Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Over the past few weeks our school has had some terrific compliments. From remarks about our Eisteddfod results, to the greetings given by our welcoming team at the front gate each morning, to the comments given by our prospective 2015 Kinder families, we are indeed receiving some high praise.

Upon reflection I believe our school’s learning framework and our unwavering commitment to personalising the learning to meet the needs of our students is probably the biggest underlying factor why demand to enrol in our school is high. The message in the following story echoes our school’s learning philosophy.

There was a man taking a morning walk along the beach. He saw that along with the morning tide came hundreds of starfish and when the tide receded, they were left behind and with the morning sunrays, they would die.

The tide was fresh and the starfish were alive. The man took a few steps, picked one up and threw it into the water. He did that repeatedly.

Right behind him there was another person who couldn’t understand what this man was doing. He caught up with him and asked, “What are you doing? There are hundreds of starfish. How many can you help? What difference does it make?”

This man did not reply, took two more steps, picked up another one, threw it into the water, and said, “It makes a difference to this one.”

What difference are we making at St Augustine’s? Big or small, it does not matter. What matters is whether we choose to make a difference or not.

I urge every family to take up the opportunity to meet with their class teacher during the parent/teacher interviews to be held during the last two weeks of the school term. While the students’ reports will go home on Monday 16 June please look for the parent/teacher interview sheets that have already been sent home. Please return them ASAP to book your spot with your class teacher.

Best Wishes
Jake
This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday.

Risen Lord, we recall the disciples on the Road to Emmaus. Walk with us, teach us, stay with us Lord.

Stay with us Lord, in our times of physical need and spiritual trial, when we are tempted to fear and doubt.

Stay with us Lord, in our encounters with the poor and needy of our time, especially when we are tempted to grow weary.

Stay with us Lord, in our dialogue with persons of other faith traditions, when we are tempted to misunderstanding.

The link below will take you to a video and song which may touch you somehow. It reflects the domino effect in how we treat each other.

Enjoy and God Bless!
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WhfPLYVZ5j0

Year 6 Religious Education Test
On Wednesday 11 June, Year 6 students will be sitting the Religious Education Test, which is administered through the Catholic Education Office, Sydney. Students are tested on their accumulated religious knowledge, which they have gathered over the last three years of their religious learning.

We wish the Year 6 students the best of luck!

Paddy Dent - Leader of School Evangelisation
Mary Machatsch – Leader of Catechesis
LARC MATTERS

Our annual Book Fair will be held on Friday 20 June. Students will have an opportunity to view the books during the week with their class. They will bring home a Wish List for parents to choose which books they would like to purchase on the Friday. The Library will open at 7:45 am on the Friday for parents / carers with students to place orders. Classes will also visit during the course of the day with orders and money.

More information will be sent home soon about the organisation, viewing and purchasing process. Dymocks are once again the suppliers of the books and we are grateful for their continued support. This is always a very exciting event in the LARC and proceeds raise money for further purchases of good quality books to support our students’ reading development.

See you at the Book Fair and see you in the LARC.

Annie Madden

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Semester 1 reports will be sent home on Monday 16 June. Parent/Teacher interviews will be conducted from June 16 for two weeks. Please complete the interview time sheet sent home with your child, indicating your first three preferences. All parents and carers are encouraged to attend this important interview.

HEAD LICE

There has been another outbreak of head lice at school. Please check your child’s hair regularly and treat if necessary. All eggs must be removed from hair after treatment. Students may not be sent to school if lice or eggs are present in the hair.

YEAR 4 BREAKFAST

The Year 4 Breakfast date has been changed from 10 June to Tuesday 24 June. All Year 4 families are invited to breakfast outside the Canteen on 24 June, from 7:30—8:15 am. Please RSVP by Friday 20 June. See you there.

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.

COMING EVENTS

JUNE

9 Public Holiday
12 Chess Tournament at Sawtell Primary School
16 ICAS Writing Competition
Reports go home
17 ICAS Spelling Competition
Yrs 5/6 Sausage Sizzle Day
20 Book Fair
Yr 3 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
Newsletter Day
23 Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival (Monday)
24 Yr 4 Breakfast 7:30—8:15 am (was 10 June)
25 ICAS English & Maths Comps closing date
26 Yr 5 Learning Journey 10:00 am in classrooms
27 LAST DAY OF TERM 2

JULY

14 FIRST DAY OF TERM 3
16 Clarence Athletics Carnival
22 Yr 5 Breakfast 7:30—8:15 am
25 Grandparents’ Day Liturgy 9:15 am
Newsletter Day
29 ICAS English Competition
Yrs K-2 Chicken Burger Day

CANTEEN ROSTER

10.06.2014
Mon PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues G Bull, R Kennedy
Wed M Bulloch, J Jenkins
Thur J Devitt, M Felton, C Inwood, N Smith
Fri D Budd, L Budd, P Duffy, B Guest, J Roach, M Roberts

16.06.2014
Mon K Apps, J McConchie, S Small
Tues H Murray, D Olutayo, K Taylor
Wed J Pizzi, L Wood
Thur M De Satge, N Ferrett
Fri P Crawford, P Duffy, H Gallatly, J Roach, L Zawadzki

CANTEEN NEWS

Lasagne and corn cobs will be available during Terms 2 and 3. Lasagne will be $3.50 per serve and corn cob portions will be $1.00 each.

Barbra Symons & Alicia Betland—Canteen Managers
SPORT NEWS

YEAR 3 - 6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The Years 3—6 Athletics Carnival has been postponed and will now be held on Monday 23 June. All welcome to come along and enjoy the day. The P & F Committee will run a barbecue for parents and carers.

RUGBY
The Friday night Rugby competition has commenced at the Coffs Rugby Club. St Augustine’s has a Year 1/2, Year 3/4, and Year 5/6 teams in the competition. If you would like to play Rugby Union on Friday nights, please come to training on Thursdays from 3:15 - 4:00 pm on the school field.

A big thank you to our volunteer coaches, Mr Jeffery Cox, Mr Billy Budd and Mr Chris Martin, it is great to see our children competing and being great ambassadors for our school.

RUGBY - DIOCESAN GALA DAY
On Wednesday 4 June the St Augustine’s Rugby team played in the Diocesan Rugby Gala Day in Coffs Harbour.

Congratulations to our team and thank you to the coach and parents for supporting them throughout the day.

ELECTIVE SPORT
During Term 3 children from Years 3—6 have the opportunity to select a sport for Friday sport time.

Please be aware there are 380 children who will be selecting from the nine sports. Please ensure you speak to your children regarding the weekly cost of your sport. There can NOT be any changing or swapping throughout the Term as the school has set the budget on each sport and bus required for that activity.

All permission slips must be returned to the office (not to the teacher or sports room) to be receipted and given a number. Sports will be allocated on a first in, first choice, basis. Permission slips will be sent home on Tuesday 10 June.

NSWCPS GOLF TOURNAMENTS
If you would like to compete in the NSWCPS Golf Tournament you need to register your individual entry as explained below.

Competition Date: MONDAY 28 JULY 2014
ENTRY CLOSING DATE: 26 JUNE 2014
Registrations MUST be completed online – www.csss.nsw.edu.au Go to GOLF - REGISTRATIONS. (NB: You must have a CSSS Online account to register - Go to HELP to create an account)

POLDING TOUCH TRIALS
On Friday 30 May, Jack Canning and Oliver Canning travelled to Mudgee to represent the Lismore Diocese Polding team and trial for the Polding Team. Unfortunately they were unsuccessful, but we would like to congratulate them on a great effort.

LISMORE DIOCESE CROSS COUNTRY
The 2014 Diocesan Cross Country was held in Lismore on Friday 23 May. The first eight in each division have qualified for Polding Cross Country to be held at Sydney Motor Sports Home (Eastern Creek) on Friday 13 June.

Congratulations to:
Boys 8/9s  Nick Caldwell 7th
Boys 10s  Lachlan Marle 5th
Girls 11s  Lara Baker 5th
Girls 11s  Abbi Dagger 8th
Boys 12/13s  Jack Canning 6th

Dan Hammond
Sports Coordinator
Calling Grandparents With a Green Thumb!

Do you have an interest in gardening?

We would love for you to come and help out the Gardening Club in our St Augustine’s sustainable garden.

When - Every Tuesday and Thursday

Time - 11:20 -11:40 am

Please sign in at the school office on your arrival.

Thank you in advance

Miss Lyons

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**COFFS CUP DAY—7 AUGUST**

As Coffs Cup Day is a gazetted Half Day holiday, St Augustine's School will close at 12:00 noon on Thursday 7 August. Our After School Care program will also be closed.

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.
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

NB: Future bookings for upcoming Vacation Care and After School Care may not be accepted if fees are in arrears. All accounts are to be brought up to date immediately. Your attention to this is appreciated. Should you have any queries or concerns please contact Linda.

VACATION CARE

The Vacation Care Program is now available. We have lots of new and exciting activities and ideas planned for these holidays including two action packed excursions. Be quick to book in so you don’t miss out. Programs are available from the OSHC room and the office.

After School Care

The after school care program is going very well and it certainly keeps everyone constantly busy doing homework, active after school care sport and structured play both inside and outside. By the end of the week, children are feeling a little worn out and wanting to wind down. We will now be incorporating art and craft and reading into our program on a Friday afternoon. Feel free to bring your favourite book in on Friday or read one of our books from our book shelf.

A friendly reminder again, it is still essential to advise OSHC if your child/ren is due to attend After School Care but is absent from school and/or not attending for that day. Please notify Educators by calling 0417 666 494 before 1:00 pm. This will alleviate Educators spending additional time looking for your child at roll call.

Active After School Care Sports

There are only two weeks left of Active After School Care Sport. So if you would like to join in on all the fun and games we are having at soccer and basketball on Tuesdays and Thursdays, be sure to let an educator know to put you on the list to participate. Remember to get in fast because the list fills up very quickly.

Invoices

Updated invoices have again been sent home either via children or in the mail this week. These accounts show current amounts outstanding and need to be brought up to date immediately. It is important that your account is not in arrears. Accounts are to be paid within seven days. Future bookings may not be taken if fees are in arrears. Your attention to this is appreciated.

News!!! We have a new email address for OSHC for any bookings, changes, queries or messages. It is cofhp-oshc@lism.catholic.edu.au

CONTACT DETAILS:

Sarah (Coordinator OSHC) cofhp-oshc@lism.catholic.edu.au 0417 666 494
Linda (Administrator OSHC) lrick@lism.catholic.edu.au 6652 1204
‘The best primary school choir singing I’ve heard in many, many years and I go to many places’.

These were the words of the adjudicator at this year’s Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod before he presented the Years 5/6 Choir with their first place in the Years 3-6 Major Choirs section with a very high score of 94.

He commented on their beautiful tone, musicality and well blended part singing. The students were then invited to perform at the Eisteddfod Gala Recital last Sunday afternoon and again performed beautifully.

This tradition and comments continued the next day when the Year 3 and Year 4 Choirs took to the stage. Year 4 were awarded 1st place with 91 marks whilst Year 3 took out 2nd place with 90 marks! The Year 3 Choir was also awarded the Chimes Award for the most promising vocal group of the Eisteddfod.

Congratulations to all the students involved for your hard work, patience and perseverance. It certainly paid off and you were a credit to St Augustine’s school.

Mrs Wendy O’Sullivan—Music Coordinator
**ICAS COMPETITIONS**

The closing Date for ICAS English and Maths Competitions is Wednesday 25 June.

Late entries will not be accepted.

*Stephanie George*

*Leader of Learning - Administration*

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**SCHOOL MUSICAL—‘THE WIZARD OF OZ’**

**WANTED**

**COSTUME DESIGNERS/MAKERS**

**PROPS/SET SCENES MAKERS**

This year our school musical, "The Wizard of Oz", will be performed in September. If you have an interest in costume design and/or costume making or even if you can do basic sewing please contact Julie McCabe on the email address below.

Are you able to help create props and set scenes? These will all be very simple and mostly made from cardboard, paper and paint.

Helpers will also be needed closer to the performances for make-up and hair etc.

**All helpers please email Julie McCabe at jmccabe@lism.catholic.edu.au**

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**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM**

**TERM 2 MUSIC ACCOUNTS**

For enquiries, please contact Dot Trevaskis or Sione George at the school office.

Thank you.
PLAYGROUP
A NEW PLAYGROUP has started at St Augustine’s Parish. All mums (or dads!) and their 0-5 years olds are invited. The playgroup runs during term time on Mondays starting at 9:45 am (after morning Mass) and finishing at 11:30 am. The playgroup will take place in the backyard behind the Curran Centre. Tea and coffee is provided, byo morning tea. Everyone is welcome! For more info contact Fran Davis on 0409 597 866.

Cyber-safety Tips!
Cyber Safety Tips for the home:

- At this age children's internet use should be closely monitored. To help with this try to keep the computer in a shared or visible place in the home.

- Be aware of how your child uses the internet and explore it with them. Bookmark a list of 'Favourites' you are comfortable with your child visiting and teach them how to access this list.

- Teach your child that there are ways they can deal with material that worries or frightens them, they should immediately tell a trusted adult if they feel uncomfortable about something they have found on the internet or received in an email. Teach them how to close a web page or turn off a monitor if they are worried.

- Establish rules around the types of content or information they should report to an adult. For example, one rule may be 'tell Mum or Dad about any swearing or bad words you find'.

- Talk to your child about personal information and why it is special. This sort of information can be used to identify or locate where they live, go to school or activities in which they are involved.


Naomi Loader
Coordinator—E-Learning

Parish Schools Office Coffs Harbour Sawtell

A reminder to those paying school fees by three instalments - second instalment was due and payable by 1/06/14. If you are using our Direct Debit facility, these payments were automatically deducted from your account on 2 June, 2014. For those not using our direct debit facility, please call our office urgently on 6651 0000 if you missed the due date, as payment by due dates is a condition of continued enrolment.
Keeping kids active during winter –

Walk in the rain – don’t forget the

Inside dance-a-thon

Notice when children are being active and join in

Ten minute bursts of exercise, like star jumps, running on the spot and hopping

Escape to the park and play some ball games

Rug up and go for a walk on the beach

Establish healthy family habits

Children are more likely to eat well and be active if they are surrounded by family members working to do this together.

Talk together as a family – decide on some healthy goals you would like to try as a family.

Start slowly – start with small changes that are achievable and will give your family success.

Include children – ask younger children for their ideas and let older children make some decisions about family activities to try.

Get going – choose a family activity for a week and have a go e.g. turn off the TV for one night and play a game together or go for a walk after dinner.

Alex Shaw—Coordinator

TIPS FOR PARENTS

In August 2011, People for Education released a report:

Doing what matters most: How parents can help their children succeed in school.

The four key things that parents can do to help ensure their children’s success are outlined here:

1. Have high expectations for your children.

Let your children know that you think it is important that they do well in school. High parental expectations have the greatest impact on student achievement. When parents consistently express belief in their children’s potential and tell their kids that they expect them to succeed academically, students to better.

2. Talk about school.

Talk with your children about what’s happening at school—activities, programs and what they are learning. Surprisingly, this has a greater impact on academic achievement that monitoring homework, being at home after school for your kids, or limiting the time they are allowed to watch TV or go out during the week.

3. Help your children develop a positive attitude toward learning and good work habits.

The research shows that the greatest influence you can have on your kids’ chances for success in school lie in how you influence their attitudes, their sense of personal competence, and their work habits, including persistence, seeking help, and planning.

So rather than trying to directly teach your children, focus on helping them handle distractions and crises of confidence, praise them for effort and persistence and demonstrate a positive attitude about school as a whole. Bit by bit, these are the attributes that will build solid foundations for ongoing success.

4. Read together (in any language)

Reading is one of the foundations of all education, and you can make a big difference by reading and talking about books and stories with your children. Reading with children is the best way to turn them on to reading. But this doesn’t mean that you should be forcing them to sound out words. Instead of focussing on teaching your children the mechanics of reading, teach them to love reading. Make reading fun and enjoyable!
CENTENARY PAVERS

Did you miss out last year?

We are placing another order soon, so fill in this order form and return to our office by Friday 27 June.

Centenary Pavers

St Augustine’s Primary School

YOUR NAME WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY

INDIVIDUAL PAVER

Your donation of $25 entitles YOU to have your name engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your association with St Augustine’s School.

Engraving details: Please print clearly in block letters. Each square represents one letter, number, space or punctuation mark. (34 max)

Simply fill out this form and return with full payment by cash or cheque to:

St Augustine’s Primary School
PO Box 399
COFFS HARBOUR NSW 2450

Contact Name: ..........................................................................................................................................................

Address: .....................................................................................................................................................................

Phone: .....................................................................................................................................................................

Offer closes Friday 27 June 2014

If you require more information please phone the school office on 66521204.
FREE fun program for kids to become fitter healthier happier. REGISTER FOR TERM 3.

Do you have children aged 7 to 13 years? Do you worry they may be above healthy weight range?

The Go4Fun program provides a fun approach to learning skills for life, such as preparing and eating healthy foods, reading food labels, keeping fit, healthy and shopping on a budget. Mid North Coast families who participated in the program last term highly recommend the program, describing improvements in their children’s fitness, physical activity levels, nutrition and self-esteem. A parent or carer must attend with their child. Families living in Coffs Harbour and surrounds are welcome to take part in a free Go4Fun program in term 3, 2014.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW!
Coffs Harbour
Venue: Narranga Primary School
        Mondays & Wednesdays
        4:00-6:00pm
Start date: Monday, 14th July 2014
To register: please contact Go4Fun
             on 1800 780 900
             or text 0409 745 645
             for a call back. Register online
             at: www.go4fun.com.au
Local contact: Becky Vaschak  P: 6652 8111

Health
Mid North Coast Local Health District