Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Today we celebrated the Feast of Sts Anne & Joachim, the parents of Mary. They nurtured Mary, taught her, brought her up to be a worthy Mother of God. It was their teaching that led her to respond to God's request with faith.

It was their example of parenting that Mary must have followed as she brought up her own son, Jesus. It was their faith that laid the foundation of courage and strength that allowed her to stand by the cross as her son was crucified and still believe.

Little is known about Jesus’ Grandparents however, tradition reveals:

• St. Joachim and his wife St. Anne were in the decline of life when Mary was born. While Joachim was away from home he had a vision that Anne was to be blessed with a child, and that on his return home, his wife ran forth to tell of the visitation of an angel who had revealed to her the same good tidings.
• St. Joachim is mentioned in neither historical nor canonical writings, but is still widely revered and is the namesake of many church institutions. The only source of information about St. Joachim is the non-biblical Gospel of James, an apocryphal book that was nonetheless widely read.
• In the Catholic tradition, St. Joachim is the Patron Saint of fathers, grandfathers, grandparents, married couples, cabinet makers and linen traders. He is shown in old art forms always as an old man often in the company of his wife Anne, and, it is thought, sometimes with the Virgin Mary and Jesus.
• The traditional tomb of St. Anne and St. Joachim was rediscovered in Jerusalem in 1889.

Grandparents play such and important role in forming who we are – either directly or indirectly. And their stories and our memories of them need to be shared and celebrated - as we did today at our special Grandparents’ Day Liturgy.

Grandparents’ Day is a chance for grandchildren, children and the whole school community to thank grandparents for their love and support. In celebrating Grandparents’ Day we recognise the significant contribution that grandparents make to their families and our school community.

Did you know?
• In 2009-10 there were 16,000 Australian families in which grandparents were the guardians or main carers of their grandchildren.
• In 2011 around 937,000 Australian children received childcare from a grandparent on a regular basis. This represented over a quarter of all children (26%) aged 0-12 years who regularly attended some type of childcare.

We owe a great deal to our grandparents!

Best Wishes

Jake
CATECHETICAL NEWS

PROCLAIM PARENTS
Proclaim Lismore for Parents is a time for parents to reflect together on beliefs, assumptions, personal and collective histories, and the accepted way of guiding children and young people into the fullness of life. Remember, it takes the whole Christian village to raise a child. That is why Proclaim Lismore wants to collaborate not only with our priests, parishes, staff and students but most importantly, our wonderful parents. Proclaim Lismore for Parents 2014 is an unprecedented opportunity for parents to join together as partners in co-designing an even stronger and more effective Catholic schooling for each child – intellectually, emotionally, physically and spiritually.

The next gathering for Coffs Harbour is 15 October. You can register by copying and pasting the link below into your browser. Places are limited so, if you are interested, please register ASAP.


SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2014
Congratulations to our St Augustine’s children who made their Confirmation on Saturday 12 July. Our Most Reverend Geoffrey Jarrett, Bishop of Lismore, confirmed the candidates who had been preparing for this very special occasion for over two months. May the Holy Spirit always watch over you and keep you safe.

“God our Father has marked you with his sign, Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your heart.”

An inspiring video to watch (copy and paste the link) - Sam’s Be Happy Attitude!

Confirmation Photos: Professional Photographs of each child with the Bishop were taken on the night & are available for order by parents & family. A commemorative package includes: One 6”x8” & Two 6”x4” photos and costs $15. To order contact Coffs Harbour Camera House ph 6652 5766.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?
Explore the possibilities through the RCIA Program.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for:
· Adults who are unbaptised
· Adults already baptised in another Christian Church

The RCIA can be likened to a spiritual journey of discovery that takes place within the parish community. It involves a series of sessions with members of the parish, to pray together, ask your questions & learn about the life of Jesus through the Gospels, and discuss what His message means for us in everyday life.

Our next RCIA Information session ‘Come & See’ is at 7:00 pm, Thursday 14 August in the Curran Centre at St Augustine’s. For more information or to register your interest, please contact the St Augustine’s Parish Office on 6651 0000.

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

P & F NEWS
The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 August at 7:00 pm in the Library. This will be our Principal, Jake Madden’s last meeting before he finishes on Friday 15 August. We plan to have a brief P & F meeting followed by wine and finger food so as a parent body we can say a fond farewell to Jake. All welcome.

Stephen Appleton—P & F Committee President

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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
The highlight of our week will be the annual Book Character Parade on Wednesday 20 August for Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2. It is always a very exciting day for the younger students. The children are invited to come as their favourite book character.

The costume can be as simple or complex as you like. There are many characters in books that are just ordinary children. Please chat with your child about what character they are and what story they are from.

The children come to school dressed as their character (with closed in shoes and covered shoulders please) and the parade will begin at 10:00 am. Please join us if you can. You never know who you might meet there.

Annie Madden

SAVING THE DATE!
Our school community will gather together to say thank you and farewell to Mr Madden at a special assembly on Thursday 14 August at 2:00 pm. All parents and families are welcome.
SPORT NEWS

YEAR 3 - 6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Congratulations to Green House—winner of the Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival held last term.

We would like to say a special thank you to all the parents who were able to support and assist throughout the day - we appreciate all the help you give.

The following children were our Age Champions on the day:
Junior Boys – Lachlan Marle
Junior Girls – Laila McDonald
11yrs Boys – Nathan Zawadzki
11yrs Girls – Sophie Ryan
Senior Boys – Jonah Kypri-Ryan
Senior Girls – Jade Pond

CLARENCE ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
On Wednesday 16 July, 42 St Augustine’s students participated in the Clarence Zone Athletics Carnival in Coffs Harbour. Congratulations to all students on their behaviour and sportsmanship throughout the day. St Augustine’s was named Champion School and Thomas Anderson and Nathan Zawadzki were also named Age Champions. Laila McDonald missed out by one point to be the Junior Girls Age Champion.

The 31 children who placed in the top three of their competition will now travel to Port Macquarie to compete in the Lismore Diocese Athletics Carnival on Friday 8 August. Good luck to those students.

BASKETBALL
A round robin will kick start the Saturday Basketball Competition this Saturday. If you are interested in playing on Saturdays please contact CHBA on 66511452 or get a team together and nominate this Saturday at the Bray St Stadium.

Fees of $130 per player are due by Saturday 8 August (plus check if your child is due for rego/insurance). You can only make payments in person this Saturday, 26 July, at the stadium using cash, card or cheque. After this date, payments can only be made via the online payment system on the Coffs Harbour Basketball website, as the basketball office will not be taking payments throughout the season.

AFL
The St Augustine’s Primary School Kindergarten to Year 6 after school Auskick program will begin on Wednesday 6 August until 10 September.

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY PARTICIPATING CHILDREN SHOULD ATTEND. SIBLINGS OF PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT TO WAIT AT SCHOOL UNTIL PARENTS COLLECT AFL PLAYERS AT 4:15 PM.

Where: School Grounds
Time: 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm
Cost: $50 per participant, which includes 6 weeks of fun game, AFL Pack (football, hat, backpack, pump, rainbow shoe laces and much more)
Register and Pay online at: www.aflauskick.com.au – enter school’s postcode, scroll down and click on the St Augustine’s School Program.
Contact: Matt Crawley matthew.crawley@aflnsw.com.au or 0431 877 173.

YEARS K-2 SPORTS CARNIVAL
The Years K-2 Sports Carnival will take place on Thursday 11 September on the school grounds. The carnival will begin at 9:00 am and finish at approximately 2:30 pm. In preparation for the carnival the children will begin practising running and ball games during their Thursday sport time. If you are able to assist on the day please email Regan Kama rekama@lism.catholic.edu.au

ELECTIVE SPORT
Elective Sport began today and will continue until Friday 12 September. We are sure all the children will enjoy their chosen sport. Please don’t forget your money each week or any waivers that need to be returned.

Dan Hammond
Sports Coordinator
Calling Grandparents With a Green Thumb!

Do you have an interest in gardening?

We would love you to come and help out the Gardening Club in our St Augustine’s sustainable garden.

When - Every Tuesday and Thursday
Time - 11:20 - 11:40 am

Please sign in at the school office on your arrival.

Thank you in advance

Miss Lyons

COFFS CUP DAY—7 AUGUST

As Coffs Cup Day is a gazetted Half Day holiday, St Augustine's School will close at 12:00 noon on Thursday 7 August. Our After School Care program will also be closed.

Please be advised:
♦ All bus companies have indicated the morning runs will operate as normal but they will not collect students at 12 noon.
♦ Students who arrive by bus in the morning will need alternative transport home at 12 noon.
♦ The school will close at 12 noon and there will be no supervision after that time.
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
We have been extremely busy over the past week celebrating NAIDOC week. Each day we read different dreamtime stories. We dedicated one of our walls to all the dreamtime stories and decorated it with beautiful craft. We are in the process of creating our own rainbow serpent which incorporates each and every child’s art work into its design to represent our OSHC family.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY — Bookings for the upcoming Staff Development Day on Monday 11 August are now being taken.

Invoices
Current invoices were sent home via all children last week. These need to be bought up to date as soon as possible. It is important that the account is not in arrears. Accounts are to be finalised within seven days. Future and ongoing bookings may not be possible where fees are in arrears. Your attention to this is appreciated.

A friendly reminder again, it is still essential to advise OSHC if your child/ren is booked to attend After School Care but is absent from school and/or not attending for that day. Please notify Educators by calling 0417 666 494 before 1:00 pm to save Educators spending time looking for your child at roll call.

Vacation Care
Vacation care over the June/July holidays was fabulous. The children had a blast skating rings around the educators at The Big Banana Ice Skating Rink, getting kisses from the dolphins and seals at Dolphin Marine Magic, dressing up in their favourite Disney characters, creating many magnificent art and craft pieces along with many, many more fun activities that we did throughout the holidays.

Coffs Cup is on Thursday 7 August which is a gazetted half day public holiday. This means that OSHC will not be open on this day and will re-open as normal on Friday 8 August.

Staff Development Day
Monday 11 August 2014 is a Staff Development Day. This means that OSHC will be open from 8am – 6pm. Children will be having an in-centre day which will consist of art and craft, novelty games, time to ride your bikes or scooters and then relax a little whilst having lunch and watching a movie. Get your booking in early so that you don’t miss out. Booking sheets are available from the school office or in the OSHC room.

Sport
This term we will be doing Hockey on a Tuesday and Netball on a Thursday which be run by staff in-house. Each child will have an opportunity to participate in both of these sports. This program is a seven week program and it commences next week.

For all bookings, changes to enrolments or bookings, queries or messages please email OSHC on cofhp-oshc@lism.catholic.edu.au

CONTACT DETAILS:
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SUSTAINABLE LIVING

Last term, as part of their learning module on 'Sustainable Living’ Year 4 submitted a proposal to the Coffs Harbour City Council 2014 Sustainability Grant. The chosen proposal was successful in winning the grant and 11 new water saving bubbler heads were installed during the holidays. Pictured are the students who drafted the proposal in response to how much water they saw wasted everyday. Well done boys!

LEGO CLUB

LEGO is back! It has become extremely popular again.

We would like to add to our LEGO resources and would welcome any LEGO you may not be using at home. Duplo, Mega Blocks and smaller LEGO are all appreciated.

Deliveries can be made to the Kindergarten learning area.
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM
Welcome back to the Instrumental Music Program for Term 3. Please be reminded that all new enrolments need to be handed in to the office by Friday 1 August. If your child is in Year 3-6 and would like to commence lessons, please contact Sione George in the office.

INSTRUMENTS AVAILABLE FREE OF HIRE
We have a number of instruments available for students, free of hire. They are 6 flutes, 2 clarinets and 1 alto saxophone. If your child is in Year 3-6 and would like to commence lessons in Term 3, please contact the office ASAP.

BAND
Band has resumed for Term 3 and is held on Mondays from 3:10 pm – 4:00 pm. Students are to be collected by parents promptly at 4:00 pm. All Instrumental Music Program students are welcome. Please see Mr Skelton.

INVOICES AND PAYMENTS
Invoices for some families are still outstanding for Term 2. Reminders were sent out last week. If payment is not received by today, 25 July, lessons will be suspended until the account is settled. Invoices for Term 3 will be sent home next week. For all account enquiries, please contact Sione George or Dot Trevaskis in the office.

SCHOOL MUSICAL—‘THE WIZARD OF OZ’
WANTED
COSTUME DESIGNERS/MAKERS
PROPS/SET SCENES MAKERS
This year our school musical, "The Wizard of Oz", will be performed on 3 & 4 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.

If anyone has an old cream or brown chenille bedspread that they could donate to the Musical please bring it in to the office?

If any cast members are having difficulties organising their costumes, please come and let the Musical team know ASAP.

TICKETS ON SALE SOON!
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
PLAYGROUP
A NEW PLAYGROUP has started at St Augustine’s Parish. All mums (or dads!) and their 0-5 years olds are invited. The playgroup runs during term time on Mondays starting at 9:00 am and finishing at 11:00 am. The playgroup will take place in the backyard behind the Curran Centre. Tea and coffee is provided, byo morning tea. Everyone is welcome! For more info contact Fran Davis on 0409 597 866.

Cyber-safety Tips!

St Augustine’s Ninja - Online IT (computer) Course for Students

St Augustine’s are introducing the Google Ninja program, which is a home-based online module course for students to undertake. There are four topics to cover: Digital citizenship, Google Mail, Google Search and Google Drive. Each topic has four levels - white, green, black and master. To pass a topic students must score 80% or more and are given a Ninja badge for that level.

To find the St Augustine’s Ninja course please log in to knowledge-net and click on the Ninja emblem embedded onto each cohorts page. All students must complete the Digital Citizenship Ninja course first.

A guide is as follows:

Year 1 and 2 - white belts
Year 3 and 4 - white and green belts
Year 5 and 6 - white, green, black and master belts
This is just a guide and students can work with their parent or carer to adjust this as it suits them.

Some important points:

1. You MUST start with Digital Citizenship.

2. With Digital Citizenship ONLY, you need to use Mrs Loader's email address nloader@lism.catholic.edu.au as the email and you MUST click 'view results' and 'send email' at the completion of the test. This is very important!

3. With Google Mail, Google Search and Google Drive you use your own school email username.42@lismstu.catholic.edu.au and you will receive an email letting you know if you have passed or need to re sit the test.

4. Ninjas need to be tough and solve problems on the computer so make sure you read the points above so your hard work is passed on to The Ninja Team.

5. Always check k-net notices to see when and where you can collect your badge.

6. Have fun!

Naomi Loader
Coordinator—E-Learning
**THE GREEN SPOT**

Age group  How much physical activity

5-12 years
> 60 mins/day moderate-vigorous activities

12-18 years
> 60 mins/day moderate-vigorous activities. Try to include ≥ 20 mins vigorous activity 3-4 times a week.

Adults
> 30 mins/day of moderate-vigorous activities. For even more health benefits, try to include more activity and vigorous activity throughout the week.

*Alex Shaw—Coordinator*

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**TIPS FOR PARENTS**

Friends of Ten

This is a tens frame.

It is used to help children develop an understanding and quick recall of combinations to ten.

For example, on the red frame the children can see 1 counter covering one space on the tens frame. The remaining spaces are counted to make ten.

1+9 are a friend of ten.

You can practice these at home too.
NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

Giinagay! We wish to acknowledge and thank our Indigenous parents and grandparents who made our NAIDOC liturgy a special occasion. The liturgy commenced with Father Paul O’Sullivan from Nambucca and our Indigenous parents providing a smoking ceremony and a sacred water blessing. We also wish to thank Brother Steven from Woolgoolga, who assisted in the children’s learning of the ‘Our Father’ in the Gumbaynggirr Language. Our Indigenous children made us proud as they processed with Fr Paul Winter and Fr Paul O’Sullivan, some carrying Indigenous and Christian artefacts, others playing clap-sticks and carrying the Indigenous and school flags. Last but not least, thank you to Troy Cheers, our star guitarist, also one of our Indigenous parents, who never lets us down!

As part of our NAIDOC celebrations Mr Troy Robinson (and Graham) taught Kindergarten some new games to play during their PE lessons. The children had a lot of fun 'hunting and gathering'. They learnt about how quick reflexes are required for successful hunting and everyone had a turn at 'catch the goanna'. The students then used tennis balls to 'spear' the bouncing blue kangaroo!

During NAIDOC Week Mr Skinner has been sharing his knowledge of the local significant sites for the Gumbaynggirr people. He demonstrated how the people used to catch fish in the Arrawarra fish traps.

FYI - At the time of European settlement there was around 250 separate Indigenous languages. Nowadays there are only 90 languages remaining with The Gumbaynggirr Language as one of surviving few. Thanks Brother Steven for sharing your knowledge of the language!
GRANDPARENTS’ DAY

Today we celebrated our priceless grandparents! Thank you to all those who came along to make it a very special day! The day began with a Liturgy to celebrate the Feast of Anne and Joachim, who were the parents of Mary and grandparents of our Lord Jesus. Families then visited our learning spaces to engage in games and explore the way children engage in our learning program.