Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to one and all for your generous support of our school during 2016. I’m grateful for the support of Father Peter and Father Stefan who have assisted the school in many ways in the short time they’ve been here. My appreciation also goes to parents and families, with their support of functions, fundraising and cheap labour! Thanks especially to staff, who work very hard to make the school a great place for children to work and play.

Children had some time today with their new teachers in their new rooms for 2017 in a ‘Step-up’ session. The teachers on each grade will be:

Kindergarten: Mrs Baker, Ms Zsuffa, Mrs O’Rourke-Cox, Mrs Robinson
Year One: Mrs Charles, Mrs Catling, Ms Everson, Ms Goodenough (new)
Year Two: Mrs de Dassel, Mrs Machatsch, Miss O’Connor, Mrs Warren
Year Three: Mrs Schmahl, Mrs George, Mrs Brett, Mrs Sprowles
Year Four: Mr Hammond, Mrs Hogan, Mrs Maione, Ms Cutler (new)
Year Five: Mr Podesta, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Frawley, Ms Maguire
Year Six: Mr Bamford, Ms Perkins, Mrs Morgan and Mrs Wilson (new)

Over the holidays there will be some work completed both inside and outside the classrooms. Besides the usual painting, replacing blinds and general upkeep, the beginning of a new fence will be installed at the Albany St entrance. This will be a tall aluminium fence that will eventually surround the school. Whilst this is not the most aesthetically pleasing outcome, it was decided that this was the best option for the safety of the students and to reduce the amount of people using the school as a short cut.

Merry Christmas

Peter Watts
Principal
CATECHETICAL NEWS
Wishing everyone a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Sacrament Celebrations
We congratulate the following school community members after receiving their First Holy Communion with our wider Parish community last weekend. Our prayers and thoughts were with you and your families.

Peri Carrett, Matthew Ferguson, Ja Tsin Gawlu, Nicholas Gibbeson, Lauren Gibbeson, Sienna Haynes, Kye Hennessy, Drusilla Jenkins, Molly Joyce, Rohan Markwort, Antonio Martínez Pardo de Vera, Cara Miller, Claire Pike, Ruby Pike, Austin Plummer, Noah Searle, Jack Simmon, Zeke Smith and Hayley Wood.

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES
Christmas Eve—Saturday 24 December
St Augustine’s, Coffs Harbour—6pm, 8pm & midnight
St Francis Xavier, Woolgoolga—6pm

Christmas Day—Sunday 25 December
St Augustine’s, Coffs Harbour—8am
St Francis Xavier, Woolgoolga—9am
St Paul’s Glenreagh—10.30 am

P&F NEWS
MEETING
The next P & F Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 February 2017 at 7:00 pm in the LARC. All welcome.
COMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2017
30 YRS 1-6 STUDENTS COMMENCE SCHOOL
30 Jan - 2 Feb — Best Start Assessments for Yr K 2017

FEBRUARY
3 Swimming program for Yrs 3 & 4
6 Kindergarten commence school
7 P & F Meeting 7:00 pm in the LARC

MINI VINNIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mini Vinnies wrapped up another successful year with a Christmas party on the lawn outside Year 5 classrooms on Monday. Certificates of appreciation were handed out to all Year 5 and Year 6 students along with bookmarks to all students who have helped in any way.

A BIG Thank you again to all in the school community who have supported us throughout 2016. Looking forward to another year of giving in 2017.

ANNOUNCING THE RELEASE OF
‘ALICE THE MUSICAL’ VIDEO

To view or download the video simply type the following link into your web browser and follow the instructions:


CANTEEN ROSTER

30.01.2017
Mon  D Mauger       HELP!! HELP!!
Tues N Faggiato     HELP!! HELP!!
Wed  J Golding, A Ryan, M Simpson
Thur K Allen, H O’Rourke, L Rowthorne
Fri  T Blundell, J Cutler, A Goode, A Stephens, S Winkler

6.02.2017
Mon  G Franklin, L Secombe
Tues J Armytage, R Morrison, C Williams
Wed  L Buckley, K White       HELP!! HELP!!
Thur M Eden, C Williams       HELP!! HELP!!
Fri  P Crawford, P Duffy, H O’Rourke       HELP!!

CANTEEN 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.

Barbra Symons & Alicia Betland—Canteen Managers
SPORT NEWS

St Augustine’s Representative Trials – Swimming
The official results from the St. Augustine’s swimming trials have been posted outside the sports office. Selected students will receive more information about the Zone Carnival early next year.

The Swimming Age Champions for 2016 are:

8 Years Girl – Liliana Marle
8 Years Boy – Charlie George
9 Years Girl – Caitlin Armstrong
9 Years Boy – Riley Betland
10 Years Girl – Lucy George
10 Years Boy – Connor Ryan
11 Years Girl – Alexis Felton
11 Years Boy – Cooper Marle
12 Years Girl – Lily Betland
12 Years Boy – Archie Budd

Congratulations to these students and to every student who participated on the day. A massive thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to help run the swimming carnival. We wouldn’t have been able to do it without your support.

School Swimming Program – Sport
Please be aware that our School Swimming Program will commence first week back for Years 3 and 4 students. Students will need to bring a plastic bag, swimmers, googles and towel.

Shaun Bamford – Sports Coordinator
sbamford@lism.catholic.edu.au

Kristy M’Dermid – Sports Administrator
kmcedermid@lism.catholic.edu.au

Mothers’ and Daughters’ Weekend
March 10-12, 2017

Book NOW to reserve your accommodation
(There are limited villas and last year people missed out, so be quick)

Call Darlington Beach Holiday Park on 6640 7444
(mention that you are booking with St Augustine’s and receive a 10% discount)

This is a great, fun weekend to spend time with your daughter, her friends, and other mums. The girls have a fantastic time swimming, bike riding, scootering, doing craft, going to the beach and hanging out with their friends. The mums have a pretty good time too!

A letter will be sent in the new year, but for any enquiries please contact:
Meagan Kelly 0437 175055, or
Jann Golding 0412 586148.
CHESS CHALLENGE

The 2016 St Augustine’s Chess Challenge was held on Wednesdays in Term 4 in the Passive Play Area. Twenty-six players enjoyed the chance to play in their chosen grade over five rounds. The finals were played in Week 9 with congratulations going to the following students:

A Grade Champion: Blake Botes (Year 4); A Grade Runner-up: Saarang Baba (Year 6)
B Grade Champion: Jagdeep Sandhu (Year 5); B Grade Runner-up: Amaniel Singh (Year 6)
C Grade Champion: Aneika Gallatly (Year 3); C Grade Runner-up: Eli Butcher (Kindergarten)

As you can see, we had players from Kindergarten to Year 6 enjoying each other’s company and honing their chess skills in a friendly competition. As well as trophies for the winners and runners-up, students who played each week were entered in a raffle. The presentation ceremony was held in Week 10.

Thank you to all students who participated in the Chess Club and various competitions throughout 2016. Happy Christmas and happy holidays!

Mrs Stephanie George
Chess Organiser
"This is hard, this is fun," (Carol Dweck) is our new adopted motto here at St Augustine's and our Year 4 students had an exciting opportunity to put it to practice this term. As part of their Science and Technology learning they were able to follow the design process, and plan and design a product that they could create using our 3D printer. This involved researching current 3D printed designs and their purpose. Who were they for? What purpose did they serve? Did they help someone? It was amazing to find out the wonderful ways in which people around the world are serving others through innovative and creative products made on the 3D printer.

To create our design online we used Tinkercad, a powerful web application. This allowed for the students to transfer their hand drawn design into a computer aided design program. It involved lots of collaboration, scientific language and of course Mathematics. We had to know the exact measurements of our design and be able to visualise how our product would look when printed. The end result was some very creative, innovative and purposeful products and of course some very satisfied students. Their hard work and perseverance paid off and yes it was great fun!
The holidays are nearly upon us and if you are like me you are excited about all the reading you can do. We are running a Summer Reading Challenge here at school. It is mostly a challenge for yourself to see how many books you can read, however I would love to see them returned in the first week back for Term 1 2017 as I will use them as part of our summer beach display. There will also be a small reward for any returned challenge sheets with at least five books recorded on them.

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Coffs Harbour Library is also running a Summer Reading Club with the theme Heroes and Villains. Register online or call in to the town library to register.

Overdues and returns - Time to look everywhere for any books you have overdue or have finished reading and return them to the LARC.
A full gallery of award recipient photos will be available for download from the school moodle site on Monday 19 Dec.
Go to school notices for the link to the gallery.