Dear Parents and Carers

Ash Wednesday this week marks the beginning of the Church season of Lent and is the preparation time in the journey to Easter. Pope Francis has called for all people during this time to question the attitude of indifference which has become a worldwide problem. He calls all Christians to challenge this: “when we are healthy and comfortable, we forget about others… Our heart grows cold” and “Today, this selfish attitude of indifference has taken on global proportions, to the extent that we can speak of a globalisation of indifference. It is a problem which we, as Christians, need to confront”. During Lent it is good time to reflect and talk with our children about this, to be thankful for our blessings and to reach out to others in need. For the full text go to: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/papa-francesco_20141004_messaggio-quaresima2015.html

The St Augustine’s Golf Day will be held on Sunday 8 March, which will be here before we know it. Spaces are filling fast for teams, so if you’d like to join us for a bit of fun, contact the office to get an entry form. All funds will go towards improving the playground space, a project taken on by the P & F this year, and all children will benefit from funds raised. Our thanks go especially to our major sponsors, North Coast Hotel Group, who have generously supported us this year.

On Monday March 9 all staff will attend a Professional Development Day centred on the new Mathematics curriculum and the school will be closed for students. It may seem like an odd time for this but it is because we have been fortunate to secure a nationally recognised guest speaker – Anita Chinn – to present to the staff and surrounding schools the latest research in teaching Maths. This will not only help us to implement the syllabus but also to teach in a way that grows confidence and ability in Maths for all children.

Congratulation to all our Zone swimming children who competed last week in the selection carnival. Particularly impressive was the support children displayed for each other and the sportsmanship shown in victory and defeat. It is great to get positive feedback from parents, teachers and other schools regarding this – it makes me one happy Principal!

Grace and peace

Peter Watts
Principal
CATECHETICAL NEWS

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion boxes went home this week as Lent commenced on Ash Wednesday 18 February.

Project Compassion, a voluntary activity of Caritas, enables us to give to those less fortunate. Money donated goes to support food creation programs all around the world. A representative from Caritas will speak to senior primary classes next week about Caritas programs.

Boxes should be returned to school before the end of Term One. If you would prefer a receipt for your donation, please complete the details on the lid of the boxes. Receipts will be issued in April by the parish office.

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES

PARISH MASS TIMES

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STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

*** ADVANCE NOTICE ***

There will be a Staff Development Day on Monday 9 March.

There will be no school for children on this day.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/ PHONE NUMBERS

Earlier this month we sent home Family Verification Reports. Please make any changes on the form in blue or red pen and return to the office by Monday 23 Feb. If there are no changes please return the form as well. Thank you.

Changes to School Attendance Guidelines

Please note, from the beginning of 2015, the Minister for Education has approved changes to school attendance requirements.

HOLIDAYS TAKEN BY STUDENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL VACATION PERIODS WILL NOT BE SUPPORTED BY A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION. Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations. If travel during the school term is absolutely necessary an explanation should be given to the Principal.

School is important. Students who miss days at school miss important learning opportunities. If possible, parents and carers should avoid bringing their children to school late or collecting them early. School hours are 8:50 am—3:00 pm.

YEARS 3/4 PARENTS & CARERS GET TOGETHER—Sat 21 February

2:30 pm at Beryl St Park

Where: the Park on the corner of Beryl St and Gallipoli Rd

Bring: snacks, drinks, picnic rug, hats, balls etc

Just turn up, we would love to see you!

Any queries phone Rebecca Guy 0404 908861 or Carol Cowling 0417 277814
P & F NEWS

MEETING
The next P & F Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 March at 7:00 pm in the Library. All welcome.

NORTH COAST HOTELS P & F GOLF DAY
See page 6 for all the details of our North Coast Hotels P & F Golf Day on Sunday 8 March 2015.

GOLF DAY RAFFLE—VENTOUX CYCLES
Raffle tickets have been sent home today for a wonderful prize of an 18” Academy Inspire BMX bike valued at over $400 kindly donated by Alister Scotford of Ventoux Cycles. Please support this raffle and return tickets to the office by Friday 6 March. Thank you.

THANK YOU
The first Big Banana Waterslide Night was well attended. We couldn’t keep up with the demand for sausages! Many thanks to our wonderful parents who helped with the BBQ and selling the arm bands.

Stephen Appleton—P & F Committee President

LARC MATTERS
Our Early Bird Reading Club is an activity designed to encourage students to read more regularly. Early Bird operates from Tuesday to Friday from 8:30 am in the LARC. It is a low key, very positive reading experience particularly targeting students who feel they need some extra reading practice. Year 1 and 2 students are particularly encouraged but older students are more than welcome. We are assisted by Teacher Assistants and volunteer teachers to provide opportunities to read aloud for a few minutes to gain extra reading practice and confidence.

If you feel your child could benefit from some extra reading opportunities please encourage them to pop into the LARC before school to be a part of our club. It is a relaxed, friendly environment which students choose to be a part of. All they need to do is come along and we will ensure they get started.

See you in the LARC
Annie Madden—Teacher Librarian

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY
23 Caritas visit to Yrs 3-6

MARCH
3 Yrs 3/4 Chicken Burger Day
6 Yrs 3-6 Swimming Program
8 NORTH COAST HOTELS P & F Golf Day
9 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—no children at school
13 Yrs 3-6 Swimming Program
16 Photo day—Yr 6
17 School photo day—Yrs K-6
13 Yrs K-2 Chicken Burger Day
20 Yr 6 Grade Mass 9:15 am
Yrs 3-6 Swimming Program
ICAS Digital Tech & Science Competition closing date
21/22 Mothers’ and Daughters’ Weekend
27 Yrs 3-6 Swimming Carnival
28 Dads’ Day Out at the Park Beach Hoey Moey

APRIL
2 Station of the Cross Liturgy Yrs K-6

LAST DAY OF TERM 1 FOR STUDENTS

Free Worldwide Autism Course
Swinburne University of Technology is offering a free six week online course to assist parents, families and carers who live with individuals with Autism. The course starts on Thursday 2nd April - World Autism Day.
For more information and to register go to:

CANTEEN ROSTER

23.02.2015
Mon L Wood
Tues G Bull, R Kennedy
Wed M Bulloch, J Jenkins
Thur M Eden, M Felton, R Felton, C Inwood
Fri D Budd, L Budd, P Crawford, B Guest, J Roach

02.03.2015
Mon K Apps, S Small
Tues A Bonus, J Bourne, D Olutayo, N Savidge, M Vernon
Wed G Franklin, M Murphy, S O’Reilly, M Santana
Thur M De Satge, N Ferrett
Fri P Crawford, P Duffy, H Gallatly, W McLean, J Roach

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 Cross Country Trials
The St. Augustine’s Cross Country trials are postponed due to the severe weather warnings for the area. Students and parents will be notified of a back-up date. Please remain posted for this date.

Lunchtime cross country training is scheduled to commence on Monday 23 February for students wishing to train for the representative trials.

Polding Representative Trials – Summer Sports: Basketball, Cricket, Softball and Tennis
Congratulations to all students who attended the Polding Summer Sports trials on Friday 6 February. All students trialled extremely well. We would like to make special mention of the following students on successfully making the Polding teams for their respective sports. These students will go on to attend the NSWPSSA trials.

Madison Howarth (basketball), Connor Hennessy (tennis), Cooper Jones (tennis), Benjamin Langler (softball), Georgie Martin (cricket)

Clarence Zone Representative Trials – Winter Sports: Netball, Football, Hockey, Rugby League, Rugby Union
Students who have nominated for the Winter Sports trials will be receiving more information soon.

For the sports that have large nomination numbers, Clarence Zone trials will proceed on Wednesday 25 February 2015, from 4pm to 5pm, at Woolgoolga. Parents please make travel arrangements for your student to get to the venue.

Clarence Zone Representative Trials – Swimming
The St Augustine’s swimming team travelled to Grafton for the Clarence Zone trials on Thursday 12 February. These trials were to qualify for the Clarence Zone team who will participate in the Lismore Diocesan swimming trials in Murwillumbah on Wednesday 4 March 2015.

St Augustine’s Primary School was named ‘Champion School’, while a number of our students got special mention as ‘Age Champions’. Congratulations to all children that competed, especially the ones who will now represent the Clarence Zone. We would like to wish these students the best of luck for the Diocesan trials, congratulations on your success so far.

Lily Betland (age champion), Alyssa Golding (age champion) Nicholas Bulloch (age champion).
Rory Beech, Lucy George, Malone Canning, Connor Ryan, Alexis Felton, Clare Kelly, Cooper Marle, Loki Marchant, Jayda Kachel, Nick Caldwell, Archie Budd, Laila McDonald, Lachlan Marle, Sophie Ryan, Oscar Pike, Finn Klinkers, Trinity Kachel, Oliver Canning, Ainhoa Appleton, Lila Smith.

CHBA’s ‘2015 Summer Primary School Competition’ – Basketball
Teams need your help – we have four coaching and managing positions left to fill! Basketball experience is helpful, but not necessary, in order to fill these roles. Parents/carers or community members who are interested in helping a basketball team can contact Ms M'Dermid to register their interest.

Sport Enquiries
Please direct any sporting enquiries that you may have to Ms Kristy M’Dermid at: kmcdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au

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 DDR facility) - first payment is due and payable by 1/03/15.

If you are using our direct debit facility, your first instalment will be automatically deducted from your account on 2/03/15.

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

Register now for the upcoming season at Boambeefc.com.au

• Or Visit one of our Registration days at Toormina Gardens 21 and 28 Feb
• For more information contact Fiona 0427585194

2014 NCF CLUB OF THE YEAR

Coffs Comets Junior League Football Club
First Sign-on Day
(All ages 6 – 16 years)
On site at Coffs Harbour Leagues Club
28 February 2015 from 1.00pm
Training Days Tuesday & Thursday
Play Saturday Morning
ALL NEW PLAYERS WELCOME
Club Contact:- Robert Loader – 0437 043 977

Register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au or at Polwarth Drive sporting fields on Sat 21 Feb from 1-3pm
or Thursday 26 Feb from 4-6pm
Further Information - Mellesa Bennett 0437579528
NORTH COAST HOTEL GROUP

2015 ST AUGUSTINE’S P&F GOLF DAY

The North Coast Hotel Group, 2015 P & F Golf Day will be held on Sunday 8 March at Coffs Harbour Golf Club. We are excited to welcome The North Coast Hotel Group as our new 2015 Major Sponsor. We are overwhelmed by their generosity and we look forward to sharing the huge day ahead with them.

The day is proving as popular as ever with many team nominations & sponsors coming on board already. A big thank you to all the generous sponsors who have participated so far. Great prizes on offer and raffles to be drawn on the day.

Two ‘shot gun’ tee off times are available at 7:00 am and 12:30 pm. Places are filling up fast and there are only a handful of afternoon tee-off time slots remaining, but plenty of morning tee-off times still available, so why not organise your business, some friends, or work colleagues for a fantastic day out, keeping in mind that you don’t have to be a golfer to enjoy the day & the Ambrose format lends itself to casual & social play. Simply being involved gives you a chance to win some great prizes.

ATTENTION – LUCKY DOOR PRIZE

This year’s Lucky door golf day prize is a 10” Samsung Galaxy Tab4.

All players are automatically entered into the draw once team nominations are received, with opportunities to purchase additional tickets & increase your chances on the day. Note - you do not have to be a player to enter the Lucky Door prize on the day.

Thank you to Peter Horan at The Sommerville Group for generously donating the Tablet & their continuous support of the day.

Sponsor/Team Nomination forms are available from the school office. Please ensure nominations are returned to the school by 3:30 pm on Friday 27 February.

Should parents/grandparents wish to help out on the day or for further information please contact Peter Martin on 0412 538965. You may also contact the school office 66521204.

MOTHERS’ & DAUGHTERS’ WEEKEND

21 & 22 MARCH

The Mothers’ and Daughters’ Weekend is being held on 21 and 22 March. It's a great weekend to bond with your daughter, spend time with your friends and your daughter's friends, and meet and make new friends.

If you have any further questions, have a look at the information you received last year for Mothers’ and Daughters’ Weekend, or you can call Meagan Kelly on 0437175055, or Jann Golding on 0412586148.
DADS’ DAY OUT

St Augustine’s ‘Dad’s Day Out’ at the Hoey Moey - Saturday 28 March, from 2:00 pm.

Calling all dads!

The P & F would like to call on all St Augustine's dads to assemble at the Park Beach Hotel Motel on Saturday 28 March at 2:00 pm. The purpose of the afternoon is the annual social get together so St Augustine’s dads are able to welcome the new Kindergarten dads to the school.

Cool refreshments available from behind the bar at a reasonable cost.

Enquiries, contact Stephen Appleton, P & F President 0457 860 070 / sappleton67@yahoo.co.uk

CURRICULUM CORNER

Students in Years 3-6 are invited to enter the 2015 UNSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). Entry is optional. All students who enter receive certificates and detailed reports highlighting areas of strength and weakness. A note with entry details was sent home with students recently. Please contact the school office if you have not received a note and would like one.

Stephanie George
Leader of Learning: Administration/Curriculum

St Augustine’s Parish Playgroup

Playgroup has kicked off again for 2015! Mums, Dads or carers of little people aged 0-5 are welcome and encouraged to come and join us on Mondays during school terms from 9:00—11:00 am in the backyard of the Curran Centre.

Playgroup is free, with tea and coffee provided. BYO morning tea. Come and enjoy a cuppa while the kids play in a secure indoor/outdoor space with a great range of toys!

For more information call Fran on 0409 597 866.
Year 3 and Year 4 Park Get Together

A chance for kids and families to meet up on a Saturday afternoon
When: Saturday 21 February 2:30pm onwards
Where: the Park on the corner of Beryl St and Gallipoli Rd
(a 2 minute drive from the Murray Drive Netball Courts)
Bring: Snacks, drinks, picnic rug, hats, balls etc

Just turn up. We would love to see you!
phone Rebecca Guy 0404 908861 or Carol Cowling 0417 277814

CHURCH CAR PARK—DISABLED CAR PARK SPOT
Please be courteous and leave the Church disabled car park available for motorists in genuine need of a disabled car park.
Coffs Coast Family
FUN DAY
Sun 22 Feb / 11am-4pm

Unlimited rides and park access ALL DAY

Adult $29
Child $24
(under 14 years)

The Coffs Harbour Chamber of Commerce invites you to a
Fun Filled Family Day Out
at The Big Banana!

Enjoy Unlimited Rides and Unlimited Access throughout the park, all day, at an amazing special fun day price.
Save over 60% off normal rates.

Yummy sausage sizzle available or bring your own picnic, chairs and a blanket.

Tickets available on the day at The Big Banana main ticket office from 10:30am (next to Gift Shop)

everyone welcome!
Join us for the 2015 Family Retreat

Register for Southern Retreat by 13th March by emailing parents@lism.catholic.edu.au

- Evening activities
- Games for kids
- Relax and enjoy quality family time and activities
- Meet and connect with other families

Fr Gerald O’Collins as Spiritual Director
- Meeting you where you are at on your faith journey
- Mass, reconciliation, prayer

All costs covered by:

For more information please contact your Parish School Parent Representative or your Parent Assembly Cluster Organisers:

Peta Rourke: Hastings Macleay (m) 0400420614
Paul Edgar: Clarence (m) 042718122
Jo Kelly: Richmond (m) 0407706454
Leanne Robbins: Tweed (m) 0407143975

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