Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Last week was a ‘big’ week for all schools across Australia. Besides NAPLAN for Years Three and Five, the Federal Government’s first budget has seen some dramatic implications for schools. I refer you to the attachment in the email from the school last Thursday, 15 May from the National Catholic Education Commission highlighting strong points and describing concerns, about the Budget's impact on Catholic Schooling. Ultimately, our focus is always on improving student learning and I offer the following thoughts on helping your class teachers in teaching our children to think.

It is widely agreed that children should be taught how to think, not what to think, in order to be successful twenty-first century learners and citizens. But what can you do, as a parent (or caregiver), to help teach your child how to think? With so much information (and misinformation) available to them at the tap of a touchscreen, students need to understand that checking ‘facts’ for accuracy is important. Encourage patience and persistence. As a parent, model the habit of asking questions such as “How do we know this is true?” and “Why should I agree with this opinion?”

Remember, copying and pasting information is not thinking, and students need to know that they will never gain good grades by doing this. They have to be able to demonstrate understanding, so ask them: Can you summarise what you’ve just read (i.e. break it down into the main ideas and a few simple examples)? Can you paraphrase it (i.e. explain it in your own words)? Get them to practise this skill aloud – ‘little and often’.

Ask a mixture of factual and inferential questions. Watch, read or listen to a news report with your child, or read a thought-provoking story together. (Before you start, think about the child’s prior knowledge of the topic and choose something that is neither too hard nor too easy, because the brain is stimulated by challenge, but inhibited by threat.) Talk about what you’ve read. Start with the facts: Who did what? Where? When? How? Then move to higher order thinking skills and ask Why? How can you tell? On other occasions, try asking the inferential questions before the factual ones. Some children prefer to start with ‘the big picture’. Beware of asking leading questions, such as “He shouldn’t have done that, should he?”

Encourage your child to wonder, and to ask more questions, for example, What if…? Find out whether he/she can make connections between the text and people, places and events from other stories or real life. For example, ask: Did this remind you of anything else you’ve seen, heard or read? Why?

Some children demonstrate their thinking best through creative activities – and they often do this spontaneously. Active, artistic children can be encouraged to share their knowledge and ideas with you through drawings, models, dance and role play. Any opportunity for enthusiastic review and reflection is worthwhile. Ask: Can you draw that? Can you show me? Can you act it out? Always include plenty of talk.

Children who become good thinkers learn to look at information from different perspectives. Try using the strategy of ‘Thinking like a/the…’. For example, in the fairy tale Cinderella, suggest your child tries thinking like the sisters, rather than thinking like Cinderella. Might there be reasons why the sisters behave the way they do? (NB: Your child may still reach the conclusion that the sisters are ‘the baddies’, but along the way you are likely to have a very worthwhile discussion about the wider issue of how people should treat each other.) The ‘Thinking like a…’ strategy can open minds, develop empathy and discourage children from generalising or rushing to judgement about others.

The introduction of the school socials has been highly valued as has the opportunity for parents to gather and share in discussions around how technology is used at St Augustine’s. We are grateful for our community’s support and for the commitment of staff in providing the opportunities.

Best Wishes
Jake
CATECHETICAL NEWS

Our Lady Help of Christians (24 May)

Mary, with the title ‘Help of Christians’, is the patron saint of Australia. This is an important feast day for our nation as we ask Mary to assist and protect us in the care we show and the good work we do for others in God’s name.

This week was the week for Liturgies!

Year One and Year Two celebrated their liturgies in the Church and were joined by many parents. We thank our parents for coming along and celebrating these beautiful moments with our children. It is the connection we have to our wonderful parents, which makes the liturgies so special. Year One celebrated the Ascension of our Lord and to signify His presence among us. Year one parents were asked to light and place a candle to symbolise the light Jesus shines in the lives of their families. As all candles were placed in the sand together it was wonderful to realise that we are all a part of God’s special family here at St Augustine’s. Year Two’s liturgy “Being one with God” was followed by their learning journey in the classrooms. Thank you to parents for coming along to see the inspiring work our children do in Year Two.

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

PARISH MASS TIMES

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P & F NEWS

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL

Congratulations to Mrs Zoe Waterhouse who won the Mothers’ Day raffle!

GOLF DAY - SPONSOR

Thank you to Fuji Xerox Business Centre for their donation to our recent Golf Day.

MOTHERS’ and DAUGHTERS’ WEEKEND

Coordinator(s) Needed

At this stage we do not have a coordinator for the 2014 Mothers’ and Daughter’s Camp. If you are willing to take on this role please contact Stephen Appleton.

CENTENARY PAVERS

Information on how to order on Page 11 & 14.

Stephen Appleton—P & F Committee President

CASINO ROYALE NIGHT

From the moment you walked into the room you could feel the vibe that it was going to be a great night and it certainly was.

Upon arrival guests enjoyed a welcome drink courtesy of the C.ex and Choices Carpet and were spoilt for choice with an endless selection of delicious fresh platters thanks to our major sponsor the C.ex Group. Janna Lacey from CandyLand Buffets impressed us again with her amazing attention to detail. The lollies were a treat for the guests to enjoy especially the English bon bons. SNAP THAT Photo Booth was a popular place to be. Check out the photos on their Facebook page.

Congratulations to Tracey Third who won the lucky door prize - she will be enjoying a night for 2 at NOVOTEL Pacific Bay with breakfast included and dinner at Charlie's restaurant. Special thanks for the raffle prize donations: Watsons Caravans, Parry's Jewellers, Coffs Harbour Golf Club, Jo and Damien McConchie, Hoey Moey and the C.ex Group.

Vouchers to YoghurtLand, Sumo Salads, The Hoey Moey, SPLIT Cafe, The Lakes Bistro at CHGC and coffee at the C.ex were hot prizes at the chocolate wheel. Everyone who had a spin walked away with a prize thanks to our spinners Dan Hammond and Tracey Backhouse.

Thank you to everyone who attended. Your continued support of our school is very much appreciated. Special thanks to Judy, Scott, Ngaire and Kylie for your assistance in setting up the room, it looked amazing. A huge thank you to the table dealers. If I have failed to thank anyone then I apologise but please know that your help or prize donation has not gone unnoticed and is much appreciated.

See you all at the Fete, Tennille O'Rourke-Cox
ABOUT ‘A DAY MADE BETTER’
Exceptional teachers do more than just teach – by going above and beyond the call of duty they inspire, nurture and encourage students to build knowledge, confidence and life-skills.

‘A Day Made Better’ rewards and recognises exceptional primary school teachers across the country. They are inviting parents, students, family and friends to show their appreciation by giving them the recognition they deserve.

Go online at http://www.adaymadebetter.com.au to nominate a teacher. As a result there are some great prizes. Nominations close Friday 30 May.

YEAR 4 BREAKFAST
The Year 4 Breakfast date has been changed from 10 June to Tuesday 17 June. All Year 4 families are invited to breakfast outside the Canteen on 17 June, from 7:30—8:15 am. See you there.

CAREERS EXPO
An email to St Augustine’s School:
Thank you for helping to organise St Augustine’s attendance at last week’s Careers Expo. It was a great day for all the students, with lots of positive feedback.
St Augustine’s behaviour was exemplary, the school and teachers should be very proud.
Hoping to see you at next year’s event.
Thanks again.
Kind regards
Maree Spencer
Program Officer www.youthdirections.com.au

KINDERGARTEN 2015 ENROLMENTS
Please note that the enrolment period for Kindergarten has now closed. If your child is due to commence Kindergarten in 2015 and you wish to enrol at our school, please contact the office on 66521204.

HEAD LICE
A number of cases of head lice have been reported. Please check your child’s hair regularly. Students may not be sent to school if lice or eggs are present in the hair. Health regulations stipulate that students found to have head lice must be sent home for treatment. Please consult your pharmacist as to the most effective form of treatment.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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CANTEEN NEWS
Lasagne and corn cobs will be available during Terms 2 and 3. Lasagne will be $3.50 per serve and corn cobs will be $1.00 each.

Barbra Symons & Alicia Betland—Canteen Managers
SPORT NEWS

PAUL WILSON CUP
Last Friday our Year 6 football (Soccer) team travelled to Woolgoolga to play against the St Francis Xavier football team in the Paul Wilson Cup (Lismore Diocese Competition).

At the end of the game it was a 2-all draw, but St Augustine’s won on a corner count back 6 to 2. The children will now compete in round 2 of the knockout.

Thank you to all the parents who travelled with the team and thank you to Mr Hammond for coaching the team.

RUGBY
The Friday Night Rugby Competition has begun at the Coffs Rugby Club on Hogbin Dr, adjacent to the Link Gym. St Augustine’s has a Year 1/2 team, a Year 3/4 team, and a Year 5/6 team in the competition.

A big thank you to our volunteer coaches, Mr Jeffery Cox, Mr Billy Budd and Mr Chris Martin. It is great to see our children competing and being great ambassadors for our school.

CRICKET NSW WINTER DEVELOPMENT SQUADS – COFFS COAST
Now in its second year, Cricket NSW Winter Development Squads is an eight week skill development program designed to take your game to the next level. The program is open to boys and girls from the U/9 - U/12 age groups.

Registrations close Friday, 4 July 2014.

For any questions, contact Dave Szumowski at david.szumowski@cricketnsw.com.au.

YEARS 3-6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Our Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 6 June on the school field. In preparation for the carnival the children have been practising long jump, shot put and running during their P.E. lesson, while during sport in the lead up to the carnival our children will be putting that practise into play by trialling for Shot put and Long Jump to qualify for the carnival. If you are able to help on Friday 6 June (all day) it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mrs Kama on rekama@lism.catholic.edu.au

THURSDAY SPORT
The Years K-2 children have been experiencing Golf, Basketball and Volleyball this Term. During sport we have development officers come to our school to teach the correct technique for that particular sport. Some children have never experienced some of these sports and so it is exciting to see and hear them talk about how they would like to play an activity out of school hours.

NSW PSSA AFL TOURNAMENT
Harry Mapleson travelled to Macquarie University, Sydney to compete in the NSW PSSA AFL Tournament recently. The team won five of six games. Overall the team came 5th, being the best placing ever, making history for Polding! Well done!

LISMORE DIOCESE CROSS COUNTRY
Our cross country team travelled to Lismore today to compete in the Lismore Diocese Carnival. Children who place in the top eight will qualify to represent the Diocese at the Polding trials in Sydney in June. Results in the next Newsletter.

Dan Hammond—Sports Coordinator
LARC MATTERS
What a wonderful week. There have been so many events happening across our school but the highlight was to have a wonderful author illustrator in our school for the whole week. Cameron Stelzer, as our Author in Residence, has been a hit with every cohort, teacher and parent who were lucky enough to cross his path.

Each cohort had a special presentation with Cameron where he discussed his motivation, beginnings as an author and his character and illustration development. This presentation varied according to the age of the group. From Stroogles to Pie-Rats, Cameron was very entertaining and informative. In addition to this, groups from Years 3-6 experienced enrichment illustration workshops and talented writers from Years 3-6 experienced a full day workshop on writing. Teachers worked on ways to inspire great writing and parents had the opportunity to establish ways to support their child’s reading development and switch them on to reading.

We can’t thank Cameron enough for engaging our whole school community in the way he shared his talents with all sectors. Our aim is to inspire even better writers and readers and I am sure Cameron’s visit will bring this to fruition.

For more information on Cameron, the Stroogle and the Pie-rats please visit [http://cameronstelzer.com/](http://cameronstelzer.com/) or visit the LARC to see what books we have on offer. Better still, ask your child how their visit with Cameron “the Stroogle Man” went. I’m sure they will have plenty to tell you.

See you in the LARC
Annie Madden

WINTER UNIFORM
Our school uniform policy is on our website under ‘About Us’, ‘School Uniform’.

COLLECTING CHILDREN EARLY FROM SCHOOL
If at all possible, appointments for children should be made after school. The afternoon learning session is an important one, with many Key Learning Areas being covered. Children often fall behind in their work and cannot complete assessment items when they are regularly collected from school before the 3:00 pm bell.

PARKING
ZEBRA MOTEL
CAR PARK
The manager from the Zebra Motel has requested that parents do not use the Motel’s car park before or after school.

SCHOOL SOCIAL
Wed 28 May - Year 5 and 6 Social  7:00—8:30 pm.
Parents are encouraged to attend the important workshop after dropping students to the social. The focus will be on technology and what your child will be engaging with at home and at school. Parent workshop and refreshments will be in the Year 6 cohort area.

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OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

NB: Bookings for upcoming Vacation Care or After School Care will not be accepted if fees are in arrears from the previous term / Vacation Care.

After School Care
OSHC have started a Star of the Week program. This is an incentive for children to receive tokens for positive behaviour. At the end of the week three tokens are drawn out of the box and these lucky children are congratulated and rewarded with a small reward.

We are still having issues chasing children of an afternoon! Parents/carers please let us know of any change of plans and if your child/children are not attending After School Care. Please notify Educators by calling 0417 666 494 before 1:00 pm. This will alleviate Educators spending additional time looking for your child at roll call.

Active After School Care Sports
The children are currently enjoying and getting involved in our Tuesday and Thursday afternoon Active After School Care Sports doing soccer and basketball.

Invoices
Updated invoices have been sent home via children this week. These are current and need to be brought up to date as soon as possible. It is important that the account is not in arrears especially from the 2013 year. Accounts are to be finalised within seven days. Future bookings may not be taken where fees are in arrears. Your attention to this is appreciated.

News!!! We have a new email address for OSHC for any bookings, changes, queries or messages. It is cofhp-oshc@lism.catholic.edu.au

CONTACT DETAILS:
Sarah (Coordinator OSHC) cofhp-oshc@lism.catholic.edu.au 0417 666 494
Linda (Administrator OSHC) lrick@lism.catholic.edu.au 6652 1204
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

TERM 2 ACCOUNTS
Invoices for some families are still outstanding. In order for us to meet our financial commitments (and the continuation of your child’s lessons in 2014) can you please ensure your account is settled in full by Friday 13 June.

For all account enquiries, please contact to Sione George or Dot Trevaskis in the office.

Parish Schools Office Coffs Harbour Sawtell

A reminder to those paying school fees by three instalments - next payment is due and payable by 1/06/14. If you are using our direct debit facility, these payments will be automatically deducted from your account on 1/06/14.

Non Direct Debit Payments—For those not using our direct debit facility, please ensure that payments occur by due dates, as payment by due dates is a condition of continued enrolment.

PLAYGROUP
A NEW PLAYGROUP has started at St Augustine’s Parish. All mums (or dads!) and their 0-5 years olds are invited. The playgroup runs during term time on Mondays, starting at 9:45 am (after morning Mass) and finishing at 11:30 am. The playgroup will take place in the backyard behind the Curran Centre. Tea and coffee is provided, byo morning tea. Everyone is welcome! For more info contact Fran Davis on 0409 597 866.
GARDENING CLUB SUCCESS AT THE SHOW
Our Gardening Club is very proud of their silverbeet - awarded 2nd at the Coffs Harbour Show last weekend! Congratulations!

YEAR SIX AND KINDERGARTEN BUDDIES’ TEDDY BEARS’ PICNIC
**THE GREEN SPOT**

**Children being Physically Active**

**What is physical activity?**

Physical activity is any sort of movement by the arms and legs which helps burn up the energy we get from our food. There are lots of different types of physical activity: walking, running, swimming and cycling are just a few.

Physical activity can be a part of:
- family activities
- games
- sports
- playing with friends
- getting to places by walking or cycling.

**Why is being physically active good for children?**

Physical activity helps children to be fit and healthy in all sorts of ways, such as:
- maintaining a healthy weight
- having strong bones and muscles
- improving balance and flexibility
- improving posture
- having a healthy heart and blood vessels
- preventing disease later in life
- helping you relax
- improving self-esteem
- developing social skills and making friends.

**Are NSW children doing enough physical activity?**

Children aged between 5 and 12 years need at least 60 minutes a day of moderate and vigorous activity. It's even better to be active for up to a couple of hours each day.

Moderate physical activity includes brisk walking, bike riding, skateboarding and dancing. Vigorous activities are ones which make you 'huff and puff', like running and playing games like basketball and football.

*Alex Shaw—Coordinator*
SCHOOL MUSICAL—‘THE WIZARD OF OZ’

WANTED—COSTUME DESIGNERS AND COSTUME MAKERS!

This year our school musical, "The Wizard of Oz", will be performed in September. If you have an interest in costume design and/or costume making or even if you can do basic sewing please contact Julie McCabe on the email address below.

Are you able to help create props and set scenes? These will all be very simple and mostly made from cardboard, paper and paint.

Helpers will also be needed closer to the performances for make-up and hair etc.

All helpers please email Julie McCabe at jmccabe@lism.catholic.edu.au

CENTENARY PAVERS

Did you miss out last year?

We are placing another order soon, so fill in the order form on page 14 of this Newsletter and return to our office by Friday 27 June.
This Conference is a time to nourish our spirits through prayer, networking and strengthening ourselves as effective parent leaders in our parish school communities.

Keynote speaker:
Father Richard Leonard SJ

Fr Richard is the Director of the Australian Catholic Film Office, a consultant to the Australian Catholic Bishops’ Media Committee, and a film critic for all the major Catholic newspapers of Australia. He holds a doctorate in cinema studies. Fr Richard is a renowned communicator who has been extremely well received at his previous engagements in the diocese, is a Jesuit priest, an author, educator and critic of our modern culture. He is the author of a number of books: Beloved Daughters: 100 Years of Papal Teaching About Women; Movies That Matter: Reading Film Through the Lens of Faith; Where the Hell is God? Finding God in Pain and Suffering and Why Bother Praying?

Presenters:

Mr David Condon—
Director of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Lismore

Mr Gary Reen—
Operations Manager, School Evangelisation and Catechetical Services, Catholic Schools Office, Lismore

Miss Narelle Corless —
School Counsellor, John Paul College, Coffs Harbour

Information

Each parish school is encouraged to send at least two Parish School Representatives or a nominee in their place

Accommodation:

13 June—accommodations is available for those school representatives who live south of Kempsey and north of Woodburn

14 June—for all school representatives

Registration:

Please register you intention to attend this conference by contacting: 1300 557 874 by 30 May

Contact:

For more information please contact your Parish School Parent Representative or your Parent Assembly Cluster Organisers:
Jo Kelly Mobile 0407 706 454 Email jokelly@lism.catholic.edu.au
Peta Rourke Mobile 0400 420 614 Email prourke@lism.catholic.edu.au
Paul Edgar Mobile 0427 118 122 Email pedgar@lism.catholic.edu.au
Leanne Robbins Mobile 0407 143 975 Email lrobbins@lism.catholic.edu.au
Catholic Schools Parent Assembly
Annual Conference
June 14/15

Registration Form

John Paul College
Hogbin Drive
Coffs Harbour

Name

Address

Town State Postcode

Contact Phone Mobile

Email Address

Which Parish School are you representing

Do you require accommodation on the evening of Friday June 13? Yes No

Estimated time of arrival

Do you require accommodation on the evening of Saturday June 14? Yes No

All accommodation is on a share basis with bedding automatically allocated. Every effort will be made to accommodate share requests.

Accommodation share request:

Special Dietary needs:

Any other requirements:

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM AND RETURN TO BY 10am Friday May 30

Email: pedgar@lism.catholic.edu.au or Fax 6622 5794 Att. Paul Edgar
Centenary Pavers
St Augustine’s Primary School

YOUR NAME WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY

INDIVIDUAL PAVER

Your donation of $25 entitles YOU to have your name engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your association with St Augustine’s School.

$25

Engraving details: Please print clearly in block letters. Each square represents one letter, number, space or punctuation mark. (34 max)

Simply fill out this form and return with full payment by cash or cheque to:

St Augustine’s Primary School
PO Box 399
COFFS HARBOUR NSW 2450

Contact Name:  ................................................................................................................................................................................

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Offer closes Friday 27 June 2014

If you require more information please phone the school office on 66521204.