Dear Parents and Carers

**Walk for Eve.** At the time of writing the Walkathon preparations are coming along very well and all indicators point to a fabulous day. Firstly a big ‘thank you’ to all the families who have supported this event in the form of sponsorship; all funds raised today will go towards supporting the Guy family who are looking after Eve in Sydney. Eve is currently undergoing chemotherapy and will have an operation to remove the tumour on her leg in the near future. There will be a long recovery after the operation that will require frequent trips to Sydney but we hope to have her back as soon as possible. Don’t forget there is a raffle happening as well and local businesses have been very generous in donating wonderful prizes. It’s great to see the children really getting behind this fundraiser, showing faith in action. Please give generously.

**Our Awesome Choirs and Band.** Congratulations go to our Choirs and Band who competed in the local Eisteddfod and did the school and our community proud. We received numerous first places and the children were thrilled to have achieved success after lots of hard work. Many thanks to our staff members who prepared the children so well. Often it is very easy to underestimate the skill and dedication it takes to prepare a large group of children to perform at a high level. Well done to all.

**Casino Night.** Don’t forget the P&F fundraiser coming up for parents on Friday 12 June. Besides being a great fun night where parents can mix and mingle, it’s a great fundraiser with proceeds split between the Guy Family and the new playground area. Book in the babysitters! Tickets are selling fast so get some friends together and purchase your tickets now from the school office.

**Participation.** At St Augustine’s School we want the very best for every child and are committed to growth in every area for every child. One of these areas is Physical Education, where vital skills and fitness are taught and every student learns for now and in the future. If your child is sick or is carrying an injury on PE or Sport day, please send in a note to excuse them. If they haven’t got a note from parents we expect them to participate to the best of their ability. Your cooperation in this will ensure a high quality, balanced education for your child.

**Kindergarten 2016.** I have been privileged to talk to numerous parents this week who have enrolled their children to come to St Augustine’s next year. It has been a wonderful experience explaining how the school works and hearing about the new students who are to embark on the next stage in the adventure of learning. If you know of anyone who is not yet enrolled and are thinking about it for next year, please tell them to contact the school as soon as possible. Spaces are limited but there are still vacancies for Kindergarten and some other grades.

Grace and peace

*Peter Watts*
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!

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.

Semester one parent teacher interviews
This year we will introduce online bookings for parent teacher interviews. Please see Page 10 of this Newsletter to view the simple steps you need to take to ensure you make a booking. All parents are encouraged to make a booking as the parent teacher interviews are a vital link between school and home.

Head lice
There has been an outbreak of head lice at school. Please check your child’s hair regularly and treat if necessary. All eggs must be removed from the hair before children return to school.

Traffic conditions around the school
Schools are very busy places before and after school and St Augustine’s is no exception. We have repeatedly asked parents to abide by the local traffic signs such as “No Parking” and “No Stopping.” The school and the council have received numerous complaints and it all comes back to individual motorists not doing the right thing. This has implications for the safety of all.

Please, if you are using the Albany St Drive through zone DO NOT PARK AND WAIT for your child. It is a “No standing” zone. If you arrive before the bell you cannot wait as you will be blocking the flow of traffic. It takes the children a little while to walk down after the 3 pm bell. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR in the morning or the afternoon period in the Albany St drive through zone.

Council Rangers have been visiting and will fine motorists for traffic infringements. They are particularly keen to stop motorists queuing in the “No Stopping” zone near the Albany St Crossing.
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 FRI 12 JUNE

The Casino Night will be held on Friday 12 June. Tickets are $40 each and are available at the office.

Please do not leave your ticket purchase to the last minute as numbers are needed for catering purposes. Tickets are also available from Blush Beauty Salon.

Stephen Appleton—P & F Committee President

STOP PRESS!!

Year 4 staff team won the tug-of-war at the ‘Walk for Eve’ today!

$910.00 was raised from the coins donated by children walking today.

A big thank you to our whole school community for supporting this wonderful event.

Please return sponsorship sheets and money collected as soon as possible.

SEE PAGE 12 FOR THE WHOLE PICTORIAL STORY!

COMING EVENTS

JUNE

2  Yrs K-2 Sausage Sizzle—no late orders
   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
   Yr 3 Excursion to Dolphin Marine Magic
12 Yr 3 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
   CASINO NIGHT 7:00 pm at C.ex Club
15 Yrs 3-6 Athletics Carnival at C.ex Stadium
16 ICAS Spelling Competition
17 ICAS Writing Competition
19 ICAS English & Maths Comps closing date
   Yrs K & 6 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
25 LAST DAY OF TERM 2 FOR STUDENTS
26 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

JULY

13 FIRST DAY OF TERM 3
24 Grandparents’ Day & Liturgy 9:15 am
   School Tree Day
28 ICAS English Competition
31 Yr 1 Liturgy 9:00 am

CANTEEN ROSTER

01.06.2015
Mon  K Wilkinson, 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

08.06.2015
Mon  K Apps, S Small
Tues J Bourne, D Olutayo, N Savage
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.

FRIED RICE

Fried rice is now available for $2.50 per serve.

Barbra Symons & Alicia Betland—Canteen Managers
SPORT NEWS

Polding Representative Trials – Touch Football
Year 6 student, Oliver Canning, attended the Polding Touch Football trials in Mudgee today. More news in the next Newsletter.

ARU Rugby 7’s Tournament
A combined Years 5/6 team represented St Augustine’s at the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) Rugby 7’s competition on Monday 18 May. This was held at the C.ex Coffs International Stadium and hosted by rugby union development manager, Mr James Perrett.

A muddy affray, the boys tackled, rucked and mauled their way to one victory on the day against Dorrigo. Thank you to Mr Chris Martin who coached the boys on the day. The boys definitely had fun!!

Lismore Diocesan Rugby 10’s Gala Day
St Augustine’s Primary School will be sending a team to participate in the Lismore Diocesan Rugby 10’s Gala Day. This will be held on Wednesday 10 June at the C.ex Coffs International Stadium. This gala day serves as a qualifying event for the NSWCPS 10-a-side Rugby Knockout to be held in Sydney in August.

Lismore Diocesan Representative Trials – Cross Country
Sixteen students travelled to Goonellabah last Friday for the Lismore Diocesan Cross Country trials. They represented the Clarence Zone amongst 36 competing primary schools. Well done to all on their valiant efforts. Congratulations to the following students who have now qualified to attend the Polding Cross Country trials at Eastern Creek on Friday 12 June: Cooper Marle, Ainhoa Appleton, Lachlan Marle, Lara Baker, Abbi Dagger.

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.

Athletics Carnival
Our Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 15 June. While it is a fun event for all, this carnival is also a qualifying event for those students wishing to represent at the Clarence Zone Athletics Carnival which will be held in Term 3.

Date: Monday 15 June 2015
Time: 9:00 am to 2:30 pm
Venue: C.ex Coffs International Stadium

Students will travel by bus to the event.

We will also be looking for some wonderful parent volunteers to help at this event. If you are able to help, please arrive at the C.ex Coffs International Stadium between 8:45 am and 9:00 am and report to a staff member.

Sport Enquiries
Please direct any sporting enquiries you may have to: dhammond@lism.catholic.edu.au or (02) 6652 1204
kmcdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au or (02) 6652 1204

Yours in sport
Dan Hammond—Sports Coordinator
Kristy McDermid—Sports Administrator
A reminder to parents paying school fees by three instalments
(and not using our Direct Debit Request facility)
- the second payment is due and payable by 1/06/15.

If you are using our Direct Debit Request facility, your second instalment will be automatically deducted from your account on 1/06/15.

Please call on 6651 0000 if you have any queries or are unsure of your payment plan agreement. Thank you.

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

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 front 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.

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.
EISTEDDFOD RESULTS

Congratulations!!
Our talented students did our school proud once again this year at the Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod. Results are as follows:

Year 3 Choir—Second Place
Year 4 Choir—First Place
Year 5/6 Choir—Third Place
Percussion Ensemble—First Place
School Band—Third Place

Video of our Choirs was taken during their rehearsals and is on the school Facebook page and on KnowledgeNET… go to MY GROUPS > CURRICULA > MUSIC > CHOIR.

The Wizard of Oz medley group delighted the adjudicator with their performance and have been asked to perform at the Eisteddfod concert. Our Drama group will perform next Tuesday.

A big thank you to Mrs O’Sullivan, Mrs Maione, Mr Skelton, Mr Coulter and Mrs McCabe for all their hard work in preparing the students.
GARDENING CLUB
There have been many things happening in our sustainable garden the last few weeks. The children have been very busy.

Coffs Harbour & District Show
The children of the Gardening Club should be proud of their efforts in the garden. The produce we entered in the Coffs Show was awarded four 1st places and one 2nd place.

Some more great news: Fresco Marketplace has purchased our turmeric! Thank you to Tony of Fresco's who is happy to buy our fresh produce to support the students' efforts in the garden. We will be harvesting more turmeric next week. We will use the money to purchase more seedlings to replant our garden beds.

Miss Lyons and Mrs Plummer
Enjoy a variety of food and be active every day!

Alex Shaw and Candice Butcher — Coordinators
PROCLAIM LISMORE 2015

Proclaim Lismore 2015 is a time to reflect together on our beliefs, assumptions, personal and collective histories and accepted way of guiding children and young people into the fullness of life. It is about ensuring everything that makes Catholic education good is identified and allowed to flourish. It is about building a Catholic culture that permeates first class education and passionate commitment to life in Christ Jesus.

This culture is part and parcel of all that’s good about our schools, it’s part of our ethos and it’s ‘who we are’. It’s why parents want to send their children to our schools and why our schools are such attractive places for teachers to work. Join us in our journey toward a proclaimed faith filled life with Christ in 2015!

Let’s begin with the Holy Spirit!

PROCLAIM COMPETITION
“PENTECOST INSPIRING FLAME”
MAJOR PRIZE
AN IPAD MINI

SECONDARY PRIZES - x 2 $50 GIFT VOUCHERS

Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit came to Jesus’ disciples with wind and flame, so we want you to show us how the Holy Spirit inspires you, and gives you the love, power and energy to practise your faith.

Remember your inspiring flame is an inspirational Christian, or maybe it is just sitting around the campfire, or hanging with your best friend. It is those people and moments that make you want to be a better Christian.

How to enter the competition!

1) Collect an entry form from the office

2) Take a photo or create a picture (eg. draw, paint, collage) of the inspiring flame in your life. You can even give it a caption if you like.

3) Submit with a signed entry form to your teacher.

GOOD LUCK!

DUE DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS – FRIDAY 12 JUNE
St Augustine’s Primary School is going online for Parent/Teacher interviews this Semester. Bookings will be open from Monday 1 June and will close on Friday 12 June. Interviews will commence on Monday 15 June.

Online bookings will allow you to make bookings for parent/teacher interviews for the time that suits you with your child’s teacher. You can also make bookings for more than one child at the same time. It is that simple.

If you don’t have access to a computer or the internet please contact the school office or your child’s teacher and we can process your booking/s for you!

HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. Log onto the website address www.schoolinterviews.com.au

2. Enter St Augustine’s Primary School event code of RZLNF and press "Go".

School Interviews will guide you through the next three simple steps.

Moments later you'll get an email confirming your bookings. Easy!

If you need to change or cancel your bookings, just enter the event code again. If you're on the same computer, you'll go straight to your bookings.
ST AUGUSTINE’S PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
INVITES YOU TO OUR

Casino Night

WITH disco fever

Over $3,500 in prizes!

Band: Quickfix

NEW DATE

Friday 12 June

C.ex COFFS RAINBOW ROOM : 7PM START TIL LATE

Tickets are available from the school office & Blush Beauty Salon

Tickets $40 INCLUDES 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!!

Help us to help Eve. Proceeds from the night will go towards helping Eve and her family to cover costs during her extensive stay in Sydney.