Dear Parents and Carers

**Our thoughts and prayers go out to Eve Guy**, a Year 4 student at St Augustine’s who has recently been diagnosed with bone cancer in her leg. Eve will now need to spend around six months at least in Sydney with her mum Rebecca to receive specialised treatment. Just before her diagnosis, Eve competed in the school cross country in the second last week of school, and despite some pain, did well, displaying the strength and determination she will no doubt need in the coming months. Dropping everything you’re doing and going to live in Sydney for an extended time at short notice is a very difficult task for any family and there are many plans underway to support them. It’s great to see and hear of the St Augustine’s community rallying to help and at this stage there are a number of ways to assist. As a school community we hope to raise funds through the **Casino Night (please note that due to the expected poor weather this event has been postponed until a later date and will not be held this Saturday)** and via the Walkathon which has been moved forward to Friday 29 May. We also plan to run a Trivia Night in Term 3. If you would like to be part of a committee to oversee the fundraising, please contact the school office. Of course, prayers offered daily for Eve and her family will be greatly appreciated.

**Susan McLean.** Next Monday, May 4, (7:00 pm at St John Paul College) there is an exciting opportunity for parents to listen to a high quality, nationally renowned speaker on Internet, Social Media and Cyber Safety for children and young people. Susan McLean is an ex-Police Officer and has appeared on shows such as Sunrise, Four Corners and Insight among others. She brings a wealth of experience as well as offering practical tips for parents. This is a major initiative of the local Catholic schools banding together for Catholic Schools’ Week, sponsored by the Diocesan Parent Assembly. If you require child minding please contact MHOC on 6653122 today.

**WARNING!** After a couple of near misses with children crossing the road, I have been informed that police and council rangers will be patrolling the Albany St crossing and issuing fines for queuing on the pedestrian crossing and No Stopping zone. **The fine is in excess of $500.** Please do not queue entering the car park in Albany St but rather, move to another place to park if you can’t get in right on 3:00 pm. Remember that staff are on duty with children until 3:15 pm so there’s no need for everyone to arrive right on 3:00 pm.

**Great news and congratulations!** The talented staff and children at St Augustine’s are to be congratulated for the wonderful ANZAC display at the CEX rooms, which resulted in gaining first prize in the competition. The $1000 prize will be put directly into resources for the children. Thanks also to staff who constructed a thorough and interesting learning program around our ANZAC heritage, culminating in the march last Saturday, which was very well attended.

Grace and peace

Peter Watts
MINI VINNIES
At the end of last term the Minnie Vinnies group walked to St Augustine’s Nursing Home. Carrying Easter baskets full of treats and a card for each elderly person. We were able to sit with the residents and have a lovely conversation. It was a rewarding time for both the students and residents.

Our Minnie Vinnies focus for this term is the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. We are asking for 20cm x 20cm knitted squares to make as many blankets as we can. If you have some knitted squares please bring them in to Mrs Kennedy.

Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Trinity Kachel 5C

What an amazing response so far to our Mini Vinnies appeal for knitted blanket squares! We have received hundreds - thank you! Our students are very grateful for your kind donations to help those in need! Several students have taken home bags of squares to be sewn together and we can’t wait to see the final blankets & scarves.

CATECHETICAL NEWS
MOTHERS’ MASS
Our Mothers’ Mass will be held on Friday 8 May at 9:15 am in St Augustine’s Church. Mothers are invited to sit with their children. Please wait at the Gordon Street entrance and enter the church with your child in their class group.

The P & F Mothers’ Day Stall will be held after Mass in Year groups. Gifts will be on sale for $4 each.

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

Screen Free Week 4–10 May 2015
Screen Free Week is an annual international celebration when families, schools and communities swap digital entertainment for the joys of life beyond the screen. Instead of watching TV, using a computer or playing video games, ideas for activities to do include:

• Go for a walk as a family
• Play a board game or cards
• Make dinner as a family
• Read a book to your children
• Volunteer in your community
• Paint a picture

For a FREE family guide go to www.screenfree.org

REMINDER ABOUT EARLY DROP-OFFS
Many children are being dropped to school very early, well before the school bell. We understand this may be convenient on your way to work but there is no student supervision before 8:15 am. We ask parents and carers to only leave their children after 8:15 am. Thank you.

PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD’S BELONGINGS!
We already have a large tub full of school pullovers as well as lunch boxes, drink bottles etc—all with no name!
P & F NEWS

MEETING
The next P & F Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 June at 7:00 pm in the Library. All welcome.

CASINO NIGHT SAT 2 MAY
The Casino Night scheduled for Saturday 2 May has been postponed to a later date. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Stephen Appleton—P & F Committee President

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS
If your child would like to learn a musical instrument at school, the following music teachers have places available for students.

Mr Skelton – Drums, Percussion (Years 3-6)
Mr Coulter – Flute, Saxophone, Clarinet (Years 3-6)
Mr Stanford – Piano (Years 1-6)

Please contact the office for an enrolment form.

MOTHERS’ AND DAUGHTERS’ WEEKEND
The Mothers’ and Daughters’ weekend held last term was fantastic! We had a very good turn out and everyone had a lovely time. Thank you to all those who came along, attended some of the organised activities, and met up with other mums and their daughters. The weekend had a lovely community feel which reflected the feel of the school. Everything went so well at Darlington Holiday Park. They were fantastic to deal with, and we have already told them we will be back same time next year. A big thank you also to the St Augustine’s mums for the beautiful flowers that arrived for us after the weekend. We were both really touched!

Meagan Kelly and Jann Golding

UNIFORMS
If you have unwanted uniforms at home, please consider donating them to our clothing pool. These can be left at the Canteen. Thank you.

COMING EVENTS

MAY
2 P & F Casino Night 7:00 pm—POSTPONED
4 Yr K 2016 Enrolments open (4-15 May)
5 Yrs 5 & 6 Sausage Sizzle
7 Yr 4 Liturgy 12:00 pm
8 Mothers Mass (Yrs K-6) 9:15 am
Mothers’ Day Stall
12-14 NAPLAN (Yr 3 & Yr 5)
14 Yr K Liturgy 9:30 am
15 Yr K 2016 Enrolments close
Yrs K & Yr 6 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
19 ICAS Digital Tech Comp
Yrs 3/4 Sausage Sizzle
20 Yr 6 Jetty/Boardwalk Excursion
22 Yr 3 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
29 Yrs 2 & 4 at Parish Mass 9:15 am

JUNE
2 Yrs K-2 Sausage Sizzle
P & F Meeting 7:00 pm in the LARC
3 ICAS Science Competition
5 Yr 1 & Yr 5 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
10 Yr 6 RE Test
12 Yr 3 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
15 Yrs 3-6 Athletics Carnival
16 ICAS Spelling Competition

CANTEEN ROSTER

04.05.2015
Mon L Wood
Tues J Armytage, A Bonus, G Bull, R Kennedy, C Williams
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

11.05.2015
Mon K Apps, S Small
Tues J Bourne, D Olutayo, N Savige, M Vernon
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.

LASAGNE
Lasagne is now available at the Canteen. The price is $4.00 for a 200g portion.

Barbra Symons & Alicia Betland—Canteen Managers

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SPORT NEWS

Clarence Zone Rep. Trials – Cross Country
Clarence Zone Cross Country trials were held on Tuesday 21 April. Wet weather was threatening to postpone it again, however, an intrepid team of 41 students travelled to Woolgoolga to compete against all of the other Catholic primary schools in our zone.

The team won the Champion School trophy! Sixteen of our students qualified for the next level of representation at the Lismore Diocesan Cross Country trials. Congratulations to: Cooper Marle, Carlos Rodriguez-Soto, Mykenzie Smith, Finn Klinkers, Riley Dagger, Jayda Kachel, Ainhoa Appleton, Zara Temesi, Lachlan Marle, Jacob Field, Marcus Field, Grace McCormack, Laila McDonald, Ash Chapman, Lara Baker and Abbi Dagger.

Extreme wet weather in the southern part of the state last week affected the Tamworth venues for the Polding Winter trials. Re-scheduled to Thursday 30 April, we look forward to hearing how Oliver Canning (rugby league) and Cooper Wall (football) fared.

NSWPSSA Rep. Trials – Tennis
Connor Hennessy and Cooper Jones have been playing in a four-day tournament at the NSWPSSA Tennis trials this week. Results will be in the next Newsletter.

NSWPSSA Rep. Trials – Basketball
Next week Madison Howarth will be attending the NSWPSSA Basketball (girls) trials from Tuesday 5 May to Thursday 7 May. Madison will be the only student from the Lismore Diocese representing in the Polding team at this tournament. We wish her luck and congratulate her so far on this excellent achievement.

Rugby Union
Information regarding the 2015 Rugby Union season is available on the Coffs Harbour Junior Rugby Union website. The first game of the rugby union season was last week, Friday 24 April. Registration is still available tonight (Friday 1 May). Please come along to Rugby Park if you are interested in playing and have not yet joined.

Training is held on our school oval on Thursday afternoons from 3 – 4pm for those teams. Students should be attending these training sessions. If students have not yet collected a jersey for this competition they need to see Mr Dan Hammond.


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.

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. You'll receive access to great member prices and other initiatives and the school will receive a 5% credit. Thanks for your support.

Sport Enquiries
Please direct any sporting enquiries that you may have to these contacts:

Mr Dan Hammond
dhammond@lism.catholic.edu.au

Ms Kristy McDermid
kmcdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au

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

Cross Country Fundraiser for Guy Family
North Coast Cross Country is holding their Diggers Beach Cross Country Event this Sunday, 3 May. All entry fees are being donated to the Guy Family and there will also be collection tins at the event. If you are currently training for the Diocesan Cross Country event this may be a great chance to prepare yourself for the upcoming event. The event is open to everyone and it is a great chance to support the Guy Family. More information is listed below. If you are interested, Mr Hammond will be at the event at 8:45 am. Everyone Welcome

Event: North Coast Cross Country
Time: 9:00 am
Place: Diggers Beach (Southern End)
Prize Draw:
All families who honour their school fees agreement and who have paid their accounts in full by the due dates will be entered into a prize draw each January. (All families who have a direct debit arrangement which is kept up to date will automatically be entered into the draw.)

Novotel Coffs Harbour Pacific Bay Resort have generously donated:
One night’s accommodation in a Resort Room for two adults including a full buffet breakfast in Charlie’s Restaurant.

June Instalment:
A reminder to those paying school fees by three instalments – next payment is due and payable by 1/06/15

If you are using our direct debit facility, these payments will be automatically deducted from your account on 1/06/15. Weekly, fortnightly and monthly direct debits will continue to be deducted on due dates.

Please feel welcome to call us on 6651 0000 if you have any queries or wish to discuss any issues concerning your school fees account. All enquiries are strictly confidential.

Email: admin@parishschooloffice.com.au   Website: www.parishschooloffice.com.au

CURRICULUM CORNER

ICAS COMPETITIONS
Entries for the ICAS Writing and Spelling Competitions closed today Friday 1 May. The closing date for entries in the ICAS English and Mathematics Competitions is Friday 19 June.

The first competition, Digital Technologies (previously known as the Computer Skills Competition) will be conducted at school on Monday 19 May.

The Writing Competition will now be conducted on Wednesday 17 June, due to the Athletics Carnival scheduled for Monday 15 June. The Spelling Competition will be held on Tuesday 16 June (no change).

Thank you for your support of the ICAS Competitions at St Augustine’s. They are a valuable academic experience for the students who take part and all students receive a certificate and summary of results. If you require an entry form for the remaining competitions, please contact the School Office.

Stephanie George
Leader of Learning: Administration/Curriculum
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.
ANZAC CENTENARY 2015

We will remember them.
LARC MATTERS

At St Augustine's the main page for LARC information and tools is our Oliver OPAC page. To locate the link it is on the school home page and this link takes you straight there. The students are encouraged to use this link to search for resources from anywhere anytime. If they log in with their school user name and password they are also able to reserve books and see what books they have on loan.

Most importantly, this page is used to locate information in our LARC. There is a search space at the top of the page to type in the author, title or topic that you are looking for. It then shows you resources that are available in the LARC.

Also on the LARC page there are usually messages, links to author web pages or book reviews, information about research tools such as search engines, maybe a voki, youtube, QR code, or many other various items. These things change so check back in from time to time to see what is going on in our LARC.

If you have a QR reader on your smart phone or iPad you can scan the QR code below to take you straight to the LARC OPAC page. Have a look and see the types of things that are on the page. You never know what you might find.

See you in the LARC
Mrs Madden
Building Healthy Habits

- Children are learning habits that will often last a lifetime.
- Ensure your child eats breakfast. This improves concentration levels at school and reduces snacking.
- Be realistic about the serving sizes you give your children. Forcing children to finish what’s on their plate when they are not hungry may lead to overeating and strong food dislikes.
- Eat your meals at the dinner table rather than in front of the TV. Children (and adults) are more likely to overeat whilst eating in front of the TV as they can easily miss the body’s cues to tell them they are full.

Kids Love to Cook!

Preparing healthy food with your children is a great way to teach them good nutrition PLUS they will enjoy eating what they helped to prepare! A simple recipe to prepare with kids:

Mini Vegetable Pizza
1. Halve an English muffin
2. Spread on tomato paste and oregano
3. Throw on vegetables like sliced capsicum, sliced mushrooms, grated sweet potato etc.
4. Sprinkle with low fat grated cheese and grill.

Alex Shaw and Candice Butcher — Coordinators

Inspiring Parenting Conference - Free of Charge

A number of FREE places are still available to parents who are interested in attending the NSW Parenting Conference jointly hosted by Lismore Parent Catholic School Assembly and Council of Catholic School Parents on 16th/17th May. The Conference features renowned parenting experts Michael Grose and Bruce Sullivan as keynote speakers and a host of other presenters providing workshops on issues such as parenting, mental health and well being issues, connecting home and school learning and faith development. Parent Assembly will cover ALL costs including your conference registration and accommodation at the stunning Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour. To register your interest please contact your local Parent Assembly Cluster Organiser Paul Edgar on 0427118122. Register quickly as places will be allocated to those who express interest first.
Our school community is coming together to support one of our students in need. Eve is receiving treatment for cancer in Sydney and will be away from home for a lengthy period of time.

We seek your support to sponsor our students so they in turn can support Eve and her family.
CASINO NIGHT POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- School, free push notification alerts
- School events
- School newsletters
- School documents
- School RSS feeds
- School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students.

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).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
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.

Don’t forget to like us on Facebook! Like
Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au
Have you ever heard the phrase “It takes a village”?

Well, we are inviting you to collaborate with us at our iConnect Conference around what this means in Catholic Education in 2015.

We will be exploring the idea of family, school, parish and community partnerships to support young people’s learning, well-being and faith development.

This conference just doesn’t begin and end on 16-17 May, we want to engage you in an extended conversation about what you think the essential elements are and what role we all have: parents, teachers and community members working together.

Michael Grose
Expert Parenting Educator

Bruce Sullivan
Relationship Specialist

For updates go to:
www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au