Dear Parents and Carers

During the recent World Youth Day Celebrations in Poland, Pope Francis offered some words of inspiration, challenging youth (and all of us) to ‘download a good heart’ and to not only think about doing good but to get out and actually do some good, especially for the poor. He urged action: ‘we didn’t come into the world to vegetate, we came for another reason: to leave a mark’ and this is part of his wider call to challenge indifference to suffering and the needy.

With the ‘Rock Wall’ completed on the playground, we are now moving onto the next stage. This will involve the installation of logs to sit on/balance on/step on, construction of a ‘mini-bridge’, a paved pathway, stepping logs and Kid’s shop fronts. If any suitably skilled people would like to quote on this great project, please see the information later in the Newsletter. We now have one small boat as well, generously donated by the Cox family, to add but we are looking for another. If anyone hears of a cheap (or better, free) ‘tinnie’, please contact the school.

The Playground construction is a great example of what can be done when the students, families and school work together, however these exciting parts do not come cheap. Money raised from the school Walkathon this year will go into funding the next stage of the playground. Please spread the word to friends, relatives and work mates to help out with this fundraiser. If everyone contributes the facilities will just keep on getting better for years to come.

Yesterday 29 Principals and Head Office staff from Armidale Diocese spent the morning here to find out how teaching and learning happens at St Augustine’s. It was a pleasure to explain how the flexible spaces work, increasing collaboration among staff and children. There were many questions on how this approach helps to better cater for all abilities, keeping a sharp focus on individual student growth. They were very impressed with the professionalism of the staff and our range of extra-curricular activities for students as well.

Book Week is fast approaching and should be a lot of fun - there will be a dress up parade and a focus on the short-listed books. Whilst it’s great to celebrate the love of literature I can’t emphasise enough how important it is to read every night. It is the one thing that can make a huge difference as it gradually helps children develop fluency and skills that will be vital in all fields in their future lives. I encourage everyone to get their children into a habit of consistently reading for a sustained time.

Save the date! This year we will have a Fathers’ Day breakfast and a bit of fun before school on Friday 2 September. Breakfast will be pre-ordered and all are welcome. Any of the mums who would like to get up early and cook for the gentlemen, please let the office know.

Peter Watts
Principal
P& F NEWS
MEETING
The next P & F Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 September at 7:00 pm in the LARC. All welcome.

WALKATHON
Students have been given sponsor sheets for our Walkathon which will be held on Friday 26 August. Please encourage them to obtain sponsors as this is a wonderful fundraiser for the P&F.

Instrumental Music News
St Augustine’s School band and percussion ensemble are very proud to host the second annual ‘Music in Schools’ workshop with the Coffs City Orchestra on Thursday 25 August. Our students will host three other schools this year - Narranga Public School, Casuarina Steiner School and Bishop Druitt College in a day of music making with qualified tutors to raise performance opportunities and quality tuition for students in Coffs Harbour schools. There is no cost associated with the workshops - this is part of a community grant initiated by the Coffs City Orchestra through Coffs Council. There is a combined concert with the students at 2:00 pm and then with the City Orchestra starting at 6:00 pm in our school hall. Tickets are $10 for adults, children are free, with proceeds split between the City Orchestra and the schools.

Last year St Augustine’s raised $320! The City Orchestra has funded this year’s costs. We hope to see you there!

Mr Skelton

YEAR 6 PHOTOS
Jacqui Carrett is organising photos for the Year 6 Graduation. If you have any photos of the students over their seven years of primary school, please email to Jacqui at jacqui.carrett@chcc.nsw.gov.au

Thank you.

CATECHETICAL NEWS
FRIDAY MASS 9:15 am—Year levels attending
19 August—Yr 5 & Yr 1
26 August—All students
2 September—Yr 3
9 September—Yr 6 & Yr K
16 September—Yr 5 & Yr 1

All welcome to attend and parents/carers are invited to sit with their children.

Sharon de Dassel - Leader of School Evangelisation
Paddy Dent – Leader of Catechesis

YEAR 4
A Taizé prayer service is a wonderful experience consisting of readings from Scripture, prayers, periods of silence and, of course, beautiful music.

The Year 4 students will be leading the singing at this special event as an act of service for the St Augustine’s parish. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We hope you can join us on Monday 22nd August at 2:00 pm in the church.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS
Please be mindful of informing the school of any diagnosis or change in medical condition for your child so that school plans and records are current and accurate. This is especially important for those students with Anaphylaxis, Epilepsy, Asthma, Diabetes and other medical illnesses.

HEAD LICE
There has been an outbreak of head lice at school. Please check your child’s hair over the weekend and treat if necessary.

PARISH MASS TIMES
Coffs Harbour    Saturday  6:00 pm
                  Sunday  8:00 am  6:00 pm
Woolgoolga       Sunday  9:00 am
Coramba 1st & 3rd Sunday  10:30 am
Glenreagh 2nd & 4th Sunday  10:30 am
**CANTEEN ROSTER**
15.08.2016
Mon  D Mauger    HELP!! HELP!!
Tues G Bull, N Foggiato
Wed  J Golding, A Ryan, M Simpson
Thur K Allen, K O’Carroll, H O’Rourke, L Rowthorne
Fri  T Blundell, J Cutler, A Goode, L Sanders, A Stephens, S Winkler

22.08.2016
Mon  G Franklin, L Seccombe
Tues J Armytage, R Morrison, C Williams
Wed  L Buckley, K White    HELP!! HELP!!
Thur M Eden, M Martinez, C Williams
Fri  P Crawford, P Duffy, H O’Rourke, L Sanders, K Van Ryswyk

**CANTEEN NEWS**
A big thank you to everyone who helped us on Grandparents’ day. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

**SUSHI!!!!**
Sushi is now available on Wednesdays at the Canteen!

**PLEASE ORDER ON TUESDAYS**—(preferred)
or on Wednesday morning by 8:50 am.

**Container:** (6 pieces—suitable for small children):
- Avocado $3.00
- Cucumber $3.00

**Sushi Rolls:**
- Chicken teriyaki & avocado $3.00
- Tuna & cucumber $3.00

**WINTER SPECIALS!!!**
The following items are available with a lunch order during Term 3 for the colder weather:
- Spaghetti Bolognese - $4.00 each
- Corn Cobettes - $1.00 each

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**COMING EVENTS**

**AUGUST**
16  ICAS Maths Competition
17  Maths Olympiad 4
19  Yr 5 & Yr 1 at Mass 9:15 am
22  Book Week
   Yr 4 Taize Prayer 2:00 pm in the church
24  Newcastle Permanent Maths Comp
25  School Assembly
26  Yrs K-6 at Mass 9:15 am
   WALKATHON!!
28  St Augustine’s Feast Day

**SEPTEMBER**
2  Fathers’ Day Breakfast
   Fathers’ Day Stall & Mufti Day
   Yr 3 at Mass 9:15 am
4  Fathers’ Day
6  P & F Meeting 7:00 pm in the LARC
7  Maths Olympiad 5
8  International Literacy Day
9  Yr 6 & Yr K at Mass 9:15 am
13  Yr 5 & Yr 6 Chicken Burger Day
14  School Musical— ‘Alice’
15  School Musical— ‘Alice’
16  Yr 5 & Yr 1 at Mass 9:15 am
22  Yrs K-2 Sports Carnival
   School Assembly 2:00 pm
   LAST DAY OF TERM 3
23  STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—no children at school

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Barbra Symons & Alicia Betland—Canteen Managers

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Gordon King Constructions
0427 427915
SPORT NEWS

Amart Sports ‘Community Kickbacks Program’
St Augustine’s Primary School participates in the ‘Amart Community Kickbacks Program’. All you need to do is swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Amart Sports. You'll receive access to great member prices and other initiatives and the school will receive a 5% credit.

Clarence Zone Primary Gala Days: Football and Netball
Our football and netball teams will compete in Grafton on Wednesday 24 August. All students are required to arrive at school at 7:45 am for an 8:00 am departure on the bus. Students are expected to return at approximately 3:30 pm, therefore parents/carers are asked to make alternative arrangements to pick up students on that day.

Lismore Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Good luck to our students who will be competing at the Lismore Diocesan Athletics Carnival on Friday 19 August at the C.ex Coffs International Stadium:

Lucy George, Isabella Mackay, Jasmine Tibbett, Rebecca Chapman, Jayda Kachel, Mia Blackett, Zara Temesi, Olivia Peel, Laila McDonald, Gabrielle Kolic-Clarke, Alice Hardes, Ruby Kirkland, Harry Watson, Mading Mou, Logan Lacey, Liam Bouboulas, Cooper Marle, Beau Guthrie, Reid Stephens, Riley Dagger, Braith Wilson, Zavier Hardes, Holden Stubbs, Benjamin Langler, Lachlan Marle, Jacob Field, Rory Beech, Jacson Hibbard, Levi Taylor.

NSWPSSA Rugby Union trials
Good luck to Rory Beech who is participating in the NSWPSSA Rugby Union carnival at Mudgee from 23—25 August with the Polding team.

Term Three: Elective Sport — Year 3-6
There will be no elective sport in Week 6 (26 August) due to the St Augustine’s Feast Day. Sport is being replaced by the Walkathon. Elective sport will re-commence the following week.

Dates for your diary
Friday 19 August – Lismore Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 23 to Thursday 25 August – NSWPSSA Rugby Union trials
Wednesday 24 August – Clarence Zone Primary Gala Day (football and netball)
Tuesday 30 August to Thursday 1 September – NSWPSSA Softball (boys) trials
Friday 9 September – Polding Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 21 September – Lismore Diocesan Primary Gala Day
Thursday 22 September—Years K-2 Sports Carnival

Erin Bennett – Sports Coordinator  Kristy McDermid – Sports Administrator
ebennett@lism.catholic.edu.au  kmcdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au

Coffs Coast Cycle Challenge—Sunday 14 August
All riders in the 20km ride go into a lucky draw for a $4,000 bike, a $4,500 overseas cycling holiday and 10 other prizes. Riders in the 10km ride go into a lucky draw for a bike plus other prizes.
A cash prize of $250 goes to the school that enters the most students, based on percentage against total school population.
www.coffscostcyclechallenge.com/event-info/
A reminder to those paying school fees by **three instalments** (and not using our Direct Debit Request facility) – **the final payment for 2016 is due and payable by 1/09/16.**

If you are using our direct debit facility and paying by three instalments, your final payment will be automatically deducted from your account on 1/09/16.

Please call **6651 0046** before 1/09/16 if you have any queries. Thank you.

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**Live Life Well @ School**

**Crunch&Sip** is a great opportunity to encourage students to snack on a variety of fresh fruits and crunchy vegetables.

Why not involve your child in choosing the fruit & veg that you buy at the supermarket. Remind them that it is good to choose fruit & veg that can easily be eaten raw.

Use this as an opportunity to discuss the different types of fruit & vegetables and encourage them to try unfamiliar ones.

For more information go to [www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au)
WORLD YOUTH DAY - Krakow 2016

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy” (Mt 5:7)

What an experience! The Lismore Diocese had 47 representatives that joined with pilgrims from all over the world in Krakow, Poland for World Youth Day 2016. Here we shared in the experience of daily catechesis and the celebration of Mass, regular opportunity for reconciliation, the rich history the area had to offer, amazing music and all the events that make up World Youth Day. The theme for 2016 was Mercy. Mercy; a gift from God given without reservation so that we may be able to show Mercy to others and to ourselves, for at the heart of Mercy is great love.

Pope Francis told the crowds at the opening Mass:

“As far as Jesus is concerned – as the Gospel shows – no one is unworthy of, or far from, his thoughts. No one is insignificant. He loves all of us with a special love; for him all of us are important: you are important! God counts on you for what you are, not for what you possess. In his eyes the clothes you wear or the kind of cell phone you use are of absolutely no concern. He doesn’t care whether you are stylish or not; he cares about you! In his eyes, you are precious, and your value is inestimable.”

We gathered from 185 countries, speaking different languages but sharing a common thread, our faith, with such joy and vigour it truly was a uniquely profound experience. The challenge for us all is to keep this joy and vigour as we descend from the mountain top experience of WYD.

At the Evening Vigil at Campus Misericordiae, Pope Francis spoke powerfully of this challenge. He invited us to abandon our sofa in favour of “a pair of walking shoes”, to choose “new and uncharted paths,” to “leave a mark” on the world. He wants us to be active people in faith at this time. Here at St Augustine’s we are blessed to have such rich links between school and Parish, so there are many ways in which we can be active participants. Being part of such large-scale global witness to our faith really reinforced how important this witness is here at home and having Fr Paul Winter as one of our pilgrimage Chaplains was such a blessing. His guidance, support, leadership and witness provided an added richness to the pilgrimage and his homily on the morning we attended Auschwitz, gave many of us the strength to face what lay ahead on this day.

WYD was certainly a very special experience and I thank you all for your support and prayers. It is great to be home here at St Augustine’s and I look forward to sharing with each member of our community the many opportunities we have to make Mercy shine in our community.

The journey of our Diocese can be viewed through pictures and blogs at the following links:

https://www.facebook.com/proclaimlismorestudents/

Sharon de Dassel
Leader of School Evangelisation
ST AUGUSTINE’S PRIMARY SCHOOL
PROUDLY PRESENTS

Alice
THE MUSICAL

14 & 15
SEPT 2016

MATINEES @ 12:00 NOON
EVENING PERFORMANCES @ 6:30PM
ST AUGUSTINE’S SCHOOL HALL

TICKETS: Adults $10, Students 16yrs & under $5

TICKETS GO ON SALE AUG 23

VOUCHERS FOR A DRINK & ICE CREAM WILL BE PRE-SOLD AT THE OFFICE:
$5 for 1 DRINK (water, soft drink or popper) + 1 MINI MAGNUM. NO vouchers on sale at the musical.
Our school production of ‘Alice The Musical’ is underway in earnest with our students working very hard at rehearsals during lunchtime and after school on Wednesdays. The rehearsal timetable is on the ALICE page on Moodle if you need to check when your child is required for afternoon rehearsals:

STUDENTS > MUSIC > ALICE THE MUSICAL

MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY
We are asking our school community if we can borrow small colourful wooden chairs (children’s sized) for our Mad Hatters Tea Party... like those pictured top left. These will be required during Weeks 8 & 9 of Term 3 and returned to you in Week 10. Please contact Leonie if you can help us out with a chair or 2 (total of 10 required) - 0411 793 211.

MAKE-UP HELPERS WANTED
We are asking for helpers for make up and hair for the musical. We are hoping to run a session where we can instruct helpers on make-up requirements using a template for each character and assign character styles to a group of helpers. Those interested in helping on Wed 14 & Thurs 15 September, please contact Julie McCabe on 0418 293 626.

COSTUMES
All students should have received their Costume guides. If you have any trouble sourcing these costumes, financial or otherwise, please let the production team know as soon as possible.

Wendy O’Sullivan, Julie McCabe, Leonie Hewitt

TICKETS ON SALE TUESDAY 23 AUGUST
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Vouchers for a DRINK AND ICE CREAM will be pre-sold at the office:
$5.00 for 1 DRINK (water or soft drink or popper) and 1 MINI MAGNUM.

Please note – NO vouchers on sale at the musical.
St Augustine’s School

Canteen Survey

Win a week’s worth of FREE LUNCH ORDERS for the whole family!!!

Our school is working closely this year with the Healthy Kids Association to improve healthy food choices for children and we would love you to take part in the following survey to better understand the thoughts and needs of our families when it comes to using the school canteen.

Once you have completed the survey, your email address will automatically go into the draw to WIN a week’s worth of free lunch orders for your family.

The winner will be announced at the assembly on the 25th August. Entries will close on Friday, 12th August.

Go to the website below to complete the short survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OurCanteenSurvey
Entries are NOW OPEN for the Bendigo Bank Coffs Harbour Running Festival on Sunday 4th September.
Choose from a 21km, 10km, 5km or 3km distance all held on the beautiful Coffs Creek Walkway. Enter now to take advantage of the Early Bird Pricing until 31st July.
Dear Parents and Carers

In 1946 the Children’s Book Council of Australia-CBCA established annual book awards to promote children's books of high literary and artistic quality. These awards are now the most influential and highly respected in Australia.

2016 Theme:  Australia! Story Country.

Each year the CBCA announces the shortlisted books for that year. The winning CBCA Book of the year in each category is announced during Book Week.

The students are enjoying reading the shortlisted books in their LARC lessons and we are debating which book we think should win. These books are on display in the LARC and we would love you to come and have a look.

To celebrate Book Week here at St Augustine's we have a wonderful Book Parade planned where students get to dress up as one of their favourite book characters. This parade is for K-2 students and it is hoped that all students will participate. We will announce the winning CBCA Book of the year in each category at the parade.

Children can dress up as ANY character from ANY book.

The dress up is designed to be a fun celebration and we encourage families to be creative but not over-spend. There will be no prizes for the best dressed. For those students who are a little apprehensive a simple costume is fine.

When:              9:00 – 9:40 am on Wednesday 24 August.

Where:             Yrs K-2 wet weather area.

What:             Come dressed as any character from a BOOK. Make sure you know who you are and which story you are from. Children will need their school hat for lunch and sensible shoes to play in.

Who:                 Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students. Parents are very welcome.

In the LARC.... there’s always something to do!