Dear Parents and Carers

On Tuesday this week was St Patrick’s Day, a time when thoughts of all things Irish, four-leaf clovers and leprechauns come to mind. It also has a deeper meaning though, when the life of the saint is explored. St Patrick was born in Britain around 389AD and was captured by Pirates and was kept in Ireland for about six years before escaping and returning home. He studied at a monastery in France before being sent to Ireland to minister to the small Christian groups there. Once there he coordinated and grew the Christian population to a point where the whole of Ireland became a Catholic community that has been sustained to this day. His holiness, passion and energy provide inspiration to all.

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. It also has the ability to send alerts for upcoming events or reminders e.g. for Athletics notes or in case of emergencies, such as the recent cyclone activity. It is free at the App store or equivalent for Apple and Android devices, searching for ‘Skoolbag Coffs’ or there are more detailed instructions later in the newsletter. This won’t replace other forms of school communication e.g. Facebook, emails or KnowledgeNET but will be another way for us to ensure everyone is well informed.

InsightSRC. This year the school, along with schools across the Diocese will participate in a School Improvement Program aimed at getting the best possible education for your children. To provide quality information, the Catholic Schools Office has engaged the service of ‘InsightSRC’ to survey staff, children (Yr 5 & 6) and a selection of parents. Insight SRC has stipulated that just 60 parents be part of the survey and we have randomly selected them and sent home the paperwork. We will use the results to improve what we do and how we do it with the aim of benefitting all children at the school.

Next week the playground committee will meet for the first time. At this meeting we will talk about ideas, budgets and timelines. If you would still like to be a part of the team, it’s not too late - email the school ASAP.

Vanuatu. On Wednesday 25 March (next week) we will be holding a fundraiser for the victims of the devastating cyclone in Vanuatu. There will be a mufti-day with an island theme (think boardies and Hawaiian/surf shirts, flowers in the hair) and all children are asked to bring in a gold coin donation. If you haven’t got any islander gear, please don’t go to any trouble, just come in some colourful casual gear. Members of the Mini-Vinnies group and the school leaders will collect the coins and form a coin line. In this small way we can encourage the children to give so that others may get through this difficult time.

Just a reminder once again to be very careful when picking up children at the Albany St zone. Council Rangers have been out and about fining people who are queuing over the pedestrian crossing so please take care. Also, please note that the area in front of the red unit block is for residents only.

Grace and peace

Peter Watts

YEAR K 2016 ENROLMENTS

There will be an information night for parents on Wednesday 29 April at 7:00 pm in the hall. If you or anyone you know would like to enrol their child at our school next year please let them know.

The enrolment period commences on Monday 4 May and closes on Friday 15 May. Enrolment forms are available at the office and are to be returned by Friday 15 May with the original Baptism Certificate, and copies of the Birth Certificate and Immunisation Certificate. Original Baptism Certificates will be photocopied and returned.
CATECHETICAL NEWS

MINI VINNIES
Last week saw the first meeting of Mini Vinnies for 2015. Many children attended the meeting and a small committee was elected to help the teachers run the Mini Vinnies group. Although it is early days yet, some discussion was held on what the group can do to help others in the community and the children had some fantastic ideas. To begin with they are going to make Easter baskets for the residents of St Augustine’s Nursing Home and deliver these before Easter. Another idea the children had was to create knitted blankets for needy people in our local area. The children are requesting donations of 20cm x 20cm knitted squares from parents and friends to be sent in to school. The children will then sew the squares together to create a unique blanket or blankets to donate to St Vincent de Paul. Please spread the word to any knitters you know as the more squares Mini Vinnies get, the more blankets they can create!! Thank you to the knitter of the first square.

HOLY WEEK
To commemorate Holy Week this year, each cohort will be responsible for creating a ‘still’, depicting the scenes of the events from Holy Week which will also include a prayerful reflection. The children will experience our Lord’s journey as they reflect before the ‘stills’ over a three day period in week 10. The ‘stills’ consist of props from Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday. When we return to school in Term 2, Monday 20 April, we will be celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord in St Augustine’s Church. If parents wish to come to this Easter liturgy, Years 3-6 will be having a liturgy at 10.15 am and Years K-2 at 11.45 am.

EASTER RAFFLE
Thank you to the parents, friends and children who have kindly helped us support Caritas, by buying a raffle tickets in our Easter Raffle. The winner will be announced before Easter. If you have not yet bought a ticket you still have time. Tickets are $1 for one and $2 for three. The hamper is valued at $60 and has many Cadbury, Lindt and Red Tulip eggs and chocolates and includes a fluffy, stuffed toy chicken! Raffle tickets are sold at school before school and at lunch time! 

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

SAVE THE DATE – MAY 15 & 16
The Women. Food. God. retreat was a huge success last year and preparations are well under way for this year’s gathering. Srs Rosie and Berna from the Missionaries of God’s Love will join us once again for a weekend of formation, fellowship, food and fun. Please save the date—registration details soon.

LUNCH ORDERS
Lunch orders need to be given to the canteen before 8:50am each morning. Students have been asked to take their lunch order to the canteen before the morning bell. Students who come to school late will not be able to place an order. Due to our early lunch period (10:55 -11:40) bakery orders must be sent off as soon as possible hence the need for orders to be placed on time. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

APPROPRIATE HAIR STYLES
Our students look very smart in their school uniform and usually wear it with pride. This was clearly evident at our school photo day. Unfortunately some boys are coming to school with inappropriate haircuts. These styles may be fine for school holidays but inappropriate for our school. It’s a good idea to regularly check your child’s hair for lice. Please seek advice from your pharmacist if need be. Long hair should be tied back for health and safety reasons.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2015

Our seven week program of preparation will be starting soon. To be ready for confirmation a child must be baptised, be attending Mass with their parent/s every Sunday, and be between the ages of 8 and 15.

Enrolment forms are now available for collection in person from the Parish Office during office hours until 5:00 pm Monday 20/04/15. Parent/Guardians wishing to enrol a child must have photo ID of themselves and bring the child’s Baptism Certificate before an enrolment form will be provided.

Important Program Dates:
21/04/15 Parent Information & Enrolment Meeting (Parents only) – Curran Centre 7:00 pm. Parent/Guardian must attend in person with the completed enrolment form to complete the enrolment process.

NOTE: No enrolment forms will be available on the night & no proxies will be accepted.

27/04/15 Program Commences – various locations and times to be advised.
2-3/05/15 Commitment Rite for candidates all Sunday Masses.
10/06/15 Confirmation Rehearsal for all candidates, St Augustine’s Church, 7:00 pm
15/06/15 Meeting with Bishop for all candidates, Curran Centre, 5:30 pm.
15/06/15 Sacrament of Confirmation for all candidates, St Augustine’s Church, 7:00 pm.

For further information, please contact the Pastoral Associate, Stefan on 66510000 or ssorensen@coffscatholic.com
P & F NEWS

MEETING—NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
The next P & F Meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 April at 7:00 pm in the Library. All welcome.

CASINO NIGHT SAT 2 MAY
Tickets are $40 per person and are on sale now from the school office.

We are asking any businesses that would like to sponsor or donate prizes on the night to please call the school office and leave a message of your intent or email Tennille at torourke-cox@lism.catholic.edu.au Any donation will be gratefully accepted.

If you would like to help with the lead up preparation for the night then please email Tennille Cox on torourke-cox@lism.catholic.edu.au There are plenty of things to do such as round up prizes, make decorations and signage etc.

On the night we require people to man the gaming tables for a one hour shift - if you are keen (there are free drinks involved!) then please email Tennille. About 10 volunteers are needed.

Unwanted CDs are required for decoration on the night. Please send them in to the office.

Stephen Appleton—P & F Committee President

DANCE FEVER SHOWCASE
Parents and carers are invited to watch the last lesson of Dancefever on Wednesday 1 April which is in the last week of Term. The lessons take place in the hall and parents and carers are welcome to take a seat and watch the students do their Dancefever moves! The timetable is as follows:

9:00—9:30 Kindergarten
9:35—10:05 Year One
10:05—10:50 Year Four
11:40—12:20 Year Five
12:20—1:00 Year Six
1:00—1:40 Year Three
2:00—2:30 Year Two

COMING EVENTS

MARCH
21/22 Mothers’ and Daughters’ Weekend
23 Cross Country Trials
24 Yr 2 Liturgy (9:30 in the Church) and Learning Journey (10:00 am in the classrooms)
27 Yrs 3-6 Swimming Carnival
28 Dads’ Day Out at Park Beach Hoey Moey 2pm

APRIL
1 Dance Fever Showcase (see below for details)
2 Stations of the Cross Liturgy (times on page 2)
20 LAST DAY OF TERM 1 FOR STUDENTS
FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 FOR STUDENTS
20 Resurrection Liturgy Yrs 3-6 10:15 am,
Yrs K-2 11:45 am
25 Anzac Day March
28 P & F Meeting 7:00 pm in the LARC—PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
29 Yr K 2016 Parent Information Night 7:00 pm

MAY
1 Mufti day for Mothers’ Day Stall
ICAS Writing & Spelling comp closing date
2 P & F Casino Night
4 Yr K 2016 Enrolments open (4-15 May)

CANTEEN ROSTER

23.02.2015
Mon L Wood
Tues G Bull, R Kennedy
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

02.03.2015
Mon K Apps, S Small
Tues A Bonus, J Bourne, D Olutayo, N Savige,
M Vernnon
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.

LUNCH ORDERS
All lunch orders are to be handed in to the Canteen before 8:50 am. Thank you.

CHICKEN BURGER & SAUSAGE SIZZLE DAYS
All orders for Chicken Burgers and Sausage Sizzle days are to be handed in to the Canteen by the Friday before.

Barbra Symons & Alicia Betland—Canteen Managers
SPORT NEWS

Amart Sports ‘Community Kickbacks Program’
Our school participates in the ‘Amart Community Kickbacks Program’. Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at Amart Sports as instore credit to spend on our school sports programs.

All you need to do is join Team Amart, select our school from the list of participating groups and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Amart Sports. Thanks for your support.

Cross Country Trials
The Cross Country trials will be held this Monday, 23 March.

These trials are to qualify for the Clarence Zone Cross Country trials to be held on Wednesday 1 April. Should your child qualify for the Zone event, they will receive permission notes the following day. It will be necessary for these students to return forms to the school office by Thursday 26 March.

Time: 9:00 am to 11:00 am (first event 9:30 am)
Venue: Brelsford Park, Coffs Harbour*
*Students will walk to the event with staff.

Helpers are required. If you are able to help, please arrive at Brelsford Park between 8:45 am and 9:00 am and report to a staff member.

St Augustine’s Swimming Carnival
The St Augustine’s Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 27 March. This is a fun day for all Year 3-6 students.

Date: Friday 27 March 2015
Time: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
Venue: Coffs Harbour War Memorial Olympic Pool

We require volunteer helpers. If you are able to help, please arrive at the Coffs Harbour War Memorial Olympic Pool between 9:00 am and 9:15 am and report to a staff member.

Congratulations to the following students who represented the Clarence Zone at the Lismore Diocesan Winter Sports trials last Friday:
Cooper Wall, Ash Chapman, Jacob Field, Marcus Field, Lachlan Marle, Lara Baker, Katelyn Chapman, Kyah Humphries, Maddison Smith, Alyssa Golding, Isabella Mifsud, Alex Harrison, Dylan Loader, Byron Knight, Luke Thomas, Oliver Canning, Sam White, Coby Trotman, Ashton Chapman, Jacson Hibbard, Rory Beech, Blake Ninness

In particular, well done to Oliver Canning (rugby league) and Cooper Wall (football) who have been selected to represent the Lismore Diocese at the Polding Winter Sports representative trials on Friday 24 April 2015.

Lismore Diocesan Representative Trials – Australian Rules Football
Congratulations to Thomas Walsh on gaining selection in the Lismore Diocesan team for Australian Rules Football. He will be competing in the Polding trials on Tuesday 31 March 2015. Well done Tom!

Polding Representative Trials – Swimming
Our school has been enjoying a very successful swimming season. The following students qualified to compete in Sydney at the Polding trials which were held today:
Lily Betland, Alyssa Golding, Rory Beech, Jayda Kachel, Archie Budd, Lachlan Marle, Sophie Ryan, Oscar Pike, Ainhoa Appleton and Lila Smith.
Results will be in the next newsletter!

Rugby Union
There will be a sign-on and fun training session for all students who are interested in rugby union on Thursday 26 March 2015. It will be held on the St Augustine’s School oval from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

This session is designed for parents to meet the coaches and to sign children up for a rugby union squad.

Sport Enquiries
Mr Dan Hammond dhammond@lism.catholic.edu.au or 6652 1204
Ms Kristy McDermid kmcdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au or 6652 1204

Yours in sport
Dan Hammond—Sports Coordinator
Kristy McDermid—Sports Administrator

SAWTELL BMX—Free coaching clinic on Sunday
29 March at Hulberts Road, Toormina. For more information email sawtellbmx@hotmail.com
MOTHERS’ & DAUGHTERS’ WEEKEND - 21 & 22 MARCH

The Mothers’ and Daughters’ Weekend is on this weekend. Contact Meagan Kelly on 0437 175055, or Jann Golding on 0412 586148 for information.

Albany Street Drive Through Zone – A plea for help!

We ask all our parents and carers who use the Albany St drive through zone to assist us in keeping children safe. Signs and procedures have been put into place and we have conveyed these frequently to our school community. You can assist by doing the following:

- Don’t queue in the “NO STOPPING” part of Albany St which starts before the pedestrian crossing. Heavy penalties apply for motorists not observing this sign. The reason for the “No Stopping” zone is to keep pedestrians, including our children, safe.
- Don’t park and wait in the drive through zone – this causes a bank up of cars and the traffic should flow.
- Don’t call your child across the road to your car – this is highly dangerous.
- Have your child’s surname on the visor of your car so staff can have them ready to get into the car.
- Don’t stop and get out of your car in the drive through lane.
- Be patient! The bell sounds at 3:00 pm and it takes a few minutes to walk the children to Albany St. If you get there before 3:00 pm do not wait for your child. If they are not ready you need to keep driving.
- Staff will stay with students until 3:15 pm and then walk them to the office if they haven’t been collected.

ANZAC

Nati Mannall (left) holding a photo of his great, great uncle Harlie Eckford, killed in France in 1917.

Janine Martin holding a plaque sent to parents of fallen soldiers. In memory of great, great uncle Leslie Sellers, killed in France in 1917.

Finn Martin (right) holding a photo of his great, great grandfather Eric Eckford, who served in Gallipoli and France.

CHANGE OF DATE

Yrs 3-6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Please note that the Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 15 June at the C.ex Coffs International Stadium, Stadium Drive, Coffs Harbour.

No Greater Love - Worth a Watch!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXixy4wIXsc
LARC Matters

Last Thursday, at the Year 1 reading information evening, several parents requested some support in choosing books for home that are motivational with a high interest level. This is traditionally a difficult area to resource. Children at this stage want interesting stories but don’t have the skills needed to navigate more challenging texts. Classroom readers are usually the main option for every facet of reading, but it is important for students to connect to the idea that reading is as much for leisure and pleasure as it is a school task. Some children understand this almost immediately and hook onto reading for fun very easily. But many more need encouragement. Some authors have worked this out and have, I’m sure, made a fortune with high interest low difficulty series. H.I. Larry, the pen name for the author of Zac Power, has certainly worked it out!

So, here is a list of series I would like to recommend that are appropriate for readers moving onto simple chapter books. Most of these are readily available at Big W or Book Warehouse. Check online book stores as well. Some of these have been around for a long time but still prove to be very popular.

Most importantly, enjoy reading WITH your child and show some interest in what they are enjoying. This positive attitude to reading can make all the difference to hooking a child onto reading...and then you can’t stop them!

Aussie Nibbles, Bites and Chomps
Moving along in difficulty. Written by the best Australian authors with engaging stories. Available everywhere.

DK, Scholastic or Zonderkids 'readers' - Highly engaging. There are new series called Lego City and The Princess Twins, among others, available in various levels. Don’t pay much attention to the levels other than a guide as they do not equate to our home reader levels. I usually purchase these online through an online book store.

All high engagement. Available everywhere.

Rainbow Magic - Available in three levels: Zonderkids Beginning Reader, Orchard books Early Reader (online), original level. Available everywhere.

Pearlie in the Park, Geronimo Stilton, Go girl!, Tashi, Captain Underpants
Stepping up in difficulty. Highly engaging. Available everywhere.

Felicity Wishes, Beast Quest, EJ12, Magic Puppies or Kittens
Stepping up again. Magic anything really! Available everywhere.

See you in the LARC
Annie Madden – Teacher Librarian
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).
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**Golf Day Raffle**

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**Keg Raffle**

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Many Thanks to Palms Centre Chicken Butchery & Fresco Market for donating Trays to the Clubhouse Raffles

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**The St Augustine’s Community Would Like to Extend Immense Gratitude to Its 2015 Golf Day Major Sponsors**

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**North Coast Hotel Group**

Great food. Live music. Good times.
**DADS’ DAY OUT**

St Augustine’s ‘Dads’ Day Out’ at the Hoey Moey - Saturday 28 March, from 2:00 pm.

Calling all dads!

The P & F would like to call on all St Augustine’s dads to assemble at the Park Beach Hotel Motel on Saturday 28 March at 2:00 pm. The purpose of the afternoon is the annual social get together so St Augustine’s dads are able to welcome the new Kindergarten dads to the school.

Cool refreshments available from behind the bar at a reasonable cost.

Enquiries, contact Stephen Appleton, P & F President 0457 860 070 / sappleton67@yahoo.co.uk

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**St Augustine’s Parish Playgroup**

Mums, Dads or carers of little people aged 0-5 are welcome and encouraged to come and join us on Mondays during school terms from 9:00—11:00 am in the backyard of the Curran Centre.

Playgroup is free, with tea and coffee provided. BYO morning tea. Come and enjoy a cuppa while the kids play in a secure indoor/outdoor space with a great range of toys!

For more information call Fran on 0409 597 866.

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**PARKING IN STREETS AROUND SCHOOL**

Please be aware of parking when dropping off and collecting children and do not block exits/entries to driveways.
ST AUGUSTINE'S PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
INVITES YOU TO OUR

Casino Night

WITH disco fever

Tickets: $40

Band: Quickfix

Sat 2nd May

C.EX ENTERTAINMENT ROOM : 7PM START

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The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register

The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register is hosted by the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children and is supported by Vision Australia and Guide Dogs. It is the first national register of children in Australia with vision impairment. The Register has been collecting data since 2009, and this data is providing important information about the types of eye disease and vision disorders children have and the support they need. The data is also used by service providers and researchers. Data is stored securely and no child can be identified in any way when the data is released.

Families are invited to register their child (aged 0-18 years) if they have vision impairment in both eyes which has been diagnosed by an eye specialist or ophthalmologist. Registration can be completed by contacting Register staff on (02) 9872 0303, or by visiting the VI Family Network website at: www.vifamilynetwork.org.au

This website also provides information on eyes and vision; family support; education and related issues; braille and low vision aids; technology supporting vision impairment; newsletters from Australian low vision agencies and support groups, useful websites; and news and events that might interest families across Australia.

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