Dear Parents and Carers

Next Sunday is the World Youth Day celebration in Krakow, Poland. Our Year Two teacher, Sharon de Dassel will be there with Pope Francis celebrating Mass with around three million people from all around the world. It is a massive crowd of people at one event - probably the biggest in the world - and you cannot help be inspired by the faith, hope and love of those attending.

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During the holidays I met with the RMS and Coffs Council representatives to discuss solutions to the issues at the Albany St pick up area. It is clear that one solution will not ‘fix’ the safety issues and a team approach is necessary. Funding applications for moving the crossing, installing flashing lights and better line marking have been submitted with the NSW Centre for Road Safety but as they assess on needs over the whole state, it takes time and the results are uncertain. In the meantime, I ask everyone to please take great care in this area, particularly by using the crossing and not ‘jaywalking’ across Albany St. If you are going to park and meet your child, I strongly encourage you to use the Gordon St entrance as this has less traffic and a crossing supervisor.

Coffs Harbour Police have asked that schools inform parents about recent incidents involving children being approached online in the local area. In a particular incident, students were contacted by a person pretending to be a Police Officer. The Police have asked that parents, especially of Years 5 & 6 students, discuss this issue with their children, monitor their children’s use of social media, and reinforce the potential dangers of speaking with strangers in this manner. In this way we can keep our children safe.

Grace and peace

Peter Watts
Principal
CATECHETICAL NEWS

FRIDAY MASS 9:15 am—Year levels attending
5 August—Year 3
12 August—Year 6 and Year K
19 August—Year 5 & Year 1
26 August—Whole School Mass

All welcome to attend and parents/carers are invited to sit with their children.

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS
Confirmation photos are ready for collection from the Parish Office. They are $10 for a set of three photos.

Sharon de Dassel - Leader of School Evangelisation
Paddy Dent – Leader of Catechesis

COFFS CUP DAY—HALF DAY
Thursday 4 August is a gazetted half day holiday for the Coffs Cup. The school will be closed for students from 12 noon on this day.

P & F NEWS MEETING
The next P & F Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 August at 7:00 pm in the LARC. All welcome.

HAVE A LOOK AT OUR GRANDPARENTS’ DAY ALBUM ON FACEBOOK!
### Canteen Roster

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### 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

#### AUGUST

1. ICAS English Competition
2. Coffs Cup—half day public holiday, school closed from 12 noon
3. Yr 1 Excursion to Coffs Coast Waste Facility 9:00 am—11:45 am
4. Yr 3 at Mass 9:15 am
5. 8-12 Parent/Teacher Interviews
6. Yrs K-2 Chicken Burger Day
7. Yr 6 & Yr K at Mass 9:15 am
8. ICAS Maths Competition
9. Maths Olympiad 4
10. Yr 5 & Yr 1 at Mass 9:15 am
11. Book Week
12. Yrs 3/4 Chicken Burger Day
13. Newcastle Permanent Maths Comp Book Week Parade 9:00 am
14. School Assembly
15. Yrs K-6 at Mass 9:15 am
16. St Augustine’s Feast Day

#### SEPTEMBER

1. Fathers’ Day Breakfast
2. Mufti Day—Footy Colours
3. Fathers’ Day Stall
4. Yr 3 at Mass 9:15 am
5. Maths Olympiad 5
6. International Literacy Day
7. Yr 6 & Yr K at Mass 9:15 am

### Volunteers Needed in the LARC!

We have a great number of new books in the school that need “stripping.” This involves placing a strip of contact on the spine and edges of book covers. If you can spare an hour or two during the week we would appreciate your help to clear the backlog, allowing us to get the books into the hands of the children. Tuition and morning/afternoon tea provided!
SPORT NEWS

Clarence Zone Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the forty-two students who competed at the Clarence Zone Athletics Carnival last week. St Augustine’s won champion school on the day and the following students were named age champions: Jasmine Tibbett (Jnr Girl), Reid Stephens (11 yrs Boy) and Laila McDonald (Snr Girl).

Students who qualified to represent the Clarence Zone at the next level will attend the Lismore Diocesan Athletics Carnival at the C.ex Coffs International Stadium on Friday 19 August.

Polding Winter Trials – Rugby Union

St Augustine’s student, Rory Beech, recently attended the Polding Rugby Union trials which were held in Forbes on Monday 27 June. The conditions were muddy and bitterly cold. Rory was part of an 18-man Lismore Diocesan team.

Rory was one of three boys from the Lismore Diocesan team who was selected in the possibles/probables. He and one other student from the Lismore team then went on to successfully gain selection in the Polding rugby union team. Rory will attend the NSWPSSA carnival at Mudgee in August with the Polding team.

Term Three: Elective Sport – Year 3-6

Year 3 to 6 Elective Sport commenced today. A reminder to parents that all students will need to have correct money to give to their classroom teacher each Friday for Elective Sport. Your assistance is appreciated.

Dates for your Diary

19 August – Lismore Diocesan Athletics Carnival
23 - 25 August – NSWPSSA Rugby Union trials
24 August – Clarence Zone Primary Gala Day (football and netball)
30 August to 1 September – NSWPSSA Softball (boys) trials
9 September – Polding Athletics Carnival

Yours in sport

Erin Bennett – Sports Coordinator
Kristy McDermid – Sports Administrator
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kmcdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au

Coffs Coast Cycle Challenge—Sunday 14 August

All riders in the 20km ride go into a lucky draw for a $4,000 bike, a $4,500 overseas cycling holiday and 10 other prizes. Riders in the 10km ride go into a lucky draw for a bike plus other prizes.

A cash prize of $250 goes to the school that enters the most students, based on percentage against total school population.

www.coffscostcyclechallenge.com/event-info/
NAIDOC

This week as part of our recent NAIDOC celebrations, our school community enjoyed a performance by Aboriginal dancer and fire maker Sean Choolburra. Sean was vibrant, wise and entertaining. He displayed and showed many artefacts and entertained our students with dance, stories, and fire creation. Our students were highly engaged and interested throughout the show and Sean gave interesting cultural information in a fun and interactive way.

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Prize Draws:
All who honour their school fees agreement and who have paid their accounts in full by the due dates will be entered into a prize draw each January. (All who have a direct debit arrangement which is kept up to date will automatically be entered into the draw.)

**Novotel Coffs Harbour Pacific Bay Resort** have generously donated:
One night’s accommodation in a Resort Room for two adults

**Commonwealth Bank** have generously donated:
$100 Youth Saver account with the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program

We are very grateful for the wonderful support given to us by Novotel Coffs Harbour and Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program. Thank you.

Email: admin@parishschoolsoffice.com.au Website: www.parishschoolsoffice.com.au
Bookings will close on Friday 05 August at 09:00am. Interviews will commence on Monday 08 August 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?

1. Log onto the website address www.schoolinterviews.com.au

2. Enter St Augustine’s Primary School event code of **fphf3** 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.
Our school production of Alice The Musical is underway in earnest with our students working very hard at rehearsals during lunchtime and after school on Wednesdays. The rehearsal timetable is on the ALICE page on Moodle if you need to check when your child is required for afternoon rehearsals:

STUDENTS > MUSIC > ALICE THE MUSICAL

MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY
We are asking our school community if we can borrow small colourful wooden chairs (children’s sized) for our Mad Hatters Tea Party... like those pictured top left. These will be required during Weeks 8 & 9 of Term 3 and returned to you in Week 10. Please contact Leonie if you can help us out with a chair or 2 (total of 10 required) - 0411 793 211.

CROCHET & KNITTERS
Is anyone a crochet or knitting wiz? We need x 4 ‘chain mail’ head dresses made (see left) for our soldiers in Alice. The school will provide the materials, we just need some willing hands and a pattern? Please contact Leonie if you can help - 0411 793 211.

MAKE-UP
We are asking for helpers for make up and hair for the musical. We are hoping to run a session where we can instruct helpers on make-up requirements using a template for each character and assign character styles to a group of helpers. Those interested in helping on the Wed 14 & Thurs15 of September, please contact Julie McCabe on 0418 293 626.

COSTUMES
All students should have received their Costume guides. If you have any trouble sourcing these costumes, financial or otherwise, please let the production team know as soon as possible.
Wendy O’Sullivan, Julie McCabe, Leonie Hewitt

SHOW DATES: 14 & 15 SEPTEMBER 2016!
Tickets will go on sale mid August.
ST AUGUSTINE’S PRIMARY SCHOOL
PROUDLY PRESENTS
Alice
THE MUSiCAL

14 & 15
SEPT 2016
MATINEES @ 12:00 NOON
EVENING PERFORMANCES @ 6:30PM - 15 MIN INTERVAL
ST AUGUSTINE’S SCHOOL HALL
TICKETS ON SALE MID AUGUST
LARC Matters

Lyle Campbell Section
A reminder to parents and carers that our Lyle Campbell section is growing rapidly and there are many resources here ranging from books on raising boys/girls, helping a child with anxiety or simply healthy and happy family suggestions.

Book Week
Please see the attached note for the Book Week celebration details. We have started reading the shortlisted books and the K-2 students found *Piranhas Don’t eat Bananas* by Aaron Blabey hilarious – we highly recommend it!

Premiers Reading Challenge - Congratulations to those students who have already completed their PRC list. Remember to keep reading the selected PRC books and fill in your sheet each week. K-2 students your teachers are reading these books to you in class. These need to be completed by August. A reminder that you can only read two books from a series.
Live Life Well @ School

Being active together as a family is a great way to keep healthy and to show children how it can be fun for everyone. Why not try to find simple ways to fit activity into your family’s day.

- Walk or ride a bike with your child to the local shops or to and from school.
- Encourage children to help with household chores such as walking the dog, washing the car or mowing the lawn.
- Go for a family walk after dinner.
- Keep a football, frisbee, jump rope, scooters or bat and ball in your car.
- Most importantly, choose activities that the whole family will enjoy!

For more information go to www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au
Rock wall ‘rocks’!

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K-2 Book Character Parade, 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

In 1946 the Children’s Book Council of Australia-CBCA established annual book awards to promote children's books of high literary and artistic quality. These awards are now the most influential and highly respected in Australia.

2016 Theme: Australia! Story Country.

Each year the CBCA announces the shortlisted books for that year. The winning CBCA Book of the year in each category is announced during Book Week.

The students are enjoying reading the shortlisted books in their LARC lessons and we are debating which book we think should win. These books are on display in the LARC and we would love you to come and have a look.

To celebrate Book Week here at St Augustine's we have a wonderful Book Parade planned where students get to dress up as one of their favourite book characters. This parade is for K-2 students and it is hoped that all students will participate. We will announce the winning CBCA Book of the year in each category at the parade.

The dress up is designed to be a fun celebration and we encourage families to be creative but not over-spend. There will be no prizes for the best dressed. For those students who are a little apprehensive a simple costume is fine.

When: 9:00 – 9:40 am on Wednesday 24 August.

Where: Yrs K-2 wet weather area.

What: Come dressed as any character from a BOOK. Make sure you know who you are and which story you are from. Children will need their school hat for lunch and sensible shoes to play in.

Who: Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students. Parents are very welcome.

In the LARC…. there’s always something to do!
St Augustine’s School

Canteen Survey

Win a week’s worth of FREE LUNCH ORDERS for the whole family!!

Our school is working closely this year with the Healthy Kids Association to improve healthy food choices for children and we would love you to take part in the following survey to better understand the thoughts and needs of our families when it comes to using the school canteen.

Once you have completed the survey, your email address will automatically go into the draw to WIN a week’s worth of free lunch orders for your family.

The winner will be announced at the assembly on the 25th August. Entries will close on Friday, 12th August.

Go to the website below to complete the short survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OurCanteenSurvey
Entries are NOW OPEN for the Bendigo Bank Coffs Harbour Running Festival on Sunday 4th September.
Choose from a 21km, 10km, 5km or 3km distance all held on the beautiful Coffs Creek Walkway. Enter now to take advantage of the Early Bird Pricing until 31st July.