Dear Parents, Staff and Children

On Tuesday evening many of our students received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Sitting in the church and looking around at the candidates and their families I felt very privileged to witness the joy of the children and the pride felt by their families. I watched one young girl in particular return to her seat after Bishop Jarrett had confirmed her. Her older teenage brother stood and embraced her, genuinely showing his love and care for his sister. It was a special moment. A grandmother clambered along the seat to get to her grandchild to give her a heartfelt embrace. You knew this was a very special time for families. All in the church prayed for the children to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit to guide them in their lives. It brought it home to me how important the partnership between parish, school and parents is in nurturing the Catholic faith in our children. Having a strong connection to faith is one of the most important traits of a resilient person.

Some children are resilient by nature. They are mentally and physically tough. Rejection on the playground doesn’t faze them. However, resilience can be nurtured and developed and is a continuous process. Michael Grose, well-known guru on parenting, suggests there are four basic skill sets in building resilience:

- Independence
- Problem solving
- Optimism
- Social connection

You can find out more about these skill sets by visiting Michaels’ website parentingideas.com.au

Teachers sometimes find themselves mediating when there is a dispute between students. There are many occasions where the first response is “they bullied me.” Further investigation often shows that the child had a spat with their friend, unpleasantries have been exchanged and one or both parties didn’t have things go their way. As parents it’s very important we differentiate between bullying and our child having a disagreement with another. We need to build resilience in our children to cope when things may go wrong or when their feelings are hurt. From the words of our ‘Bounce Back’ program, “I have buoyancy, I can bounce back.”

This week parents have had the opportunity to sit down and talk about their child with their teacher during parent/teacher interviews. This discussion is such an important one and I would encourage any parent who hasn’t made a time to see their child’s teacher does so before the end of term. Perhaps you can ask what signs of resilience your son or daughter displays at school.

This is the last Newsletter before the end of Term 2. Our students and their teachers are looking forward to a well-earned break. I hope you get to spend some time with your children to relax and have fun.

Leanne Feltis
Assistant Principal
ST AUGUSTINE’S PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

100 CENTENARY 1913 - 2013

ST AUGUSTINE’S SCHOOL CENTENARY

RACE DAY

In conjunction with NBN Television

SUNDAY 21 JULY - 2013 -

7 RACE CARD

PARK BEACH PLAZA PRESENTS

KID’S ‘TURN OF THE CENTURY’ FASHIONS ON THE FIELD

FAMILY PICNIC EVENT

ENTRY $10 PER ADULT
KIDS UNDER 16 YEARS FREE!

- 7 Race TAB program featuring The ‘Back to C.ex Coffs’ Sawtell Cup
- Family fun day with NBN’s Big Dog
- Kids’ entertainment including face painting & rides
- Park Beach Plaza’s Kid’s ‘TURN OF THE CENTURY’ Fashions on the Field
  DRESS IN YOUR BEST 1900’S COSTUME!
- St Augustine’s Primary School
  P&F Association Sausage Sizzle

MANY THANKS GO TO OUR CENTENARY RACE SPONSORS:

GATES OPEN 11.30AM

For more information go to www.coffsracingclub.com.au or call (02) 6652 1488
CATECHETICAL NEWS
CONFIRMATION
We were extremely proud and happy for our large group of confirmation candidates and their families who celebrated their confirmation with our Bishop, the Reverend Jeffrey Jarrett, at St Augustine’s Church on Tuesday 18 June.
Well done children and May the Holy Spirit remain forever in your hearts.

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

Information - COFFS CUP Half Day
Public Holiday Thursday 1 August 2013
As communicated in a previous Newsletter (May 24), the Coffs Cup half day Public Holiday now applies to schools. Therefore our school will close at noon on that day. Being a gazetted public holiday the Outside School Hours Care program will not operate on that day.

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.

Whilst this has implications for families we apologise for the inconvenience.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS
You would be aware that 2013 is the year for our school’s Review and Development process. The staff have been preparing for an external panel’s validation of our findings which will take place in Term 3. The Catholic Schools Office has allocated a Staff Development Day on Friday 28 June. There will be no school for students on this day.
Students will return to school to begin Term 3 on Tuesday July 16. Monday June 15 has been designated as Staff Development Day by the Catholic Schools Office. On this day the staff will be working on the new Australian

COMING EVENTS
JUNE
24 Class 6C Cake Stall Fundraiser
27 Diocesan Netball Challenge 11:30 am at school
Paul Wilson Football Challenge 11:30 am at Maclean Street oval
Simon Young (Antarctica) visiting Yr 5 12:00
27 LAST DAY OF TERM TWO
28 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—No children at school

JULY
15 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—No children at school
17 Clarence Athletics Carnival at Coffs Hbr
21 P & F Centenary Race Day
26 Grandparents’ Day Mass & Celebration
29 Class 6P Cake Stall Fundraiser
30 Parent Workshop—School Review & Development 7:00 pm
31 ICAS English Competition 9:00 am
Maths Olympiad

AUGUST
1 Half Day Public Holiday—school closes at 12 noon
2 Yr 6 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
6 Yrs K-2 Sausage Sizzle
P & F Meeting 7:00 pm in Library
9 Diocesan Athletics Carnival at Lismore

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.
SPORT NEWS

KnowledgeNET

Check out the 2013 Sports News page on KnowledgeNET. This page has current information and what’s happening this week. If you have information you would like on this page or in the Newsletter please contact Regan Kama at the school.

POLDING BASKETBALL

Siena Bordignon was a member of the Polding girls basketball team who came runners up to a strong Sydney North team at the recent NSW PSSA state basketball championships in Menai on Thursday 6 June.

Polding fielded a strong team and showed their dominance by defeating Riverina 50 to 17 in the first pool game. In the second game, North Coast were never a threat going down to Polding 64 to 6 and in the third game Polding easily defeated an understrength South West 57 to 13 at the end of day one. Siena was instrumental in each game providing excellent defence and using her height to advantage in rebounding for the team. Congratulations Siena and the Polding team.

Please look at our 2013 Sports Page to read more about Siena and view photos.

BASKETBALL

If anyone is interested in playing Basketball for St Augustine’s during Term 3 and Term 4 on Saturdays at the Bray St Stadium, please see Mrs Kama in the sports office. We are specifically looking for Year 3 boys, but everyone is welcome. Flyers are available.

ST AUGUSTINE’S FIREBALLS

The Year 4 girls basketball team, St Augustine’s Fireballs has been undefeated this season winning all nine games. The girls have come a long way since the beginning of the season and all their hard work at training is paying off. There is only one round remaining before the Semi and Grand Finals. The Fireballs will play their Semi-Final game on Saturday 29 June at 9am at the Coffs Harbour Basketball Stadium on Bray St. The Grand Final at noon on the same day. It would be great to see some extra faces in the crowd supporting the girls.

Term 3 Electives

Our Year 3-6 Sport Electives are now posted on KnowledgeNET. Please ensure you are aware which sport your child will be doing in Term 3.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Polding Cross Country Trials at Eastern Creek last Friday. A special thank you to all the parents who were able to attend and provide support and assistance throughout the day - it is greatly appreciated. We would not be able to run these programs without your help.

Congratulations to Joel Guy (retired injured), Ben Burridge (3rd) pictured above, Tom Burridge (14th), Tess Bohringer (8th), Jack Canning (26th), Georgie Martin (15th), and Maddie Mayer (14th). Unfortunately Tianna Mayer had to pull out due to an injury. Results and photos will be posted on KnowledgeNET on Monday.

Ben Burridge will now go on to represent the Polding team at Eastern Creek on Friday 19 July. Well done Ben and good luck.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday 28 June and Monday 15 July are Staff Development Days for our school. Outside School Hours Care is available on Friday 28 June and Monday 15 July for students who are enrolled at OSHC.
SPORT NEWS (Continued)
YEARS 3—6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
A couple of weeks ago we completed our school Athletics Carnival. The Years 3-6 teachers did a great job of organising, recording, measuring, cheering and marshalling the students to get through so many activities with so many children. Our Year 3-6 students thank their teachers and realise how lucky they are to have such a dedicated staff helping them.

We would also like to thank the parents and Little Athletics (Fast Track Feet) who were able to assist at our Carnival.

Congratulations to the students who will now compete at the Clarence Zone Athletics Carnival at the BCU Stadium on Wednesday 17 July. This list and photos are on our 2013 Sports page on KnowledgeNET.

RUGBY TRAINING
If you need to register please go to the field and fill out the necessary forms. Training is held on Thursday afternoons from 3:15 pm to 4:00 pm on the school field. Please watch KnowledgeNET in case of cancellations due to the weather. Please note that your coach and manager are now your first point of contact if you require information. There is also a Coffs Harbour Junior Rugby website that we recommend you view regularly for unforeseen changes. Thank you.

RUGBY 7’s
Our Rugby 7’s team travelled to Sydney to play in the NSW Rugby 7’s tournament. It was a tough competition where our boys did not give up easily. Congratulations on making it to this level. We are very proud of our team and thank our Manager John Jones and Coach Dave Morgan who have dedicated a lot of time and effort into training and organising the team. Thank you also to the parents and Mr Hammond who travelled with the team.

NSW PSSA State Golf Championships
Venue: Port Macquarie Golf Club
Date: Mon 9 and Tues 10 September 2013
Eligibility: Students must have, or be able to get a handicap.
Handicap: Students can be nominated provided their handicap is equal to or less than 36 for boys and 45 for girls.
Age: Boys and girls aged: 8 to 13
Closing date: Friday 19 July 2013
Please see Mrs Kama for more details.

Dan Hammond—Sports Coordinator
3 course dinner includes wine & beer
Full evening of amazing entertainment
Tables of 10 available: Tickets $100 pp

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CANTEEN ROSTER

Week commencing 24 June
Mon  J McConchie, S Small, M Switzer
Tues  H Murray, D Olutayo
Wed  S Grimmond, L Wood
Thur  M De Satge, N Ferrett
Fri  STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Week commencing 15 July
Mon  STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Tues  C Bailey, G Bull, D La Rosa
Wed  M Bulloch, F Gilliland, J Jenkins
Thur  K Allen, C Loy, K O’Carroll
Fri  J Arnold, E Dow, J Roach, J Schultz, K Taylor

Week commencing 22 July
Mon  S O’Reilly, L Seccombe
Tues  J Arnold, M Murphy
Wed  L Trotman, K White
Thur  K Gilliland, J Golding, D Mayer
Fri  B Dougherty, P Duffy, J Roach, K-A Van Ryswyk, L Zawadzki

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

P & F NEWS

SPELL-A-THON

Wow! What a great response to the Spell-a-thon fundraiser. All children return over $10 in sponsorship money by Thursday 27 June will have their name entered into a draw (one for Years K-2 and one for Years 3-6) for a prize of a book voucher! A big thank you to everyone who has already sent their money in.

Scott Bohringer—P & F Committee Secretary

CHICKEN BURGER DAYS

Where would our school be without all our wonderful volunteers? Many thanks go to our helpers on Tuesday who prepared the Year 5/6 Chicken Burger Lunches. Thanks also go to Don & Derry (not pictured here) who ‘man’ the BBQ for us through the year.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION

All fees for Instrumental Music Program were due for payment yesterday, 20 June. Please ensure payment is made without further delay. Thank you.

LARC Matters

Winding up the term in the LARC is very busy. Resources are being returned from cohorts, new ones are being delivered and overdue notices are being sent home. Sometime between now and the end of term your child may bring home a note about overdue books. Please return overdue books by Thursday 27 June. Our collection is precious and an invaluable resource for all. Any missing item is a loss. We will always gladly receive overdue books, no matter how long they have been missing.

Being respectful and careful with our school resources is a part of being at St Augustine’s. Please support your child in locating lost books, having a library bag on the appropriate day and treating all books, even their own, with care and respect. Children are very lucky to have wonderful resources at school and at home. Let’s teach our children to care for them.

See you in the LARC

Annie Madden—Teacher Librarian

Suite 3, 14 Edgar Street, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450
Telephone. 02 6652 2999  Fax. 02 6652 4694
Email. mail@chpa.com.au  Website. www.chpa.com.au
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Bookings and Cancellations
Our Roll for the week is printed each Monday morning BEFORE 11am. Therefore, can you please ensure your bookings are made (either email to Linda Rick – lrick@lism.catholic.edu.au or by phone 0417 666 494) by 10.30am each Monday. Cancellations for the week will also need to be made by this time if your child is not to be on the Roll. If your child is going to be absent on a booked day please call the OSHC mobile phone number and let the OSHC staff know. Unfortunately OSHC staff and office staff spend a lot of time daily trying to locate booked children who are absent. So if your child is at home sick, being picked up from school or taking a bus INSTEAD of going to OSHC please call OSHC. Thank you for your cooperation.

Fee Increase
Our latest fee increase was some time back and with increasing administration costs and purchase of equipment, a slight increase of fees is needed. As of 15 July 2013 (Term 3), fees will be as follows:

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Please note we will no longer offer half day sessions due to the difficulty in staffing and very low numbers using this facility.

Invoices
Invoices were sent home via your child’s class teacher this week. Payments need to be brought up to date to without delay to help us meet our financial commitments to the Service and provide valuable resources for your children. Some payments have not been made in quite some time for a number of families and payment must be attended to. Thank you.

Child Care Rebate
Although families are receiving the Child Care Benefit and subsequently the Child Care Rebate, many other families, particularly those with children attending Outside School Hours Care do not understand that they may be eligible for the Child Care Rebate and that is not income tested. To apply for the Child Care Rebate families need to initially apply for the Child Care Benefit by vising the Department of Human Services website (http://www.humanservices.gov.au/), a Centrelink Office or by phoning 136 150. More information is on the MyChild website (http://www.mychild.gov.au/) and attached to this Newsletter.

Increase to Child Care Benefit from July 2013
Australian families will receive more support following the indexation of the child care rates. Changes to Child Care Benefit rates and income thresholds will provide extra help to families with the costs of child care from July 2013. The Child Care Rebate also helps eligible working families with the cost of child care, by covering 50 per cent of out-of-pocket child care expenses for Child Care Benefit approved child care up to the annual cap. For the 2013-14 income year, the Child Care Rebate annual cap is $7,500 per child per year. The increases are part of the Australian Governments $22.1 billion investment over the next four years to help Australian families with the costs of child care. This includes $11 billion in Child Care Rebate and $11.1 billion in Child Care Benefit over the next four years.

Homework
Homework time is a very busy time each afternoon. Please make sure your child knows when you expect them to do their homework so staff can spend time helping children with homework rather than trying to convince them to do so.

Lost Property
Please, please, please check your child’s belongings (especially their hat and homework folder) are in their bag when you pick them up from ASC as our lost property basket fills quickly each week! Thank you.

Survey- Best Practice for Planning & Development of Child Care Facilities
The Australian Government recently engaged the University of Technology Sydney: Centre for Local Government to develop Best Practice Guidelines for the Planning and Development of Child Care Facilities. The Best Practice Guidelines will be an important tool for local governments trying to expand child care services in their communities. It will identify the planning and developmental practices that most effectively overcome planning barriers and improve accessibility to child care. Families, councils, developers and child care providers have the opportunity to help shape Best Practice Guidelines by sharing their views and experiences through submissions to the team at the University of Technology Sydney. The public submission process is now open and you are encouraged to complete the online survey and share your experiences in establishing a new child care centre and the role of local government in this process. You are encouraged to contribute, and to let parents know about the online survey. The survey, which is voluntary and takes about 20 minutes to complete, can be found at http://efm.jusfeedback.com/Community/se.ashx? s=705E3EF87A25CA00. You have until 8 July 2013 to complete the survey.


We value your input into our Daily Program, Policies & Procedures and any other improvements/suggestions you feel might be needed. Of course we would also love to hear from you if you are happy with our After School Care and Vacation Care service to let us know what aspects you and your children like best.

Wednesday 26 June will be our last day of playgroup this term. We invite parents/carers with under school age children to come along each Wednesday during term from 9am to 11am to come and join in the fun of St Augustine’s Playgroup. It’s only $3.00 and please bring a plate to share.

Please contact Brigitte (bklinkers@lism.catholic.edu.au or 0417 666 494 ) to enrol your child into St Augustine’s OSHC so enrolment orientation can be organised. Thank you.
## Child Care Benefit—summary of rate changes from July 2013

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YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING CAKE STALLS

Upcoming Cake Stalls:

6C - Monday 24 June
6P - Monday 29 July

Children in these classes are requested to bring in items that can be sold individually such as patty cakes, muffins or mini muffins, biscuits or pre-cut slices. Items are to be brought in to school on the morning of your nominated date.

Prices will range from 20c up to $1 per item and will be on sale to all students at lunch time on these dates.

CENTENARY CORNER

The samples of the Centenary jumpers to commemorate our celebrations have arrived. They can be ordered through the office. The prices are $65 for adults and $55 for children. They can be ordered with short or long sleeves. There is a child sample and an adult sample to have a look at for sizing. Come in and have a look.