Dear Parents, Staff and Students

After ten years as principal of St Augustine’s it is a difficult task to sit down to pen my final Newsletter to the community. As I reflect upon the journey, through the ‘highs’ and the ‘lows’, of leading a large school organisation, I can honestly say that I have loved coming to school each and every day.

It has been a great honour to serve as your Principal for the past ten years. During that time, our community has accomplished much. With your support we have launched a comprehensive learning framework, which has quickly become the model of learning in schools throughout the Diocese and has seen St Augustine’s become the main choice for families in the Coffs Harbour area.

We have supported and encouraged our students of all ages to excel at the highest levels in every area of school life and they have done so. Most importantly, we remained steadfast in our commitment to the school’s Catholic tradition, ensuring that our young people live and learn in a community that continually strives to live out the Catholic faith.

While many people in recent weeks have asked about the highlights during the last ten years for me it is a simple answer. For me the greatest highlight is the genuine commitment of our staff to meet the learning needs of every child in our school. They have opened up the school strategic plans and made it alive, daily. Their underlying motivation is that every child can learn and our staff have embraced and fostered a learning framework that has given guidance and support to many schools. The staff are the school’s greatest gift.

When you walk around our school you are confronted with a sea of happy faces. You have a yearning to explore the diverse activities on offer. Our school’s vision statement (….strives to be an innovative learning community by providing diverse opportunities) is clearly alive throughout the school. If we are using any measure to view our success it should be against our vision in meeting the learning needs of each child. Our students are engaged and on task, enjoying their learning.

To say that I will miss the school is an understatement.

The Diocese has already begun its recruitment process for a new principal. You can view the advert under the employment section on the Diocesan website (www.lism.catholic.edu.au) under the position vacant tab. Fortunately, in the meantime, we are in good capable hands with Leanne taking on the acting Principal role and Paddy, the acting Assistant Principal until the end of the 2014 school year. I am sure you will continue to offer them your appreciation and support.

I thank you all for your friendship and support of our school and I wish you all the best in the future.

Best Wishes

Jake

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Staff News

Mrs Regan Kama, our school Sports Administrator, has announced her resignation. Regan, an instrumental member of the sports program at St Augustine’s, will be sorely missed. She will be relocating to Toowoomba. We wish Regan and her family all the best for their future. Regan’s final day at school will be Friday 19 September. The Sports Administrator’s position will be advertised on the Diocesan Website shortly (Please visit www.lism.catholic.edu.au).
Our Principal, Dr Jake Madden will spend his last day at our school on Friday 15 August. He will be moving to Dubai to take up a Principalship at a K-12 school. Over the past ten years Mr Madden has navigated our school through an unprecedented time of change. Always ahead of the game, he is aware of what schools in the 21st Century need to be for learners and has inspired his staff to consider what learning dispositions students require to learn and take their place in the world.

Jake was not only seen as a leader of learning at St Augustine’s but also a leader within the Diocese of Lismore. His contribution to education was recognised more formally when he was awarded a Fellowship with the NSW arm of the Australian Council of Educational Leaders. This award recognises members who have made an outstanding contribution over a period of time to the improvement of student and organisational outcomes. Contemporary leadership is extremely challenging for Principals however Jake has responded to these challenges knowing that learning outcomes for students cannot be compromised. Our students come first. We thank Jake most sincerely for all he has done for St Augustine’s School. We wish him all the very best for the future.

Please join our staff and students for a special assembly for Mr Madden on Thursday 14 August at 2:00 pm.

**Sacraments of Penance & First Holy Communion 2014**
The nine week program of preparation will be starting soon. To be ready to prepare, a child must have been Confirmed in 2013 or earlier (evidenced by a Confirmation Certificate), under the age of 15 years, & regularly attending Mass.

Enrolment forms are **now available** for collection in person from the Parish Office during office hours until 5pm **Monday 15/09/14**. Parents/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 16/09/14**
**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 6/10/14 **Program commences** – various locations and times to be advised.
Sat/Sun 11-12/10/14 **Commitment Rite** for program participants all Sunday Masses.
Sat/Sun 13-14/12/14 **First Communion** all Sunday Masses.

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

**P & F NEWS MEETING**
Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 September at 7:00 pm in the LARC. All welcome.

Stephen Appleton—P & F Committee President

**SCHOOL MUSICAL**
**WIZARD OF OZ**
**SEE PAGE 10!!!**
**COMING EVENTS**

**AUGUST**

11  STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—no children at school
12  ICAS Maths Competition
13  Yrs 3 & 4 Chicken Burger Day
14  School Musical tickets go on sale
15  Farewell Assembly for Mr Madden 2:00 pm
16  Yr 5 Grade Mass 9:15 am
17  Yr 6 Breakfast 7:30—8:15 am
18  Book Week Parade 10:00 am
19  Brainstorm Productions—The Human Race
20  Newsletter Day
21  Yrs 5 & 6 Chicken Burger Day
22  St Augustine’s Feast Day Mass
23  Mufti Day for Fathers’ Day

**SEPTEMBER**

2  P & F Meeting 7:00 pm in the LARC
3  School Musical 7:00 pm
4  School Musical 7:00 pm
5  Fathers’ Day Stall
6  Newsletter Day
7  Fathers’ Day
11  Yrs K-2 Sports Carnival
12  Yr 3 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
18  Yr 4 Liturgy 10:20 am
19  Newsletter Day
29  LAST DAY OF TERM 3

**OCTOBER**

7  STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—no children at school

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***AFTER SCHOOL COLLECTION***

Parents are asked to observe traffic signs when collecting children from school after the 3:00 pm bell. Motorists may be issued with traffic infringement fines if stopping in the “No Stopping” zones in Albany Street. Traffic must flow through the Albany Street pick up area and we remind parents not to stop and wait in this zone, causing the cars to bank up. Staff are on duty until 3:15 pm in the pick-up areas so there is no need for everyone to arrive at 3:00 pm or just before.

**COUNCIL RANGERS**

Council Rangers will be patrolling our streets daily in future and will be paying attention to parking offences, traffic offences and student behaviour.

**SKATE PARK**

The opening of the new skate park has caused great excitement. We are concerned about students who are walking to the park after school. The walking route to the park is not particularly safe as there are high traffic areas between here and Brelsford Park. Please inform your child’s teacher as to what after school arrangements have been made.

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**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Monday 11 August is a Staff Development Day. The school will be closed on this day.

***ADVANCE NOTICE***

There will be a Staff Development Day on Tuesday 7 October. Term 4 will commence for students on Wednesday 8 October.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

11.08.2014

Mon  STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Tues  R Saunders
Wed  L Trotman, K White
Thur  K Gilliland, J Shannon
Fri  B Dougherty, P Duffy, J Roach, L Zawadzki, K-A Van Ryswyk

18.08.2014

Mon  E Joyce, R Mott
Tues  G Bull, R Kennedy
Wed  M Bulloch, J Jenkins
Thur  J Devitt, M Felton, C Inwood, N Smith
Fri  D Budd, L Budd, P Duffy, B Guest, J Roach

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Lasagne and corn cobs will be available during Term 3. Lasagne will be $3.50 per serve and corn cob portions will be $1.00 each.

Barbra Symons & Alicia Betland—Canteen Managers
Parish Schools Office
Coffs Harbour and Sawtell Parishes

A reminder to those paying school fees by three instalments - next payment is due and payable by 1/09/14. If you are using our direct debit facility, these payments will be automatically deducted from your account on 1/09/14.

Non Direct Debit Payments: For those not using our direct debit facility, please ensure that payments occur by due dates, as payment by due dates is a condition of continued enrolment.

Parish Schools Office
Coffs Harbour and Sawtell Parishes

Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 8.30am-5.00pm;
Friday 8:30am-3:30pm
Phone: 6651 0000 Email: admin@parishschoolsboard.com.au

Annual Prize Draw for Up-to-date Payment of School Fees:
All families who honour their 2014 school fees agreement and who have paid their accounts in full by the due dates will be entered into the prize draw in January 2015. (All families who have a direct debit arrangement which is kept up to date will automatically be entered into the draw.)

BreakFree Aanuka Beach Resort & Novotel Coffs Harbour Pacific Bay Resort have generously donated the following prizes:

BreakFree Aanuka Beach Resort - One night’s accommodation in a Paradise Spa Bure including full breakfast for two adults

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

Monthly, Fortnightly & Weekly School Fee Payments for 2014:

A reminder that monthly direct debit payments for 2014 will finish on 1/12/14. Fortnightly direct debit payments will finish on 21/11/14 or 28/11/14, depending on your fortnightly payment cycle. Weekly direct debit payments will finish on 28/11/14.

For those not using our direct debit facility, please ensure that monthly payments are finalised by 1/12/14 and fortnightly and weekly payments are finalised by 30/11/14, as payment by due dates is a condition of continued enrolment.

Arrears, Queries, Financial Difficulties:
If you are unable to meet a due date for payment, you must contact us before that date in accordance with the terms and conditions of enrolment. All enquiries are strictly confidential.
SPORT NEWS
LISMORE DIOCESE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Today 31 children from St Augustine’s will represent the Clarence Zone at Port Macquarie, competing in the Lismore Diocese Athletics Carnival. We wish all these students good luck.

ELECTIVE SPORT
Every year we have nine sports for the children to choose from in Term 3. This year we have included Flip Out in our program. What is your child doing for elective sport and will they pursue that sport?

THURSDAY SPORT
This term the K-2 children will be playing Bluearth games (accessed from www.bluearth.org) and trying Squash on the multipurpose court. Unfortunately sport was cancelled this week due to the half day holiday, but you could ask your child what they did at sport last Thursday.

SATURDAY BASKETBALL
Saturday basketball has begun with eight St Augustine’s teams competing in the competition. If you want to make a team or join a team please contact Regan Kama on rekama@lism.catholic.edu.au to see what we can do.

AFL
The Year K-6 After School Auskick program will began this week and will continue until Wednesday 10 September.

Where: School Grounds
Time: 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm
Cost: $50 per participant, which includes 6 weeks of fun games, AFL Pack (football, hat, backpack, pump, rainbow shoelaces etc)
Register and Pay online at: www.aflauskick.com.au – enter school’s postcode, scroll down and click on the St Augustine’s School Program.
Contact: Matt Crawley matthew.crawley@aflnsw.com.au or 0431 877173.

K-2 SPORTS CARNIVAL
The Years K-2 Sports Carnival will take place on Thursday 11 September on the school grounds. The carnival will begin at 9am and finish by approximately 2.30pm. 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 on the day please contact Regan Kama on rekama@lism.catholic.edu.au.

SQUASH
Free ‘come and try’ session at Korora Squash Courts.
Date: Sunday 10:00 to 11:30 am
To register please call the centre on 6653 6523.

Dan Hammond
Sports Coordinator

CREATE YOUR OWN CRICKET MOMENT
PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU
Volunteer at Vinnies
Make a real difference and help change lives. We desperately need some more helpers on most days at our Vinnies shop in Coffs Harbour. Get together with a couple of friends and donate some spare time and do some real good.

If you can spare a half a day or even more during school hours, call in and introduce yourself and join a great team doing good work in our community.

For more information, ring Joan on 6652 3003 or call in to the shop in Scarba St and find out how you can help others today.

LARC MATTERS
On Wednesday 20 August at 10am the annual Book Character parade is on. Mrs Madden has been discussing the Parade with years K, 1 and 2 about the parade. In a nutshell, come dressed as any book character you like. Please ensure your child knows who they are and from what book. This is always a great opportunity to have a discussion about favourite stories and characters. The costume can be as simple or complex as you like. There are only 2 prizes per year as it is more about participation and books than winning. Please remember that Book Week is about celebrating all things wonderful about Australian books for children. For more information about the short-listed books and winners please visit http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2014.htm

Thankfully, all Book Fair orders are filled and delivered. Hopefully the small number of children who received a wish card in lieu of their order will find something at the Dymock’s store. I still have one anonymous order (the name was not taken on the day) unclaimed. It comes to the value of $65 and is 4 books, probably belonging to an older child. If you think this order could be yours please pop into the LARC to see me as I would love to get these books to their rightful home.

For children interested in participating in the MS Readathon reading began on 1 August. It is not too late to register and more information can be found at www.msreadathon.org.au You must have parental support to do this but please ask at the LARC if you are not sure.

See you in the LARC
Mrs Madden—Teacher/Librarian

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Do your bit of good wherever you are; it is those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.

Desmond Tutu

Talk with your co-workers about the little bits of good that the St Vincent de Paul Society does in your area.
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

We have been doing lots of art and craft throughout this term. On Fridays we have been reading a book from the library and then doing an art activity based on the book. These beautiful art works are on display in our OSHC room so be sure to check them out. The rainbow serpent art and craft activity is completed and is on display in our OSHC room as well.

**Just a reminder that Monday 11 August is a Staff Development Day.** OSHC will be open from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm just like a normal Vacation Care day. **Please book in ASAP** if you would like your child/ren to attend on Monday.

**A friendly reminder again,** it is still essential to advise OSHC if your child/ren is due to attend After School Care and is absent from school and/or not attending for that day. Please notify Educators by calling 0417 666 494 before 1:00 pm. This will alleviate Educators spending additional time looking for your child at roll call.

**Active Sport**
Active sport is in its third week of operation and is going very well. We have incorporated many new games along with some old warm up games to our program such as stuck in the mud, red rover cross over, star wars, dodge ball and many more. If you have a game that you have played at school and would like to play at OSHC please suggest it to an educator or write it down on the clip board near the star of the week box.

**Invoices**
Current invoices were sent home via all children last week. These need to be bought up to date as soon as possible. **It is important that the account is not in arrears. Accounts are to be finalised within seven days.** **Future and ongoing bookings** may not be possible where fees are in arrears. Your attention to this is appreciated.

For all bookings, changes to enrolments or bookings, queries or messages please email OSHC on **cofhp-oshc@lism.catholic.edu.au**

**CONTACT DETAILS:**

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cofhp-oshc@lism.catholic.edu.au  
0417 666 494

**Linda** (Administrator OSHC)  
lrick@lism.catholic.edu.au  
6652 1204
ACCOUNTS

Invoices were sent home last week. Please be reminded that payments are due by Friday 15 August.

For all account enquiries, please contact Sione George or Dot Trevaskis in the office.

ICAS COMPETITIONS

2014 ICAS Competition Results

Computer Skills
This year, 37 students participated in the Computer Skills Competition. Two Distinction, 13 Credit, five Merit and 17 Participation Certificates were awarded. Congratulations and thank you to all the students who participated.

Distinction: Trinity Kachel, Kye Grant (Yr 4).
Credit: Maya Loader, Max Cox, Abbey George (Yr 3); Kieran Murray, Rory Beech, Amelia Arragon, Saarang Baba, Omar Junaid (Yr 4); Nicholas Bulloch, Russell Cole, Liam Hicks, Oscar Pike, Nicholas Smith (Yr 5).
Merit: Max Grant, Jayda Kachel (Yr 3); Kiahni Wainwright (Yr 4) Noah Hessenberger (Yr 5); Rocco Greisel (Yr 6)

Science
34 students participated in the Science Competition. One High Distinction, three Distinction, 10 Credit, six Merit and 14 Participation Certificates were awarded.

High Distinction: Saarang Baba (Yr 4).
Distinction: Lily Betland (Yr 3); Kieran Murray (Yr 4), Alyssa Golding (Yr 5).
Credit: Jayda Kachel, Archer McDonald (Yr 3); Rory Beech, Patrick Browne, David Gilliland, Samuel Golding (Yr 4); Ailish Barry, Nicholas Bulloch, Finn Murray, Oscar Pike (Yr 5).
Merit: Abbey George, Reid Stephens (Yr 3); Benjamin Langler (Yr 4); Thomas Fergusson, Rocco Greisel, Shannon Kearns (Yr 6).

Congratulations to these students.

Stephanie George
Coordinator - Administration

LEGO CLUB

LEGO is back! It has become extremely popular again.

We would like to add to our LEGO resources and would welcome any LEGO you may not be using at home. Duplo, Mega Blocks and smaller LEGO are all appreciated.

Deliveries can be made to the Kindergarten learning area.
ST AUGUSTINE’S PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

The Wizard of OZ

TICKETS ON SALE Tuesday 12 AUG

Wednesday 3 September 2014
Matinee 12 noon
Evening 7pm

Thursday 4 September 2014
Matinee 12 noon
Evening 7pm

Venue: St Augustine’s School Hall  Tickets: adults - $10, students 16yrs & under - $5
**PLAYGROUP**

PLAYGROUP is on at St Augustine’s Parish. All mums (or dads!) and their 0-5 years olds are invited. The playgroup runs during term time on Mondays starting at 9:00 am and finishing at 11:00 am. The playgroup takes place in the backyard behind the Curran Centre. Tea and coffee is provided, byo morning tea. Everyone is welcome! For more information contact Fran Davis on 0409 597 866.

**YEAR FOUR CHOIR**

Our Year Four Choir sang for the St Augustine’s Nursing Home residents this week. Thank you to Mrs Wendy O’Sullivan for organising the visit.
**Ninja News:**
We are thrilled with the response from students and families working together to complete the Ninja course. It is very important your child follows the instructions exactly as a simple error in an email address will mean the results do not get sent.
Below are instructions for the Digital Citizenship course only.
All other courses - Mail, Search and Drive students use their own email and will receive a pass or try again email instantly.
Thank you and keep up the great work with Ninja.

**Guidelines to begin with the Ninja Course -**

**Digital Citizenship Course**

1. Click on the Ninja link on your cohort page on Knowledge-net.
2. Read the instructions carefully! Remember to start with Digital Citizenship

3. When you are ready to take the test you must carefully, with no errors, type in your name and class and Mrs Loader’s email nloader@lism.catholic.edu.au

4. When you have completed the test your results will be on the screen. You MUST click View Results.

5. Then click Email Results
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Lismore Diocese

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