Dear Parents and Carers

During 2016 the Church is celebrating the Year of Mercy. This is a time of grace, peace, conversion and joy and is meant for people of every age, from far and near. Pope Francis has called on all people to have a particular focus on showing mercy to all those in need and in particular to those that have been displaced from their home due to conflict. If you would like more info, check out the website: [http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en.html](http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en.html)

The St Augustine’s Golf Day is fast approaching and if you haven’t registered yet, please fill out the entry form as soon as possible as tee-off times are filling fast. Only morning times available now. The Golf Day is one of the major fundraisers for the school and all money raised will go towards Stage 2 of the playground revamp. If you would like to play but are not part of a team, contact the school office. Advance thanks to Peter Martin and the team for their hard work.

Parent-teacher interviews will be held from 29 February and online bookings are open from now until Friday 26 February (see page 8 for details). These meetings have been brought forward to give feedback as to how your child has started, to share information and identify any areas of concern. These meetings replace the whole grade ‘Meet the Teacher’ night. If you need a longer meeting time, contact the teacher to arrange an alternative.

Our first whole school assembly will take place at 2:00 pm on Thursday 3 March. During that time the Year 4 Choir will perform and children will be acknowledged for achievements. All welcome.

Next week a survey will be sent out to parents via email to gather information about homework. The purpose of this is to help us understand parental attitudes and give parents a chance to have input into a policy that has a direct effect on daily home life. It will only take a few minutes and will assist us in updating the policy so we can get the balance right. It is an online survey although paper copies are available on request.

Grace and Peace

Peter Watts
Principal
**CATECHETICAL NEWS**

**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES**

Boxes have been sent home with children for collection of funds for the Missions. Please return them to school in the week before Easter (Monday 21—Thursday 24 March). Thank you.

**NEW FAMILIES BBQ**

It was lovely to see some of our new families at the BBQ last Thursday. We’re so glad you are a part of our school community.

*Paddy Dent - Leader of School Evangelisation
Mary Machatsch – Leader of Catechesis*

**SAVE THE DATE—20 and 21 MAY!!**

The **Women. Food. God.** retreat was held last year and was a huge success. Preparations are well under way for this year’s gathering. Sisters from the Missionaries of God’s Love will join us once again for a weekend of formation, fellowship, food and fun. Please save the date—registration details soon. (Friday 20 May 6pm-9pm and Saturday 21 May 9am—4pm)

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**ALBANY STREET DRIVE THROUGH**

Less than 50% of cars are using the ‘family name’ sign on their sun visors. Having your family name displayed on your car’s sun visor greatly accelerates pick up times as it allows staff to identify approaching vehicles and organise students to be ready. If you are not using the family name sign please consider doing so. Phone the office on 66521204 and we will make a laminated sign for you.

**NOTE:** This is a drive through zone.

Please remember not to queue through the pedestrian crossing or along Albany Street. Rangers have been active each week in this area. Heavy fines apply.

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**P & F NEWS**

**MEETING**

Congratulations to the 2016 P & F Executive:

- **President:** Stephen Appleton
- **Vice President:** Belinda Carpenter
- **Secretary:** Nicola Murray
- **Treasurer:** Helen Parr

The next P & F Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 March at 7:00 pm in the LARC. All welcome.

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**GOLF DAY—HELP NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed to help at the upcoming Golf Day. Can you spare just one hour? The golf day committee have put in a huge effort and need others to help out on the day. Please call Peter Martin on 0412 538965.

Please return raffle tickets to the school office by Friday 26 February. (raffle details on Page 9)

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**THE ST AUGUSTINE’S COMMUNITY WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR IMMENSE GRATITUDE TO OUR 2016 GOLF DAY MAJOR SPONSOR -**

**North Coast Hotel Group**

Great food. Live music. Good times.

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**PARISH MASS TIMES**

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**2016 NORTH COAST HOTEL GROUP AMBROSE EVENT AT COFFS HARBOUR GOLF CLUB SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2016**

Only morning spots available.

If you have booked a spot but haven’t sent in your registration form and payment, please do so as soon as possible.

For further information please contact Peter Martin on 0412 538965 or pgmarto3@gmail.com

**GOLF DAY ENTRY FORM ON PAGE 12**
**CANTEEN ROSTER**

22.02.2016  
Mon. K Apps, T Branster  
Tues. J Armytage, J Bourne, N Savige, C Williams  
Wed. P Cruz, M Murphy, M Santana, R Soto  
Thur. N Ferrett  
Fri. P Crawford, P Duffy, H Gallatly, W McLean

29.02.2016  
Mon. D Mauger  
Tues. G Bull, N Foggiate  
Wed. J Golding  
Thur. K Allen, K O’Carroll, H O’Rourke, L Rowthorne  
Fri. T Blundell, J Cutler, A Goode, A Stephens, S Winkler

**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.

**Chicken Burger Days**  
Yrs 5 & 6 Tuesday 23 February  
Yrs 3 & 4 Tuesday 8 March  
Yrs K, 1 & 2 Tuesday 22 March

Bags for ordering will be sent home with students the week before and orders must be handed to the Canteen **BY THE FRIDAY BEFORE** chicken burger day. Late orders cannot be accepted. Thank you.

**SUSHI!!!!!!**

Sushi will be available on **Wednesdays** at the Canteen starting from Wednesday 2 March! Orders must be in to the Canteen by 8:50 am.

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

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

Barbra Symons & Alicia Betland—Canteen Managers

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**COMING EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY**

24 Dance Fever  
26 Yr 3 at Parish Mass 9:15 am  
28 **NORTH COAST HOTEL GROUP P & F CHARITY GOLF DAY**  
29 Parent Teacher Interviews (all week)

**MARCH**

2 Diocesan Swimming at Lismore  
   Dance Fever  
3 Whole School Assembly  
4 Yrs 3-6 Swimming program  
   Newsletter  
   Yrs K & 6 at Parish Mass 9:15 am  
7 Catholic Schools Week  
9 Dance Fever  
11 Yrs 3-6 Swimming program  
   Yrs 1 & 5 at Parish Mass 9:15 am  
12/13 Mothers’ & Daughters’ W’end  
14 **School Cross Country**  
14 Year 6 group photo 2pm  
15 **SCHOOL PHOTOS**  
16 Dance Fever  
18 Newsletter  
   Diocesan Winter Sports Trials at Grafton  
   Yrs 3-6 Swimming program  
   Yrs 2, 3 & 4 at Parish Mass 9:15 am  
23 Dance Fever  
27 Easter Sunday  
30 Dance Fever

**APRIL**

1 Yrs 3-6 Swimming Carnival  
6 Clarence Zone Cross Country  
7 **LAST DAY OF TERM ONE FOR STUDENTS**  
   Whole School Assembly  
8 **STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—NO CHILDREN AT SCHOOL**

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**FAMILY VERIFICATION REPORT**

Please return family verification reports to the office by Monday so all family information can be updated. Thank you.

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**CHAU & HENNESSY**  
**PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS**

Suite 3, 14 Edgar Street, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450  
Telephone. 02 6652 2999  
Fax. 02 6652 4694  
Email. mail@chpa.com.au  
Website. www.chpa.com.au
SPORT NEWS

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our School swimming team were outstanding at the Clarence Zone Carnival at Maclean yesterday. The team were united in their effort and brought home the shield for the best performing school. The results are as follows:

Junior age champ - Cooper Marle
Runner up - Loki Marchant

11yr
Age champ - Lily Betland
Runner up - Jayda Kachel

11yr boy
Age champ - Nicholas Caldwell
Runner up - Archie Budd

Senior boys
Age champ - Rory Beech
Runner up - Lachlan Marle

All students were a credit to our school and the students enjoyed their swimming. Many parents attended and overall it was a great day.
The Diocesan Swimming carnival will take place at on Wednesday 2 March at Lismore.

PHILLIP HUGHES TRIBUTE MATCH
Next Thursday, selected students will attend the Phillip Hughes Tribute Match (Cricket).
Photos to follow in the next Newsletter.

BASKETBALL MEETING - 23 Feb
A meeting for all parents of basketballers will take place at 7:00 pm in the school staff room this Tuesday, 23 February.

Yours in sport
Erin Bennett – Sports Coordinator
Kristy McDermid – Sports Administrator

SEMESTER ONE PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
LAST year we introduced online bookings for parent teacher interviews. Please see Page 8 of this Newsletter to view the simple steps you need to take to ensure you make a booking. All parents are encouraged to make a booking as the parent teacher interviews are a vital link between school and home.
**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

Our school has moved to a new electronic attendance software which includes the ability to send and receive an SMS directly to the system. From Monday 22 February 2016 if your child is absent from school an SMS will be sent to one of the mobile phone numbers we currently have in our database. We will send the SMS at approximately 9:30 am each day. Usually we will only send one SMS per child.

You are able to respond directly to this SMS with a reason for your child’s absence and it will be recorded as sent. We request that this is done by 3:00 pm on that day.

If more than one family member is absent from school on a particular day you will receive more than one SMS however only one SMS response is required from parents, provided it adequately explains the absence of all children.

SMS messages are now considered legitimate forms of communication and as such a follow up phone call or note is not required. However, if you are unable to respond to the SMS then the school does require some form of communication such as a phone call or note to explain absences.

The text of the message will be as follows:

*<name> is absent from school today. Please confirm, with reason for absence, by return SMS by 3:00 pm today. Thank you, St Augustine’s Primary School.*

If you have recently changed your mobile phone or other contact details please inform the office staff immediately.

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**YEAR 6 SPORTS SHIRT KEEPSAKE**

To commemorate Year 6’s final year of primary school, a special edition sports shirt has been designed featuring the names of all Year 6 students. Year 6 children will be able to wear these shirts on sports days. It will also be a great keepsake to remind them of their days at St Augustine’s School.

The cost of these shirts will be $30.00 each and are the same design and make as the current sport shirt. A special feature of the children’s names will be printed on the back. When considering shirt sizes please refer to your child’s current sport shirt and order accordingly.

An order form has been sent home with Year 6 students this week. Enclose order form with your payment in an envelope with *YEAR 6 SHIRT* noted on the front and return to the school office by **FRIDAY 4 MARCH 2016. LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Shirts will be available for students to wear in Term 2.
The simplest way
...to bake a healthy lunch box treat.

Homemade muffins are a great way to add a fruit or veg-filled treat to lunch boxes.

**Apple and date muffins**

**Ingredients:** 3 apples, chopped; 1 cup boiling water; 200g dates, chopped; 50g butter; 2/3 cup brown sugar; 2 tsp mixed spice; 1 egg; 1 tsp baking soda; 1 tsp baking powder; 2 cups wholemeal flour.

**Method:** Preheat oven (180°C). Chop apples and dates. Add boiling water, butter and sugar. Mix until butter melts and sugar dissolves. Add spice and allow to cool. When fruit mixture is warm, not hot, add spice and egg. Mix well. Add baking soda, baking powder and flour. Mix, but do not overbeat. If mixture is too dry, add a little milk. Spoon into the prepared muffin tin. Bake for about 15 minutes.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

**2015 YEARBOOK!!**
DID YOU MISS OUT LAST YEAR?
SOME COPIES STILL AVAILABLE!
$25 EACH - PURCHASE AT THE OFFICE

**The transportme™ passenger app has arrived!** You can now download and use the app for your bus company.

The transportme™ passenger app is completely free, and available on both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. Simply search for “transportme passenger” on your smartphone or tablet and download!

This will mean you can now look for our bus company and track your bus in real time for free.

No more wondering how far away your bus is...you can track it as it comes closer to you!

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LARC Matters

Early Bird Reading Program - Each morning at 8:30am from Tuesday to Friday the LARC opens its doors for the Early Bird Reading Program. We welcome students from Years 1, 2 and 3 who would love the opportunity to practise their reading skills (at any level) with the support of a teacher or Teacher Assistant. Come and check it out or encourage your child to give it a go. Regular reading makes a difference!

We strongly encourage every student to bring a library bag to school and be an active participant in the borrowing program. The class days are below, however the LARC is open Tuesday – Friday mornings from 8:30am and every afternoon from 3:00pm-4:00pm for students and families to visit.

LIBRARY DAYS:

Kindergarten – Monday
Year One - Tuesday
Year Two – Tuesday
Year 3 – Thursday
Year 4 – 4H and 4B – Tuesday; 4M and 4P – Friday
Year 4 – Year 5 – 5H and 5M Monday – 5C and 5S Thursday
Year 6 - Friday

LYLE CAMPBELL PARENT LIBRARY
We welcome parents and careers to take a browse through the Lyle Campbell Parent Library at the back of the LARC resources. There are some quality resources here for parents to borrow. Come in and have a look!

BOARD GAMES
Any board games at home that you would be happy to donate to the LARC would be kindly accepted. Many students enjoy playing these during the lunch break.

What you say matters!
eLearning

Please return the signed AUA forms to class teachers and student Technology Licences will be distributed.

Keep reading  Mrs Loader – Teacher/Librarian
St Augustine’s Primary School is going online for Parent/Teacher Interviews!

St Augustine’s Primary School is going online for Parent/Teacher interviews this Semester. **Bookings will be open from 8:00 am Monday 15 February** and will close on Friday 26 February. Interviews will commence on **Monday 29 February 2016**.

Online bookings will allow you to make bookings for parent/teacher interviews for the time that suits you with your child’s teacher. You can also make bookings for more than one child at the same time. It is that simple.

If you don’t have access to a computer or the internet please contact the school office or your child’s teacher and we can process your booking/s for you!

### HOW DOES IT WORK?


2. Enter St Augustine’s Primary School event code of **U4EKV** and press "Go". School Interviews will guide you through the next three simple steps.

   Moments later you'll get an email confirming your bookings. Easy!

   If you need to change or cancel your bookings, just enter the event code again. If you're on the same computer, you'll go straight to your bookings.
2016 NORTH COAST HOTEL GROUP
St Augustine's P & F Association
Golf Day Raffle

1st Prize – 20" Academy Entrant BMX bike - Valued at $500

Proudly donated by

VENTOUX CYCLES

THE ST AUGUSTINE'S COMMUNITY WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND GRATITUDE TO ALISTER SCOTFORD AT

VENTOUX CYCLES

2nd Prize – Table Tennis table & accessories - Valued at $370
3rd Prize – GoPro Hero - Valued at $210

With thanks to Amart Sports Community Kick Backs Program

Drawn Sunday 28 February 2016 at Coffs Golf Club
Tickets - $2.00 each
Please return tickets and money to the school office no later than Friday 26 February 2016
The St Augustine’s Enviro Warriors have had a very busy start to the school year. We have been meeting three times a week as we prepare and make our school’s entry into the “Clean Up Australia Day Recycled Sculpture Competition” being run by Park Beach Plaza, Coffs Coast Waste Services, 2CS and The Advocate.

We have only two weeks left until our sculpture is put on display for public votes. We are hoping to complete our sculpture early in week 6.

Unfortunately we can’t show you our progress as it is currently:

However, we can show you some photos taken during the construction:

Thank you to our school community for supplying us with materials to help us build. We do NEED more blue bottle caps. Please send these to Mrs Catling in Year 1.

Keep our environment clean,

Mrs Catling and the St Augustine’s Enviro Warriors
SCHOOL MUSICAL—‘ALICE IN WONDERLAND’

WANTED—COSTUME DESIGNERS AND COSTUME MAKERS!

This year our school musical, "Alice in Wonderland", will be performed in September. If you have an interest in costume design and/or costume making or even if you can do basic sewing please contact Julie McCabe on the email address below.

Are you able to help create props and set scenes? These will all be very simple and mostly made from cardboard, paper and paint.

Helpers will also be needed closer to the performances for make-up and hair etc.

All helpers please email Julie McCabe at: jmccabe@lism.catholic.edu.au

A reminder to those paying school fees by three instalments (and not using our Direct Debit Request facility) – the first payment is due and payable by 1/03/16.

If you are using our direct debit facility and paying by three instalments, your first instalment will be automatically deducted from your account on 1/03/16.

Please call on 6651 0046 before 1/03/16 if you have any queries or are unsure of your payment plan agreement. Thank you.
NORTH COAST HOTEL GROUP  
2016 ST. AUGUSTINE'S P&F GOLF DAY  
4 PERSON MEDLEY AMBROSE EVENT  
COFFS HARBOUR GOLF CLUB - SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2016

SPONSORSHIP / ENTRY FORM

TEAM / BUSINESS NAME: (PLEASE PRINT) ......................................................................................................................

TEAM EMAIL CONTACT: .......................................................................................................................... CONTACT NO.: ............................................................

TEAM MEMBERS  OFFICIAL H/CAP  LAST OFFICIAL H/CAP 5 YEARS
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SHOTGUN START: Please circle preferred hit-off time
Morning 7:00 am (6.30am registration)  Afternoon 12:30 pm (11.30am registration)

PLEASE NOTE - AFTERNOON & CART HIRE PLACES FILL QUICKLY – FIRST PREFERENCE IS GIVEN TO SPONSORS

Official AGU & LGU Handicap limit: MEN 27  WOMEN 36

Please note that male players without an official AGU handicap must play off 10 maximum and female players without an official LGU handicap must play off a 27 maximum. If you have held an official AGU or LGU handicap over the last 5 years, please indicate this on the form. The committee reserves the right to allocate a handicap in these cases.

SPONSORSHIP: Please tick option & preferred payment method and return completed form to Peter Martin at pgmarto3@gmail.com or in person to the school office - Payment required by COB 22.02.16

☐ $500 PLATINUM SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE
(INCLUDES CLUBHOUSE BANNER, RESERVED PLATINUM CLUBHOUSE TABLE FOR PRESENTATION, AUDIO VISUAL SIGNAGE, TEAM OF 4 REGO, GUARANTEED 2 x CARTS, 12 x DRINKS, AFTER GAME PLATTER)

☐ $350 STANDARD SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE
(INCLUDES ON COURSE BANNER, RESERVED CLUBHOUSE TABLE & AUDIO VISUAL SIGNAGE, TEAM OF 4 REGO, GUARANTEED 2 x CARTS)

☐ $120 SPONSORS ADDITIONAL TEAM
(I AM A SPONSOR & REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL TEAM AT A DISCOUNTED RATE OF $120 – TEAM REGO ONLY, CARTS NOT INCLUDED)

☐ $200 TEAM ONLY
(TEAM OF 4 REGO. ONLY)

CART WAITING LIST - I HAVE A PREFERENCE FOR  1  2  CARTS (PLEASE CIRCLE) BUT ACKNOWLEDGE FIRST BOOKINGS GO TO SPONSORS, ANY REMAINING CARTS NOT REQUIRED BY SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES CAN BE Hired FROM REGISTRATION DESK ON THE DAY

☐ ................. SPONSORSHIP/DONATION ONLY (PLEASE PRINT AMOUNT)
(I DO NOT WISH TO ENTER A TEAM, BUT WOULD LOVE TO SUPPORT THIS EVENT)

☐ I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TEAM / RAFFLE / HOLE PRIZES THAT I WOULD LIKE COLLECTED FOR USE ON THE DAY

I DO / DO NOT (PLEASE CIRCLE) HAVE ADVERTISING BANNER/SIGNAGE THAT I WOULD LIKE COLLECTED FOR DISPLAY AT THE COURSE, THEN RETURNED FOLLOWING THE EVENT

☐ PAYMENT OPTION 1 – MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO - ST. AUGUSTINES P&F ASSOC. & RETURN TO 2015 GOLF DAY, ST. AUGUSTINES SCHOOL PO BOX 399 COFFS HARBOUR NSW 2450 OR DROP OFF AT SCHOOL OFFICE

☐ PAYMENT OPTION 2 – EFT – NAB – ST. AUGUSTINES P&F ASSOC. BSB 082-551 ACC: No 838899314

PLEASE CONTACT PETER MARTIN – 0412 538 965, SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES.

THE ST. AUGUSTINE’S COMMUNITY WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND IT’S IMMENSE GRATITUDE TO
OUR 2016 GOLF DAY MAJOR SPONSOR -

[Logo images]

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WONDERFUL SUPPORT & COOPERATION OF THE COFFS HARBOUR GOLF CLUB & STAFF - THANK YOU.
MOTHERS' AND DAUGHTERS' WEEKEND 12 - 13 MARCH

Camping sites are still available at Darlington Beach Holiday Park for this event.

If you aren't a camper you can still come up each day to join in on the activities and fun, and use the facilities for a fee of $5 per person each day.

Some choose to arrive Friday after school and have dinner in the restaurant. (Please note Friday is a school day and girls should attend school all day).

On Saturday there are craft activities from 10am-1pm (at a cost of about $5), then a sandcastle building competition at the beach at 3pm, a BBQ/picnic get together around 5.30 pm and then Lantern stalk once the sun goes down!

The girls are able to ride their scooters and bikes and swim in the pool in between!

Sunday morning we have an ice cream eating competition and a treasure hunt in the morning, then swimming and playing for the rest of the day!

If you have any questions please contact Meagan Kelly (0437175055) or Jann Golding (0412586148).

SCHOOL BANKING

St Augustine’s Primary School participates in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program. The program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week.

School Banking Day at St Augustine’s Primary School is Wednesday. Books will be returned to your children by Wednesday afternoon. Thank you for supporting our school and helping teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child we have information packs at the office. Alternatively, you can open an account at any branch by calling 13 22 21 or online if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer.