Dear Parents, Staff and Children

Welcome to the 2013 school year. The staff and I are looking forward to working with you in what will be a most exciting school year.

It seems that the start of our school year coincides with tragedies around the country. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those affected by the recent floods and bush fires.

I hope your family has had a positive start to the school year and is looking forward to the fruits that the year will bring. In 2013, we are celebrating our 100th Anniversary. Please take some time to visit our Centenary Page on the school website.

A special welcome to our new Kindergarten students and their families who not only join our school community, but also come to school for the very first time. This is a special milestone in everyone’s life. A special welcome to a number of new students and their families who have enrolled into Year 1-6. I am sure you will feel apart of our community very quickly. Please take some time to read today’s Newsletter as it contains a lot of important information to start the school year.

We welcome the following new staff:
- Miss Anna Humphries – Kinder
- Miss Erin Lyons – Year One
- Miss Jessica Dal Pozzo – Year Four
- Miss Alesha Turner – Year Five
- Mr Matt Butler – Year Six
- Mrs Barbra Symons/Mrs Alicia Betland – Canteen
- Miss Leila Walker – Trainee in Kinder
- Miss Kirndeep Gill – Trainee in Year One

We also welcome back the following staff: Mrs Stacy Wong and Mrs Melissa Clarke

Please help to make these staff feel welcome.

Peace and Best Wishes
Jake

This photo was taken on Monday after our Centenary Mass to symbolise the ringing of the school bell for the first time by the Good Samaritan Sisters on Monday 3 February 1913.

It was rung by Bishop Jeffery Jarrett to tremendous applause by the students. Later in the year, Friday 13 September, we will again assemble around the ‘old school bell’ to unearth the time capsule that was laid during our school’s 75th Anniversary celebrations.
RE AND MINISTRY NEWS
SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
On Friday 1 February, the School Representative Council students were presented with their badges, which were blessed by Father Shelwyn, at the School Council Liturgy. We look forward to working with the Student Council in 2013.

CENTENARY MASS
Once again the bells rang out at St Augustine’s. On Monday 4 February, the Most Reverend Bishop Jeffrey Jarrett attended St Augustine’s in order to ‘kick off’ the Centenary of St Augustine’s School. The morning began with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Jarrett who communicated the importance of our teachers continuing the wonderful and selfless work of the Good Samaritan Sisters, carried out 100 years ago. Bishop Jarrett also expressed his thoughts and concerns about the lack of faith in today’s mainstream society and spoke of the vital importance of our community in continuing to develop and strengthen its beliefs and Catholic identity. Mass was followed by Bishop Jarrett ringing the school bell, in the school grounds, with all our students looking on with pride. The ringing commemorated 3 February 1913, when the school bell of St Augustine’s rang for the first time. During the first year, our school only had 31 pupils enrolled, from Kindergarten to Year 6. Look how far we've come!

LENT BEGINS
The Season of Lent will soon be upon us commencing with Ash Wednesday, on Wednesday 13 February. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the 40 day liturgical period of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. You are kindly invited to come along to the Ash Wednesday Liturgies. The Years K-2 Liturgy will be held in the Wet Weather Area at 11.40 am and the Mass for Years 3-6 will be held in the Church at 9.15 am. We would love parents to be a part of the special days in our Church, so please do come along.

Scott Bohringer—P & F Committee Secretary

P & F NEWS
BIG BANANA WATERSlide NIGHT
The Big Banana Waterslide night has been cancelled due to a double booking. A new booking has been made for later in the year.

QUALITY INN
CITY CENTRE
22 Elizabeth Street
COFFS HARBOUR NSW 2450
Telephone: 6652 6388

CENTENARY GOLF DAY
The P & F Quality Inn City Centre Centenary Golf Day is on Sunday 24 March at Coffs Harbour Golf Club. This is a social event and you don’t have to be a serious golfer to enjoy the day. There are spots available for teams, especially in the morning so why not organise some friends, dress up if you like, and have a great day out on the course.

Two shot gun tee offs are available at 7:00 am and 12:30 pm. Places are filling up fast with preference given to sponsors, particularly in the Afternoon start. Great prizes on offer and Raffles to be drawn on the Day. For further information - school office 66521204 or you can contact the Golf Day Coordinator Stephen Ryan on 0402 898571.

GOLF DAY RAFFLE
The P and F will once again raffle a bike and we thank Ventoux Cycles for their contribution to the prize. Families are asked to support the raffle in the days leading up to the Golf Day. The raffle will be drawn at the end of play on the day.

Scott Bohringer—P & F Committee Secretary

Kindergarten Dads’ Welcome
On Saturday 16 February all our Year One – Year Six dads are encouraged to come along to the Hoey Moey from 2-5pm, to help welcome our new kinder dads to our school. If you know a kinder dad please give them a call and invite them along. We look forward to the opportunity to catch up with all our dads.
SPORT NEWS

RETURNING UNIFORMS
We are missing a couple of singlets, jumpers, shorts and socks in our sets. If anyone has any St Augustine’s basketball or rugby uniforms at home please send them in to the sports office to be counted.

BASKETBALL AND RUGBY 2013
If you are interested in playing basketball or rugby for St Augustine’s or you have a team already playing that wants to remain in the competition in 2013, please see Mrs Kama in the sports office to make sure you don’t miss out.

RUGBY—NATHAN SHARPE
Former Wallaby Captain Nathan Sharpe will be providing a free Junior Coaching Clinic as part of the iconic Crescent Head 7’s.
When: Saturday February 9, 2013
Where: Ian Walton Fields, Crescent Head Rd, Crescent Head
Time: 10:30 am
Who: From U8 to U16 age group.
Bring hat, sunscreen and water bottle. Nathan will also be on hand to sign autographs at the conclusion of the session.

DIOCESAN AFL TRIALS
Year 5 or 6 students who have appropriate skills, experience or past performance in the sport of AFL are invited to nominate for the Diocesan AFL Trials to be held at Grafton on Friday, 1 March 2013. You must nominate on the online form and SUBMIT it on or before Thursday, 14 February (deadlines are strictly enforced).

To nominate go to the Diocesan Sport Website http://sport.lism.catholic.edu.au - Online Registration Diocesan Sport then click on the appropriate Primary event (not to be confused with a number of Secondary events listed there).

Please let Mr Hammond or Mrs Kama know you have enrolled in this so when we receive the final list we can ensure none of our students have been missed.

BASKETBALL—LIZ CAMBAGE
The Coffs Harbour Basketball Association is thrilled to announce a visit by one of the biggest names in world basketball today! Olympian and Opals Star Liz Cambage is set to visit Coffs Harbour and you are invited to one of her coaching clinics. All clinics are limited to the first 100 people to register.
When: Wednesday 13 February 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Where: Sportz Central, Bray St, Coffs Harbour
Cost: $5 per person

Parent Information Night
On Tuesday 12 February our staff will be offering information sessions on the happenings inside their cohorts. This is a great night (for parents only) to learn more about the teaching and learning for each grade. The first session inside the cohorts begins at 7:00 pm and concludes at 7:40 pm. The same session will be repeated at 7:45 pm to 8:25 pm. There will be tea and coffee available outside the Canteen where the support staff (Music, Drama, PE, LARC) will be available to meet with parents.

CLARENCE ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The St Augustine’s Zone Swimming team list has been on KnowledgeNET since late last year, but unfortunately there are a number of grades that are unable to see this when they log in. Our IT staff are endeavouring to fix this situation and we apologise for the inconvenience.

Thirty five children will travel to Grafton on Thursday 21 February for this Carnival. Please return the note to us as soon as possible to ensure your child does not miss out. If you as a parent would like to travel with the team to Grafton please let us know and we can add you to the bus list.

Dan Hammond—Sports Coordinator

STUDENT AND FAMILY INFORMATION UPDATE FOR 2013
Student and family information we have on our records has been sent home for updating. Please make any changes on the pages (in red or blue ink) and return to the office by Friday 15 February. It is essential that all our information is up to date.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM
String and Band Ensemble will commence next week. Band will be from 3.15-4pm on Monday afternoons and String Ensemble will be 3.15-4pm on Tuesday afternoons. Our After School Music Program is expanding this year and is offering a mixed ensemble (all instruments) rehearsal on Monday afternoons from 4-5pm. This ensemble is for students in Years 6 - 9 and is held in the Glee Room. All level of reading is welcomed and I encourage all parents to take advantage of this group especially for past students who have learnt an instrument through our program. A reminder—accounts for outstanding 2012 invoices have been sent home this week. To ensure your child continues lessons in 2013, please bring your account up to date. Invoices for 2013 will be forwarded to families within the next few weeks and must be settled prior to the end of Term. In order for us to minimise administration costs, please keep your payments up to date each Term. Thank you.
CANTEEN ROSTER

FEBRUARY
11.02.2013
Mon  E Joyce, R Mott
Tues  R Kennedy, D La Rosa
Wed  S Hartsuyker, L Trotman
Thur  M Felton, N Smith
Fri  D Budd, L Budd, J Lo Tam, J Roach, K Taylor

18.02.2013
Mon  S Small, M Switzer
Tues  H Murray, D Olutayo
Wed  S Grimmond, L Wood
Thur  M De Satge, N Ferrett
Fri  C Cowling, P Duffy, E Fitzgerald, J Lo Tam, 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

LARC MATTERS
The LARC has been a very busy place since day one this Term. All classes have borrowed and made their I-Pick (class reading) selections as well as their home borrowing. Kindergarten will be visiting us on Monday. Please be aware that library bags are an essential part of school equipment and every child from Kindergarten to Year 6 must have one to take books home from the LARC. Please support your child’s reading development by ensuring they have a bag on their borrowing day.

Library day for Kindergarten is Monday and for Years 1 and 2 on Tuesday.

See you in the LARC,
Mrs Madden—Teacher/Librarian

CORRECT SCHOOL UNIFORM
It’s been wonderful to see the children return in the correct school uniform. Unfortunately there are some students who have the incorrect footwear. Please refer to the uniform policy before you set out to purchase new items. The only hat to be worn is the school hat which can be purchased at the office. It has the school crest on it. School shoes should be polishable black leather style shoes. NO SKATE SHOES OR SUEDE JOGGERS are allowed. Sports shoes should be predominately white with white laces.

LOST PROPERTY
The Lost Property Boxes are full after one week of school. Please try to encourage your child to be responsible for their personal belongings. Each day staff pick up numerous lunch boxes and drink bottles left around the school. Every item must be labelled. Thank you for assisting us in this matter.

MORNING ARRIVALS
A reminder to parents that school supervision begins with the first bus arriving at 8:15 am. No students are to arrive at school before 8:15 am. Children arriving from 8:15 am are to sit down quietly in the undercover area outside the Canteen under the supervision of a teacher. The following points are to be followed:

- 8:30 am—Children are able to play in their designated areas under teachers’ supervision.
- 8:50 am—School begins. Children arriving after 8:50 am must report to the office for a late slip.

AFTERNOON DEPARTURES
The school day ends at 3:00 pm. Students are walked from their cohorts to specific home collection destinations. They are:

- Children participating in After School Care meet the staff member at the top of the ramp leading to the sustainable garden.
- Children travelling by bus are walked to the undercover area bus lines.
- Children riding bikes/scooters must walk their bike/scooter through the school grounds.
- Children walking home must follow the line to the appropriate school exit point.
- If parents are collecting children from school, please wait inside the gate at the Gordon Street pedestrian crossing - called the ‘Gordon St pick up area’ (opposite the Church).

Parents wishing to collect their child via the drop off/pick up zone in Albany Street (called ‘Gardens Area pickup’) are reminded to drive through and not park in the zone.

PLEASE NOTE:
* Please move forward to the furthest pick up space.
* No parking in the drop off/pick up facility.
* Please follow all directions given by teachers.
* Be slow with driving, but quick with children entering and leaving vehicles.

Please phone the office if you are going to be late to pick up your child. Children not collected by 3:15 pm are brought to the office and parents contacted.

Reminder
Albany Street Drive—Through Zone
Parking around the school is limited especially at the beginning of the year. Parents are able to drive through the Albany St pick up area and staff will direct children to your car. However, if everyone arrives at 3:00 pm or just before, cars bank up. Staff are on duty until 3:15 pm and parents who wait until 3:05 or 3:10 have a clear run. Any car banked up along Albany St in the No Stopping zone can face a hefty fine. If your child is not waiting when you drive through, please continue on and drive back around. The safety of all is paramount and we thank you for cooperating with staff to ensure the children get home safely.

Let us create that beautiful smile you’ve always wanted!

Coffs Harbour Orthodontics
PHONE: 02 6651 2977
198 Pacific Hwy, North Coffs Harbour, 2450
www.coffsharbourortho.com.au

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- The most established orthodontic practice on the Coffs Coast
- Latest technology including invisible braces & invisalign™
- Lingual Braces (braces on the inside surface of teeth)
- Interest free payment plans that are customized for you
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

VACATION CARE

We had so much fun at Vacation Care with many different things to do and experience! The weather threw a spanner in the works with our excursions (either too hot or too wet) but the alternative program was well received by the children. Thank you to all the children for their great behaviour while at care. It was lovely to see so many new children during Vacation Care, mainly the Kindy 2013 children who used Vacation Care to get to know new friends and the school surroundings.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

A big welcome to all new families and a big welcome back to all our returning families.

Medication/First Aid - Following our letter dated 12 November 2012, a number of families still have not updated their medication/first aid information for children who attend After School Care. As a matter of urgency, can you please ensure you advise us of all current medication/first aid requirements needed. If you are unsure, please call me and I can go through the information we currently have on file.

Birth Certificate/Immunisation Certificate - A letter was also forwarded to families asking for a copy of the Immunisation and/or Birth Certificate to be held on file by the school and After School Care. Can you please ensure these documents are forwarded to school without delay in order for us to comply with current legal regulations. If you are unsure if documents are needed, please contact the school office to confirm. Thank you.

Invoices - current invoices will be sent out by post to families next week. Please ensure payments are brought up to date as soon as possible to help us meet our financial commitments to the service.

Term 1 has started and the children are slowly getting back into their normal routine and so is ASC. Please advise us if you do NOT want your child to do homework at ASC by sending me a quick email. Children who are to complete their homework at ASC need to ensure their homework folders are in their bags each day.

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<td>Active games outside or in hall, OSHC room open for ‘quiet-time’ for those who need it.</td>
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The above routine is subject to change if needed.

We are in need of laptops/iPads at ASC in order for the children to do homework. If you are thinking of buying a new one, please keep OSHC in mind when discarding of the old, we would love to have it! Or if you want to donate a new one….we will be happy to let everyone know you did!

Please contact Brigitte (0417 666 494 or bklinkers@lism.catholic.edu.au) to enrol your child into St Augustine’s OSHC for orientation to be arranged.

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup at St Augustine’s is very popular and a time many parents look forward to each week. The coffee is fresh, the tea is hot and the milk frothed. St. Augustine’s playgroup is not only for parents/carers and their children from the St. Augustine’s community, it is open to all parents/carers and their under school aged child(ren).

Cost is $3.00 per family each week and we ask you to bring a small plate to share (either fruit, home baked goodies, etc). A booking isn’t needed, but please write your contact details down upon arrival when paying the fee. Playgroup is located in the OSHC room (Albany Street entrance) at the western end of the school.
### School Communication Guide

This is a quick guide to the communication channels in our school to help direct inquiries to the appropriate staff members.

The school office phone number is 02 6652 1204

| Absence from school | Contact the school office and provide the following information:  
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|                     | • Your name and relationship to the child  
|                     | • Child’s name and class  
|                     | • Day and Date of the absence  
|                     | • Your phone number  
|                     | • Reason for the absence  
|                     | • Does your child have an Instrumental Music Lesson?  
|                     | • Have you advised OSHC (0417 666 494) that your child will be away?    |

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| Discipline            | Assistant Principal - Leanne Feltis  
|                       | Leader Of School Evangelisation - Paddy Dent |

| Raising a Concern     | Concerns are typically best raised with (in the order listed):  
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|                       | • Class Teacher  
|                       | • Pastoral Care Coordinator  
|                       | • Assistant Principal  
|                       | • Principal |

| Account Enquiries     | School Fee Manager – Cathy Sheridan, Parish Schools Board  
|                       | Instrumental Music - Tess Langler  
|                       | OSHC – Tess Langler |

| General Welfare       | Class Teacher |

| Arriving Late for School | Parent to complete a late note at school office before child attends class |

| Leaving Early          | Collect your child from the school office. Written notification is required. |

| Enrichment/ Learning Support | Assistant Principal – Leanne Feltis  
|                             | Additional Needs Coordinator – Paddy Dent |

| Prayer Request          | Leader of School Evangelisation – Paddy Dent |

| Instrumental Music Tuition | Instrumental Music Coordinator – Rachael Kama |

| Sport                   | Leader of Learning: Parental Engagement – Dan Hammond |

| School Social Media     | School Facebook Page: [http://www.facebook.com/staugustinesschool](http://www.facebook.com/staugustinesschool)  
|                        | School Twitter Account: [https://twitter.com/sapcoffis](https://twitter.com/sapcoffis)  
THE GREEN SPOT
As stated in our last Newsletter in 2012, St Augustine’s School is currently developing and implementing an action plan for initiating a sustainable healthy change in the school called Live Life Well.

Live Life Well @ School is a long-term program that aims to get more students, more active, more often, as well as focusing on healthy eating habits.

Next week we will have children involved in fundamental movement skills and lunch time activities as part of the Yrs K - 6 Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) syllabus.

School Lunch Box Ideas
Lunch box idea # 1 – Make the most of leftovers
“I always cook extra so there are plenty of leftovers for lunch boxes the next day,” says Gare, whose favourite leftovers include either roast lamb, chicken schnitzel or tasty meatballs. “Leftovers don’t always have to be put in a sandwich,” she says, “sometimes I cut up the leftovers and put it with a salad, or wrap the meatballs up in a lettuce leaf.”

By Anna Gare

Watch this space for more great lunch box ideas.

Candice Butcher—Coordinator

Park Beach Plaza Shopping Dockets
The ‘Shop for your Coffs Coast School’ promotion is being run at the Plaza. It finishes on Wednesday 20 March. Receipts from participating retailers are validated at the Customer Information Centre opposite Noni B. The school will receive a point for every dollar spent. Schools are judged by the most points collected during the Promotional period, per student enrolled at the school. First prize is $10,000 in cash. We ask all families to support our school in this promotion.

MOTHERS’ AND DAUGHTERS’ WEEKEND
Change of venue—the Mothers’ and Daughters’ Weekend will be held at a new venue this year, (not at Darlington Beach Holiday Park), which will be advised as soon as possible. If you have already booked accommodation at Darlington Beach Holiday Park you may need to contact them. The new Coordinator is Mrs Vicky Nolan and contact information will be advised when a new venue is chosen.

SCHOOL TWITTER ACCOUNT
The school has a twitter account for the rapid dissemination of information regarding cancellations, changes to events and general reminders. I would encourage all parents to sign up for a twitter account. It is free. You may find a twitter account useful when the weather may be affecting a school event. We will also use it to showcase the learning throughout our school. (There are some photos of our first few days at school.) The school twitter feed is @sapscoffs

EMAIL ADDRESSES
If you know of any parent/carer who is not receiving our school emails with Newsletters and notes, please ask them to contact the office and supply us with a current email address.

COMING EVENTS
FEBRUARY
12 Parent Information Night—7:00 pm or 7:45 pm in Cohorts
13 Yr K—My First Year at School Photo Dance Fever
14 Liz Cambage visit to school
16 Kinder Dads welcome at Hoey Moey
20 Dance Fever
Years of Innocence & Puberty 6:30pm
Clarence Swimming Carnival
Yr K Bus Safety Program
21 Rugby training 3:00 pm—4:00 pm
25 Mark Green—Caritas visit
26 Yrs K-2 Sausage Sizzle
Yr 1 Parent Reading Information Night
27 Dance Fever
28 Rugby training 3:00 pm—4:00 pm
MARCH
1 Yrs 3-6 Swimming Program
Diocesan AFL trials at Grafton
5 Yr 6 Breakfast 7:30 am—8:15 am
P & F Meeting 7:00 pm in the LARC
6 Dance Fever
7 Coffs Primary Schools Rugby 7’s Tournament
Rugby training 3:00 pm—4:00 pm
8 Diocesan Swimming Carnival at Coffs
9 Family Faith Weekend at Stuarts Point
11 Catholic Schools Week
AN INVITATION TO A PARENT WORKSHOP ON

YEARS OF INNOCENCE AND PUBERTY

PRESENTED BY DR GERARD O’SHEA,
AUTHOR OF AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.

A program for every parent who wants some guidance in Christian education in human sexuality.

ST. AUGUSTINE’S PRIMARY SCHOOL, COFFS HARBOUR

WEDNESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY, 6.30PM – 8.30PM

Child minding available. Light refreshments provided.

All interested parents please register by phoning 1300 557 874 or email parents@lism.catholic.edu.au

As I Have Loved You is a fine resource on which parents can readily draw in their efforts to talk to their children about sexual development and the responsibilities that come with this great gift from God. It is based on a sound understanding of the human person, the need to respect each individual child’s stage of development and how human sexuality needs to be properly integrated to enable our children to flourish as they mature.
An invitation to a weekend of
faith renewal, fun and socialising

Family Retreat 2013
enabling us to deepen our life in Christ Jesus
leading to more enriched daily living

Two locations and dates to choose from
SDA Convention Centre
250 Grassy Head Road, Stuart Point
Saturday 9 March (midday) -
Sunday 10 March (afternoon)

Camp Koinonia
29-41 Terrace Street, Evans Head
Saturday 23 March (midday) -
Sunday 24 March (afternoon)

Facilitators
Adults: Martin Scroope
Young People: Kate Nestor and
Matt de Dassel

More information
For more information please contact your Parish School Parent Representative or your Parent Assembly Cluster Organisers:
Jo Kelly: Richmond Region
Mobile: 0407 706 454

Peta Rourke: Hastings/Macleay Region
Mobile: 0400 420 614

Leanne Robbins: Tweed Region
Mobile: 0407 143 975

Paul Edgar: Southern & Northern Clarence
Mobile: 0427 118 122

Please register by 1 March 2013
To register please phone 1300 557 874 or
email parents@lism.catholic.edu.au

This retreat, accommodation and meals are free to all families with children
enrolled in Parish Schools in the Diocese of Lismore
Northcott Presents

An Introduction to Key Word Sign (KWS)

Northcott invites those caring or working directly with people with limited communication skills to an information session exploring ways to connect using basic Key Word Sign

This practical and fun evening workshop presented by Rachel Kilbourne (Speech Pathologist) will explore introductory Key Word Sign (formerly known as Makaton). Key Word Sign (KWS) uses a combination of manual signs & natural motions to support communication. KWS is intended for use with children & adults who have communication difficulties

On completion participants will be able to:
- Sign at least 30 signs
- Have practiced using the signs in activities and songs
- Know where to find useful resources to support the use of Key Word Sign

About the speaker
Rachel Kilbourne is a qualified Speech Pathologist who has many years of clinical expertise working within a range of settings both in Australia and the UK. She has developed skills & therapy techniques using Hanen® It-Takes Two-To-Talk, Picture Exchange Communication System, PROMPT & more.

Who should attend
Parents/carers, respite workers, teacher's aides, early childhood workers

DATE: Tuesday 19th March 2013
TIME: 5:15 pm Registration 5:30 – 8:30pm
PLACE: PCYC
74 Bray Street
Coffs Harbour

COST: The talk is free of charge—light refreshments will be provided*

Hurry, places are limited!

RSVP: by Monday 25/02/13
TO: Bronwyn Monaghan or Pam Hill

Phone: 6651 2386 or
Mobile: 0447 227 443
Email: bronwyn.monaghan@northcott.com.au

Northcott
supporting choice & opportunity
Northcott Presents

Understanding & Supporting Children with Autism (ASD)

Northcott invites families, extended family members (grandparents), and carers to an information session exploring ways to understand and support children with ASD.

This one day workshop, presented by Jodi Rogers from Aspect, is designed to help build the knowledge and skills of those supporting or caring for young children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

The session will assist participants to understand:

- What is an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)?
- How is Autism diagnosed?
- What is the Diagnostic & Statistical Manual (DSM)?
- What will the changes to the DSM V look like?
- What are the learning styles of people with ASD?
- What practical strategies can you use to support your child?

About the speaker

Jodi Rogers is the Manager of Autism Spectrum Australia FNC. She has extensive experience working with people of all ages with ASD and has worked in Early Intervention, education and the community sectors both in Australia and internationally. Jodi has a Bachelor of Education, post graduate qualification in Special Education and a Masters in Health Science (Sexual Health).

Bronwyn Monaghan (Community Development Officer) and Nadine Rutledge (Family Support Worker) from Northcott (Coffs Harbour) will also be available on the day for local referral options.

DATE: Monday 4th March 2013
TIME: 9:15 Registration

PLACE: Club Coffs
61a West High St
Coffs Harbour

COST: The talk is free of charge to families – lunch will be provided*

Hurry, places are limited!

RSVP: by Monday 18/02/13

TO: Bronwyn Monaghan or Pam Hill

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