dad what I’ve learnt to say”  
_Liam Brennan

“I think Italian is a great language to learn”  
_Lachlan Green

“Languages is an enjoyable time for me and my classmates... it’s good to learn a foreign language”  
_Sam Laurendet

“I like learning challenging words”  
_Angus Marshall

“Italian is fun when we get to play games”  
_Josh Morrison

“I like going home after Chinese and Italian and talking to family and friends in either Chinese or Italian and them being very proud of me”  
_Jem Gatewood

Franca Hardwick  
Italian Teacher
ATTENTION PARENTS

The College requires complete student, family and medical information. The information provided is used for parent communications, in the event of illness or accident and to assist in the organisation of excursions and/or sporting activities.

Details currently on record at the College may have changed; it is a requirement of enrolment that parents/guardians provide all known contact details, medical and family information about their child to the College.

Please contact the College Registrar, Philippa Sherwood psherwood@saintaug.nsw.edu.au to advise of any changes.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Year 10 students in 2014 will require a senior tie, they are $22.00 each.

In Term One each year the Uniform Shop opens on Monday mornings from 8am to 12 noon for your convenience.

SPECIAL OPENING DATES FOR DECEMBER:
Thursday 5 / Monday 9 / Tuesday 10 / Wednesday 11
(hours 9am to 4pm)

SPECIAL OPENING DATES FOR JANUARY:
Tuesday 14: A-E
Wednesday 15: F-L
Thursday 16: M-P
Friday 17: Q-Z
Tuesday 21: A-H
Wednesday 22: I-O
Thursday 23: P-Z

Please adhere to your allocated alphabetical day, if possible.

Adele and the Uniform Shop Team

CELEBRATE

The St Kieran’s 60th Anniversary Cookbook

160 pages of beautiful recipes, photographs, and memories of the St Kieran’s school community’s 60 year history.

This beautiful keepsake will make a great Christmas gift, copies are just $20 each

Order and pay online then collect from the St Augustine’s College Front Office:
http://www.trybooking.com/DLJD
THE ATLAS PERFORMING ARTS SITE
Our Tolle Lege newsletter is only updated once a week. Stay up to date with Music and Drama. Use the Performing Arts ATLAS site. Log in here.

CLOSE OF 2013
I just wanted to thank every student and parent for their commitment to the Performing Arts this year, and what a fantastic year it has been. From the success in the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod, to the wonderfully talent-filled Music Festival Week, to the thoroughly rehearsed and ultimately professional production of Lord of the Flies, to the recent Twilight Concert, 2013 has been a year of music and drama excellence and entertainment. I look forward to what 2014 brings to the developing artistic culture of the College.
Joseph Montz – Performing Arts Coordinator

REHEARSALS IN 2014
We will be using a new rehearsal schedule in 2014. The updated schedule is shown below. All rehearsals commence in the week of February 3.
Please note, that all Senior and Middle School Concert Band rehearsals will be held on the Brimson Hall stage from November 18th and into 2014.

EXTERNAL MUSIC ACTIVITIES
If your son is involved in external music activities, please let us know by emailing Joseph Montz. The College awards half colours and full colours for boys involved in high-standard recognised ensembles, as well as high-level AMEB (or equivalent) graduation.

INSTRUMENT REPAIRS/SERVICE
At the end of Term 4, all instruments needing service or repair are sent off so that they will be in working condition start of Term 1 2014. Please ensure that if you hire an instrument from the College, that any problems (like stiff or leaky keys, funny squeaks (that aren’t your fault!), dents, damaged bits) are reported to Lynne Papahatzis as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made. Usually, the instruments need to be booked in by Week 8 in order for them to be guaranteed to be fixed in time for the New Year. Regular service is absolutely necessary to ensure the long-term full working capacity of all instruments, and we strongly recommend that all students have their instrument serviced before the start of next year.

NEW VALVE TROMBONE
The College has purchased a ‘valve trombone’. This great instrument is designed to let boys who play an instrument like the baritone or euphonium, the ability to play a ‘trombone sounding’ instrument. This instrument is ideal for use in stage bands or jazz ensembles. If you would like to organise hire of this instrument for your child, please contact Joseph Montz.

THE BUSKING PROJECT
The Busking Project gives students an opportunity to perform in the quad on Monday lunchtime and raise money for the SEA program at the same time. Please see Jennifer Power to register for your chance to perform.

LEARNING AN INSTRUMENT
If you would like to start learning an instrument in 2014, the College provides several instrumental tutors. Please enrol by clicking here and emailing to Lynne Papahatzis.

INSTRUMENT DONATIONS
The College Music Department is always looking to acquire instruments. Doesn’t matter how big or small it is, or whether it is not in full working order, we’ll fix it up and find it a great new home! If you have an instrument lying around unused, please contact Joseph Montz.

UPCOMING EVENTS
February 3 All Rehearsals Commence (please note new rehearsal schedule)
February 18 Meet the Tutors
March 16 Music Workshop #1 (Primary and Middle School Concert Bands)
March 16-18 Thoroughly Modern Millie Rehearsal Camp
March 23 Music Workshop #2 (Senior School Concert)
# Music Co-Curricular
## Rehearsal Schedule 2014

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*Joseph Montz*

*Performing Arts Co-ordinator*
1ST IV ROWING CREW, ROWED TO GOLD!

Congratulations to our 1st IV rowing team, Sean Murphy (Captain of Rowing), Jack Bray, Zac Von Appen, William Grisewood and Coxswain, Finn Mitchell on their emphatic win, by three lengths, at the Riverview Gold Cup Regatta last Saturday. It is only the second time in the Cup’s history that a non GPS school has won this event. On times, our 1st IV are currently the fastest schoolboys' four team in NSW. The boys have worked tirelessly over many months to achieve this outstanding result. Special mention and congratulations to their coach Matthias Ungemach for all the hard work and technical support he provides. We are very fortunate to have past Olympians in Matthias and his wife Judith coaching our crews, we look forward to watching our crews compete and improve further right up to the Nationals at the end of the season.

SPORT AND CO-CURRICULAR SELECTIONS 2014

All parents will receive the 2014 sport and co-curricular hand book in the mail at the end of the Term, in the handout will be instructions on how to register, on line, your son's sport and or co-curricular choices. The handbook also contains valuable information on many parts of our programme, please take the time to read and familiarise yourself with it as it will make it easier to understand what is required of your son to fulfil his sporting commitments. I would like to thank all students who have participated with much enthusiasm, commitment and success in the array of sports and activities on offer and wish all families a Merry Christmas and a safe happy New Year. I look forward to your continued support of the Sports and Co-Curricular programme in 2014.

John Papahatzis
Head of Sport & Co-curricular

CRICKET

The final rounds of games continue this weekend and on the 14th December so please advise your coach now if you will be away. Games resume on February 1 2014 so please check the draw carefully at the MWJCA website:


CRICKET BAT RE-GRIPPING
Spice up your bat with a new grip this summer. Only $10 fully fitted. Bring your bat up to the PE Office for same day service.

CRICKETER OF THE WEEK
A great bowling performance on Saturday from Zac Youlten in the U14 Green team who nabbed a fantastic 5 wicket haul – all wickets claimed by knocking over the stumps – for just 9 runs. Well bowled, Zac!

PLAYERS NEEDED
Next year in Term 1 I will be looking at recruiting some more players across some age groups. Any interested players considering some games in the new year should see me to arrange a game.

STAFF V STUDENTS MATCH WASHED OUT
The annual clash was postponed last Friday due to wet weather, but will be rescheduled in Term 1 2014. The Staff v Parents match will take place in March – more info to follow.

James Scholtens
TIC Cricket
jscholtens@saintaug.nsw.edu.au

WATER POLO

Results from Friday 29 November:
Dolphins v Polo Bears Lost 6-7
Sharks v Raiders Won 6-3
Barracudas v Wasps Won 8-5
Piranhas v Moritz Lost 6-8

Next 2 rounds
Games for Friday 6 December:
Barracudas v Moritz 7.05pm
Piranhas v Tiger Sharks 7.30pm
Sharks v Electric Eels 7.52pm
Dolphins v Manly Raiders 9.02pm

Games for Friday 13 December:
Dolphins v Sharks 7.05pm
Piranhas v Electric Eels 7.30pm
Barracudas v Tiger Sharks 9.02pm

Boys do not have to pay pool entry. They should sign in at the front desk and meet their coach inside the pool.

Final training sessions for each team will be:
Sharks – Friday 29 November 6.30am-7.30am
Piranhas – Monday 2 December 4pm-5pm
Barracudas – Wednesday 4 December 7am-8am
Dolphins – Thursday 5 December 6.30am-7.30am (this is not a school day, parents will need to collect boys from the pool at 7.30am)
THERE WILL BE NO TRAINING IN THE WEEK 9-13 DECEMBER, BUT THERE ARE GAMES ON FRIDAY 13TH.

Boys do not have to pay pool entry, they should proceed to the diving pool after they enter the pool to meet their coach.

**Uniform**

Just a reminder that boys should arrive and depart Manly Pool in College sports uniform.

**End of Year**

As the season extends beyond the St Augustine’s school year, please advise if your son is unavailable for matches on the 6th and/or 13th of December.

**SNB Breakers Holiday Activities**

Our local water polo club, SNB Breakers have invited any interested students to participate in a tournament during the holidays. This would be worthwhile for boys who are interested in advancing their skills. As this is run by the club, friends who do not attend St Augustine’s would also be able to play, whether or not they have played in the Friday night competition.

Sydney Northern Beaches Breakers Waterpolo Club have been invited to enter teams in the 12yrs & under Balmain Invitational tournament which is being held on Monday 6 January, Tuesday 7 January and Wednesday 8 January, 2014. (Please note you must be 12 years of age, or under, as of the dates of the tournament.)

At present we have secured spots for 4 boys teams and 4 girls teams...Teams will consist of 10 players only, 1 coach and 1 manager.

If you would like to be part of the SNB Breakers teams, please register through the snbwaterpolo website, Click on Registration and then Click on “SNB teams to Balmain Invitational”.

The cost for the Breakers players is $80 per player. This includes, team entry, player pool entry costs for the 3 days at Dawn Fraser Pool, program for each player, participation certificate, 4 x 1 hour training sessions at Manly Pool on 16, 17, 18 & 19 December, 2013 and a tournament gift pack. It is appreciated if the Registration process could be completed no later than Friday 6 December, 2013, so as numbers can be finalised by the deadline date of 10 December, 2013.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Paula Woolley, Secretary SNB Water Polo via email at secretary@snbwaterpolo.com.au or phone 0409905501

Merry Christmas to all boys and their families. Hope to see you back at Water Polo in 2014.

*Paul Hull
TIC Water Polo*

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**ROWING**

*Saints 1st IV wrote History by winning Riverview Gold Cup Regatta*

*Pic: School Boy 1st Four Final: Saints in the lead, charging around the bend ahead of Shore, Riverview and Kings(out of the picture)*

More than 128 years of history have added to the prestige of the Riverview Gold Cup regatta, which has been hosted by Saint Ignatius’ College on Saturday.

The first Gold Cup, held on June 20 1885, was recognised by newspapers of the day as “the first College Regatta of the Colony.” This year 1455 athletes competed at the illustrious regatta, including both school and club rowers. Apart from those fighting it out in the boats, the day was crowded by numbers of spectators who line the banks and even watch the race from a number of spectator vessels. The course on the Lane Cove River is famous for its unique dog leg shape and is a challenge for rowers and coxswains to negotiate.

*Pic: 1st IV crew with Jack Bray, Sean Murphy, Zac von Appen, Finnigan Mitchell (cox) and Will Grisewood receiving Sydney University Cup at Riverview Pavilion*

This year the Saints 1st IV with Jack Bray, Zac von Appen, Will Grisewood, Sean Murphy and coxswain Finnegan Mitchel wrote history by winning the 1st Four event for St Augustine’s. The boys have been awarded “The Sydney University Cup”, which is a perpetual trophy introduced in 1966. They also received the famous “Silver Oars” as individual trophies to remind them of their fabulous achievement. It’s only the second time that a non-GPS School won this event after Redlands in 1999.

The Saints Four dominated both the heat and the final from the first stroke and won by 6sec over Shore in 2nd, Riverview 3rd and Kings School 4th. Scots, Newington, Grammar, Sydney Boys High and The Armidale School have been eliminated during the heats. It was a convincing win by our boys, displaying great technique and efficiency in rough water conditions.
Pic: Saints Yr9 Quad coming off the water after final

In addition our Juniors showed some fabulous results. Our two Yr8 Quads started an age-level higher in lower grade Yr9 events to give them experience. They didn’t qualify for their finals but showed some respectable results by finishing 3rd and forth in their heat.

For the first time a Saints Yr9 Quad reached the 1st grade Final and finished a close 4th behind Shore, Riverview and Kings. Our 2nd Yr9 Quad finished third in their heat, only 2sec behind Joeys who qualified for the final.

The Saints Yr10 Quad rowed in a straight final and finished 4th in that race.

Overall, it has been the most successful Gold Cup, the St Augustine’s Rowers have ever had. It is the result of the hard work and passion the boys are putting into the sport of Rowing.

On behalf of the rowers and the Rowing Committee we like to thank families and the College for their support this year and wish everyone a great Christmas and relaxing break.

Results for St Augustine’s College

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Matt Ungemach
Rowing Coach

FUTSAL

Reminding all players that there are still two rounds left of the competition, before the Christmas break.

Please let your age group manager know if you will be away on holidays and unable to attend.

AGE GROUP MANAGERS:

U/11 Declan Murray - mobile 0423 270 762
U/12 David Anglicas - mobile 0418 242 134
U/13 Daniel Fee - mobile 0402 351 301
U/14 David Anglicas - mobile 0418 242 134
U/15 Chris Gray - mobile 0414 709 909
U/16 Andres Trujillo - mobile 0412 464 445
U/18 Andres Trujillo - mobile 0412 464 445

Competition resumes in Term 1 commencing Tuesday 28 January 2014.

Thank you to all the parents who have stepped up to help with various teams, your generosity in giving up your time is sincerely appreciated.

Wishing everyone a safe and joyful Christmas.

David Anglicas
TIC Futsal