Dear Parents and Carers

What a great Fete! It was a huge success with fun for the kids (and adults) and raised much needed funds for P & F projects. Thanks to everyone who generously gave of their time to support the school but especially to Tennille O’Rourke-Cox who was the chief organiser, making sure everything went to plan. Also, our gratitude goes to all the volunteers, business owners and staff who generously gave of their time so the children could enjoy themselves. It was great to see our PE program coming along so well with some very accurate throwing of cream pies as well!

There will be some changes to the annual class awards this year. There will be four awards per class, which is the same as last year, however the criteria has been modified, as outlined below.

**Academic Achievement:** The criterion is directly related to achievement in all subjects.

**Christian Awareness:** The recipient consistently treats others with dignity and respect, is prayerful and works for the common good.

**Outstanding Effort:** The awardee consistently works hard, displays persistence, embraces challenges and learns from feedback.

**Outstanding Progress:** The winner displays very high academic growth for the year in English and Maths.

Next year there will be some changes to the sports program in Term One which mainly impacts the older children. The program for Years 3-6 will include an expanded swimming program with elements of basic life-saving and survival skills and this will be complemented by a gymnastics program in the hall. Each program will run for about half a term and will be facilitated by qualified instructors. Due to limited pool availability, some lessons will be held at Sawtell Pool, some at the Aquatic Centre and some at the Coffs Olympic Pool. Dance Fever will now only operate for Years K-2 and will be on Fridays.

This week many staff attended the funeral of an ex-staff member, Mrs Marlene Griffin, a passionate educator who genuinely cared for her students. Her sharp intellect, creative eye and quirky sense of humour will long be remembered. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Grace and peace

Peter Watts
Principal
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

CATECHETICAL NEWS
First Communion
The St Augustine’s Parish community wish all those boys and girls making their First Communion this weekend this weekend a very happy and special family day.

Advent Giving Mass
On Friday 9 December, St Augustine’s School will celebrate the Advent Giving Mass for 2016. During this Mass presentations will be made to the local St Vincent de Paul chapter.

This is also the final Mass of the year for the school.

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

FETE NEWS

From the P&F committee for all of the generous donations and for coming to our Fete.
It was a huge success - the smiles on the children’s faces was all you needed as proof.
To all the volunteers on the stalls and the amazing setup and pack up crew, THANK YOU! Without you our Fete would not operate as smoothly. Your time is greatly appreciated.
We are already looking forward and planning 2017!
Anyone with new ideas for 2017 please pass them onto the office - we are always open to suggestions on how to improve our Fete.

RAFFLE WINNERS
1st prize  Brad Beech
2nd prize  Deana Van Der Walt
3rd prize  Alexis Johnston
4th prize  Keira Loy
5th prize  Holly Lacy

P& F NEWS

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

Fr A J Casey & Benefactors’ Bursary Trust
In 1995, Fr Anthony Casey, who had previously been a parish priest in St Augustine’s Parish, Coffs Harbour, set up a Discretionary Trust Deed, known as the Fr A J Casey and Benefactors’ Bursary Trust, with a vision of helping families in St Augustine’s Parish, who might experience economic hardship with tuition fees at St John Paul College.

Each year, the bursary is awarded to an outstanding student (or students) from a deserving Catholic family. The student (or students) must be attending St Augustine’s and/or St Francis Xavier Primary School, which are the Parish feeder schools to St John Paul College. A bursary recipient may also be eligible for ongoing assistance with school fees in subsequent years at St John Paul College.

Fr Casey hoped that St Augustine’s parishioners would generously donate to the Trust fund so that many students could be assisted in obtaining a Catholic education at St John Paul College.

The Trust account is held at the Diocesan Investment Office (DIF) and all donations are very gratefully accepted. The account details are as follows:
Account Name:  Fr A J Casey & Benefactors Bursary Trust
Account Number:  4557
Deposits may be made at any DIF agency. Thank you.
COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER
8  Yr 5 Learning Journey 2:00—3:00 pm
9  Last chance to order School Magazine at discount price of $20
14  Year 6 Graduation Mass 5:30pm; Dinner afterwards
15  Yrs K - 6 Speech Day 9:00—10:50 am
16  LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

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

FEBRUARY
6  Kindergarten commence school

CANTENEEN ROSTER
5.12.2016
Mon  L Wood       HELP!! HELP!!
Tues G Bull, R Kennedy
Wed  L Mahlberg, T Sanders       HELP!! HELP!!
Thur M Felton, R Felton, M Kelly, C Thompson
Fri  L Budd, L Clutterbuck, P Crawford

Mon  T Branster       HELP!! HELP!!
Tues J Armytage, J Bourne, N Savice, C Williams
Wed  P Cruz, M Murphy, L Sanders
Thur M Chau, N Ferrett       HELP!! HELP!!
Fri  P Duffy, H Gallatly, L Mahlberg, W McLean

CANTENEEN 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.

If you are unable to do your rostered day, please phone the office so we can organise a replacement.

CANTENEEN VOLUNTEERS
CHRISTMAS PARTY
Tuesday 6 December
Pier Hotel
6:30 pm
Please RSVP to
Alicia or Barb
by today

Barbra Symons & Alicia Betland—Canteen Managers

LEAVING STUDENTS
If your child will not be attending our school in 2017 please notify the school office as soon as possible. A minimum of two weeks notice is to be given to the Parish Office. Thank you.
**SPORT NEWS**

**St Augustine’s Representative Trials – Swimming**
The Representative Swimming Trials were a great success with many students from Years 1-5 participating. Congratulations to all students involved. Students who finished in the top two places will go on and represent St Augustine’s at the Zone Carnival early next year. Official results will be posted outside the sports office in the coming week. A huge thank you to staff members and parent helpers for your support.

**Lismore Diocesan Representative Trials – Summer Sports (basketball, cricket, softball, tennis and touch football)**
Congratulations to Jayda Kachel (basketball), Olivia Peel (basketball), Jonty Gourlay (basketball), Alexandra Nealand (softball), Riley Dagger (softball) and Stephanie Rose (cricket) who were selected in the Diocesan team in their respective sports.

**St Augustine’s Running Club**
Running Club has been a huge success this Term! As it stands, we have currently run a combined distance of 2538 km. That means we are now somewhere near Cape York Peninsula (when travelling in a straight line up the coastline). Well done to all students for getting involved.

**Term 1 2017: Year 3-6 School Sport**
Students in Years 3-6 (next year) will be participating in swimming for School Sport in Term 1 2017. This will commence in the very first week of school, next year. It will, therefore, be necessary to pre-assess the students’ swimming ability prior to the commencement of the program.

Any new students who will be entering Year 4, 5 or 6 next year, along with all students entering Year 3 next year need to complete a note which includes a pre-assessment questionnaire. If your child has missed this note, please see Mr Bamford. Please return notes as soon as possible.

**Diary** - Friday 3 February 2017 – Years 3-6 School Sport swimming program commences.

**Shaun Bamford – Sports Coordinator**
**Kristy M’Dermid – Sports Administrator**
sbamford@lism.catholic.edu.au  
kmcdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au

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**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.
Too Many Pears – Innovation

Kindergarten and Year 1 have been busy innovating on the classic Jackie French picture book ‘Too Many Pears’. We have had so much fun being authors and illustrators.

We rate this book ★★★★★☆☆

Toyota Dream Car Art Contest

“If you can dream it, you can do it!” - Walt Disney

With the support of Coffs Harbour Toyota we have entered the Toyota Dream Car Art Contest - a global art contest held to inspire creative expression and imagination in children. There are three age categories- under 8s, 8-11 years and 12-15 years. The best three Australian entries in each category each win a $750 apple store gift card, plus there are school prizes to be won and a trip to Japan!!

If your child chooses to enter the competition here at school in the LARC or in their classroom they will bring home an entry form for you to sign and return to school so that we can post the entries.

Good luck!
Fun at the Fete!
NO NEED TO PANIC!

You can PRE-ORDER your copy of the 2016 St Augustine’s Yearbook TODAY and SAVE!

$20 SPECIAL PRE-ORDER PRICE

Our year in review..... special events, excursions, sport, academic and creative achievements including 2016 awards, cohort spreads and hundreds of photos of our school in action!

Simply complete the order form in the school newsletter and take it to the office with your payment by Friday 9 December in order to take advantage of the discount!

Yearbooks can be purchased after Speech Day for $25

ORDER FORM

St Augustine’s School Year Book 2016

Student’s name: ________________________________  Student’s class: ________________________________

No. of copies: ________________________________  Amount enclosed: ________________________________

Please return this slip and money in an envelope by 9 December to qualify for the discounted price of $20.00 each.

All orders after 9 December will be charged at $25.00. Yearbooks will be available after presentations on Speech Day, Thursday 15 December.
FRUIT N VEG SCULPTURE COMPETITION

Our Fruit n Veg Sculpture Competition was a great hit last Friday with some very creative and colourful sculptures on display. Special thanks must go to Fresco Marketplace for providing such wonderful prizes and taking part in our judging and presentation. Special thanks also to Lee Winkler Surf School and C-Change Adventures for providing Surf Lessons, Kayak and Stand Up Paddle Board hire prizes that will ensure our prize winners have a fun-filled and active holiday in our local waters. We were also privileged to have our local Health Promotion Officer Nicki Kerr provide posters and pamphlets to encourage and support healthy eating at our school. Now that we have seen such an amazing variety of fruits and vegetables, let’s remember to ‘go for 2 fruit n 5 veg a day’!

1st Place: Charlotte Busby ($100 Hamper from Fresco Marketplace and $100 Group Surf Lesson for 2 with Lee Winkler Surf School)
2nd Place: Holly Tyler (x2 Double Kayak hire for 1 hour with C-Change Adventures)
3rd Place: Louis Chau (x 2 Stand Up Paddle Board Hire for 1 hour with C-Change Adventures)

Cohort Prizes went to: Illuca Shanahan, Darcy Kendall, Sophie Welsh, Eli Butcher, Lily Franklin, Daisy Becker and Savannah Reid.
St Augustine’s School was thrilled to have a visit from staff, students and parents from St Joseph’s, Hapaii, Tonga. Our school has helped St Joseph’s in the past with furniture, back packs and library books. Our visitors who are in Australia for a short stay, popped in to say thank you.
2017 ENROLMENTS

Instrumental Music Program lessons will be offered to Years 3-6 students in 2017. Students in Years 2-5 were given the opportunity to experience first-hand a showcase of the instruments available to learn in 2017, including flute, clarinet, saxophone, keyboard, drums and percussion. Expression of Interest forms were sent home with students.

If you would like to receive an Instrumental Music Program enrolment form for your child to commence lessons in Term 1 2017, please complete an Expression of Interest form and return it to the office. Enrolment forms for 2016 will be sent home Week 9.

For any enquiries, please contact Sione George in the school office.

"To learn music is to learn a whole new language."
YEAR 6 CAMP HIGHLIGHTS
Dear parent,

Go4Fun is a healthy lifestyle program for children aged 7 to 13 years, who are above a healthy weight. Best of all it’s absolutely FREE.

WHEN DOES GO4FUN RUN?
Go4Fun runs for 10 weeks after school or on weekends during the school term, and children attend a fun filled 2 hour session each week with their parent or carer.

WHAT DO WE DO AT GO4FUN?
Every week the children will be involved in fun and interactive games and activities to get their heart rates up and enjoying being active.

Each week you and your child will learn about healthy eating, setting goals, portion sizes, label reading and more. The program also includes a supermarket tour where you get to put everything you’ve learnt into practise.

START UP PACK
Your child will receive a start-up pack including a:
• Go4Fun backpack,
• Go4Fun t-shirt,
• Go4Fun water bottle, ball and wristbands.
Your child will also earn up to 3 bonus attendance rewards over the ten Go4Fun sessions.

Parents receive a $15 fresh fruit and vegetable voucher for each session you attend, plus a folder full of weekly session information, activities, recipes and more. Plus you will receive a practical Meal Mate cup to help with portion sizes and a Detective Card to help decipher nutrition information on food packaging. Parents receive a report on their child’s progress and health improvements following Go4Fun.
WHAT RESULTS ARE WE LIKELY TO SEE?
Since Go4Fun began in July 2011, we have helped more than 300 children and their families across the Mid North Coast to lead fitter, healthier and happier lives. Our results show that on average, as a result of the program, Go4fun children now:
- have a reduced waist circumference
- eat more fruit and vegetables each day
- drink less soft drink
- are more active and meet the physical activity guidelines
- spend less time in sedentary activities
- have improved self-esteem

WHAT DO PAST PARTICIPANTS THINK OF GO4FUN?
“I think by far the reason Chloe did so well in Go4Fun was she was being taught from a source other than me. She was given knowledge and she began to make choices to be healthier. This is a lesson that I believe will last both of us throughout our lives. The leaders made it fun to learn about good nutrition and regular physical activity and we all enjoyed doing active games together, even the parents.”

“Go4Fun will be something I will remember forever, and Chloe will too. I cannot recommend the program highly enough to any parent thinking of joining. Give it a try it could change your lives.” Sue, Port Macquarie

“Even though we knew the nutrition and exercise information before we started, it’s helped us so much. Matilda is not only healthier but so much happier, with a boost in self-esteem and confidence. She misses Go4Fun and always looks forward to catching up with the others from her group.” Tracey, Coffs Harbour

ENROL TODAY!
Registrations for Term 1, 2017 programs are now open with limited places available in our Port Macquarie, Wauchope, Kempsey, Macksville and Coffs Harbour programs. We’d love to welcome you and your child into a Go4Fun program and encourage you to secure your place.

Coffs Harbour Term 1 program will run:
Thursdays, 4pm to 6pm starting February 2nd

Register at Freecall 1800 780 900 or online www.go4fun.com.au