Dear Parents and Carers

I asked a child in class this week a question: “What’s Lent about?” The girl said it’s all about ‘giving up things’ and she said she was giving up chocolate and (jokingly) homework. The message about the preparation time for Easter is sometimes lost, especially the other two parts we are asked to do – to give generously and pray more. Australia is rightly called the ‘Lucky Country’ for our good fortune and wealth and it is sometimes very easy to forget those, locally and globally, who have much less than we do and live a precarious existence where illness or misfortune can have dire consequences. The scale of poverty can sometimes seem overwhelming but that should not be an excuse for inaction. This Lent we have asked the children to think outside of their world and show compassion for others. This can be achieved by praying more and giving generously, especially to Caritas, the Catholic agency charged with the responsibility for helping the people most in need. Each classroom has a cardboard moneybox to raise money for the less fortunate, please encourage your children to give so that others may prosper. In this way we hope to foster in the children not only empathy but action, to question the values of a consumerist society, as the late Archbishop Oscar Romero implored:

‘Aspire not to have more but to be more’.

As we go to press, organisation for the Golf Day is going full steam ahead. The weather looks great, the competition strong (well in patches at least) and the sledging has begun in earnest. Many thanks go to our major sponsors, North Coast Hotel Group as our major sponsors as well as a host of others who have generously donated in time and goods. The school appreciates the generous support of these businesses; please support these businesses as they support us. All money raised will go towards P&F projects, prime among them the creation of a new play area for the younger children on the ‘hill’ area of the field.

At the P&F meeting on Tuesday the concept of a new play area was discussed and many ideas were floated and debated. It was resolved that the first step would be the formation of a committee to plan and design the area, which will most likely be broken into stages to spread out the cost. The committee will need to investigate the site, research other sites, work within design criteria and constraints (eg costs) then present concepts to the P&F for consideration before quotes can be obtained. It is an exciting project to be a part of but the committee will need to spend some time doing the ‘leg work’ before any soil is moved. If you would like to be part of that working group, please email the school by 5:00 pm Friday 13 March.

Safety first: if you pick up your child from the Albany St area near the hall, please do not park or wait in line across the pedestrian crossing. It is very dangerous for children trying to cross the road as they are unable to see on-coming traffic. If a car has left a space before the crossing, do not go into that space. Besides the risk of a fine ($519+) the greater risk is injuring a child. Please be patient to ensure the safety of our children.

Grace and peace

Peter Watts
Principal
**CATECHETICAL NEWS**

**YEAR 2 LITURGY & LEARNING JOURNEY—CHANGE OF DATE TO TUESDAY 24 MARCH**

The Year 2 Liturgy will be held on Tuesday 24 March in the Church at followed by the Learning Journey in the classrooms at

_Paddy Dent - Leader of School Evangelisation_
_Mary Machatsch – Leader of Catechesis_

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School Photos will be taken on Tuesday 17 March. Photographers have provided envelopes with relevant information for order and payment and these have been sent home. Please return your child’s school photo envelope to the class teacher. **Family photos need to be ordered and purchased prior to photo day.**

The Year 6 group photo will be taken at 2:00 pm on Monday 16 March in the hall.

The class and individual photos will be timetabled around cohort rotations for Year 1 and Year 2. Please be aware that it’s very difficult to pinpoint an exact time for photos. Photographers start with Kindergarten and call for classes as they are ready. **Students should wear full school uniform on the day.**

**DANCEFEVER 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

**BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION**

Playground supervision begins at 8:15 am each morning. Students arriving at this time are to stay with the teacher on duty in the wet weather area (next to the Canteen).

Increasingly, students are being dropped to school quite early in the morning. We would ask that parents not leave their children at school before 8:15 am, when supervision is in place.

**HEAD LICE**

There has been an outbreak of head lice amongst our students. Please check your children each night and treat if necessary. Children may return to school after they have been treated and all eggs have been removed from their hair.

**CROSS COUNTRY TRIALS**

The Cross Country Trials will now be held on Monday 23 March. Children who nominated to try out for the next level of Cross Country are to come to school in their sports uniform on this day.

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

There will be a Staff Development Day this Monday, 9 March.

There will be no school for children on this day.

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**PARISH MASS TIMES**

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P & F NEWS

MEETING
Please note that our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 April at 7:00 pm in the LARC, not Tuesday 5 May.

NORTH COAST HOTEL GROUP 2015 P & F GOLF DAY
See page 6 for all the details of our North Coast Hotel Group 2015 P & F Golf Day on Sunday 8 March 2015.
Volunteers are needed for our Golf Day. No experience needed! Don’t wait to be asked—please call Peter Martin on 0412 538965. An hour of your time would be greatly appreciated.

Stephen Appleton—P & F Committee President

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.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH
8 NORTH COAST HOTEL GROUP P & F Golf Day
9 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—no children at school
13 Yrs 3-6 Swimming Program
16 Photo day—Yr 6
17 School photo day—Yrs K-6
20 Yr 3 Grade Mass 9:15 am
Yrs 3 & 4 to Swimming Program
Yrs 5 & 6 to ‘High School Musical’ at SJPC
ICAS Digital Tech & Science Competition closing date
21/22 Mothers’ & 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

APRIL
2 Stations of the Cross Liturgy Yrs K-6
LAST DAY OF TERM 1 FOR STUDENTS
20 FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 FOR STUDENTS
Yrs K-6 Resurrection Liturgy 9:15 am
25 Anzac Day March
28 P & F Meeting 7:00 pm in the LARC—PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

MAY
1 Mufti day for Mothers’ Day Stall
2 P & F Casino Night

CANTEEN ROSTER

09.03.2015
Mon STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Tues G Bull
Wed L & R Ellington, S Hartsuyker
Thur K Allen, K O’Carroll, H O’Rourke, L Rowthorne
Fri J Arnold, J Arragon, T Blundell, J Cutler, E Dow, J Roach, A Stephens

16.03.2015
Mon L Seccombe
Tues J Armitage, A Bonus, R Morrison, M Vernon, C Williams
Wed L Trotman, K White
Thur N Aranibar, K Gilliland, M Martinez
Fri P Crawford, P Duffy, H O’Rourke, J Roach, K-A 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
SPORT NEWS

St Augustine’s Cross Country Trials
The new date for the St Augustine’s Cross Country Trials will be Monday 23 March. Students who nominated are to come to school in the sports uniform on this day.

Winter Sports: Netball, Football, Hockey, Rugby League, Rugby Union
Good luck to our athletes who will compete in the Winter Sports Trials on Friday 13 March at Grafton. These students will be trialling for a place in the Lismore Diocesan Teams.

Diocesan Swimming
The St Augustine’s swimming team travelled to Murwillumbah for the Diocesan trials on Wednesday 4 March. These trials were to qualify for the Diocesan team. Congratulations to all children who competed. The following children will now represent the Lismore Diocese in Sydney soon:

Alyssa Golding, Ainhoa Appleton, Lila Smith, Sophie Ryan, Jayda Kachel, Lily Betland, Rory Beech, Lachlan Marle, Archie Budd and Oscar Pike.

CHBA’s ‘2015 Summer Primary School Competition’ – Basketball
Teams need your help – we have four coaching and managing positions left to fill! Basketball experience is helpful, but not necessary, in order to fill these roles. Parents/carers or community members who are interested in helping a basketball team can contact Ms M’Dermid to register their interest.

Cricket
If you are interested in getting involved in cricket, please go online to www.in2cricket.com.au to find your nearest cricket centre. Alternatively, contact Ben Heaton on 0419 642 034 for more information.

Sport Enquiries
Please direct any sporting enquiries that you may have to the Sports Administrator, Ms Kristy M’Dermid via email kmcdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au (preferred method) or via phone on (02) 6652 1204 (and ask for Kristy M’Dermid).

Yours in sport
Dan Hammond—Sports Coordinator
Kristy McDermid—Sports Administrator
Students in Years 3-6 are invited to enter the 2015 UNSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). Notes are still available from the office. The closing date for the Digital Tech and Science Competition is Friday 20 March. No late entries will be accepted.

Stephanie George
Leader of Learning: Administration/Curriculum

ANZAC Resources needed
Families with links to World War 1 participants are invited to contribute to our resource collection at school Anzac centenary celebrations. We are looking for personal accounts, even as retold by someone who is familiar with the story, artefacts, medals, diary accounts or letters. We appreciate that these things are very personal and priceless to a family so if you would be prepared to share your stories or objects we would be very appreciative. Photocopies of documents or photos of objects would also be suitable. Personal accounts or memorabilia of such events are invaluable for students to use to research and to build a deeper appreciation of perspectives of other people, times and places.

We are starting inquiry work across the cohorts next week. Please contact Mrs Madden, Mrs Scott or Mrs Hewitt via the school office.

PARISH SCHOOLS OFFICE
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Parents paying school fees by three instalments (and not using our DDR facility) - the first payment was due by 1/03/15.

Please call on 6651 0000 urgently if you have missed your payment or are unsure of your payment plan agreement.

For those using our direct debit facility and paying via 3 instalments, your first instalment was automatically deducted on 2/03/15.

Urgent!

Curriculum Corner

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MOTHERS’ & DAUGHTERS’ WEEKEND
21 & 22 MARCH

To make a booking phone Darlington Holiday Park on 66407403, and quote St Augustine's Mothers’ and Daughters’ Weekend to receive a 10% discount on your accommodation.

The Mothers’ and Daughters’ Weekend is being held on 21 and 22 March. It’s a great weekend to bond with your daughter, spend time with your friends and your daughter's friends, and meet and make new friends.

If you have any questions please call Meagan Kelly on 0437 175055, or Jann Golding on 0412 586148.

NORTH COAST HOTEL GROUP
2015 ST AUGUSTINE’S P&F GOLF DAY

The North Coast Hotel Group, 2015 P & F Golf Day on Sunday 8 March at Coffs Harbour Golf Club is shaping up to be a great event! A big thank you to our new major sponsor, The North Coast Hotel Group. We are overwhelmed by their generosity and we look forward to sharing the huge day ahead with them.

Thank you also to Alister Scotford—Ventoux Cycles, for the very generous donation of a $400 bike for our Golf Day raffle.

If you are able to help out on the day please contact Peter Martin on 0412 538965.
In the Sustainable Garden

We are back in the garden getting our hands dirty. There have been many things happening in the garden over the last few weeks. The children have been busy picking fresh produce to take to our local soup kitchen. We have been planting some orange and purple carrots, spinach and cucumbers. We also have a family of blue tongue lizards that have made our sustainable garden their new home.

Miss Lyons

Gardening Club
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

TICKETS INCLUDE: ENTERTAINMENT | CANAPES | LUCKY DOOR PRIZE | FREE ‘SNAP THAT’ PHOTO BOOTH
RAFFLES | PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED - FEMALE, MALE & DUO | PLUS LOADS OF PRIZES TO BE WON ON THE NIGHT!!
SCHOOL BANKING

St Augustine’s Primary School participates in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program. The program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week.

School Banking Day at St Augustine’s Primary School is Wednesday. Books will be returned to your children by Wednesday afternoon. Thank you for supporting our school and helping teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child we have information packs in the office. Alternatively, you can open an account at any branch by calling 13 22 21 or online if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer.