Dear Parents, Staff and Children

Last week I had the privilege of presenting the eulogy at my father’s funeral. Dad was hospitalised on 29 April in an attempt to alleviate acute pain in his neck. He was diagnosed with bone cancer on Wednesday 1 May, died in the early hours (2.00 am) on Wednesday 8 May and buried Monday 13 May. It was certainly a shock (and only 74).

The church was overflowing with many standing outside in the church grounds as testament to the standing Dad had in the local community. I spoke with many family members (Dad was one of nine), friends and people who worked with Dad both professionally and personally through various sport and social activities. During these conversations tributes were tossed around with some recalling his strong work ethic, for others it was the strength of his word, his integrity, loyalty and even his strong determination. People would say that “you knew what Dad stood for”, “what he believed in” and that you saw it in his actions and decisions he took.

One fellow, who knew and worked with Dad for many years, said that Dad “typified the quintessential Australian man”.

Recently I read this excerpt which illustrates the power of parents as role models for their children.

“Children are born without social knowledge or social skills, and they eagerly look for someone to imitate. That “someone” is usually one or both parents. Parents are a child’s first teachers and role models. And usually children are more affected by what their parents do than by what their parents say. They learn how to behave by seeing how their mothers and fathers behave and by following their example.

Using social skills is a great way to model positive behaviour and boost a child’s self-confidence. A child learns good manners more easily when “please” and “thank you” are a part of daily life.

Show respect for others. Parents who regularly put down other people are teaching their children that other people are not important. If you want your child to respect others, then respect your child. Encourage all family members to treat each other with respect.

Being consistent in teaching and setting examples is very important. If you tell your child that he must not hit people and then give him a spanking as punishment for his misbehaviour, your child will become confused by the mixed signals.

Parents aren’t perfect. We lose our tempers, say things we are sorry for and are not always as kind as we would like to be. We are human. It is important to admit our mistakes, say we’re sorry, and show that we try to make things right. Being a positive role model for your children is one of the most important and rewarding things you can do for your child.”

An occasion such as a funeral gives us opportunity to reflect on our own life journey and to consider our success, our contribution to others and a wondering around what people may say about us at our funeral. What will we be remembered for? What type of role model are we for our children?

VACATION CARE ACCREDITATION

During the last school holidays the St Augustine’s Vacation Care facility underwent a strenuous accreditation process. Child care centres such as ours are mandated to comply with many, many regulations and guidelines. The accreditation process required hours and hours of preparation by our manager Brigitte Klinkers and administrator, Tess Langler. It was satisfying to see their hard work resulted in our Vacation Care program meeting requirements with a few adjustments to be followed up on. We thank Tess and Brigitte and their team for all they have done and continue to do, so that our families are able to access this important service.

Peace & Best Wishes
Jake
All the cohorts at St Augustine’s take the opportunity to worship and celebrate together with family and friends in the form of a liturgy, which is the Greek word for worship. The theme of worship coincides with a particular unit the cohorts are focusing on in their religious education. This week Year One and Year Two had the chance to celebrate their liturgy. It was great to see that the liturgies were planned with the children so that they may develop an understanding of the spiritual and practical dimensions of a sacred celebration.

The theme for the Year One liturgy was “You Are The Light of The World” where the light of Jesus Christ was realised and celebrated. Each family was asked to light a candle and place it near the altar to mark the light of Jesus Christ present in their lives symbolising how much we as families can be a shining source of Christ’s love. The families of St Augustine’s are an incredible source of the light of Jesus Christ.

Year Two’s liturgy made reference to Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came down and filled the Lord’s followers with special gifts, enabling them to speak in many languages. A number of children in Year Two will also be receiving special gifts of the Holy Spirit very soon when they celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. So for these children it made a special connection to their faith journey. We would like to thank the many parents who came along to mark these sacred events. Mrs Warren from our Year Two cohort commented, “It was wonderful to see how many parents support their children’s religious education and faith development”.

The following quotes are from the children’s personal work
“I help to show Jesus’ light to others by helping, caring and using good manners.”
“Jesus’ light shines in me when I spend time with my family.”
“Jesus’ light shines in the hearts of good people.”

Let us leave you with this:

Matthew 5:14–16

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

The term “God’s House” is one commonly used in the school and refers to the special building, the Church, in our case St Augustine’s Church, Coffs Harbour.

But “God’s House” can be found all over the world.

God’s House is a special place, the students of St Augustine’s find it fascinating, awe-inspiring and even mystical. That is why we intend to maintain that image.

For that purpose, would you please not bring food or drink into the church, show due respect especially in terms of speaking inside the church and always dress appropriately for the occasion.

At St Augustine’s we pride ourselves with our students’ responsiveness and attitude in the church and we ask our parents to support us in our work by acting accordingly.

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

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Wednesday 29 May is a Staff Development Day for our school. Outside School Hours Care is available on Wednesday 29 May for students who are enrolled at OSHC.

2013 UNSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Please send in notes and money for the Maths and English Competitions by Friday 21 June.

Stephanie George—Coordinator: Administration
SPORT NEWS

POLDING SUMMER SPORTS

St Augustine’s School is extremely proud of Noah Dalton in Year 6 (Basketball) and Regan Dougherty in Year 5 (Tennis) who both recently represented in Polding teams.

The boys had to trial for the Zone Clarence Team, the Lismore Diocesan Team, and finally the Polding team which is made up of players from the Queensland Border to the North Shore in Sydney.

Both Polding teams recently competed at the Primary Schools Sports Association Basketball (Bankstown) and Tennis (Albury) tournaments. The Polding Basketball team came fourth, while the Tennis team were ranked seventh.

Congratulations to both boys and their families on such a great achievement.

ATHLETICS

We have been able to secure the expertise and professionalism of Fast Track Feet and Little Athletics during our Year 3-6 sport time.

For five weeks the children will learn the correct technique and skill of the field and track events.

On Friday 31 May we will be timing and recording the children in these track and field events in preparation for the Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival Day to be held on Friday 6 June. If there are any parents who would be able to help with the timing on Friday 31 May from 11:40 am to 1:40 pm and on Friday 6 June (all day school carnival) it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mrs Kama on rekama@lism.catholic.edu.au Thank you.

FRIDAY NIGHT RUGBY COMPETITION

The Friday night Rugby competition has begun at the Coffs Harbour Rugby Club, Hogbin Drive. If you need to register please go to the field and fill out the necessary forms. Training is held on Thursday afternoons from 3:15 pm to 4:00 pm on the school field. Please watch knowledgeNET in case of cancellations due to the weather.

Please note that your coach and manager are now your first point of contact. If you require any information please contact them first. There is also a Coffs Harbour Junior Rugby website that we recommend you view once a week in case of any unforeseen changes. Thank you.

DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY TRIALS

Today 16 St Augustine’s children are competing in the Diocesan Cross Country Trials in Murwillumbah.

Good luck to all participants and thank you to the parents who travelled with their children. The results will be on the 2013 Sports News Page (knowledgeNET) next Tuesday.

DIOCESAN FOOTBALL (SOCCER) CHALLENGE

On Wednesday 22 May, the St Augustine’s Football team took on the St Francis Xavier Football team in round one of the Diocesan Football Knockout Challenge.

After a hard fought match the score was tied at 3 all, after five minutes each way of overtime it was still 3 all. The ground got too dark for any more playing time and so both teams have decided to play the game again next week.

Congratulations boys and girls - good luck for next week.

A big thank you to Dave Morgan for once again coaching this team. We are very grateful for the time and effort you have given St Augustine’s with our sport teams for 2013.

Dan Hammond—Sports Coordinator
P & F NEWS
SPELL-A-THON
Please encourage your children to obtain sponsors for this wonderful fundraiser. Test day is Friday 31 May.

THANK YOU
Thank you to all the lovely ladies who helped Jann organise all the gifts for the Mothers’ Day stall. The winners of the raffle were Kayla Parks (first prize) and Sophie Ryan (second prize).

Scott Bohringer—P & F Committee Secretary

BUNNINGS BBQ YR 6 FUNDRAISER
If you are a Year 6 parent and are able to help out on Saturday 15 June for an hour or two, please contact the office.

A GRADE INTERSCHOOL CHESS COMPETITION
Congratulations to the three St Augustine’s teams who played in the annual A Grade Interschool Chess Competition on Tuesday 21 May. All twelve boys played impressive Chess and represented our school with great sportsmanship and team spirit. Well done to SAPS 1 and SAPS 2 who won first and second place respectively. SAPS 3 players all won games as well and achieved fifth place.

James Maybank had an exceptionally successful day, being undefeated on Board One. This accomplishment resulted in him being awarded Champion Player for 2013. Well done, James.

Special thanks to Mr Golding, Mrs Morgan, Mr Guy and Mr Murray for their assistance with transport. Thanks also to Sawtell Public School for hosting the tournament, Coffs Harbour City Rotary Club for donating all the trophies and Mr Moore and Mr Gelagin for organising the day.

The A Grade Chess players:
SAPS 1: Lachlan Golding, Adam Bain, Brock Symons, Noah Dalton
SAPS 2: James Maybank, Coby Heffernan, Bailey Morgan, Ryan McGowan
SAPS 3: Joel Guy, Levi Jones, Finn Murray, Gianni Franco

On Tuesday 28 May, the B and C Grade teams will have their turn to play at Sawtell Primary School.

Mrs Stephanie George - Chess Coordinator

COMING EVENTS

MAY
27 Choirs performing at Eisteddfod
28 B & C Grade Chess Comp at Sawtell School
29 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—No children at school
31 Yr 6 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
Spell-a-thon Test Day

JUNE
3 Class 6B Cake Stall
4 Yrs 3/4 Chicken Burger Day
5 P & F Meeting 7:00 pm in the Library
5 ICAS Science Competition
7 Yrs 3-6 Athletics Carnival
12 Yr 6 RE Test
13 Yr 5 Liturgy & Learning Journey 12:00 pm
Yr K Learning Journey 9:30 am
15 Yr 6 Fundraiser Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings
8:00 am—4:00 pm
17 Reports go home
17 ICAS Writing Test
Parent/Teacher interviews commence
Confirrmation—Meet the Bishop 5:00 pm
18 ICAS Spelling Test
Confirmation 7:00 pm
Yrs 5/6 Chicken Burger Day
21 Yr 1 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
24 Class 6C Cake Stall
27 LAST DAY OF TERM TWO
28 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—No children at school

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**

Week commencing 27 May

Mon  J McConchie, S Small, M Switzer  
Tues  H Murray, D Olutayo  
Wed  S Grimmond, L Wood  
Thur  M De Satge, N Ferrett  
Fri  C Cowling, P Duffy, E Fitzgerald, H Gallatly, J Roach

Week commencing 3 June

Mon  K Apps, J Sharp, N Smith  
Tues  C Bailey, G Bull, D La Rosa  
Wed  M Bulloch, F Gilliland, J Jenkins  
Thur  K Allen, C Loy, K O’Carroll  
Fri  J Arnold, E Dow, J Roach, J Schultz, K Taylor

**LARC Matters**

It is Library and Information Week. This event is a week-long celebration of library and information professionals across Australia and celebrates our libraries as centres of information, entertainment and service. It is an event recognised in school, town, city, state and national libraries across our country.

At St Augustine’s we celebrated this national event by participating in the National Simultaneous Storytime. This annual event promotes all things great about Australian children’s literature and library services in our community. The story this year was “The Wrong Book”, an amusing story about a young boy, Nicholas Ickle, and his attempts to tell his story being constantly interrupted by unwanted book characters. It was written by popular children’s author Nick Bland.

http://www.creativekidstales.com.au/authors/featured-authors/nick-bland/interview.html

Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 classes shared this story simultaneously with hundreds of early childhood classes across Australia via Smartboard using a PDF file or ipad app. “The Wrong Book” is very amusing at any age.

*See you in the LARC*

Annie Madden—Teacher Librarian

**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

**COFFS CUP DAY—1 AUGUST**

Advice from the Catholic Schools Office has indicated that we are obliged to adhere to the gazetted half-day holiday for the Coffs Cup Race Day on 1 August as dedicated by our local Council. Consequently, St Augustine's will close at 12:00 noon on Thursday 1 August. Being a gazetted public holiday our After School Care program will also be closed. While this has implications for families we apologise for the inconvenience.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM**

Invoices for Term 2, 2013 Instrumental Music Program have been posted out to families this term. We are still chasing up a number of families for outstanding fees and it would be greatly appreciated if all money due can be paid by June 20, 2013. If you have any questions in relation to your account, please speak to Tess in the School Office. Thank you.

**YEARS K-2 MUMS’ LUNCH**

SUNDAY 26 MAY

The Year K-2 Year Level Parents invite all mums to a Sunday lunch on Sunday 26 May at the Coffs Harbour Surf Club Restaurant at 12:30 pm. Invitations have been sent home. If you haven’t responded yet but would like to attend please contact Kylie Butcher 0438 628939 or Rebecca Guy 0404 908861.
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
OSHC will be open from 8am to 6pm on Wednesday 29 May due to the Staff Development Day. Booking Sheets are available and need to be completed prior to the day. Children will stay on the school premises as a full day of activities has been planned. Please keep in mind that it will NOT be possible to drop your child off without a booking and all children attending the service need to be enrolled prior to booking. Children can bring their wheels (bike, scooter, skateboard etc.) to ride safely on the school grounds (please remember to bring safety gear).

BOOKINGS AND CANCELLATIONS
Our numbers at ASC are running very close to our licenced number of children. We are licenced for 60 places per day only. There is no exception to this and we MUST NOT have more than this number at care each afternoon. Therefore, you can understand the importance to book your child in at OSHC in a timely manner. If you have not booked your child in and they arrive at ASC when numbers are at 60, you will be contacted to collect your child immediately from the school office. It is also of great importance to cancel your child’s care if they are sick/not attending school or when they are collected early from school on a booked day as this means that the ratio is correct and other families can use our Service. Please phone 0417 666494. Thank you for your cooperation.

HOMEWORK
Homework time is a very busy time each afternoon. Please make sure your child knows when you expect them to do their homework so staff can spend time helping children with homework rather than trying to convince them to do so.

CHILD CARE REBATE
Although families are receiving the Child Care Benefit and subsequently the Child Care Rebate, many other families, particularly those with children attending Outside School Hours Care do not understand that they may be eligible for the Child Care Rebate and that is not income tested. To apply for the Child Care Rebate families need to initially apply for the Child Care Benefit by vising the Department of Human Services website (http://www.humanservices.gov.au/), a Centrelink Office or by phoning 136 150. More information is on the MyChild website (http://www.mychild.gov.au/) and attached to this Newsletter.

LOST PROPERTY
Please, please, please check that your child’s belongings (especially their hat and homework folder) are in their bag when you pick them up from ASC as our lost property basket fills quickly each week! Thank you.

INVOICES
Reminder invoices were sent home via your child’s class teacher last week. Payments need to be brought up to date to help us meet our financial commitments to the Service and provide valuable resources for your children. Some payments have not been made for quite some time by a number of families and payment must be attended to. Thank you.

Each Wednesday from 9am to 11am we invite parents with under school age children to come and join in the fun of St Augustine’s Playgroup. It’s only $3 and please bring a plate to share. All are welcome to come along. Playgroup will not be held on Wednesday 29 May due to a Staff Development Day.

We value your input into our Daily Program, Policies & Procedures and any other improvements/suggestions you feel might be needed. Of course we would also love to hear from you if you are happy with our After School Care and Vacation Care service to let us know what aspects you and your children like best.

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.
Parish Schools Board Coffs Harbour Sawtell

A reminder to those who have elected to BPAY school fees by three instalments –
term 2 payments are due by 1/06/13

If you are using our direct debit facility, these payments will be automatically activated and deducted from your account on 1/06/13. Weekly, fortnightly and monthly direct debits will continue to be deducted on due dates.

For those not using our direct debit facility, please ensure that payments occur by due dates or call urgently to make an alternative payment arrangement on 6651 0000, as payment by due dates is a condition of continued enrolment.

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

Thank you,
Cathy Sheridan (School Fees Manager)
Parish Office Coffs Harbour

Monday-Thursday 8.30am-5.00pm; Friday 8:30am-3:30pm
(including school holidays) Email: admin@parishschoolsboard.com.au
Website: www.parishschoolsboard.com.au

THE GREEN SPOT

Fundamental Skills
Looking for games to play or exercises to do with your children? To see some great movements that your children have already started practising go to: http://www.bluearth.org/resource/welcome/welcome.cfm

During our skill sessions we have been completing some stretches and balancing movements to help the children concentrate and become more aware of their body’s movement.

Once a week the children complete two skills. During this time they are talkative, encouraging and cheering for their group. After the skills we complete a stretch (it is incredible to hear the change from noise to absolute quiet while the children concentrate on their exercise). Ask your child about the chair or tree pose!!

Crunch and Sip
At assembly last Friday St Augustine’s launched the Crunch and Sip program to the children. Carrots were sourced from Woolworths and each child was given a carrot to munch, while drinking water.

Crunch and Sip is a break in the morning session for students and teachers to ‘refuel’ on fruit and salad vegetables and ‘rehydrate’ with water, assisting our concentration throughout the day.

Each day we need to eat 2 serves of fruit and 5 serves of vegetables and drink between 5 to 7 glasses of water. By having Crunch and Sip in our school we will be working towards having our required daily intake.

Alex Shaw—Coordinator
POSSIBLE NATIONAL FUNDING MODEL INFORMATION SHEET
17 May 2013

Over the last month, much has been written about the release of the Gonski Report and its finally agreed and announced funding model. Much of the rhetoric has been very positive and on the surface an extra $14.5 billion for school funding, $1.4 billion of it to Catholic schools nationally and or extra $242 million to NSW Catholic schools by 2019 seems very attractive.

However, because of various complexities, including the indexation of the various components of the model, the intricacies are not yet fully understood. It is early days and no one is clear the $242 million figure mentioned above will be the reality.

The model is to be phased in over a period of six years with the largest growth in Years 5 (2018) and 6 (2019). NSW is exempted for 2014 and 2015 from having to increase government and non-government grant outlays by 3% per annum as required by the Commonwealth government. Therefore that element of non-government grants will remain frozen at 2013 cash rates. As well, the current NSW funding cap (2013/4 to 2016/7) for government and non-government schools remains in place.

Until more precise details are presented, and this may not be until quite late in the year, it is impossible to give you any accurate information as to what the government funding position for our schools will be in 2014 and beyond.

Another uncertainty of course is the position of the Coalition in relation to Gonski.

As more details are known, they will be communicated to you.

YEAR 6 CAKE STALLS
In addition to the main Year 6 fundraiser (Bunnings BBQ on 15 June) the Year 6 Graduation Committee has decided to hold three cake stalls, one for each Year 6 class.

6B - Monday 3 June
6C - Monday 24 June
6P - Monday 29 July

Children in these classes are requested to bring in items that can be sold individually such as patty cakes, muffins or mini muffins, biscuits or pre-cut slices. Items are to be brought in to school on the morning of your class’s nominated date.

Prices will range from 20c up to $1 per item and will be on sale to all students at lunch time on these dates.
Please join hosts Sarah and Virginia at Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea.

Date: Sunday 26 May, 2013  
Time: 11am to 1 pm  
Venue: Cavanbah Centre, Harbour Drive, Coffs Harbour  
Cost: $25 - at the door  
Theme: Pink and Fabulous  
BYO: Special Tea Cup  
Contacts: Please call to register your attendance.
Sarah can be contacted on 0434413456 or email partyof5@live.com.au and  
Virginia can be contacted on 0412373982 or taylorsp@bigpond.com  
RSVP: Monday 20 May, 2013  
Great Prizes to be won! Bring a friend, a neighbour, an aunt, a sister, a mother-in-law…..all most welcome!
If you can’t make it, all donations would be greatly appreciated.
Donations can be made online at www.nsw.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/taylorsmorningtea
Come and enjoy a great morning and help us raise vital funds for cancer research!

The samples of the Centenary jumpers to commemorate our celebrations have arrived. They can be ordered through the office. The prices are $65 for adults and $55 for children. They can be ordered with short or long sleeves. There is a child sample and an adult sample to have a look at for sizing. Come in and have a look.
3 course dinner includes wine & beer
Full evening of amazing entertainment
Tables of 10 available: Tickets $100 pp

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

It is a great statement of trust in Catholic education that you have chosen our parish schools to provide the best Catholic education for your child. As Director of Catholic Schools I am privileged to visit our parish schools and I can assure you that the quality of education and Christian character development provided is worthy of your trust.

We are motivated to ensure all students receive the best opportunities that will allow them to become fully integrated human beings. In order to do this we are currently engaging in significant professional development across all areas of Catholic education, but especially teaching and learning, pastoral care and student wellbeing, and religious and moral development.

On behalf of Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett and all in Catholic education I ask that you pray for us as we especially enter into the Proclaim Lismore 2013 days during the last week of May. Catholic education takes its purpose and energy from Jesus Christ who is the foundation of the whole educational enterprise in a Catholic school.

The Proclaim Lismore 2013 days are the beginning of a three year planning process that will ensure we maintain all that we are doing well and to seek what more we could do to ensure your children receive the best opportunities for an outstanding education and a meaningful Christian life.

As with any time that you may be inconvenienced as a result of a staff professional development day, I can assure you that these occasions are held in the best interests of your child and the purposes of Catholic education. I am conscious that for many parents and caregivers these days pose many demands, and I appreciate your patience and understanding. I know that the Proclaim staff professional development day will have a profoundly positive effect on the overall education your children receive.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

Yours sincerely

David Condon
Director of Catholic Schools
How to claim the Child Care Rebate

- You will need to apply for the Child Care Benefit first. There is no separate claim form for the Child Care Rebate.
- You will automatically be assessed and paid if you are eligible when you apply for the Child Care Benefit (even if you are assessed at a zero rate for the Child Care Benefit due to your family’s income).

The Child Care Rebate is an additional payment to the Child Care Benefit which helps families to cover the out-of-pocket costs of child care.

You can apply for the Child Care Benefit in person or online through Centrelink. To apply online visit: humanservices.gov.au/childcarebenefit

Child Care Rebate payments will be made once Centrelink has received child care attendance details from your child care service/s.

How much could you get?
To find out how much Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate you could receive, use the child care estimator on www.humanservices.gov.au/estimators or call 13 24 68.

Examples of how Child Care Rebate works

Nick and Kate
- Nick and Kate both work full time and meet all of the eligibility requirements for Child Care Benefit however their family income is too high to receive any Child Care Benefit.
- Their first child, Ben, is in Outside School Hours Care, which costs $102.50 per week, $4,920 per the year.
- Their second child, Sam, is in Long Day Care, which costs $310 per week, $14,880 over the year.

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This means that child care fees are reduced by $9,900 and Nick and Kate pay only $9,900 over the year.

* This example is based on 48 weeks of care.

James and Sally
- James works full time and his partner Sally is studying. Their family income means they receive some Child Care Benefit.
- Their first child, David, goes to Outside School Hours Care, which costs $85 per week, $2,550 for the year.
- Their second child, Bella, is in Family Day Care, which costs $200 per week, $6,000 for the year.

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This means that child care fees are reduced by $5,250 and James and Sally pay only $3,300 over the year.

* This example is based on 30 weeks of care.

For more information
Visit australia.gov.au/mychild or call 13 24 68.
Child Care Assistance

The Australian Government provides families with financial assistance to help cover the cost of approved child care through the Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate.

The Child Care Benefit is based on family income, the Child Care Rebate is not income tested.

Approved child care

Approved child care are those services that have been approved by the Australian Government to receive child care payments on behalf of families. Approved child care services can be:

- Long Day Care
- Family Day Care
- Outside School Hours Care (before and after school and vacation)
- Occasional Care, and
- In Home Care (families with special circumstances).

Ask your child care service if they are approved to receive government child care payments.

Registered child care

Registered child care is provided by grandparents, relatives, friends or nannies who are registered with the Department of Human Services.

Child Care Benefit

The Child Care Benefit is income tested and is usually paid directly to approved child care services to reduce the fees that eligible families pay.

Who is eligible for the Child Care Benefit?

- Your child must be attending approved child care or registered child care
- You or your partner must meet the residency and child’s immunisation requirements
- You must be the person responsible for paying the child care fees
- You can apply for the Child Care Benefit in person or online through Centrelink. For online applications visit: humanservices.gov.au/childcarebenefit

Child Care Rebate

The Child Care Rebate is an additional payment to the Child Care Benefit which helps families cover the out-of-pocket costs of child care. It is not income tested and covers up to 50 per cent of out-of-pocket child care costs, up to $7,500 per child, per year. Out-of-pocket child care costs are calculated after deducting any Child Care Benefit payments that are received.

Who is eligible for the Child Care Rebate?

- You and your partner (if applicable) must have had work, training, study related commitments (or have an exemption) at some time during a week.
- You must be using approved child care.
- You or your partner must be an Australian citizen, a permanent resident living in Australia or be exempted from the Australian Government’s residency requirements.
- Children under seven years of age must meet the Australian Government’s immunisation requirements or have an exemption.
- You must be the one responsible for your child care costs. If your employer contributes to your child care through salary sacrificing or packaging, you should discuss with them who is responsible for the cost.

Even if your family’s income is too high for you to receive the Child Care Benefit you may be eligible for the Child Care Rebate.
An invitation to a weekend of faith renewal, fun and socialising

Family Retreat 2013
enabling us to deepen our life in Christ Jesus leading to more enriched daily living

Location and dates
Valla Beach Tourist Resort
1 Regatta Drive, Valla Beach
Saturday 22 June (midday) - Sunday 23 June (afternoon)

Facilitators
Adults: Martin Scroope
Young People: Rachael Kama

More information
For more information please contact your Parish School Parent Representative or your Parent Assembly Cluster Organisers:

Jo Kelly: Richmond Region
Mobile 0407 706 454

Peta Rourke: Hastings/Macleay Region
Mobile 0400 420 614

Leanne Robbins: Tweed Region
Mobile 0407 143 975

Paul Edgar: Southern & Northern Clarence
Mobile 0427 118 122

Please register by 8 June 2013
To register please phone 1300 557 874 or email parents@lism.catholic.edu.au

This retreat, accommodation and meals are free to all families with children enrolled in Parish Schools in the Diocese of Lismore
ASD INFORMATION EVENING

An Aspect ‘satellite’ class for Coffs??
How do we make it happen??

** Special Guest Meghan Williams,
Aspect Northern Rivers **

Thursday 20 June
6.30pm – 8.30pm
Community Village, Earl St, Coffs Harbour (Room 1)

Do you have a child with Autism?
Are you interested to hear more about Aspect schooling options?

Come along and hear about what would need to happen for Coffs Harbour to establish
an Aspect ‘satellite’ class – it is achievable!!

A satellite class is an autism-specific support class, run by Aspect, but hosted in a
mainstream school. Classes have up to 6 students, with one teacher, and one
teacher’s aide, with its aim that students transition to mainstream classes.

All parents, carers & professionals working in the field are welcome.

Light supper provided for gold coin donation
RSVP by Monday 17 June to Laura Daley via laudaley@hotmail.com
or via Coffs Coast Autism Facebook page
RSVP has moved!

Come in and say ‘Hi’ and have a browse through our beautiful NEW SHOP now located in town at 9 Vernon Street, Coffs Harbour (opp. C.ex Club).

We have NEW stock arriving regularly including:
~ Bride & Bridesmaid gowns & Mother of the Bride
~ Flower girl & Christening dresses
~ Formal & Party dresses
~ Boys suits

Let us dress you for the Centenary Gala dinner

Email: enquiries@rspbridal.com.au

Phone: 6652 7000
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
SENSORY PROCESSING DIFFICULTIES
INFORMATION EVENING
7.00pm - 9.00 pm
Early Childhood Intervention Centre
13 Kane Crescent, Coffs Harbour

Childcare Workers 16/05/13  Parents Night 27/05/13
Childcare Workers 22/08/13  Parents Night 29/08/13

Come and find out about Sensory Processing Difficulties & it may help you to understand some reasons why your child:

- Can’t concentrate
- Flits between activities
- Daydreams
- Fiddles with things
- Or Fidgets
- Is clumsy
- Struggles to master motor skills, such as riding a bike or jumping
- Gets car sick
- Has poor crayon/pencil control
- Doesn’t like cuddles
- Hates to wear socks
- Doesn’t appear to listen !!!

This workshop will be conducted by:

ANNETTE RYAN and ANN CRANE
Paediatric Occupational Therapists

ALL INTERESTED PEOPLE WELCOME
Gold Coin Donation
Early Intervention Parents
$10.00 Community Members
$20.00 Per Professional

RSVP  Trudy at Early Childhood Intervention
Email: admin@ecip-coffs.org.au
Phone: 6652 8080

Name: ____________________________________________
Mobile: __________________________________________
Email: __________________________________________
Number of people attending: ______________________