Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and especially a warm welcome to our new families. It is wonderful to start school again and the children have certainly had a settled start. It was a pleasure and a privilege to be with the new Kindergarten children as they begin a new adventure at ‘big school’.

Last week an email was sent outlining multiple changes involving the student awards, assemblies, parent-teacher interviews and plans for the year. There was quite a lot of information in that letter and if you have any concerns or didn’t receive a copy please contact the office.

One of the biggest and most enjoyable fundraising events for the year is happening soon – the St Augustine’s P&F Golf Day, proudly sponsored by the North Coast Hotel Group. If you would like to play or sponsor the event, check out the information in the following pages but don’t delay as time slots fill fast. If you would like to play but haven’t got a team, contact the office.

The playground has been a huge hit this week with the kids so excited to use the new equipment. The popularity has meant that we have had to roster grade groups on certain days, with the focus on K-2 children. The bigger kids in Years 3-6 will have an occasional chance to play during class time.

With all of the daily dramas of getting to school on time, sometimes your child may arrive late. The procedure is for the parent to take the child to the office so we can note this on our electronic register and give the child a late slip for the teacher. This saves the teacher from stopping lessons to modify rolls and ensures we know where every child is at all times.

Coffs Council have advised that the Rangers have been directed to patrol and fine cars that are parked or moving incorrectly in school zones. This especially includes the “No Stopping” zones (penalty for stopping in this zone is $319) and the area around the pedestrian crossing on Albany St near the hall. The penalty for stopping on the crossing is $419 and a number of people were booked last year. In the interests of safety of our children (and your hard-earned money!), please take heed of the road rules (see attached flyer from the Council on page 8 for more information).

Grace and Peace

[Signature]
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
ASH WEDNESDAY
Students will participate in Ash Wednesday Liturgies next week.

TERM 1 MASSES
Please see ‘Coming Events’ or the school calendar on our website for details of Masses this Term.

STUDENT COUNCIL INDUCTION
Congratulations to our Student Council members who were inducted at Mass on Friday 29 January. We are proud of our school leaders and are confident they will set a great example in 2016.

NEW FAMILIES BBQ
A welcome BBQ will be held on Thursday 11 February for all new families to our school this year. Invitations were sent home today with the children.

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

P & F NEWS MEETING
The next P & F Meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 16 February at 7:00 pm in the LARC. All welcome. We’re looking forward to seeing an increased involvement in the P & F this year. Come along to hear about what’s happening in your child’s school.

2016 NORTH COAST HOTELS GROUP ST AUGUSTINE’S P&F GOLF DAY
AMBROSE EVENT AT COFFS HARBOUR GOLF CLUB SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2016
Our Annual Golf Day - widely anticipated each year - is fast approaching. The event has become not only one of the school community’s most popular gatherings, but arguably the Coffs Golf Club’s largest annual golf day with in excess of 250 participants. It is a great day of golf and sponsors continue to receive great feedback from the exposure received on the day.

You are invited to save the date and please pass this information on to friends who may be interested. We guarantee you will have a great day.

It gives us great satisfaction to see the sponsors and teams enjoy themselves and social golfers are more than welcome as the Ambrose event format lends itself to fun and ease of play.

In the meantime, should you require further information or wish to register your interest for sponsorship / nominate a team / or both, please contact Peter Martin on 0412 538 965 or pgmarto3@gmail.com

GOLF DAY ENTRY FORM ON PAGE 10

2016 STUDENT COUNCIL

FAMILY VERIFICATION REPORT
Please return family verification reports to the office by Monday so all family information can be updated.
Thank you.
CANTEEN ROSTER

08.02.2016
Mon G Franklin, L Seccombe
Tues J Armytage, R Morrison, C Williams
Wed K White
Thur M Eden, M Martinez, C Williams
Fri P Crawford, P Duffy, H O’Rourke, K Van Ryswyk

15.02.2016
Mon K Wilkinson, L Wood
Tues G Bull, R Kennedy
Wed
Thur M Felton, R Felton, C Thompson
Fri J Arnold, J Arragon, L Budd, P Crawford, E Dow, A Stagg

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

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY
7 Staff Commissioning Mass 6:00 pm
10 Ash Wednesday
11 Welcome new families BBQ
12 Yrs 1 & 5 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
17 Dance Fever
18 Clarence Zone Swimming at Maclean NRMA Bus Safety program
19 Newsletter
Yrs 2 & 4 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
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’ Weekend
15 SCHOOL PHOTOS
16 Dance Fever
18 Newsletter
Diocesan Winter Sports Trials at Grafton
Yrs 3-6 Swimming program
21 School Cross Country

APRIL
8 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—NO CHILDREN AT SCHOOL

SEMESTER ONE PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
LAST year we introduced online bookings for parent teacher interviews. Please see Page 12 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.
**SPORT NEWS**

**Welcome back!**
Welcome back to the 2016 school year.

Please direct any sporting enquiries that you may have over the course of the year to the Sports Administrator, Ms Kristy M’Dermid. Contact can be made via email on kmcdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au (preferred method) or via phone on (02) 6652 1204 (and ask for Kristy M’Dermid).

**Clarence Zone Representative Trials – Swimming**
The St Augustine’s swimming team will be travelling to Maclean for the Clarence Zone Swimming trials on Thursday 18 February (revised date). These trials are to qualify for the Clarence Zone team which will participate in the Lismore Diocesan swimming trials in Lismore on Wednesday 2 March.

Good luck to these students for the Clarence trials: Jaime Lind, Jenna Jones, Lucy George, Mykenzie Smith, Chloe Caldwell, Alexis Felton, Clare Kelly, Lily Betland, Jayda Kachel, Lillie-Ann Cowling, Ainhoa Appleton, Laila McDonald, Trinity Kachel, Holly Simmons, Riley Betland, Ewan Baker, Malone Canning, Connor Ryan, Cooper Marle, Loki Marchant, Flynn Oates, Nicholas Caldwell, Archie Budd, Zac Knott, Rory Beech, Lachlan Marle.

**Clarence Zone Representative Trials – Winter Sports: Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union**
Year 5 and Year 6 students who are interested in nominating for the Clarence Zone Winter Sports trials (football, hockey, netball, rugby league, rugby union) were required to attend a meeting yesterday. If anyone missed the meeting and they are still interested in attending one of these representative trials, students are required to collect a form from the Sport Office, as soon as possible. Forms are due back for this event next Wednesday.

For the sports that have numerous nominations, Clarence Zone trials will proceed on Wednesday 24 February, from 4 - 5pm, at St Francis Xavier Primary School, Woolgoolga. Another meeting will be held with students to inform them, if this is the case. Parents please make travel arrangements for your student to get to the venue.

**Lismore Diocesan Representative Trials: Australian Rules Football**
Year 5 and Year 6 students who are interested in nominating for the Lismore Diocesan Australian Rules Football trials are required to collect a form from the Sport Office.

Trials for this sport will be held in Grafton on Friday 26 February. Parents please make travel arrangements for your student to get to the venue.

**Polding Representative Trials – Summer Sports: Basketball, Cricket, Softball and Tennis**
The school wishes the following students good luck when they represent Lismore Diocesan teams at the Polding Summer Sports trials today. Students who have made it to this level of representation are trialling against all of the Catholic primary schools in the northern ‘half’ of the state. We look forward to hearing the results.

Trinity Kachel (basketball), Richard (Holden) Stubbs (basketball), Centaine O’Carroll (basketball), Lachlan Carlyle (cricket), Gabrielle Kolic-Clarke (softball), Benjamin Langler (softball), Deanna Watkins (softball), Connor Hennessy (tennis), Cooper Jones (tennis), Max Jones (tennis).

**St Augustine’s School Sport**
Students in Year 1 to Year 6 will be visited by Mr Tony Polack and his team from Polack’s Tennis Coaching as part of the program of development officers that are visiting the school this year. Students will be focusing on the ‘striking’ aspect of the PDHPE syllabus.

All students will also be involved in continuous cricket as part of sport. The main elements of the syllabus will involve ‘catching’ and ‘striking’.
NRL Visit: West Tigers come to St Augustine’s Primary School
St Augustine’s hosted the NRL’s West Tigers when players Chance Peni and Joel Edwards dropped by with Jessie Reeves (NRL – Game Development Officer, Northern NSW) on Thursday 4 February. The visitors delivered the NRL Dream, Believe, Achieve program to the Year 6 cohort, focusing on aspects such as physical activity, nutrition and mental well-being. Thank you to Jessie, Chance and Joel for visiting our Year 6 students to deliver this very important message.

CHBA’s ‘2016 Summer Primary School Competition’ – Basketball
Students who are interested in playing basketball have been signing up for teams at school. It is not too late to join a team. Please ask your child to get an information flyer from Ms McDermid.

Teams also need your help! For teams to be accepted in the nomination process, two adults are required to be associated with each team (coach and manager). 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 McDermid to register their interest.

Put it in your diaries
Friday 5 February – Polding Summer Sports trials
Thursday 18 February – Clarence Zone Swimming trials
Wednesday 24 February – Clarence Zone Winter Sports trials
Thursday 25 February – Sheffield Shield cricket excursion: NSW v SA
Friday 26 February – Lismore Diocesan Aussie Rules Football trials

Yours in sport,

Erin Bennett – Sports Coordinator
Kristy McDermid – Sports Administrator
Dear Parents

During Term 1 on 8 March, Mr Peter Watts will be involved in a principal appraisal process as part of his contract conditions. This appraisal process, conducted following the completion of the first year in the role, seeks information from a variety of people associated with the parish school and uses a number of tools to ensure effective consultation. The process aims to highlight the aspects of the leadership offered and identify areas for further development.

A timeline is currently being arranged to suit the needs of the parish school community. The panel consists of two senior Catholic Schools Office (CSO) consultants and a diocesan principal nominated by the CSO executive.

The principal appraisal process involves:

- review of the principal’s goals for the year
- interview with the principal
- interview with the parish priest
- interview with the school executive
- interview and surveys of school staff
- interviews with parents of the official parent body
- survey of parents

In writing the appraisal report, the chair makes use of the information gathered but does not identify sources. The principal does not sight the survey returns and they are destroyed at the CSO once the report is finalised.

The Director of Catholic Schools provides an appraisal report to the principal.

Should you have any questions about this process please contact the Catholic Schools Office.

Yours sincerely

Dirk Botha
Assistant Director School Resources Services
Phillip Hughes Tribute Match

Attention Years 3 – 6 children.

On Thursday 25 February in Coffs Harbour, the Redbacks and Blues cricket teams are to play in the Sheffield Shield match in memory of Phillip Hughes.

Is your child interested in attending the day?

Please go to the link below and fill in the full name and class of your child.

http://goo.gl/forms/yAxqbYOLhs

Closing date for expression of interest is Wed 17 February.

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2015 YEARBOOK!!
DID YOU MISS OUT LAST YEAR?
SOME COPIES STILL AVAILABLE!
$25 EACH  PURCHASE AT THE OFFICE
SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Increased penalties for School Zones. Current as at February 3rd 2016

**NO STOPPING**

Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must **NOT STOP** your **vehicle** at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

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**BUS ZONE**

Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

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**DOUBLE PARKING**

You are **NOT PERMITTED** to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

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- **STOP** in a NO STOPPING zone: **$319 + 2 Demerit Points**, or **STOP** on or near a Children’s or Pedestrian Crossing: **$415 + 2 Demerit Points**
- **STOP** on path/strip in built up area: **$177 + 2 Demerit Points**
  These penalties apply to offences in school zones during posted school hours.
- **STOP** or **Park** in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit (**all areas**) : **$519**
LARC Matters
Welcome to Term One in the LARC. We have lots happening and as always the LARC has a great feel about it with many students visiting throughout the week to read, browse, research, borrow and relax.

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

LIBRARY DAYS:
Year K – Monday
Year 1 – Tuesday
Year 2 – Tuesday
Year 3 – Thursday
Year 4 – 4H and 4B – Tuesday; 4M and 4P – Friday
Year 5 – 5H and 5M Monday; 5C and 5S – Thursday
Year 6 – Friday

eLearning
This week our Acceptable Use Agreements go home. These annual documents need to be read, discussed, understood and signed by all students. We take our commitment to safely use technology seriously and this document ensures everyone understands their responsibility when using devices at school.

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

Keep reading!
Mrs Loader
Teacher Librarian

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM 2016
Instrumental Music Program lessons for Term 1 will commence next week.

Students should have been informed of their lesson day and time. If they have not, please contact their music teacher directly.

If a student is interested in learning an instrument, please contact the school office.
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 38 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 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 838893914

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

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North Coast Hotel Group
Great food. Live music. Good times.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WONDERFUL SUPPORT & COOPERATION OF THE COFFS HARBOUR GOLF CLUB & STAFF - THANK YOU.
2016 NORTH COAST HOTEL GROUP - ST AUGUSTINE’S P&F GOLF DAY
AMBROSE EVENT COFFS HARBOUR GOLF CLUB
SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2016

Our annual Charity Golf Day, widely anticipated each year is quickly approaching. The event has become not only one of the school community’s most popular gatherings, but arguably the Coffs Golf Club’s largest annual charity day, with in excess of 250 participants.

Last year was a great success and we hope to increase the profile of the event this year. We strive to ensure sponsors receive excellent value for their sponsorship dollar as we acknowledge the day would not be successful without the significant support of local businesses and families. Attached to this Newsletter is a Sponsorship/Entry Form which has also been emailed.

Please note, first preference is given to sponsors for the allocated number of carts and AM/PM tee-off times. To ensure early security of your preferences, please return your completed Sponsorship/Entry Form with details and payment to St Augustine’s School by COB 22 February 2016 (email, post or in person entries are all acceptable methods – for payment: EFT, cheque or cash are acceptable). The event is a shotgun start with all morning players teeing off at 7.00am and all afternoon players teeing off at 12.30pm.

Should you have any queries please feel free to contact Peter Martin on 0412 538 965.

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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.
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.

PARISH SCHOOLS OFFICE

Serving the Catholic Schools of Coffs Harbour and Sawtell

2015 PRIZE DRAW

Congratulations to Mr Andrew Bartha and Ms Melissa Morandin, who won the Pacific Bay prize draw and to Ms Carolyn Turner, who won the $100 Commonwealth Bank Youth Saver Account prize draw.

(Winners are drawn annually from all those who have kept their school fees payment agreement).

We are very grateful to Novotel Coffs Harbour Pacific Bay Resort and Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program for their support and sponsorship.

Please feel welcome to call us on 6651 0046 if you have any queries or wish to discuss any issues concerning your school fees account. All enquiries are strictly confidential.

Email: admin@parishschoolsoffice.com.au  Website: www.parishschoolsoffice.com.au