Dear Parents and Carers

Did you know the Parish has Family Groups? These groups meet regularly in an informal setting to build friendships and links between a variety of families. Between work, school, sport and other outside interests it is very easy for a family unit to be disconnected. These groups are one way to participate in activities together and also link with the Parish and broader community in a fun environment. If you are interested, give the Parish Office a call 6651 0000.

This year the annual awards system will change. The system is currently under review and the Leadership Team have grappled with the best model to not only acknowledge achievement but to fit in with the school model of future focussed learning. In the short term there will no longer be a Bookwork Award but all other awards remain the same. This is not because Bookwork is unimportant — it still is and will continue to be — it is because presentation of work is so much more than what appears in books. Children now, and into the future, will increasingly present work in a digital format, making the design, layout and delivery of information one of their learning priorities. As the world of technology impacts our daily lives, especially in the world of work, the skills of layout, design and getting the message across will increase in importance and the moving away from an annual Bookwork Award reflects this reality.

Our current platform for digital information storage and communication known as ‘KnowledgeNet’ will cease operating in January. As a result a new system will be implemented before Christmas that will hopefully provide excellent staff communication and opportunities to view and access children’s work. Due to the short notice given to us there may be some short term teething issues. In addition to this the school website will undergo a re-design next year which will take at least six months. During this time parents will be invited to provide input on how to best communicate whole school, grade specific and individual messages.

On Monday I had the pleasure of presenting awards to the District Winners (Northern half of the State) in the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition. The Mid North Coast champions were our very own Lachlan Lewis and Adam King (pictured) and it was a pleasure to congratulate and acknowledge these boys for their great achievement.

Don’t forget the Fete – Friday 27 November – claim the date!

Grace and Peace

Peter Watts
Principal
PARISH MASS TIMES
Coffs Harbour    Saturday    6:00 pm
                   Sunday     8:00 am  6:00 pm
Woolgoolga        Sunday     9:00 am
Coramba 1st & 3rd Sunday  10:30 am
Glenreagh 2nd & 4th Sunday  10:30 am

CATECHETICAL NEWS

Mini Vinnies
Our Mini Vinnies team of students plus Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Wilson travelled today to Bellingen to meet other Mini Vinnies teams from other local schools. The groups hope to share resources and ideas for the future. Mini Vinnies has been a great success in our school in 2015. A special video presentation is available on KnowledgeNet.

Advent Giving Mass 2015
St Augustine’s Advent Giving Mass will be held in St Augustine’s Church on Friday 11 December at 9:15 am. All students will be involved. Traditionally at this Mass we will present to the Coffs Harbour Chapter of St Vincent de Paul Society our Christmas Appeal donations including hampers collected by Staff and Mini Vinnies, and proceeds from our Buskers’ Festival.

Graduation Liturgy
Preparations have begun for the 2015 Year 6 Graduation Liturgy to be held in St Augustine’s Church on Wednesday 16 December at 5:30 pm. This will be followed by the Graduation Dinner at the Coffs Harbour C.ex Club.

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

YEAR 6 PHOTOS
Leigh Golding is organising photos for the Year 6 Graduation. If you have any photos of the students over their seven years of primary school, please email to Leigh at leigh.golding@bigpond.com
Thank you.

The Pious Goods shop, just outside St Augustine’s church, will have a couple of extra opening days, leading up to First Holy Communion and Christmas.

Thursday 3 & 10 December - 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm.
Communion gifts and Christmas items for sale.

STUDENTS LEAVING AT END OF 2015
If your child/ren will be leaving our school at the end of this year please let the school office know as soon as possible. Please be aware that the Parish Office requires two weeks’ notice of student departures.

P & F NEWS
MEETING
The next P & F Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 December at 7:00 pm in the LARC. All welcome.

FETE NEWS
RAFFLE REMINDER
Please return raffle tickets to school by Wednesday 25 November.

FETE HELPERS
A note has been sent home today. If you are able to help on a stall or with cleaning up after the Fete, please return the note to school asap.

DONATIONS
Please send in donations to the school office.

ARM BANDS
Arm Bands for the rides will be on sale outside the Canteen from Monday. They are $15 each and include four of the inflatable rides on the field on Fete Day.

PIE DRIVE
Please return Pie Drive orders to the office by Friday 20 November.

Stephen Appleton—P & F Committee President

SEMESTER TWO PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
This year we introduced online bookings for parent teacher interviews. Please see Page seven 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.
SCHOOL HATS AND SPORT SHIRTS

DUE TO PRICE INCREASES FROM OUR SUPPLIERS, UNFORTUNATELY WE HAVE HAD TO INCREASE THE PRICE OF HATS AND SPORT SHIRTS.

New prices are:

HATS $33.00
SHIRTS (6-16) $22.00
Adult S, M, L $25.00

CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

Congratulations to our students Grace McCormack and Hunter Metcalf for their ‘fantasmagorical’ performances in the Coffs Harbour Musical Comedy Company show ‘Chitty Chitty Bang Bang’. It’s also wonderful to see past students Ellie Waters and Bailey Schwarz and our music tutors Mr Coulter and Mr Skelton performing as well.

RECIROS FAMILY KIDNEY TRANSPLANT FUNDRAISER

Wonderful prizes to be won from Beds R Us, MacLeods Furniture Court, Coffs Coast Health Club, and Dan Murphy’s. Thank you for supporting this raffle. Please return tickets and money to the office as soon as possible. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 4 December.

YEAR SIX FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

Our Year 6 students are holding a raffle over the next few weeks to raise funds for the graduation dinner. There are lots of wonderful prizes including an electric scooter, ‘Dancing Water’ speakers, gift box of soy candles etc.

Tickets are 50c each or 3 for $1.00 and are on sale at lunchtimes outside the Canteen each day.

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER
18 Yr K 2016 Orientation 9:00—11:00 am
Yr 7 Orientation at St JPC
20 Yr 2 & Yr 4 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
24 Yrs K-2 Sausage Sizzle
27 SCHOOL FETE 3:00—5:30 pm
Yr 3 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
30 Yr 6 Camp (Nov 30—Dec 4)
Swimming Time Trials

DECEMBER
1 P & F Meeting in the LARC at 7:00 PM
4 Yr 5 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
5 Bunnings P & F BBQ
7 Musica Viva visit
9 Nativity & Carols evening
11 Advent Giving Mass Yrs K-6 9:15 am
15 Speech Day 9:15—10:55 am
16 Yr 6 Graduation Liturgy (5:30 pm) & Dinner
18 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

CANTEEN ROSTER

16.11.2015
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, C Thompson
Fri D Budd, L Budd, P Crawford, B Guest, J Roach

23.11.2015
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.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

♦ Thursday 10 Dec, 6:30 pm at the Pier Hotel
♦ $25.00 per person, set menu
♦ See Alicia & Barbra for meal selections

Barbra Symons & Alicia Betland—Canteen Managers
SPORT NEWS

Swimming Time Trials
AMENDED START TIME

Representative Swimming Trials will be held on Monday 30 November from 11:00 am until 2:30 pm at the Coffs Harbour War Memorial Olympic Pool.

Students have already pre-nominated for their events and programs will be distributed shortly. Please make sure your child is aware that programs will be available at school.

If you are available to be a volunteer helper, please arrive at the pool between 10:45 am and 11:00 am and report to a staff member.

Basketball

Ten teams from our school have been participating in the 2015 Winter Season of the Primary Schools competition. This weekend marks the second last round of the season.

Players will need to ensure that they take a spare t-shirt to their final game so that they may immediately return singlets to the Manager at the end of the game. This will assist Managers to return all singlets to school. Good luck to all teams in the finals!

Forms for the 2016 basketball season will be distributed in the next few weeks and will need to be returned to the school office before the end of the school year. If you are interested in becoming a coach or manager for a team next year or would like to find out more information, please contact Ms Kristy McDermid at kmcdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au or phone 6652 1204.

NSWPSSA Rep Trials – Cricket (girls)

Georgie Martin attended the NSWPSSA cricket (girls) trials in Dubbo last week. Polding team returned as successful winners of ‘The Catholic Cup’ over rivals, Mackillop.

Polding won the toss for all of their matches. Georgie’s wicket keeping skills, along with a fantastic bowling line-up and a strong fielding performance from the rest of the team, served as excellent weapons to keep their rivals to low batting tallies. On each occasion, Polding were able to chase down these small totals and record victory. Having made it to the Grand Final of the carnival, Polding experienced their only loss against a very strong Combined Independent Schools (CIS) team.

Congratulations Georgie on a strong performance.

Summer Sports Trials: Basketball, Cricket, Softball, Tennis, Touch Football

The Summer sports trials will be held on Friday 20 November in Lismore.

Good luck to Centaine O’Carroll (basketball), Jonty Gourlay (basketball), Holden Stubbs (basketball), Benjamin Langler (softball), Connor Hennessy (tennis), Cooper Jones (tennis), Max Jones (tennis), Lachlan Carlyle (cricket).

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

Tennis Visits

This week we wrapped up our ‘Taste of Tennis’ sessions for Years 1-3 during our PE sessions. The students worked their way through a variety of tennis skill activities under the guidance of Tony Pollack, a highly regarded local Tennis Coach. All levels of ability were catered for and the students all learned a new skill. We would like to sincerely thank Tony for giving up his time to share his expertise in coaching budding young tennis players. Tony runs sessions from both the St Augustine’s Court and Enlands Park Tennis Court, for all ages, before and after school. There will also be a holiday program running from 18-20 January. If you are interested in any of these programs please contact him on 0428 454 928 or email Tony on tpolack@optusnet.com.au

NORTH’S HOCKEY CLUB/ ORARA HOCKEY CLUB

Come and try a New Sport
Saturday 28 November 9:30 am—12:00 pm
Ages 6-8 yrs and 9-12 yrs
At the Hockey fields, Stadium Drive
Cost $2.00—Sausage sizzle and drink provided
BYO: Joggers, hat, drink bottle, sunscreen and shin pads (only if you have some).
Enquiries: Helen 0429 645642 Sue 0423 663869
CURRICULUM CORNER

Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition 2015

2015 marks the thirty-fifth consecutive year that the Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition has been conducted. This year, 18,157 students from 311 schools participated. St Augustine’s entered 47 students from Years 4, 5 & 6. The Year 4 students were included in the Year 5 cohort of competitors as there is no category for Year 4 students, so it was exciting to see their names among the award winners. St Augustine’s students were awarded 4 High Distinction, 23 Distinction and 17 Merit Awards. Particular congratulations are extended to Adam King and Lachlan Lewis, whose scores earned them a District Award. Both of these young mathematicians received their award at a function held at Opal Cove Resort last Monday. Well done, Lachlan and Adam! This is the second year that Adam has received this award.

The award winners from our school are:

High Distinction
Saarang Baba, Kieran Murray (Year 5); Adam King, Lachlan Lewis (Year 6).

Distinction
Archers McDonald, Oskar Cragg, Michelle Petro (Year 4); Centaine O’Carroll, David Gilliland, Trinity Kachel, Connor Hennessy, Marcus Field, Jacob Field, Blake Kennedy, Joely Buquiron (Year 5); Madison Howarth, Abbi Dagger, Abigail Barry, Luke Herber, Lara Baker, Alyssa Golding, Finn Murray, Oscar Pike, Lily-Rose Battaglia, Grace Hartsuyker, Nicholas Bulloch, Seton O’Doherty (Year 6).

Merit
Jessica Harrison, Georgia Thompson, Riley Dagger, Lily Betland, Sora Tamitani (Year 4); Charlotte Busby, Benjamin Langler, Cooper Jones, Max Jones, Kiahni Wainwright, Zavier Hardes, William McCormack (Year 5); Sophie Ryan, Gursev Pannu, Hayley Smith, Alexandra Harrison, Kyah Humphries (Year 6).

Stephanie George—Leader of Learning: Administration/Curriculum

Congratulations to our Mathematicians!
Each year our school enters a team of 30 students in the Australasian Problem Solving competition called the ‘Maths Olympiad.’

This competition requires students to complete 5 rounds of 5 questions, each containing difficult problems to solve in a given time.

This year our team’s highest scorer was Adam King from Year 6. Adam was placed in the top 10% of all students in the junior division. Saarang Baba and Abbi Dagger were placed in the top 20% and Lara Baker, Lily-Rose Battaglia and Alyssa Golding made the top 25% of all students.

Congratulations also to the other members of the team:

Dear Parents and Carers

Our school has moved to a new electronic attendance software which includes the ability to send and receive an SMS directly to the system. From 28 January 2016 if your child is absent from school an SMS will be sent to one of the mobile phone numbers we currently have in our database. We will send the SMS at approximately 9:30 am each day. Usually we will only send one SMS per child.

If we are in doubt as to the custody arrangements of a student (on the day absent) an SMS will not be sent.

You are able to respond directly to this SMS with a reason for your child’s absence and it will be recorded as sent. We request that this is done by 3pm on that day. You are able to store this number and text a message prior to one being sent on any day if you prefer.

If more than one family member is absent from school on a particular day you will receive more than one SMS however only one SMS response is required from parents, provided it adequately explains the absence of all children.

SMS messages are now considered legitimate forms of communication and as such a follow up phone call or note is not required. However, if you are unable to respond to the SMS then the school does require some form of communication such as a phone call or note to explain absences.

The text of the message will be as follows:

<name> is absent from school today. Please confirm, with reason for absence, by return SMS by 3:00 pm today. Thank you, St Augustine’s Primary School.

If you have recently changed your mobile phone or other contact details please inform the office staff immediately.
St Augustine's Primary School is going online for Parent/Teacher Interviews!

St Augustine’s Primary School is going online for Parent/Teacher interviews this Semester. **Bookings will be open from Monday 23 November** and will close on Friday 4 December. Interviews will commence on **Monday 7 December**.

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?**


2. Enter St Augustine’s Primary School event code of **CZYFD** 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.
A message from St Augustine’s Enviro Warriors...
Dear Parents and Carers:

The St Augustine’s Enviro Warrior’s would like to encourage the students to try and reduce landfill. As a school we can try to do this by using recyclable materials for our lunch wrappings. Some materials can be:
- foil
- paper bags
- paper wrap

Ideally, we would like rubbish free lunch boxes meaning no rubbish at all. We can do this by bringing our lunches to school in containers. We realise that students do bring lunch in their containers but the problem with this is that the containers are not labelled with students names and the students are not placing them in their correct lunch baskets. This results in containers ending up in lost property and not being collected. Many containers are staying in lost property and are sent to landfill or the op shop at the end of the term.

Each class or year group has a basket for lunch boxes and containers, we encourage the students to use their container to avoid losing their containers. We ask that you discuss this with your child and remind them what to do. Let’s work together to look after the environment.

Kind Regards St Augustine’s Enviro Warriors
Out of Christmas?

Get ‘em a yearbook!

ORDER FORM
St Augustine’s School Year Book 2015

Student’s name: ________________________________  Student’s class: ____________________

No. of copies: ________________________________  Amount enclosed: ____________________

Please return this slip and money in an envelope by 11 December to qualify for the discounted price of $20.00 each. All orders after 11 December will be charged at $25.00. Yearbooks will be available after presentations on Speech Day, Tuesday 15 December.
St Augustine’s
SCHOOL FETE 2015

FRIDAY 27 NOV 2015

FROM 3PM

FOOD COURT

LOADS OF FUN GAMES & PRIZES

AMART SPORTS MEGA CHOCOLATE WHEEL

WIN WIN WIN

Toys or Meat Trays

- Kid’s Disco
- Jumping Castle
- Funky Hair Spray
- Show Bags
- Yogurtland
- Animal Farm
- Wipeout!
- Gladiator Challenge
- Dolphin Waterslide
- Cake & Sweet Shop
- Knock-’em Downs
- Smash-A-Jaffa

Hot Dogs : Mini Pancakes : Ice Cups
Nachos : Jelly Cups : BBQ : Ice Creams
Tombola : Sports Arena : Plant stall
Craft Stall : Lucky Dips : Spin the bottle
Guessing competition : Lolly Shop

ST AUGUSTINE’S SCHOOL
GORDON ST COFFS HARBOUR

★ FREE ENTRY ★

RAFFLE THE ULTIMATE SPORTS PACK

VALUE: $340
Prize Draws:

All 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 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 full buffet breakfast in Charlie’s Restaurant

Commonwealth Bank have generously donated:
$100 Youth Saver account with the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program

We are very grateful for the wonderful support given to us by Novotel Coffs Harbour and Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program. Thank you.

Email: admin@parishschoolsoffice.com.au  Website: www.parishschoolsoffice.com.au
HELP NEEDED FOR THE 2015 FETE

Many hands make light work, so one hour or more of your time would be fantastic.
If you or anyone in your family can assist, please complete the form below and return to school by Wednesday 18 November 2015.

The following stalls require helpers:

You are not required to any lead up work – simply help on the day.

Jaffa Smash
Hook a Duck
Pot of Luck
Ticket Booth
Corn cobs
BBQ / Drinks and Chips
Farm Animal Money Collector
Whip Lash Money Collector
Helper at Bubble football
Pot Luck / Treasure Hunt
Craft
Milkshakes
Lucky Dip
Tombola
Nail Painting
Craft Stall
Cake Stall

ST AUGUSTINE’S FETE - HELPERS REQUIRED

Please tick your preferences:

Yes, I can help at:  ☐ ANY STALL  OR  ☐ ___________________________ STALL

Please tick suitable time (if available for more than 1 hour please tick other boxes):

☐ 3.00 – 4.00  ☐ 4.00 – 5.00 pm  ☐ 5.00 – 6.00 pm

My child’s class is: ___________ (so we can send a note home confirming stall and time)

Your name: ___________________________  Phone number ______________________