Dear Parents, Staff and Children

During last week a piece of paper came my way bearing the heading "Eternal Truths"; here's a sample of its offerings:

* If it weren't for stress I'd have no energy at all.
* I love cooking with wine. Sometimes I even put it in the food.
* Some days are a total waste of makeup.
* Do you believe in love at first sight or should I walk by you again.
* My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.
* A conscience is something that hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
* If you look like your passport picture, then you probably need the trip.
* Dogs have owners. Cats have staff.

With the events happening around my family in the last couple of weeks I have contemplated life and found some other philosophical "Eternal Truths on Parental Love." Maybe with your experience, you can improve on what's ahead:

* A parent's love gives a child the hope and energy to grow.
* A child's heart requires their parents' friendship and love as surely as their body requires food.
* A child wants their parents to notice the good things they do and to communicate affection and love.
* A parent's love for a child is a basic requirement for the development of a healthy caring adult.
* A child can be likened to a flower. They open up when their parents' love shines on them.

We need to keep in mind that love is more than a feeling, for there might be times when we don't feel very loving towards our children. Love is a commitment to be with, to understand and to support the development of another human being - our child. Sometimes we can focus most of our parenting energy on correcting and disciplining our children.

Unfortunately, this focus can take over and the relationship and the rapport between parent and child can be lost. Consequently, when a child does not feel loved they are more likely to misbehave, so a negative cycle is set up.

Because loving children is a long term commitment, it might not return immediate rewards. Robert Louis Stevenson, besides delighting a previous generation with the likes of Treasure Island and Kidnapped, left us this thought:

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant."

If, perchance, you have not had a successful outcome in a relationship with a child, then Henry Ford, who wasn't a stranger to set-backs, might have the thought of encouragement you were looking for when he wrote,

"Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently."

Of course, Christian parents know that God is co-creator with them and that God's Spirit is with them, as are the gifts of the Spirit. It can be comforting to know, that in a time of need, we can ask God to activate within us His gift of Understanding or Courage or Counsel or Wisdom to assist us to be loving parents to our children.

By the way, one other "Eternal Truth" reads like this,

"I know God won't give me more than I can handle. I just wish he didn't give me so much."

Deacon Fred Basco

We wish Deacon Fred all the best for his Ordination to the Priesthood tonight.

Peace & Best Wishes, Jake
CATECHETICAL NEWS

PROCLAIM 2013
How do we continue to plant the seeds of faith in our schools and homes?

On 29 May, all staff from St Augustine’s joined in along with staff from other schools within the Clarence Zone of the Lismore Diocese for the major event of Proclaim 2013. Proclaim 2013 was a day spent hearing inspirational words of three key-note speakers who enlightened us on how we may ignite ourselves, the children and families in the Catholic Faith.

Bishop Jarrett, one of the key-note speakers shared his concerns about modern society and its preoccupation with materialism and relativism. He also said that many families are finding it difficult in their busy lives to make a commitment to the Mass. That is a sad fact but it is still the purpose of our Catholic schools to continue to penetrate children’s hearts and minds with the love of Christ and His Church. It is certain that the teachings of the Church and Christ support the faith and moral development of us, and our children.

As parents, you can support your child in their faith by:
- Making the effort to go to Mass.
- Praying with your child.
- Making reference to Jesus throughout your normal day.
- Complimenting your child through comparing their positive behaviour to Christ’s.

“To live life as if God did not exist, then life would not make sense”

Videos
You are invited to take a look at some short videos regarding what our parents are saying with regards to their child’s faith education.

1. Faith Education in schools.
2. Hopes for the future
3. The power of partnerships

Copy and paste this link into your browser

FATHER SHELWIN
It is always so refreshing to see Fr Shelwin in our school! The students love speaking to him because of the natural ability he has in connecting them to Jesus. This week, Father came to visit Kindergarten where he helped out with some of the writing groups and was amazed at the ability of the Kindergarten children. He also answered some tough questions such as, “What is your favourite thing about being a priest?” Fr Shelwin answered that he loves spending so much time in the church and talking to people about God. To show their appreciation of his visit, Kindergarten shared with Fr Shelwin a special hymn they have been learning about Jesus. Thank you Father for your wonderful contribution to our school community!

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

SCHOOL REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT
Next week all parents will receive an email with a link to the School Review Development Parent Survey. This survey will help provide the data to allow the school prepare the strategic direction for 2014—2018. If you would rather a hard copy of the survey please contact the office. Your support in filling in the survey is gratefully appreciated.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS
Friday 28 June is a Staff Development Day designated to the School Review and Development program. The last day for students in Term 2 is Thursday 27 June. Staff will be participating in the Australian Curriculum Day at the beginning of Term Three. Children will commence Term Three on Tuesday 16 July.

STAFFING NEWS
After thirteen years at St Augustine’s School, Mrs Tess Langler has accepted an appointment in the Parish Office. Tess has been a valued member of our school office and has been the backbone of the administration of our Outside School Hours Care and Instrumental Music Program. Tess’ final day at St Augustine’s will be Friday 28 June. We wish Tess all the best in her future.
SPORT NEWS

ATHLETICS
Today was the Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival, thank you to the parents and carers who were able to volunteer their time to help our Athletics Carnival run smoothly.

A special thank you to Little Athletics and Fast Track Feet who have helped our St Augustine’s children throughout the term perfect their skills and learn the correct techniques. We also thank you for supporting and assisting our school during our Athletics Carnival, it has been a wonderful experience.

DIOCESAN RUGBY GALA DAY
Last Wednesday, the St Augustine’s Year 5 and Year 6 Rugby 10’s teams played against other schools in our Diocese. The winning Diocesan team will then advance directly to the NSW CPS Rugby Knock-Out Final to be held in August in Sydney (St Joseph’s College Hunters Hill).

The Year 5 team (with some Year 6 players) were placed in the Plate division and came equal first in that competition. Well done boys.

The Year 6 team competed for the cup and were placed second. This is a great effort from our boys who lost James Munro to an injury earlier in the day. We wish him a speedy recovery.

A big thank you to Dave Morgan, John Jones and Anthony Donovan for coaching and managing the teams. We are very grateful for the time and effort given to St Augustine’s with our sport teams for 2013.

FRIDAY NIGHT RUGBY
Due to the long weekend and the Rugby 40 year celebrations there will be no Friday Night Rugby tonight, games will resume next Friday as per the draw.

If you need to register please go to the field and fill out the necessary forms. Training is still 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 any information please contact them first. There is also a Coffs Harbour Junior Rugby website that we recommend you view once a week in case of any unforeseen changes. Thank you.

ELECTIVE SPORT
The Term 3 elective sport permission notes have been handed to all children from Year 3 to Year 6. On the first day we received 259 back. If you have not already done so, please get these notes in with your choices for Term 3 sport.

Please ensure you read and understand how much each sport can cost. Elective sport runs for seven weeks and once we have confirmed numbers we are unable to change buses and children around.

RUGBY 7’s AND POLDING CROSS COUNTRY
Next Friday our Year 6 Rugby 7’s team will be travelling to Sydney to compete in the state finals of the NSW Primary School 7’s Championship. Congratulations and good luck to the team and coaching staff.

St Augustine’s also have eight children travelling to Eastern Creek next Friday for the Polding Cross Country Trials, congratulations and good luck to the children and their families.

NSW PSSA AFL
Congratulations to Ben Gibbeson and Thomas Allom who both gained selection in the Polding Team for NSW PSSA AFL at Barooga (Murray River) on 28 - 30 May. Ben was unable to travel due to a family engagement, but Thomas went to Barooga to compete in the competition.

Thomas co-captained the quarter final match against McKillop and should be very proud of his fine individual performance and contribution to Polding’s impressive participation in these championships. The Polding team convincingly won three of their first four matches which would surely rate as its best start ever in what is always a challenging tournament given the undeniable strength of AFL in the southern parts of our state.

The team eventually finished eighth overall - a commendable effort.

Dan Hammond—Sports Coordinator

YEAR 6 PARENTS BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE
On Saturday 15 June our Year 6 parents are hosting the Bunnings sausage sizzle stall as part of their fundraising for the Year 6 gift to the school. All parents are invited to visit Bunnings and visit the sausage sizzle. Parent helpers always welcome. Contact Belinda Jones on 0403 024440.
P & F NEWS
SPELL-A-THON
A big thank you to everyone who has sponsored our students. Please send in your sponsorship money as soon as possible. Children who return over $10 before 27 June will go in to a draw for a book voucher, one for Years K-2 and one for Years 3-6!

Scott Bohringer—P & F Committee Secretary

CHESS NEWS
B and C Grade Chess Competition
On Tuesday 28 May, nine schools competed in a Chess Competition, where St Augustine’s won both trophies. There were over 190 people at the Chess Competition. Everyone played extremely well this year. Next year’s Chess Competition should be just as good.

In the C Grade Chess Competition, St Augustine’s won 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place. Now that’s amazing! You wouldn’t believe that St Augustine’s triumphed by getting 1st and 3rd in the B Grade Competition. Repton came 2nd which was a good effort.

It was an adrenaline pumping day. Everyone had fun and played their best all day. The 2013 Chess Competition was the best one yet. All in all, it was a great day for Chess at Sawtell Primary School.

By Adam King

COMING EVENTS
JUNE
12  Yr 6 RE Test
    Maths Olympiad
13  Yr 5 Liturgy & Learning Journey 12:00 pm
    Yr K Learning Journey 9:30 am
15  Yr 6 Fundraiser Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings
    8:00 am—4:00 pm
17  Reports go home
    ICAS Writing Test
    Parent/Teacher interviews commence
    Confirmation—Meet the Bishop 5:00 pm
18  ICAS Spelling Test
    Confirmation 7:00 pm
    Yrs 5/6 Chicken Burger Day
21  Yr 1 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
24  Class 6C Cake Stall Fundraiser
27  Last day of Term Two for students
28  STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
    End of Term Two

JULY
15  STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
16  First day of Term Three for students
17  Clarence Athletics Carnival at Coffs Hbr
21  P & F Centenary Race Day
22  Walk-a-thon sheets go home
23  Yr 4 Breakfast 7:30—8:15 am
26  Grandparents’ Day Mass & Celebration from 9:15 am
29  Class 6P Cake Stall Fundraiser

CLASS 6B CAKE STALL FUNDRAISER
Last Monday's cake stall was a huge success. Students from 6B brought in home baked delights to sell at the stall in an effort to raise funds for the gift which Year 6 will present to the school at the end of the year. Mr Butler is very proud of their effort as they raised $352.60. Well done 6B.

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.
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.

Reminder—Lunch bags (please no plastic bags or envelopes) should be completed at home and dropped to the Canteen between the 8.30am and 8.50am school bells.

Barbra Symons & Alicia Betland—Canteen Managers

CANTEEN ROSTER

JUNE
10.06.2013
Mon PUBLIC HOLIDAY
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

17.06.2013
Mon E Joyce, R Mott
Tues G Bull, R Kennedy
Wed S Hartsuyker HELP!!!
Thur C Blackett, M Felton, N Smith
Fri D Budd, L Budd, P Duffy, J Roach, K Taylor

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. What a great memento for your child, past students and parents to have to remember this significant occasion at St Augustine’s School. Come in and have a look.

Centenary Gala Dinner Update

The word is out there and we have had many enquiries about the Gala Dinner which is fantastic!
It’s the perfect excuse to get a table together and celebrate with friends old and new.
Planning for the evening is still evolving but we can confirm the following details to date.

$100 per person will get you the following:
Pre-dinner drinks @ 7pm accompanied by entertainment upon arrival
100 (possibly 1000 moves) on the dance floor to the amazing 10 piece band ‘Well Swung Daddies’…
100 mouth-watering mouthfuls of entree, main and desert
100 (or more) sips of fine wines provided by The Occasional Parrot (beer and soft drinks included)
100 casino chips to play in the Casino Corner – Poker, Black Jack and Roulette
100 reasons to buy a new dress! Dress code is formal.
Great prizes up for grabs: Best Dressed Male - $200 Jack Simmons voucher:
Best Dressed Female - $200 RSVP Bridal voucher
Lucky Door prizes
Live Auction – Coffs Family Fun Package
By the end of the evening you will be making up 100 excuses to get your photo taken at the Emma Rhodes Photo Booth
Can you think of a better way to raise our glasses and say cheers to 100 years of education within the Coffs community?
100 years old and still growing………..
BUS TRAVEL—LARGE ITEMS

The actual definition of a 'large item' can be somewhat clouded. However, under OH&S and the Passenger Transport Regulations definition (Section 41(1)) it states that "The driver of a public passenger vehicle must not permit any person to place or carry in or on the vehicle any article that is of such size or has such dimensions that it cannot be accommodated in or on the vehicle without inconvenience or danger to any other person".

Our company defines it as anything that cannot fit in the student's school bag, or cannot be safely sat in their lap without impeding other students on the bus. Hence, we believe that large musical instruments such as guitars, saxophones and such cannot be safely placed in a child's lap without impeding other students. We will accept a violin as the largest musical item to be brought onto the bus.

Due to the fact that we interchange students, it becomes difficult for other students to manoeuvre safely around such items. Our company has already had one incident where a child was seriously injured due to items impeding their walkway, and we were held accountable.

Unfortunately under our OH&S risk assessment we cannot allow the students or the drivers to access the carriage bins. Basically, if the child can fit the item in their bag or on their lap without impeding another student, it is allowed in the bus.

I have attached the relevant section of the Passenger Transport Regulation as forwarded to me by Transport for NSW, who agree with our company's decision.

I do understand that this assessment may inconvenience some students and their families, however we feel that this is the best decision in the interests of the safety of all students in the bus.

Nigel Tooth
Operations Manager
Ryans Bus Service

Passenger Transport Regulation 2007
Current version for 28 November 2011 to date (accessed 20 June 2012 at 15:41)
Part 4 > Clause 41

41 Carriage of goods and animals

(1) The driver of a public passenger vehicle must not permit any person to place or carry in or on the vehicle any article that is of such size or has such dimensions that it cannot be accommodated in or on the vehicle without inconvenience or danger to any other person.

Maximum penalty: 2 penalty units.

(2) The driver of a public passenger vehicle must not permit any person to place or carry in or on the vehicle any dog, cat, bird or other animal unless it is suitably confined in a box, basket or other container.

Maximum penalty: 2 penalty units.

(3) Subclause (2) does not apply to an assistance animal or an assistance animal in training.

(4) The driver of a public passenger vehicle other than a motor cycle must not refuse to carry an assistance animal or an assistance animal in training in or on the vehicle.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION
Reminders for Term 2 have been mailed to all families this week. Please ensure all payments are brought up to date by 20 June 2013. Thank you.

LARC Matters
The LARC has so many activities going on. Early Bird Reading Club, constantly changing displays and designs, new books, resources for teaching and learning activities, laptops, ipad bookings, IT skills, CIRCLE activities for K-2, ongoing training and meetings in the various spaces, drawing, games and chess at lunchtime, Library monitors….we are a really busy place. But, such is any 21st Century library.

See you in the LARC
Annie Madden—Teacher Librarian

THE GREEN SPOT
Lunchtime Activities
During lunch times both infants and primary areas are given boxes of sport equipment for each cohort. These boxes give children an opportunity to play and explore with skipping ropes, soccer balls, yo yo’s, and other equipment during lunch times.

Unfortunately some of the equipment is not returned as it is given and at times not returned at all. We are talking to the children about respecting the equipment and understanding how to look after things they are given. We want the children to play with our sport equipment, but hope they understand how lucky they are to have this equipment available at their school.

Crunch and Sip
How are you and your child using “Crunch and Sip” in your household? What benefits do you see and how has the program changed your child’s thinking for healthy eating?

Two weeks ago St Augustine’s launched the “Crunch and Sip” program to the children.

“Crunch and Sip” is a break in the morning session for students and staff to ‘refuel’ on fruit and salad vegetables and ‘rehydrate’ with water, assisting our concentration throughout the day.

Each day we need to eat 2 serves of fruit and 5 serves of vegetables and drink between 5 and 7 glasses of water. By having “Crunch and Sip” in our school we will be working towards having our daily required intake.

Alex Shaw—Coordinator

Become a Catholic? Why?
Do you know anyone who has been thinking of becoming a Catholic? An information evening on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (being received into the Church) will be held on Thursday 22 August at 7pm at the Curran Centre, 12 Gordon St, for anyone who wishes to enquire.

How can you as a parishioner help?
You can contribute to the RCIA process
• By babysitting for other people who are involved
• By publicising the RCIA by word of mouth
• By bringing non-Catholic family/friends to the enquiry night
• By introducing yourself to the candidates & assuring them of your support
• By praying regularly for the candidates
• By transport if required

For more information please call Janine Turner at the Parish Office on 6651 0000.
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
BOOKINGS AND CANCELLATIONS
As mentioned in our last Newsletter, our numbers at OSHC are running very close to our licenced number of children of 60 places per day. There is no exception to this and we MUST not have more than this number at care each afternoon. Therefore, you can understand the importance to book your child in at OSHC in a timely manner. If you have not booked your child in and they arrive at OSHC when numbers are at 60, you will be contacted to collect your child immediately from the school office. It is also of great importance to cancel your child’s care if they are sick/not attending school or when they are picked up from school on a booked day as this means that the ratio is correct and other families can use our Service. We’ve been having many ‘surprises’ lately with children either attending when not booked or not attending with a booking which creates chaos at roll call time. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

INVOICES
Reminder invoices were again sent home via your child’s class teacher this week. Payments need to be brought up to date to help us meet our financial commitments to the Service and provide valuable resources for your children. Some payments have not been made for quite some time by a number of families and payment must be attended to. If you haven’t had an invoice in the last 2 weeks please contact the school office. Thank you.

Updating Child Care Rebate Payment Options
Child Care Rebate payment options may be updated for the upcoming financial year (July 2013 to June 2014). Many 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 it is not income tested. The Child Care Rebate can be used to offset your account with OSHC. 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/) or a Centrelink Office or by phoning 136 150. More information is also on the MyChild website (http://www.mychild.gov.au/).

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 OSHC and Vacation Care service to let us know what aspects you and your children like best.

LOST PROPERTY
Once again, 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.

DONATIONS
We happily and gratefully accept any donations towards the OSHC resources you may want to make. We are in need of washable couch covers, curtains, washable cushions and toys in good condition (ie. barbie dolls, dolls house and family, board/family games, cars, etc.). If you would have a spare laptop or Ipad (one can always dream) we would happily accept those too in order to help the children with their homework.

PLAYGROUP
Each Wednesday from 9am to 11am we invite parents with under school age children to come and join in the fun of St Augustine’s Playgroup. The room is heated, the milk for coffee frothed and there is always a listening ear for parents/carers with stories about their child/children. It’s only $3 and please bring a plate to share (fruit, biscuits, home baking, etc.). All are welcome to come along.

Please contact Brigitte (bklinksers@lism.catholic.edu.au or 0417 666494) to enrol your child into St Augustine’s OSHC so enrolment orientation can be organised. Thank you.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Friday 28 June is a Staff Development Day for our school. Outside School Hours Care is available on Friday 28 June for students who are enrolled at OSHC.
YEAR 6 CAKE STALLS
In addition to the main Year 6 fundraiser (Bunnings BBQ on 15 June) the Year 6 Graduation Committee is holding cake stalls. The upcoming stalls will be run on:

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 class’s 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.
ASD INFORMATION EVENING
An Aspect ‘satellite’ class for Coffs??
How do we make it happen??

** Special Guest Meghan Williams,
Aspect Northern Rivers **

Thursday 20 June
6.30pm – 8.30pm
Community Village, Earl St, Coffs Harbour (Room 1)

Do you have a child with Autism?
Are you interested to hear more about Aspect schooling options?
Come along and hear about what would need to happen for Coffs Harbour to establish an Aspect ‘satellite’ class – it is achievable!!

A satellite class is an autism-specific support class, run by Aspect, but hosted in a mainstream school. Classes have up to 6 students, with one teacher, and one teacher’s aide, with its aim that students transition to mainstream classes.

All parents, carers & professionals working in the field are welcome.

Light supper provided for gold coin donation
RSVP by Monday 17 June to Laura Daley via laudaley@hotmail.com
or via Coffs Coast Autism Facebook page
Teachers inspire learning...
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Nominate at www.neita.com.au
Or freecall 1800 624 487
Closing date 31 July 2013

Nominations for early childhood educators, teachers, and leaders are invited from parents and grandparents, parent associations, school councils and management committees, secondary student councils and community organisations.
John Paul College
TRIVIA NIGHT
2013

Friday 21st June
6.30pm
John Paul College Hall
of 10
$12.00 per person

Proceeds towards
Coffs Harbour Men’s Shed and
the Mid North Coast
Branch of the Disabled Surfers Association

Best Dressed Table - Raffles – Games – Prizes Galore
There will be child-minding facilities in operation for children aged 4-12
BYO Nibblies and Drinks-water and soft drink will be for sale

Tickets available from the College Office
Ph 02 66533155 jpc@coffs.catholic.edu.au

Come along for a great night of fun - Thanks for your support