Dear Parents and Carers

Pope Francis continues to lead the Church over the world with humble service promoting compassion and mercy to all in the world. He is also active on social media – check out his Twitter account for regular updates.

The new Homework Policy will come into effect next term and comes after extensive consultation with staff and parents. It became clear as the process unfolded that there are widely held, often opposing views held by parents and that educational research on this topic is unclear. The guidelines on Page 5 outline the essence of the policy and essentially place emphasis where the greatest benefit for the most children can be found – in consistent home reading and practice of English and Maths skills that each student can do independently but not fluently. There will be optional activities for those children and parents who wish to do more. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s homework, please contact the teacher.

The first priority of the school is child safety and the pick-up/drop-off area on Albany St is of ongoing concern, especially from 2:55 pm to 3:15 pm. This was highlighted in a recent article in the ‘Advocate’ and there seems to be an increase in cars picking up students at the end of the day. The RMS and Council have been involved with this issue since the beginning of last year, trying to find solutions to this complex problem. Funding applications for a re-design of the crossing and flashing lights have been submitted to the RMS earlier in the year. New fences and pathways are soon to be constructed and new signage displayed. These are important but a vital part of the safety rests with the adults who pick up in the afternoon. I encourage everyone to obey the road rules (eg do not queue on the crossing), use the crossing if you have to cross the road and hold onto your child’s hand. If you can avoid this area, please do so by picking up on Gordon St or getting your child to catch the bus. Thanks in advance for your support with this important issue.

Over the school holidays work on the next stage of the Playground area will take place. New paths and landscaping the hill area will make this spot safer and will give the ‘bones’ for other play spaces to be constructed to make this an exciting and creative space.

Have a happy and safe holiday.

Peter Watts
Principal
CATECHETICAL NEWS

FRIDAY MASS 9:15 am—Year levels attending
Friday 22 July—Yrs 4 & 2
Friday 5 August—Yr 3

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

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.

Celebrating NAIDOC at St Augustine’s

Today our school community came together to celebrate NAIDOC. Whilst NAIDOC WEEK falls in the first week of the holidays students and staff have had a focus on this important event over this past week.

The hall was decorated with beautiful artwork depicted on large banners. Every cohort was able to bring their banner to the hall to add to the colour of the celebration. A special liturgy kicked off this morning with the Aboriginal students processing to the stage carrying artefacts. The entire school joined in song for the Lord’s Prayer in Gumbaingirr language.

Following our NAIDOC liturgy and assembly families were invited to stay for an informal BBQ and get together in the gardens area.

The Feast of Anne and Joachim: Mary’s Parents

Grandparent’s Day 2016
FRIDAY 29 JULY
9:15 am - 11:40 am

Each grandparent is unique and irreplaceable. As society changes, the role of grandparents changes. But some things about grandparents are constant... their unconditional love.

Friends and family are invited to join with us in celebrating the gift they are in our lives!

OVERVIEW OF THE DAY
9:15 am   Liturgy in K-2 area.
9:45 am   Children move back to their classrooms
9:55 am   Learning Showcase/ Garden open for planting/Tea and biscuits in the hall
Lunch:   Picnic lunch on the hill. Sausage Sizzle/ coffee van available

In preparation for Grandparent’s Day:
Families are invited to email in to school a family photo. This photo will be printed and given to your child’s teacher who will place it on a cohort family tree in preparation for Grandparent’s Day. Please email your photo by Wednesday 27 July to sapcoffs@lism.catholic.edu.au

Please ensure you include your child’s name and their class. Should you have two or more children at St Augustine’s you can ask for the photo to be used for each child or send in a separate photo for each.
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Friday 1 July is a Staff Development Day. The school will be closed for students on this day.

CANTEEN ROSTER
18.07.2016
Mon  D Mauger   HELP!! HELP!!
Tues  G Bull, N Faggiato
Wed   J Golding, A Ryan, M Simpson
Thur  K Allen, K O’Carroll, H O’Rourke, L Rowthorne
Fri   T Blundell, J Cutler, A Goode, L Sanders, A Stephens, S Winkler

25.07.2016
Mon  G Franklin, L Seccombe
Tues  J Armytage, R Morrison, C Williams
Wed   L Buckley, K White   HELP!! HELP!!
Thur  M Eden, M Martinez, C Williams
Fri   P Crawford, P Duffy, H O’Rourke, L Sanders, K Van Ryswyk

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
JUNE
30  Half-yearly reports go home
30  END OF TERM 2—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

JULY
1  STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
   NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL
18  First day of Term 3 for students
19  Clarence Zone Athletics Carnival
22  Yrs 4 & 2 at Mass 9:15 am
25  Sean Choolburra—Visiting performer
27  Maths Olympiad 3
29  Grandparents’ Day

AUGUST
2  ICAS English Competition
4  Coffs Cup—half day public holiday, school closed from 12 noon
5  Yr 3 at Mass 9:15 am
8-12  Parent/Teacher Interviews
12  Yr 6 & Yr K at Mass 9:15 am
16  ICAS Maths Competition
17  Maths Olympiad 4
19  Yr 5 & Yr 1 at Mass 9:15 am
22  Book Week
24  Newcastle Permanent Maths Comp
25  School Assembly

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GORDON KING CONSTRUCTIONS
0427 427915
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. Students will be required to gather at 8:00 am near the Year 6 classrooms for an 8:15 am departure.

Polding Representative Trials – Cross Country
Five students attended the Polding Cross Country trials at Eastern Creek recently to represent the Lismore Diocese. All students ran well and were placed in the top 20: Cooper Marle (8th place, 10yrs boys), Finn Klinkers (8th place, 11yrs boys), Nick Caldwell (20th place, 11yrs boys), Lachlan Marle (7th place, 12/13yrs boys) and Jacob Field (15th place, 12/13yrs boys).

Particular congratulations must go to Lachlan Marle and Jacob Field who won medallions which supported the Lismore Diocese winning the 12/13yrs boys division.

Term Three: Elective Sport – Years 3-6
A note will be sent home with students in the first week of Term 3 confirming the sport that they have been allocated. Please keep an eye out for this note and check the information regarding your child’s sport.

Parents are also reminded that students will need to have correct money to give to their classroom teacher each Friday for Elective Sport.

Yours in sport

Erin Bennett – Sports Coordinator
Kristy M'Dermid – Sports Administrator

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/
Homework Policy Summary for Parents

- Homework is expected of all students and will be set by all teachers.
- The decision to complete homework is the responsibility of parents and carers.
- Children are encouraged to get into a good routine for homework by teachers and parents.
- Parents are be encouraged to be involved in appropriate ways, eg listening to children read, checking work, giving suggestions.
- Teachers and parents need to carefully monitor the amount of homework assigned so that it is appropriate to students' age and ability level and does not take too much time away from other home activities. Parents need to communicate to school if the work is too demanding or time consuming so adjustments can be made.
- Online tasks may be set but only for optional activities
- The following broad outline will be followed:
  a. **Oral and independent reading each night.** This is the most important part of homework and should be promoted with children as the first priority. Ideally home reading should be a habit that is *practised every night*.
  b. **Practising a skill or process** in English and Maths that students can do independently but not fluently.
  c. **Optional work** elaborating on information that has been addressed in class to deepen students' knowledge and/or provide opportunities for students to explore topics of their own interest.
- The following time guidelines apply:
  a. **Literacy and Numeracy practice (includes reading)**
     i. K-2 - around 10 mins per night for 4 nights per week
     ii. Years 3-4 – around 20 mins per night for 4 nights per week
     iii. Years 5-6 – around 30 mins per night for 4 nights per week
  b. **Optional activities** – varied but realistic.
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 wish 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.

Email: admin@parishschoolsoffice.com.au  
Website: www.parishschoolsoffice.com.au
This term has been a very busy one for the members of Mini Vinnies. Tying two pieces of poly fleece material together has been an effective way of making 16 blankets quickly and just in time for the launch of the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

Last Friday we presented the blankets and over 60 personal care packs to the local President, Mrs Cecily Foley after the Year 3 Mass. Trinity Kachel and Centaine O’Carroll spoke about the process and thanked everyone for their generous donations of toiletries.

We have learnt the true meaning of: ‘Small things can make a big difference’.

Mini Vinnies Coordinators
Kyanne Kachel, Louise Sprowles and Beth Schmahl
**Interschool Chess Competition**

St Augustine’s entered seven teams in the Interschool Chess Competition, hosted by Bishop Druitt College on Friday 17 June. One team played in A Grade, two in B Grade and four in C Grade. All students played enthusiastically, representing our school with pride and excellent sportsmanship.

Congratulations go to the A Grade Team, Saarang Baba, Saavan Baba, Blake Botes and Antonio Martinez Pardo de Vera, who won the day by a narrow margin from Toormina Public School. Saarang Baba was awarded best player for the tournament. The team now progresses to the next level of the tournament, with the opposing team and venue to be advised in the near future.

Thanks are extended to Mr John Maddix for organising the tournament, to Bishop Druitt College for providing the wonderful venue and to the participating students for their excellent behaviour and attitude.

Mrs George
Chess Organiser
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.

Village Sports is excited to announce the introduction of a new incentive for the 2016 event, 'The Doctor on Duty Schools Challenge' with cash prizes for the schools with the highest number of participants to spend on sporting equipment. The aim of the Doctor on Duty Schools Challenge is to encourage participation across the region from local school children.

How it works

When students enter the event they are asked to select their school from a dropdown menu. The schools are broken up into categories based on numbers and the school with the highest percentage of participants in each category will receive cash to spend on sporting equipment.

The more students who participate, the more chance their school has of winning.

Enter now! villagesports.com.au
SILVER COIN CHALLENGE — ‘small change for a big change’

The winning Cohort is Year K with a total of $336.95! A big thank you to all families for sending in their small change. The total raised was $1,500.50 which is a wonderful contribution to the P & F.

TOTALS
Yr K  $336.95
Yr 1  $189.95
Yr 2  $223.15
Yr 3  $148.65
Yr 4  $179.40
Yr 5  $264.10
Yr 6  $158.30

Next term, Kindergarten will enjoy an afternoon of fun activities.

PRIMARY RESEARCH PROJECT STUDENTS
LARC Matters

What an exciting term in the LARC! It has been great to see so many students, teachers and families enter the LARC and find what they are looking for. There are so many resources here something for everyone!

Lyle Campbell Section
A reminder to the adult members of our families 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
The Term 3 focus will be on the Australian Book Council’s Book of the Year awards. This year’s theme is ‘Australia, Story Country’.

Of course this will culminate with the annual K-2 Book Parade. Yrs K-2 students dress up as their favourite/interesting book character. Remember the dress up does not need to be extravagant, just use your imagination with what you have!

Premier’s 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.

Primary Research Project
Congratulations to the students who entered this project. They worked diligently, often during their lunch break, to complete the challenging research questions. It was fabulous to see the debates happening regarding the answers to some of the more challenging questions. There were some amazing results!

High Distinction - Eve Guy, Trinity Kachel, Centaine O’Carroll, Jayda Kachel, Abbey George, Ella McKierman, Emma Dart, Holly Simmons, Jessica Harrison, Joely Buquiron, Lily Betland,

Distinction – Ainhoa Appleton, Duke Rowthorne, Kaitlyn Bissett, Kiahni Wainwright, Maya Loader, Saarang Baba

Credit – Yasmin Murphy

Merit – Hunter Pearce

Participation - Jarrah Vanderpoel

St Augustine’s Scrabble
We know the importance of using varied and interesting vocabulary. Our St Augustine’s Scrabble on the LARC wall is a way of helping our students build a rich vocabulary. Next term we will ask people to contribute to the wall. Do you know an interesting word that would fit? If so email me nloader@llsm.catholic.edu.au and you never know, you might make the scrabble board.

See you in the LARC! Naomi Loader
Get involved in the School Banking program

St Augustines’ Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students and will be offering the Rewards Program from next term.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. From next term, when your child has made 10 deposits at school (ie: banked for 10 weeks), they will receive a reward item which will be automatically ordered for them from this year’s Rewards Program.

The rewards available during 2016 are:

- Wildlife Writer Set
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

Please note: we will not be using the Dollarmites tokens that have been used previously with the School Banking program, but will be tracking deposits made by children on the School Banking system. Reward items will be automatically ordered when children reach 10 deposits.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Wednesday.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask at the school office.
**When:**
Thursday 14th July

**Venue:**
Harry Bailey Memorial Library, Coffs Harbour.

**Time:**
10:00 am—12:00 noon

**FREE**
Illustration Workshop
Conducted by local author
Carlee Yardley

Learn how to design and create your own character using fabric.

All materials supplied.

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