Dear Parents and Carers

Pope Francis has called on all people of the world to care more for the world we live in in his latest Encyclical LAUDATO SI’ – Care for Our Common Home.

This document spells out in detail the possible consequences of inaction and indifference towards Climate Change and environmental degradation. He calls on all people of the world; organisations, governments and individuals to act now as these issues, if left, will only make poverty and global inequality more prevalent. The whole document is excellent and is found at http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

If however you would like a summary of practical tips, go to this easy to read article to find out more: http://www.catholicnews.com/data/stories/cns/1502641.htm

“Let us protect in Love what God has given us” – Pope Francis.

Thanks once again for the fundraising efforts of so many families and businesses in supporting Eve Guy and family in her battle against cancer. She is in good spirits and buoyed by the love and support of the community. Don’t forget to grab some raffle tickets as there are wonderful prizes available. Next term there will also be a Trivia Night held near the end of the term – dates coming soon.

Congratulations to all our Basketball teams who competed all season and represented the school so well. Three teams made the Grand finals and we had two wins, which is an excellent result. Special mention goes to the coaches of all teams who put in an extra effort week in and week out – having coached for many years I understand it’s not always easy but without them, the children cannot play.

Quite often many children at school achieve remarkable results outside of the formal education system and get little recognition. One such child is Valentina Moreno from Yr 2 who will be making the rather long journey to Sochi, Russia to attend the Circus Masters competition in the holidays. Besides meeting performing artists from all over the world, she will assist with judging the Children’s Choice Award as part of the official Jury. We wish her all the best and a safe return.

Thank you one and all for your continued support and I look forward to next term.

Grace and Peace

Peter Watts

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**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
day *** NOTICE ***

There will be a Staff Development Day tomorrow Friday 26 June.
There will be no school for children tomorrow.
CATECHETICAL NEWS

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 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 6 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

NAIDOC WEEK
The official 2015 NAIDOC week celebrations usually fall within the Term 2 holiday period. This is the case this year with NAIDOC week beginning on July 5. The theme for this year is We all stand on sacred ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate. This theme relates to the strong cultural connection Aboriginal people have to the land and sea.

This year our school will have a focus on NAIDOC in Week 4 of Term 3. More information will be presented in the next Newsletter.

Staff News
Congratulations to Miss Erin Lyons who will be celebrating her nuptials during the holidays. Erin will wed Josh Bennett at St Augustine’s Church and we wish the happy couple all the very best.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Bennett back in Term 3!

Mrs Robyn Warren and Mrs Kristy McPherson will commence maternity leave at the beginning of Term 3. Mrs Alyssa Bamford will be teaching 3W and Mrs Beth Duede will teach 3H on Fridays. Our best wishes go with Robyn and Kristy as they prepare for the arrival of their new babies. Mrs Bamford and Mrs Duede are well known to our staff and students and we look forward to another great term with them at St Augustine’s.

SKOOLBAG NOTIFICATIONS
Great news! St Augustine’s School now has its own app. We have engaged the services of a company called Skoolbag to provide us with the technology to update information for families, link to our newsletter and calendar as well as providing e-forms to send in absentee notes. See page 10 for all the information.

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday 12 September 2015
TRIVIA NIGHT
At St John Paul College
In support of the Guy family
Babysitting available
at the College

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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

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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
We have been overwhelmed with the wonderful response to the walkathon and the way our community has come together to support Eve and her family during this difficult time. We are thrilled to announce that as of today we have raised $29,000.00. This fantastic total has been achieved through generous donations as well as sponsorship for students to participate in the walk. There were many students who spent a lot of time seeking sponsors then collecting the money afterwards. We were staggered to see some of our children bring in money in the hundreds of dollars. A special mention to Charlie Wood in Year 1 who raised over $1,400.00.

Every cent counts and we thank every student and every parent who contributed in any way. The Guy family are extremely grateful and overwhelmed at the support they have received. Eve will be needing medical treatment in Sydney for some time to come. We will keep her in our thoughts and prayers every day.

For every $25 raised, students received a ticket in a special prize draw. The winners were:

Kinder: Max Benson
Year 1: Laila McLaughlin
Year 2: Dakota Johnston
Year 3: Chloe Caldwell
Year 4: Abby-Rose Pocock
Year 5: Isaac Clarke
Year 6: Alyssa Fitzgerald

HEAD LICE
There has been an outbreak of head lice at school. Please take time during the holidays to check your child’s hair and treat if necessary. Children cannot stay at school if lice or eggs are present in their hair.

COMING EVENTS

JUNE
25 Last day of Term 2 for students
26 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

JULY
13 FIRST DAY OF TERM 3
16 Clarence Zone Athletics Carnival
17 Yr K & Yr 6 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
24 Grandparents Day & Liturgy 9:15 am at school
   School Tree Day
28 ICAS English Competition
31 Yr 1 & Yr 5 at Parish Mass 9:15 am

AUGUST
4 P & F Meeting 7:00 pm in the LARC
   Yrs 5/6 Chicken Burger Day
7 Yr 2 & Yr 4 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
   Lismore Diocese Athletics Carnival
11 ICAS Maths Competition
14 Yr 3 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
17 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL
18 Yrs 3/4 Chicken Burger Day
21 Yr K & Yr 6 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
26 Book Week Character Parade
   Newcastle Permanent Maths Comp
28 Feast of St Augustine—Yrs K-6 at Parish Mass 9:15 am

CANTEEN ROSTER
13.07.2015
Mon K Wilkinson, L Wood
Tues J Armitage, A Bonus, G Bull, R Kennedy, C Williams
Wed M Bulloch, J Jenkins
Thur M Eden, M Felton, R Felton, C Inwood
Fri D Budd, L Budd, P Crawford, B Guest, J Roach

20.07.2015
Mon K Apps, S Small
Tues J Bourne, D Olutayo, N Savige
Wed G Franklin, M Murphy, S O’Reilly, M Santana
Thur M De Satge, N Ferrett
Fri P Crawford, P Duffy, H Gallatly, W McLean, 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
SPORT NEWS

Athletics Carnival
Our Athletics Carnival was held for the first time at C.ex Coffs International Stadium, Coffs Harbour. There has been a lot of positive feedback about the venue.

Thank you to the wonderful parent volunteers who helped at this event. Your assistance is invaluable and it would not be possible to run the event without your help.

Results for the winning house and for age champions will be released in the next Newsletter. This is due to the tremendous amount of participation from students in each of the events. As a result, some of the field events had to be completed at school in the following days.

Clarence Zone Representative Trials – Athletics
On Thursday 16 July, forty four students will compete at the C.ex Coffs International Stadium in the Clarence Zone Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to the following students:


Lismore Diocesan Primary Netball Challenge
The St Augustine’s netball team will be participating in Round two of the Lismore Diocesan Netball Challenge on Friday 24 July. The team had a bye in Round 1 and progressed straight to Round 2. They will be participating under the watchful eye of Mrs Michelle Charles, here on our school grounds. We look forward to seeing a display of excellent netball skills and sportsmanship. Best wishes!

NSWPSSA Representative Trials – Touch Football
Oliver Canning will compete in the NSWPSSA touch football (boys) trials after the school holidays. It will be held at the C.ex Coffs International Stadium, from Tuesday 21 July to Thursday 23 July. Students from around the state will descend upon the venue with their finest touch football skills. Good luck, Oliver!

Polding Representative Trials – Cross Country
On Friday 12 June, five students competed at the Polding Representative Trials for Cross Country at Eastern Creek (Sydney). They put in some very strong performances and we congratulate them on their effort and achievement. Results were as follows: Ainhoa Appleton (15th), Lara Baker (19th), Abbi Dagger (8th), Cooper Marle (27th) and Lachlan Marle (12th).

Lachlan Marle was a member of the successful Lismore Diocesan 11 Years Boys team who took out the gold medal in their age group for the team points at these trials.

CHBA’s ‘2015 Summer Primary School Competition’ – Basketball
Congratulations to all teams involved in the CHBA Summer Primary School Competition this semester. Three St Augustine’s teams made it to the Grand Finals on Saturday 20 June. In the boys’ competition, the St Augustine’s Sharp Shooters came away victorious against the Wildcats in a nail biting 18-17, as did the St Augustine’s Scorpions, 45-31, over Toormina Primary School. In the girls’ competition, the St Augustine’s Bluebirds fought valiantly, but went down 41-23 to Mary Help of Christians Primary School.

Thank you to all coaches and managers who were involved in the competition this season. Your contribution of time, skill and effort are much appreciated by the teams and the school. Basketball kits (bag, basketball, set of singlets) that were given to coaches and managers can be returned to the school through the Sport Office.

Students who are interested in playing basketball next semester are encouraged to go to the Sport Office to register their interest and collect a note if they missed the meeting, earlier this week.

A reminder that teams will also need your help. For teams to be accepted in the nomination process, two adults are required to be associated with each team (coach and manager). Basketball experience is helpful, but not necessary, in order to fill these roles. Parents/carers or community members who are interested in helping a basketball team in the Semester 2 competition can contact Ms McDermid to register their interest.

Sport Enquiries
dhammond@lism.catholic.edu.au or (02) 6652 1204
kmcdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au or (02) 6652 1204

Yours in sport
Dan Hammond—Sports Coordinator
Kristy McDermid—Sports Administrator
St Augustine’s School – Kindergarten 2015

School Holiday Get Together

Come along and have fun playing with friends from Kindergarten!

When:       Wednesday 1 July, 2015
            (first Wednesday of the school holidays)

Where:      Beryl Street Playground
            Corner of Beryl St and Gallipoli Road, Coffs Harbour

Time:       10am – 11.30am
            (In the case of inclement weather, play-date will be cancelled)

Meet under the shade of pine trees. Relax, chat, and enjoy the fresh air with friends. Can you believe we are already half way through Kindy?

Bring:      picnic morning tea, water bottle, hat, and sunscreen.

No RSVP required.

Should you have any questions please contact Leanna Straw:
0413 461 802 or leannastraw@gmail.com

Please note: Supervision of your child/children will be your responsibility.

Save Sawtell Cinema…and be rewarded!

Sawtell Cinema is on the way back but we need your help to get the doors open again. We are launching a crowd funding campaign on 4 July to raise $75,000+ for new seating for the cinema. For as little as $25 you can join the Save Sawtell Cinema fraternity. A range of great rewards will be available - including the chance to have your name engraved in Sawtell Cinema history! Go to www.chuffed.org/project/save-sawtell-cinema to help save Sawtell Cinema.
St Augustine’s Parents and Friends Association is holding a raffle to support the Guy family who are looking after Eve in Sydney. Eve is currently undergoing chemotherapy and surgery for bone cancer.

AMAZING PRIZES !!
Local businesses have been very generous in donating these wonderful prizes!

★★★ MAJOR PRIZES ★★★

THE DENTAL CENTRE $900 SMILEY PACK
BETTA ELECTRICAL HAIR DRYER/STRAIGHTENER + Salt & Pepper Grinder
NOVOTEL PACIFIC BAY RESORT 1 NIGHT ACCOM.
AANUKA BEACH RESORT 1 NIGHT ACCOM.

OTHER GREAT PRIZES INCLUDE:
Emma Rhoades Photography Family Portrait | Nat Rad $165 Air Conditioner Service | Neils and Bolts $150 Service
TIM 4x4 recovery kit value approx. $180 | Jake McCabe Electrical $100 labour voucher | Hot Vapour Cleaning $190 | Ella Bache Gift Pack
Apple Computers keyboard | Coffs Harbour Auto Electrical Air Conditioner regas | Bridgestone $65 wheel alignment x 3
Indigo Hair $60 voucher | Blackwoods voucher | Auto Barn Gift Basket | The Body Gift Pack | Bray Street Butcher $50 voucher
Beambee Industrial Gift Bag x 2 | Palm Centre Newsagency voucher | Gloria Jeans voucher | Big Country Meats $20 voucher
Greenhouse Tavern $20 voucher x 3 | Caltex $20 voucher

Raffle draw date to be advised!!!

Buy a ticket today and help us to help Eve.
**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 including a full buffet breakfast in Charlie’s Restaurant

**Commonwealth Bank** have generously donated:

$100 Youth Saver account with the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program

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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@parishschooloffice.com.au
Website: www.parishschooloffice.com.au

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**THE GREEN SPOT**

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**Alex Shaw and Candice Butcher —**

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**Live Life Well @ School**

Keeping kids active during winter —

**W**alk in the rain – don’t forget the **I**nside dance-a-thon

**N**otice when children are being active and join in

**T**en minute bursts of exercise, like star jumps, running on the spot and hopping

**E**scape to the park and play some ball games

**R**ug up and go for a walk on the beach
Years 3 - 6
Athletics Carnival
Monday 15 June 2015
C.ex Coffs International Stadium
SKOOLBAG

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How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users
1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click “Free” then “Install”.
4. If iPad, change the drop list to “iPhone Apps”; your school will then be visible, click “Free” then “Install”.
5. When installed click “Open”
6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

Android Users
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the “Play Store” button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the “Install” button.
5. Click “Accept” for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click “Open” when installed.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
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Don’t forget to like us on Facebook! Like
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LARC Matters

Exciting times are ahead for our 2016 Kindergarten students. Term 3 is when we begin our ‘Pre’ School Reading Program. Once the enrolment is in place for your child you are encouraged to come to the LARC to borrow a prepared bag of books to take home and share with your child. Each time you visit the school please sign in at the office when you arrive and leave.

There are 7 books in the bag and they have a variety of genres and interests. Some are new and some are old but all books have something to offer your child for school readiness. The idea is that you share these books with your child as many times as you can. It is ideal to share 1000 books with your child from birth to the start of school. Here is a great chance to catch up! Below are some pointers from a 2011 article from the English Teacher’s Association of NSW (full article here http://bit.ly/1K8Nc36).

For pre-school children:

Above all else, read to them. Research has continually shown that being read to regularly before school age is a crucial predictor of literacy, and general academic success.

- Let them help you turn the pages.
- Look at the pictures together and talk together about what you see.
- Link known nursery rhymes, songs and jokes to their presentation in books.
- As you read together, encourage the child to say aloud with you the words he/she knows (without turning reading into a test).
- Point out examples of known words in the world around them (without making every shopping trip a test).
- Let them have pencils and crayons and paper for writing and drawing.
- If you would like your child to learn the alphabet before he/she starts school, treat it as a game, using alphabet books.
- Give books as presents.

In addition to this great advantage, each time you come to the LARC to swap the bag it is an opportunity to become familiar with the school. You may be able to come at different times to see the life of the school with different activities happening such as lunch, sport or play before school. You might also like to wander around the school so your child becomes familiar with the Kinder rooms, the canteen, toilets, office and, of course, the LARC. All of this will help your child be more familiar with and less intimidated by the school surrounds.

See you in the LARC,
Annie Madden

Pre-School Reading Program