Dear Parents, Staff and Children

As we look at the school calendar we see there are only three school weeks left before the autumn school holidays and that Easter is just around the corner.

Looking back over the first eight weeks of the school year we can take a deep breath and tell ourselves "what great things are happening at our school".

Besides all the general school activities, which I refer to as the top of the iceberg, (eg. liturgies, sport, parent meetings, school photos, playground supervision) there is the part many people don't see, the bottom of the iceberg (eg. teacher planning, evaluation and discussion on student data, teacher conversation on best practice, parent/teacher meetings)

I have been spending a large amount of time inside our cohorts observing (the bottom of the iceberg) our students and staff at work, listening to the interaction, viewing the assessment plans, asking questions around student learning, sitting in on teacher planning meetings and simply admiring the work of our staff. This is one of the privileges of being the Principal of St Augustine's; being able to witness the "whole learning program" in action.

Recent media (SMH) reports have picked up on our above average gains in the NAPLAN results. While pleasing, remember that NAPLAN is only one measure of student learning and that the test results reflect a slice in time from last May (2012). However it's the bottom of the iceberg that holds up the top and having a high quality staff is the key for raising student achievement. This and our new learning platform are the contributors to our improving results.

Staff are modelling the life long learning attributes that we are aiming for our students to develop.

Investing in staff pays huge dividends for our students. Looking at our staff profile, we have four teachers undertaking their masters in education, teachers upgrading their post graduate religious education qualifications, staff participating in a number of online ICT learning modules, trainees studying through TAFE and casual teachers wanting to obtain their accreditation and registration through support from our school.

The consequence of improving our professional learning is increased student engagement in learning which leads to an increase in achievement. If you’d like to know more about our learning program please come in and see me. I’d love to show you around our school.

Please pray for our new Pope.

Pope Francis is our first ever Pope from Latin America and the first Jesuit Pope.

It is reported that Pope Francis is known for his humble lifestyle, cooks his own meals and travels by bus. It is also reported that he has a reputation for frugality and that he has taken the name of St Francis of Assisi as a gesture of solidarity with the poor.

Peace & Best Wishes

Jake Madden
Principal
**PARISH MASS TIMES**

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**CATECHETICAL NEWS**

**HOLY WEEK**

Staff and students will prepare for the Easter season with a re-enactment of some of the Stations of the Cross on Thursday 28 March in the school grounds commencing at 12:00 pm and concluding in the church.

**CHRISM MASS**

The Staff and Student Council have been invited to attend the Diocesan Mass of the Chrism to be held in St Augustine’s Church on Monday 25 March at 7:00 pm. If you have never experienced a Chrism Mass why not come along and enjoy the experience.

**EARTH DAY**

The school focused on the upcoming Earth Day in assembly today with a special prayer and video. Earth Day will be celebrated around the world this Saturday 23 March at 8:30 pm.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

It is time to complete our Project Compassion contributions for 2013. Please return your Project Compassion boxes through your class teacher next week so that they can be processed to the altar with the Gifts on Holy Thursday night Mass (signifying the end of Lent).

Remember, if you need a receipt, please complete the details on the box lid. The Parish Office will issue receipts in May.

**THE MASS OF THE CHRISM**

**ST AUGUSTINE’S CHURCH**

7:00 PM MONDAY 25 MARCH 2013

The Chrism Mass is held once each year in the Diocese and is an important event for the whole Diocese.

During this Mass two significant things happen:
- The Blessing of the Oils which are used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination and the Anointing of the Sick.
- The Priests of the Diocese concelebrate with the Bishop and renew their commitment to priestly service.

All are encouraged to take part in this Mass.

Supper will be served in the Curran Centre after Mass.

**Final practice for Singers and Musicians** for Chrism Mass will be after 8:00 am Palm Sunday Mass on 24 March.

*Paddy Dent - Leader of School Evangelisation*

*Mary Machatsch – Leader of Catechesis*

**COMING EVENTS**

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**CANTEEN**

There are an increasing number of children coming to the Canteen to drop off their lunch orders during class time. Lunch bags (please no plastic bags or envelopes) should be completed at home and dropped at the Canteen between the 8.30am and 8.50am school bells. Lunch bags can be purchased from the Canteen or most supermarkets.
SPORT NEWS

KnowledgeNET
Check out the new 2013 Sports News page on KnowledgeNET. This page has current information and what’s happening this week. It also has Term 2 important dates. If you have information you would like on this page please contact Regan Kama at the school.

RUGBY TRAINING
Rugby training will be held on Thursday afternoons to prepare for the Friday night competition which will begin in the next couple of weeks. Training is from 3:15 pm to 4:00 pm on the school field. Please watch KnowledgeNET in case of cancellations due to the weather.

CROSS COUNTRY TRIALS
Congratulations to all students who participated in the Cross Country Trials on Thursday. A special thank you to all the parents who were able to attend and provide support and assistance throughout morning - it is greatly appreciated. We would not be able to run these programs without your help.

Please look at KnowledgeNET on Monday for the results of the day.

WINTER SPORT LISMORE DIOCESAN TRIALS
Congratulations to the children who were successful at the Lismore Diocesan Trials last Friday, the following players will now trial for the polding teams in their respective sports:
- Rugby League – James Munro and Hayden Proctor
- Boys Football (Soccer) – Bailey Morgan
- Rugby Union – Ben Martin

Netball NSW Competition
A big thank you to Miss Borsato and parent Danielle Morgan who took the St Augustine’s team to the Netball NSW Competition on Wednesday. We would also like to thank our umpire Tahlia Hart who was able to assist our children on the day. Congratulations on a successful day.

LISMORE Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Last Friday 21 St Augustine’s students competed at the Lismore Diocesan Swimming Trials. We have seven children who are now competing in the Polding Swim Trials in Sydney today, good luck to Jayda Kachel, Kadie Vignes, Sophie Ryan, Paulini Kaidrokia, Jaida Smith, Tia Bohringer and Alyssa Golding.

AFL POLDING TRIALS
On Wednesday three children from St Augustine’s travelled to Newcastle to trial for the AFL Polding Team. Good luck to Harry Mapleson, Ben Gibbeson and Thomas Allom.

AFL PAUL KELLY CUP
St Augustine’s School again entered a team in this year’s Paul Kelly Cup AFL Competition held at Leisure Park this week. The Years 5/6 boys played four games and were successful in three of those matches. The teamwork and sportsmanship which was demonstrated was particularly pleasing and the children were great ambassadors for the school. Participants were Bill Gibbeson, Kieran Cunningham, James Munro, Aden Van Ryswyk, Ben Martin, Liam McCarthy, Mitchell Fletcher, Oscar and Aidan O’Reilly and Michael Grumley.
A big thank you to Mr Pat O’Connell who took our team to the Competition on Wednesday. Congratulations on a successful day.
2013 UNSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Students in Years 3-6 are invited to enter the 2013 Competitions (ICAS). Entry is optional. All students who enter receive certificates. An additional benefit is that students and the school receive detailed reports highlighting areas of strength and weakness. High levels of achievement in these challenging, international competitions are recognised with High Distinction, Distinction and Credit awards.

Permission notes were distributed earlier in the year. Thank you to the families who have already submitted entry forms and payment for the competitions. Entry forms are available from your child’s teacher or the School Office.

Entries for the Computer Skills, Science, Writing and Spelling Competitions close on 5 April.

Entries for the English and Mathematics Competitions close on 21 June.

No late entries can be accepted.

Thank you for your support of ICAS in our school.

Stephanie George—Coordinator: Administration

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Monday 29 April is a Staff Development Day for our school. All students will commence Term 2 on Tuesday 30 April. Outside School Hours Care is available on Monday 29 April for students who are enrolled at OSHC.

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 ROSTER

MARCH
25.03.2013
Mon  K Apps, J Sharp, Naomi Smith
Tues  C Bailey, G Bull, D La Rosa
Wed  M Bulloch, K Gilliland, J Jenkins
Thur  K Allen, C Loy, K O’Carroll
Fri  PUBLIC HOLIDAY

01.04.2013
Mon  PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues  J Arnold, M Murphy
Wed  S Horne, L Trotman, K White
Thur  K Gilliland, J Golding, D Mayer
Fri  B Dougherty, P Duffy, J Roach, K Van Ryswyk, L Zawadzki

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 at the Canteen between the 8.30am and 8.50am school bells.

Barbra Symons & Alicia Betland—Canteen Managers

LIBRARY MATTERS

The LARC is buzzing with investigation and research at the moment. It is usually about this time of the term that free space is even more scarce than usual and information books and computers are being worn out! It is fabulous and exciting to see. With the introduction of search engines and Youtube, research for children has been revolutionised. However, there is still plenty of room for books and charts and the illustrations and photos in these are wonderful for access, especially when working in small group situations.

The skill required to locate and research information, in any given form, is an important part of our learning modules every term, and a major role for the LARC and the teacher librarian. Teaching and refining those skills is paramount for life-long learning. Every teacher at St Augustine’s aspires to develop those skills and instil the love of wanting to find out more in each and every one of our students. Having a 21st Century inquiry skill set to draw from sets our children up for the skills to carry them on throughout their life in the quest for higher education, and indeed, just wanting to find something out! What a great time to be a child at school.

Year 4 students researching human body systems and what we need to do to keep them healthy.

See you in the Library
Mrs Madden—Teacher/Librarian
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
VACATION CARE—just around the corner (only three weeks away) from Monday 15 April to Monday 29 April (incl). Please remember our Assessment and Rating Visit in on Thursday 18 April and NO WALK-IN BOOKINGS WILL BE TAKEN ON THIS DAY. All bookings for Thursday 18 April MUST BE PRIOR to the day. There cannot be any acceptations to this due to staff/child ratios. Thank you for your help with this. The Program and Booking Sheet will be out shortly for you to see what we have on offer for this break, it’s going to be lots of fun. Let’s hope the sun will be out a little more than has been the case this term.

HOMEWORK is an important part of OSHC and many parents have indicated having homework done at the Service would help them greatly in their daily routine. It is, therefore very important parents who want their child to do homework communicate this with their child and ensure homework folders are in their bags. For those children not doing homework, silent reading is arranged. All children should have either their reader or library book in their bag (or there are books available).

CHANGE IN BOOKINGS—If families wish to swap days for care, a ‘Change of Booking’ sheet needs to be completed. Please do not ask staff to simply swap days on the week’s Roll. Thank you.

INVOICES - have been sent home via your child’s class teacher. Please ensure payments are brought up to date as soon as possible to help us meet financial commitments to the Service. Some accounts are overdue again and need to be attended to without delay. Thank you.

Please contact Brigitte (0417 666 494 or bklinkers@lism.catholic.edu.au) to enrol your child into St Augustine’s OSHC so enrolment orientation can be organised. Thank you.

The Green Spot

THE GREEN SPOT
Fundamental Skills
During Term 1 each cohort has participated in a weekly fundamental skill. During these 10 minute sessions we have come to a stage where we can focus on one skill and begin teaching the children the correct technique. This week we talked about passing and catching a ball, we believe the children will become more successful at this technique if it is practiced at home; here are some teaching cues while passing and catching with your children at home.

Catching Teaching Cues
1. Eyes are focused on the ball throughout the catch
2. Preparatory position with elbows bent and hands in front of body
3. Hands move to meet the ball
4. Hands and fingers positioned correctly to catch the ball
5. Catch and control the ball with hands only
6. Elbows bend to absorb force of the ball

Overarm Throw Teaching Cues
1. Eyes are focused on the target throughout the throw
2. Stand side-on to the target
3. Throwing arm nearly straightened behind the body
4. Step towards the target with foot opposite throwing arm during the throw
5. Marked sequential hip to shoulder rotation during the throw
6. Throwing arm follows through down and across the body

School Lunch Box Ideas by Anna Gare
Lunch box idea # 4 – Be natural
“Be wary of colourful packaging that is designed to make kids want that product in their lunchbox,” warns Anna. Many supermarket yoghurts fall into this category – some have too many additives and others, way too much sugar. Anna always buys yoghurt that is 100 per cent natural and adds her own flavouring at home. “If it needs to be sweet, you can add some natural jam or tinned fruit,” Anna says. “I don’t let my kids have anything with preservatives or additives.” But that doesn’t mean they are without a treat every now and then: “It’s not hard to make your own muesli bars or Anzac biscuits and jazz them up with a bit of dried fruit or a cheeky chocolate button or two!” says Anna.

Watch this space for more great lunch box ideas.

Candice Butcher—Coordinator

PLAYGROUP

Only three more weeks of playgroup before we close for holidays!! St Augustine’s Playgroup is very popular and a time many parents look forward to each week. The coffee is fresh, the tea is hot and the milk frothed. Playgroup is not only for parents/carers and their children from the St Augustine’s community, it is open to all parents/carers and their under school aged child(ren).
Cost is $3.00 per family each week and we ask you to bring a small plate to share (either fruit, home-baked goodies). Booking isn’t needed, but please write your contact details down upon arrival when paying the fee. Playgroup is located in the OSHC room (Albany Street entrance) of the school.
Easter at C.ex Coffs
It’s all happening at your club this Easter with a
monster Easter Egg Giveaway and Prawn Paradise raffles!

Free Easter Egg Giveaway!
Over $2,500 worth of Easter Eggs to be won
at C.ex Coffs
Simply make any purchase
between 5-7pm to get your tickets
into the free draw from 7pm
Monday 25th &
Tuesday 26th March

Prawn Paradise
Easter Raffles
Thursday 28th March –
100 prawn paradise trays plus
chicken trays & eftpos card prizes

Friday 29th March
(Good Friday) –
75 prizes including prawn paradise,
meat & chicken trays plus eftpos
card prizes
Tickets on sale from 4.30pm

It’s my club
Proud Sponsor of St Augustine’s Centenary Celebrations 2013
Ms Tara Koceck and I are wanting to collect information on Australian children using state-of-the-art tests of mental abilities. These measures are used for various reasons in clinical settings (e.g., assessing behavioural and learning difficulties) but for many of the measures we have very limited normative data. It is very important for us to know how a wide range of Australian children perform on the tests so we can then judge who may be exhibiting particular strengths or relative problems in areas of attention, thinking and emotional regulation.

As this is a research project we will not be able to offer any clinical feedback or advice but can provide a brief summary of your child’s results.

Thank you so much for taking the time to assist with this important research.

Your involvement is appreciated.

Dr James Donnelly

Psychology
School of Health and Human Sciences
Southern Cross University,
Coffs Harbour, NSW 2450
02 66 59 3996

Please contact Tara via email (tara.koceck@scu.edu.au) if you are interested and she will be happy to send you an information package, discuss the project in more detail if needed, and make a time for a testing session.

This research has been approved by the SCU HREC. The approval number is: ECN-11-170.