Dear Parents and Carers

With the federal election almost upon us, many issues such as education, health, wealth and employment are at the centre of many speeches and promises. Often when it comes to issues in the political arena the main source of information is through the media or from self-interested lobby groups and so it is refreshing to hear from a Catholic perspective about what is important. The Australian Catholic Bishops have released a statement called “A Vote for the Voiceless” which outlines some pressing concerns and a challenge to the current throw-away culture. For more information, check out this one page article: https://www.catholic.org.au/bishops-statements/election-2016-statement

Choir success. Congratulations to the school choirs who successfully competed at the Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod last week. In the K-2 section our Year 2 was placed first, in the Yr 3/4 section Year 4 was first and Year 3 placed second and in the Year 5/6 section our Year 5/6 choir received a first place in the district-wide competition. These results are quite stunning and come as a result of the talent and hard work of Mrs Wendy O’Sullivan with Mrs Maria Maione and Mrs Machatsch over many years. What a team! See page 6.

Celebrating NAIDOC Week. During the last week of school all children will have a special focus on studying Aboriginal culture, both in and outside the classroom, culminating with the NAIDOC assembly on Thursday morning. Please note that the assembly starts at 9:15 am, not the usual afternoon time. Everyone is welcome to come and join the celebration in the hall.

Reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews. Half yearly reports will be sent home with children on the last day of school this term. This is a change from previous years, allowing teachers more time to teach children before they summarise progress for parents. Consequently Parent-Teacher Interviews will also be later, starting on Monday 8 August, next term. This will roughly be about six months since the first opportunity for these meetings and will be a good chance to check on progress and make plans for the rest of the year.

Small change for a big change. Thanks to all for generously donating to the Silver Coin Challenge in the last couple of weeks; keep it coming! Cohorts (grades) are competing against each other for prizes so check the car, the lounge, the washing machine and save those coins! All money will go directly to the P & F and the new playground areas. Check page 9 for our current tally.

Grace and peace

Peter Watts
Principal
### PARISH MASS TIMES

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### CATECHETICAL NEWS

**WYD Krakow**

**Lismore Diocese Pilgrimage**

**19 July—5 August 2016**

World Youth Day is an international Catholic event focused on faith and youth. The Lismore Diocese will be represented by a 48 strong gathering of pilgrims across the age spectrum of 18-35 years. The pilgrims come from all over our Diocese. Bishop Jarrett has invited Fr Paul Winter, as Chaplain, and myself as a Group Leader, to accompany the pilgrimage. It certainly is an honor to be called to serve in this way.

A highlight of WYD will be participation in the celebration of Mass by His Holiness, Pope Francis, while pre-WYD activities will include a guided tour of Warsaw, a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, and excursions to Auschwitz and Wadowice (the Museum dedicated to St John Paul II). The pilgrimage will conclude with a retreat day in Vienna before departing for Australia.

Many pilgrims are inviting their communities to submit prayer requests to be taken by our pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa (the portrait of the Black Madonna). We hope to also take with us any prayer requests from our community. If you have a request, a box will be placed in the front office as of next Monday. We know that Saint Pope John Paul II regularly visited here and that through small intentions a difference can be made.

We ask for your prayers in our preparation for this enriching experience and we look forward to sharing with our St Augustine’s community along the journey.

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

### 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.

### WALKATHON

Mrs Belinda Carpenter has kindly offered to lead a committee to organise the Walkathon this year. If you are able to help on the committee please contact the school office on 66521204.

**Information Session on Anxiety in Children**

Dr Nicola Murray, currently working at Headspace, will run an information session on children suffering anxiety on Thursday evening, 23 June, commencing at 6:30 pm. This coincides with the Year 5 and 6 Social. Parents of all children are warmly invited to come along. The evening will consist of question and answers on trends in children’s mental health and tips for parents on managing anxiety and building resilience. The meeting will take place in the Year 6 classrooms.

### NAIDOC Week Celebrations

Our school will hold its NAIDOC week celebrations during Week 10 of this term.

Our Aboriginal students will be participating in a range of activities throughout the week. Each cohort in our school have selected a theme for a special banner to work on in the lead up to NAIDOC week. Each student will contribute to the formation of the banners which will be hung in our school hall for the week.

On Thursday 30 June we will celebrate the week with a special school assembly and Liturgy starting at 9:15 am. Parents of our Aboriginal students are most welcome to join us for the Assembly and a barbecue in the gardens area after assembly.

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

**Friday 1 July** is a Staff Development Day. The school will be closed for students on this day.
Canter News 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.

SUSHI!!!!
Sushi is now available on Wednesdays at the Canteen! Orders can be handed in to the Canteen on Tuesdays (preferred) or on Wednesday morning by 8:50 am.

Container: (6 pieces—suitable for small children):
Avocado $3.00
Cucumber $3.00

Sushi Rolls:
Chicken teriyaki & avocado $3.00
Tuna & cucumber $3.00

Winter Specials!!!
The following items are available with a lunch order during Term 2 for the colder weather:
Spaghetti Bolognese - $4.00 each
Corn Cobettes - $1.00 each
SPORT NEWS

Clarence Zone Athletics Carnival
The Clarence Zone Athletics Carnival will be held at the C.ex Coffs International Stadium in Coffs Harbour on Tuesday 19 July. Our school will be sending a team of 44 students to this event.

Good luck to the following students: Ager Mou, Caitlin Armstrong, Lucy George, Isabella Mackay, Jasmine Tibbett, Clare Kelly, Rebecca Chapman, Ella Klinkers, Chloe Caldwell, Jessica Potter, Alice Mapleson, Jayda Kachel, Mia Blackett, Zara Temesi, Olivia Peel, Iliana Anderson, Laila McDonald, Gabrielle Kolic-Clarke, Alice Hardes, Anthea Hulbert, Ruby Kirkland, Lincoln Henry, Aaron Erskine, Harry Watson, Malone Canning, Mading Mou, Logan Lacey, Liam Bouboulas, Cooper Marle, Beau Guthrie, Hunter Voglsinger, Reid Stephens, Finn Klinkers, Noah Searle, Riley Dagger, Zaviar Hardes, Holden Stubbs, Benjamin Langler, Lachlan Marle, Jacob Field, Rory Beech, Jacson Hibbard, Levi Taylor and Nicholas Petro.

Polding Representative Trials – Cross Country
The Polding Cross Country trials were held at Eastern Creek today. Five of our students represented the Lismore Diocese at this event: Cooper Marle, Finn Klinkers, Nicholas Caldwell, Lachlan Marle and Jacob Field. Results will be in the next Newsletter.

The NSWPSA Cross Country trials will be held on Friday 22 July at Eastern Creek.

Dates for your diary
Monday 27 June – Polding Rugby Union trials
Tuesday 19 July – Clarence Zone Athletics Carnival
Friday 22 July – NSWPSA Cross Country trials
Monday 25 July – Polding Golf trials

Erin Bennett – Sports Coordinator
Kristy McDermid – Sports Administrator

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!!! LAST CHANCE !!! MINI VINNIES CARE PACK COLLECTION
CLOSES MONDAY JUNE 20
Many thanks to all for your generous donations! If you still have items to bring in please deliver to Mrs Schmahl, Mrs Sprowles or the school office by Monday at the latest - we are happy to receive any of the following:

- Small / medium toothbrushes and small tubes of toothpaste
- Small deodorants
- Cakes of soap
- Small bottles of shampoo and conditioner
- Face wipes
- Hair brush/comb
- Face cloth
- Toilet paper roll
- Small tissue packets

A St Vincent de Paul Society and St Augustine’s Primary School Mini Vinnies initiative.
Parents paying school fees by three instalments (and not using our Direct Debit Request facility) - the second payment was due by 1/06/16.

Please call us urgently on 6651 0046 if you have missed your payment or would like to discuss your payment plan agreement.

For those using our direct debit facility and paying via 3 instalments, your second instalment was automatically deducted on 1/06/16.

Thank You.
Congratulations to our Choirs for their wonderful performances at the Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod!

Amazing results that reflect the effort our students put in and the talent of our dedicated staff, especially Wendy O’Sullivan, Maria Maione and Mary Machatsch. Many students went on to achieve success in a range of individual performances.

Photos supplied by Convenor Vanessa Crossley
Our school production of ‘Alice The Musical’ is underway in earnest with a call for Parents and Carers to register their interest in creating costumes for our production. We would love to hear from parents whose children are involved in our musical... There are many weird and wonderful characters in ALICE and we welcome the creativity and input of those who have a little time to spare!

If you are able to help with costumes there are 2 main options:

OPTION A
Purchase a costume outright or buy all the materials and create the costume and it will be yours to keep after the show!

OPTION B
The school will cover the cost of the materials and after the costume is made by you it will be donated back to the school’s Drama Wardrobe for use in future productions.

OR
You may like to join a working bee on costume accessories (masks, hats etc) or making props next term?

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Many students have more than one appearance requiring a costume change so our design team is focusing on cost effective costumes that can be found in Op Shops, at home or will be partially subsidised by the school.

ALICE Costume guides will be published on the MUSIC PAGE before the July holidays so that students and families will have plenty of time to get their costume together well before our dress rehearsals in late August.

SHOW DATES ARE 14 & 15 SEPTEMBER!

If you are able to help with costumes or props please contact Leonie on:

email: lhewitt@lism.catholic.edu.au
mobile: 0411 793 211

Many thanks to those wonderful parents who have made and donated fantastic costumes already!
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.
Silver Coin Cohort Challenge Leaderboard

Which Cohort will WIN an afternoon of FUN with NO LESSONS!!!