Dear Parents and Carers

Next week our Parish will celebrate the Feast of St Augustine with many happenings over many days. At school, each grade will celebrate in a different way but the whole school will come together on Friday 28 for Parish Mass and, as always, everyone is welcome to celebrate with us. The children will also study the life of the patron saint of the school and Parish and if you would like an easy to read bio, check out the following link: http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php? saint_id=418

Next week will also be the K-2 Book Week parade as we celebrate Literacy and Literature at our school along with many other schools across Australia. This sounds and looks like it will be a lot of fun so come along if you can. Further details can be found in this Newsletter.

On Tuesday Yr 5 students and teachers moved into the newly renovated and extended classrooms. The rooms were built in 1965 (a great year!) so needed a complete overhaul and now look brilliant and entirely suitable for the 21st Century education. On behalf of the school community many thanks go to Father Paul Winter, Parish Priest, the whole Parish and in particular the Parish Manager John Walker for the ongoing support during this large project. An official opening and blessing will be held on Friday 4 September at 10:00 am after the Parish Mass – all welcome.

It’s always a great pleasure to ‘show off’ our great choir at official events and next week will be one of those occasions as all the Principals and Priests of the Diocese gather together at Opal Cove for their annual conference. It always fills me great pride in the school to listen and watch the children and makes me grateful for the talent around me – special thanks go to Wendy O’Sullivan and Maria Maione for sharing their talents so generously with the children and for always going the ‘extra mile’.

On Wednesday 2 September the school soccer team will travel to Woolgoolga to compete in the Barney Barselaar Cup. This annual competition is held in memory of Barney, a student of our sister Parish school of St Francis Xavier, who sadly passed away a few years ago. The day is a chance to play against a number of local schools in a friendly, competitive way on the windy Woopi fields. Good luck boys and girls.

Just a reminder about the change to the ‘Mufti’ day – there was a clash with St Augustine’s Feast Day so it was decided to move it to the following week, the same day as the Fathers’ Day stall (Friday 4 Sept).

Congratulations go to Shaun Bamford and Erin Bennett (Lyons) who have been selected by the Diocese to be ‘embedded’ in two different high achieving schools in Sydney for 3 days next week. They will no doubt learn about what works best in the complex world of education, from ensuring student learning in English and Maths, efficient administration and quality learning environments among many other areas.

Grace and peace

Peter Watts
Principal
**PARISH MASS TIMES**

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**CATECHETICAL NEWS**

The Feast of St Augustine of Hippo  
24-28 August 2015

“What does love look like?  
It has the hands to help others.”

_**St Augustine of Hippo**_

The students at St Augustine’s will celebrate the Feast of St Augustine of Hippo by participating in a week of service within our school, parish and local community. Each grade will focus on a certain act of service during the week which will then culminate in a whole school Mass on Friday at 9:15 am. Mini Vinnies will be running a ‘Mini Tinnies Food Drive” during the week with all donations being presented to the St Vincent De Paul Society.

_Paddy Dent - Leader of School Evangelisation  
Mary Machatsch – Leader of Catechesis_

**P & F NEWS MEETING**

Please note that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 September at 7:00 pm in the LARC. All welcome.

**FATHERS’ DAY STALL AND MUFTI DAY**

This year our Mufti day will be held on the same day as the Fathers’ Day Stall—Friday 4 September. Please send in a gold coin donation for the privilege of wearing mufti on this day. Gifts will be on sale for $4 each. Thank you.

_Stephen Appleton—P & F Committee President_

**SKOOLBAG APP UPDATE**

The Skoolbag app is now available for Windows iPhone. Please see page 10 for information.

**RYANS BUS SERVICE—NEW APP**

RYANS Bus Service are pleased to announce that our partner, transportme, have now released the transportme Passenger App on the Apple App store.

The free app is available for download, and will allow schools, parents, passengers and school children the ability to track all of our school and passenger buses in real time. The tracking will be within 10 seconds of where the bus is located - providing GPS info is accurate.

Please note - for the transportme passenger app - it is for use with smartphones, not iPads.

Also - if parents are looking for their child’s school bus to track, look to track with the ‘Route Number’ - so for example, if they catch Bus 52 in the morning, please look in the app for ‘Route 52am’.

The download link is:  

Or a simple search in the apple app store for: "transportme passenger” will display the app.

_Nigel Tooth  
Operations Manager  
RYANS Bus Service_

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COMING EVENTS

AUGUST
26 Book Week Character Parade 10:00 am
   Newcastle Permanent Maths Comp
27 Paul Wilson Cup
28 Feast of St Augustine—Yrs K-6 at Parish Mass
   9:15 am
   6P & 6C Class—Cake Stall Fundraiser

SEPTEMBER
1 Yrs K-2 Chicken Burger Day
   Yr 3 Learning Journey in classrooms 2:00 pm
4 Yr 1 & Yr 5 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
   MUFTI DAY for Fathers’ Day Stall
   Fathers’ Day Stall
   Yr K Excursion—Big Banana, Carobana,
   Beachstone Park
   Polding Athletics Carnival
7 Yr 1 Pet Liturgy 9:15 am
8 P & F Meeting 7:00 pm in the LARC
10 Yrs K-2 Sports Carnival
11 Yr 2 & Yr 4 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
12 TRIVIA NIGHT AT JPC—6:00 pm for 6:30 start
16 Diocesan Gala Day at Grafton, netball, football
18 Yr 3 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
   LAST DAY OF TERM 3

OCTOBER
6 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL
7 First day of Term 4 for students

CANTINE ROSTER
24.08.2015
Mon M Coulton, K Millar
Tues J Armytage, A Bonus, G Bull, C Williams
Wed C Williams
Thur K Allen, K O’Carroll, H O’Rourke,
   L Rowthorne
Fri J Arnold, J Arragon, T Blundell, J Cutler,
   E Dow, J Roach, A Stephens

31.08.2015
Mon L Seccombe
Tues R Morrison
Wed L Trotman, K White
Thur N Aranibar, M Martinez
Fri P Crawford, P Duffy, H O’Rourke, J Roach,
   K Stubbs, K Van Ryswyk

CANTINE NEWS
Canteen helpers are always required. Help is needed for
three hours from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon once every four
weeks. Grandparents are very welcome also. If you are
able to help in the Canteen on any day please call us on
66521204.

CHICKEN BURGER DAYS
All orders for Chicken Burgers days are to be handed in to
the Canteen by the Friday before.

NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

   Barbra Symons & Alicia Betland—Canteen Managers

Men’s and Boys’ Camp 2015 - Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 October
Valla Beach Tourist Park (02) 6569 5555

Please phone the park to make your reservation and mention you are
with St Augustine’s School group.

If you are able to donate any prizes for the activities which will be held over the
weekend please contact Jeff Cox on 0418 290579. Jeff can also be contacted for
any other information you might require.

More information will be provided closer to the date.
**SPORT NEWS**

**Yrs K-2 Sports Carnival**
The Yrs K-2 Sports Carnival will be held on Thursday 10 September at school. The carnival will begin at 9:00 am and finish by approximately 2:30 pm. In preparation for the carnival, the children will begin practising running and ball games during their Thursday sport time.

If you are able to assist, support or help on the day, please contact your class teacher.

**Lismore Diocesan Rep. Trials – Athletics**
On Friday 7 August, thirty St Augustine’s students competed at St Joseph’s Regional College, Port Macquarie in the Lismore Diocesan Athletics Carnival. Well done to all students who represented the zone at this carnival.

Mr Robert Ellison, Sport Coordinator of Lismore Diocese, wishes to pass on feedback that there were many positive comments regarding sportsmanship and respect for fellow competitors and officials.

**Polding Representative Trials – Athletics**
Congratulations to the following students who have been successful in qualifying for the Polding Athletics Carnival which will be held in Newcastle on Friday 4 September:

Riley Dagger (discus), Zaviar Hardes (100m), Alexandra Harrison (long jump, high jump, relay), Madison Howarth (relay), Gabrielle Kolic-Clarke (shot put), Caden McClelland (high jump), Laila McDonald (800m, 100m, relay), Elizabeth Sanders (relay).

**Lismore Diocesan Primary Netball Challenge**
The St Augustine’s netball team was successful in Round two of the Lismore Diocesan Netball Challenge on Friday 24 July. The team will progress on to the finals of the Lismore Diocesan Netball Knockout which will be held in Grafton on Wednesday 16 September.

Oliver Canning represented Polding at the NSWPSSA Representative trials earlier in the term.

Oliver played well and scored a couple of tries during the tournament. Congratulations Oliver.

**Football (soccer) – Paul Wilson Cup**
Round three will be held on Thursday 27 August at Toormina Oval and we wish the team all the very best for this match.

**Sport Enquiries**
dhammond@lism.catholic.edu.au or (02) 6652 1204
kmcdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au or (02) 6652 1204

Yours in sport
Dan Hammond—Sports Coordinator
Kristy McDermid—Sports Administrator
A reminder to parents paying school fees by three instalments (and not using our Direct Debit Request facility)
- the third and final payment for 2015 is due and payable by 1/09/15.

If you are using our Direct Debit Request facility, your final instalment for 2015 will be automatically deducted from your account on 1/09/15.

Please call on 6651 0000 if you have any queries or are unsure of your payment plan agreement. Thank you.

Email: admin@parishschooloffice.com.au  Website: www.parishschooloffice.com.au

Prize Draws:
All who honour their school fees agreement and who have paid their accounts in full by the due dates will be entered into a prize draw each January. (All who have a direct debit arrangement which is kept up to date will automatically be entered into the draw.)

Novotel Coffs Harbour Pacific Bay Resort have generously donated:
One night’s accommodation in a Resort Room for two adults including a full buffet breakfast in Charlie’s Restaurant

Commonwealth Bank have generously donated:
$100 Youth Saver account with the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program

We are very grateful for the wonderful support given to us by Novotel Coffs Harbour and Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program. Thank you.

Email: admin@parishschooloffice.com.au  Website: www.parishschooloffice.com.au
NAIDOC WEEK AT SCHOOL

Early in August our school celebrated NAIDOC week. The theme this year was “We all stand on sacred ground”. NAIDOC was celebrated with some special workshops for our Indigenous students.

Clark Webb conducted a language workshop which was enjoyed by all. Anthony Donovan led some personal training and fitness sessions.

Both sessions were enjoyed by all involved. We would like to thank Clark and Anthony for their time and expertise and for the great sessions they prepared.

A special Liturgy was held at our Friday assembly. Thank you to Mrs Machatsch for preparing the students and for the singing. Thank you to the many parents who attended the workshops and assembly.

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Talking about IT

Want to know about etiquette for students in the digital age? Go to: Globaldigitalcitizen


for an interesting and informative article.

Exciting news this week. We have been successful in registering St Augustine’s as an official Code Club. Placements in our beginner Level 1 for years 4, 5 and 6 coding course are now open and you can register on K-Net school notices. The course will run each Tuesday at lunchtime.

Naomi Loader - Leader of eLearning
LARC Matters

Next week is Book Week, an event celebrated across Australia, aiming to promote the high standards and variety of authors and books available to Australian children. Please go to [http://cbca.org.au/bookweek.htm](http://cbca.org.au/bookweek.htm) for more information about the history and past winners. This page will also present the winners which will be announced during Friday in preparation for Book Week itself. We have been carefully examining these books in Circle time with Yrs K, 1 and 2 and they are keen to hear about the winners. The theme this year is ‘Books light up our world’ and lights and displays have been springing up in the LARC for the past few weeks!

In the LARC there will be some competitions and activities at lunchtime for the older children and the Book Character Parade on Wednesday at 10:00 am is for Yrs K, 1 and 2. Please feel free to join us in the K-2 shelter outside the office. It is always a wonderful morning for the children.

It has been wonderful to see lots of new pre-schoolers popping in to the LARC to pick up their bag of books for our Pre-schooler program. If your child is enrolled for 2016 please take the opportunity to borrow some books from the LARC. The purpose is two-fold: to read more books in preparation for Kindergarten, and to become more familiar with the activities and surroundings of ‘big school’. We would love to see you.

See you in the LARC, Annie Madden—Teacher/Librarian
Sacraments of Penance & First Holy Communion 2015

Our 9 week program of preparation will be starting soon. To be ready to prepare a child must have been Confirmed in 2014 or earlier (evidenced by a Confirmation Certificate), under the age of 15 years, & regularly attending Mass every Sunday.

Enrolment forms are now available for collection in person from the Parish Office during office hours until 5pm Monday 14/09/15. Parent/Guardians wishing to enrol a child must bring the child’s Confirmation Certificate & Photo ID (for themselves) before an enrolment form will be provided.

Important Program dates:

- **Tuesday 15/09/15**  Parent Information & Enrolment Meeting (Parents only) – Curran Centre 7:00pm. Parent/Guardian must attend in person with the completed enrolment form to complete the enrolment process.
  
  NOTE: No enrolment forms will be available on the night & no proxies will be accepted.

- **Monday 5/10/15**  Program commences – various locations and times to be advised.

- **Sat/Sun 10-11/10/15**  Commitment Rite for program participants all Sunday Masses.

- **Sat/Sun 12-13/12/15**  First Communion all Sunday Masses.

For further information, please contact Stefan on 6651 0000 or ssorensen@coffscatholic.com

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**YEAR 6P & 6C CAKE STALL (last cake stall)**

6P & 6C class will be holding their cake stall to raise funds for the Graduation dinner on Friday 28 August

Children in 6P and 6C are requested to bring in items that can be sold individually such as patty cakes, muffins or mini muffins, biscuits or pre-cut slices.

Items are to be brought in to school on the morning.

Prices will range from 20c up to $1 per item and will be on sale to all students at lunch time on these dates.
Next Friday 28 August we will be celebrating St Augustine’s Feast Day at our school. We are celebrating by participating in a week of service to our community.

Mini Vinnies would like to donate mini tins of food to SVDP. All donated non-perishables will go to those people who are on their own and need a helping hand.

We are asking all students in our school to donate a small can of food such as spaghetti, baked beans, corn etc. Please bring these to your classroom as soon as possible so we can donate them to SVDP next week at our Mass.

Thank you for all your help,

Mini Vinnies
St Augustine’s Primary School is excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program again this year. In 2013 this promotion provided $9,000.00 worth of educational and sporting resources to the school! You can help by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers when shopping at Woolworths.

For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet (available from Woolworths or the school office) and once it’s completed, drop it into the collection box at the school office or Woolworths Park Avenue.

Please note: Stickers on rolls WILL NOT be accepted. Please place your stickers on the Earn & Learn Points Sheets.
TRIVIA NIGHT
In support of the Guy Family

A St Augustine’s P&F Association Event

SAT 12 SEPTEMBER 2015

TIME: 6pm for a 6:30pm start

VENUE: St John Paul College Hall

TICKETS: $10pp CASH ONLY
Available from:
St Augustine’s School
St John Paul College

BYO drinks & nibbles

Get a group together - tables seat 8 to 10 players

Child-minding available for children aged 4 to 12 years

Prize for the most creative table decoration

NO DEVICES... JUST BRAINS!
Phone police in attendance - fines may apply!

For more info OR to donate prizes please contact
KELLY O’CARROLL 0411 617 557
New to “Skoolbag”

‘Skoolbag’ is now available for Windows Phones running version 8.1 of Windows, and Windows devices running Windows 8.1 or 10 (eg Surface tablet, Laptop, PC etc).

You can install the app on your phone or tablet by following these instructions:

For iPhone and iPad users:
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for “Skoolbag” in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.
Enviro Warriors News

The St Augustine’s Enviro Warriors have been busy making videos to inform the members of our school where to place their rubbish. These videos are available on KnowledgeNet on the School Noticeboard and on the Enviro Page which you will find by going into My Groups ➔ Cultural Groups ➔ Enviro Groups.

**Enviro Warriors Tip of the Day:**

We have made it our mission to reduce the rubbish that goes to landfill. Every day we see a lot of plastic wrap and plastic zip lock bags thrown in the Red bin. If you are using these zip lock bags for lunches and snacks, we suggest that you encourage your child to bring them home so that they can be reused the next day. Alternately you could wrap sandwiches in paper wrap, which can then be recycled.

**Cool Australia’s EnviroWeek**

St Augustine’s Enviro Warriors have joined Enviroweek, a national schools’ event celebrating our positive everyday impact for our school community.

From now to September we will be joining in by taking action and creating our online profile to share ideas with other schools and watch our collective impact grow across Australia.

Watch our progress through our Enviroweek school profile.

http://www.enviroweek.org/teams/st-augustines-enviro-warriors/

If you visit www.Enviroweek.org and go to the leader board you will see that we are ranked fourth for the People’s Choice Awards. Every vote counts and we ask that if you haven’t already voted, could you please vote for us.

Voting closes 5 September 2015

**Mrs Catling and the Enviro Warriors**