Dear Parents and Carers

It’s been a great start for the 2017 Kindergarten children with Orientation in full swing. There were only a few tears and many new friends were made at the start of this journey. I asked a young boy after the visit what he thought of the morning and he confidently replied “It was good but I couldn’t find the waterslide”! The feedback from our future students suggests we obviously need more fundraising activities for the playground revamp (I’m not so sure about a waterslide though!).

Fete preparations are well underway for the big day – Friday 25 November. If you can help in any way it would be appreciated as there are a few thousand people attending and many, many stalls that need help. Even though it is a large fundraiser for the school the emphasis is on creating an event that is great fun for the kids. With this in mind we have new stalls and activities such as the ‘Haunted House’ and the ‘Bean-boozled’ challenge so this can be a memorable part of their childhood. We’ll see you there.

Next year the school will be participating in a combined local Catholic Schools Spectacular. This is a new initiative to bring together children from schools in the region for a performance to celebrate what is great about being part of our system. Planning is in the early stages but it will be in Term 3 and will involve many children from Catholic schools from Dorrigo, Bellingen, Sawtell, Coffs and Woolgoolga.

Advent is the preparation time before Christmas and is the beginning of the Church calendar year. It is a tradition dating back a few hundred years to have an Advent calendar to guide in the build up to Christmas. If you are interested in the calendar in a digital format, including an app, check out: http://www.xt3.com/advent/

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
Thank you to everyone for the wonderful support given to the Mini Tinnies drive and in particular to Marshall Cutler who donated 36 cans purchased with his pocket money.

Advent Giving Mass
The Advent Giving Mass will be held at 9:15 am on Friday 9 December. Our school supports families in need through St Vincent de Paul.

Sharon de Dassel - Leader of School Evangelisation
Paddy Dent – Leader of Catechesis

P& F NEWS MEETING
The next P & F Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 December at 7:00 pm in the LARC. All welcome.

FETE NEWS—Friday 25 November
Check pages 4, 9, 12, 14 and 15 for news! Fete day next Friday!! Please send in donations to the school. Thank you.

2017 Bus Pass Applications
YEAR 2 STUDENTS PROGRESSING TO YEAR 3 IN 2017
Transport for NSW requires a new application for free travel from students who commence Year 3 in 2017.

Transport for NSW now requires all applications to be completed online, printed, signed and submitted to the school office for endorsement. The website address is www.transportnsw.info/school-students

The old ‘blue forms’ are no longer accepted.

To reduce the risk of eligible Year 3 students not having a pass at the beginning of 2017, please apply this Term.

Year 6 Speech Competition
The Annual Year 6 Speech Competition has been run and won. Congratulations to Charlotte Busby who was the 2016 winner. The standard of competition was extremely high and judge, Mrs Rosemary Sercombe, had a difficult task. At the end of the day Charlotte’s prepared speech and impromptu presentation was judged the best. Other finalists were Trinity Kachel, Centaine O’Carroll, Levi Taylor, Kieran Murray, Kadie Franklin, Samson Catling and Saarang Baba.

Parents—Don’t Miss This!!
After a highly successful and well received information session on anxiety in children, Dr Nicola Murray will run a second session for interested parents. Nicola is a local doctor working with young people at Headspace. Nicola will give advice on building resilience in children and strategies to help with anxiety.
When:       Wednesday 23 November at 7:00 pm
Where:      St Augustine’s School hall

Leaving Students
If your child will not be attending our school in 2017 please notify the school office as soon as possible. A minimum of two weeks notice is to be given to the Parish Office. Thank you.
COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER
23 Yr K 2017 2nd Orientation morning
   Yr 6 to Yr 7 SJPC Orientation day
24 Yr 6 Learning Journey
   10:00—11:00 am
25 School FETE 3:00—5:30 pm
25 Yr 5 & Yr 1 at Mass 9:15 am
28 Year 6 camp (all week)
29 Yrs 3/4 Sausage Sizzle Day

DECEMBER
2 Swimming Time Trials
   Yr 4 & Yr 2 at Mass 9:15 am
9 Last chance to order School Magazine at
   discount price of $20
14 Yr 6 Graduation Mass
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16 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

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     S Winkler
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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.

If you are unable to do your rostered day,
please phone the office so we can
organise a replacement.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS
CHRISTMAS PARTY
Tuesday 6 December
Pier Hotel
6:30 pm
Please RSVP to
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**SPORT NEWS**

**St Augustine’s Representative Trials – Swimming**
The Swimming Time Trials will be held on Friday 2 December 2016 from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm at the Coffs Harbour War Memorial Olympic Pool.
We are still looking for parent and community volunteers to help at this event. If you are available to be a volunteer helper, please arrive at the pool between 8:45 am and 9:00 am and report to a staff member.

**Term 1 2017: Year 3-6 School Sport**
Students in Years 3-6 will be participating in the swimming program in Term 1 2017. This will commence in the very first week of school next year.

It is necessary to pre-assess the students’ swimming ability prior to the commencement of the program, so any new students who will be entering Year 4, 5 or 6 next year, along with all students entering Year 3 next year need to complete a note which includes a pre-assessment questionnaire. If your child has missed this note, please see Mr Bamford.

Notes are due on Monday 21 November 2016.

*Shaun Bamford – Sports Coordinator  sbamford@lism.catholic.edu.au  
Kristy M’Dermid – Sports Administrator  kmdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au*
Mothers’ and Daughters’ Weekend  
March 10-12, 2017  
Book NOW to reserve your accommodation  
(There are limited villas and last year people missed out, so be quick)  
Call Darlington Beach Holiday Park on 6640 7444  
(mention that you are booking with St Augustine’s and receive a 10% discount)  
This is a great, fun weekend to spend time with your daughter, her friends, and other mums. The girls have a fantastic time swimming, bike riding, scootering, doing craft, going to the beach and hanging out with their friends. The mums have a pretty good time too!  
A letter will be sent in the new year, but  
for any enquiries please contact:  
Meagan Kelly 0437 175055, or  
Jann Golding 0412 586148.

PARISH SCHOOLS OFFICE  
Serving the Catholic Schools of Coffs Harbour and Sawtell

Prize Draws:  
All who honour their 2016 school fees agreement and who have paid their accounts in full by the due dates will be entered into a prize draw this 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

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
MINI VINNIES
Thank you so much!
The response to the Mini Tinnie drive was once again overwhelming. Over 15 boxes of non-perishable food items were donated and collected by SVDP members.

These will be used to make up food hampers for the Christmas appeal. Special mention must be made of Marshall Cutler in Year 2 who saved his pocket money and donated 36 cans individually. This highlights the spirit of giving in our school and reflects that the spirit of Christmas is alive and well even before Advent has started.

Coffs Harbour One-Day Chess Tournament
This tournament, played in teams of three, was hosted by our school on Thursday 10 November. We entered two A Grade teams, three B Grade teams and three C Grade teams. The A Grade 1 team, Saarang Baba, Kieran Murray and Blake Botes played with great skill and determination on the day to achieve first place. This earned them an invitation to play in the NSW Finals in Sydney on Sunday 27 November. Congratulations to all our A Grade players on a very successful year in the local competitions. Well done to all players who represented our school in the One-Day Chess Tournament. It was pleasing to see players learning and improving over the course of a long and exciting day of chess.

Thanks are extended to Mr John Maddix for organising the local tournaments.

Stephanie George
Chess Organiser
Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition
Mr Watts at the presentation with Archer McDonald and Saarang Baba who were awarded High Distinctions in the recent Newcastle Permanent Maths competition. Congratulations!

MATHS OLYMPIAD RESULTS
Thirty students recently completed the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematics Olympiad. Congratulations to Saarang Baba for achieving a place in the top 10% and to Archer McDonald and Kiahni Wainwright for placing in the top 25% of competitors. Well done!
ST AUGUSTINE’S SCHOOL FETE

HELPERS WANTED
ST AUGUSTINE’S SCHOOL FETE
Friday 25 November

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 as soon as possible.

Please tick your preference:

😊 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 pm ☐ 4.00 – 5.00 pm ☐ 5.00 – 6.00 pm ☐

Your name: ___________________________

Mobile number: ________________________

Confirmation will be made via a text message - if you don’t receive a text message please contact the school on 6652 1204.

ARM BANDS

A $15 arm band gives you UNLIMITED rides on:

- Bungee Challenge
- Bubble Football
- Gladiator Jousting Ring
- Large Jumping Castle
- Sumosuits

PLUS 1 ride only on the WIPEOUT ($4 a go after that)

ON SALE OUTSIDE THE CANTEEN EACH MORNING BEFORE SCHOOL

It’s Fete Poster Competition Time

Posters are available from the LARC

Colour it in and display in a location where our many ‘spotters’ can see it...

If your poster gets spotted then you might go in to the draw to win a FETE PACK that includes FREE vouchers at the Fete!!!
ST AUGUSTINE’S FETE
FRUIT’N’VEG SCULPTURE COMP

THEME: The Wonders of the Ocean

Grab a guava! Peel a parsnip!
What can you create out of fruit & veggies?

1ST PRIZE

Major Prize: $100 Food Hamper from Fresco Marketplace PLUS Lee Winkler surf lesson for 2 valued at $100

2ND PRIZE

2 x Double Kayak hire for 1 hour

3RD PRIZE

x 2 Stand up Paddle Board hire for 1 hour

Plus $20 Fresco Marketplace Voucher prize for the winner of each Year Level!!
I'm late!  I'm late!  I'm getting in a terrible state, I'll have to hurry.  Gotta get the Yearbook 'cause I'm running out of time.

We're late!!

NO NEED TO PANIC!

You can PRE-ORDER your copy of the 2016 St Augustine’s Yearbook TODAY and SAVE!

$20

Our year in review.... special events, excursions, sport, academic and creative achievements including 2016 awards, cohort spreads and hundreds of photos of our school in action!

Simply complete the order form in the school newsletter and take it to the office with your payment by Friday 9 December in order to take advantage of the discount!

Yearbooks can be purchased after Speech Day for $25

ORDER FORM
St Augustine’s School Year Book 2016

Student’s name: ____________________________  Student’s class: ______________

No. of copies: ____________________________  Amount enclosed: ____________________

Please return this slip and money in an envelope by 9 December to qualify for the discounted price of $20.00 each.

All orders after 9 December will be charged at $25.00. Yearbooks will be available after presentations on Speech Day, Thursday 15 December.
30th Anniversary of Pope St John Paul II’s address to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples ‘a national day of celebration’

Sunday 27 November 2016

Mary Help of Christians Sawtell Parish community will celebrate at 9:00am Mass followed by morning tea

Everyone is welcome

Wednesday, 30 November and Wednesday, 7 December 2016
4pm-5pm

Christmas Decorations and Gift making in the Botanic Garden Pavilion

Make a variety of Christmas decorations, gifts and cards with a Christmas and Botanical theme

$5 per child aged 4yrs-12yrs olds

Bookings are essential to Julie Belford on 6648 4542
**Book Talk in the LARC**

**Title:** What Dog Knows  
**Author:** Sylvia Vanden Heede  
**Illustrator:** Marije Tolman  
**Summary:**  
In this fact filled fiction book Wolf and Dog are very competitive cousins. It is an unusual book as it jumps from a story about Dog and Wolf to information about topics such as robots, dragons, knights and pirates. It includes ‘Try This’ and ‘Quiz’ sections. Its different structure makes it interesting to read.  
**Recommended age group:** Year 3 onwards  
**Reviewer:** Mrs Loader

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**Title:** Fuzzy Doodle  
**Author:** Melinda Szymanik  
**Illustrator:** Donovan Bixley  
**Summary:**  
Fuzzy Doodle tells the story of a scribble that comes to life. Fuzzy starts out as a 'smudgy set of something at the bottom of the page'. He resembles a blurry caterpillar which then comes to life and grows incredibly as he devours firstly spots of ink, then words, text and colours, all to the beat of beautiful rhyme. By the end of the book, Fuzzy undergoes an amazing transformation. Cleverly written and beautifully illustrated, this book will appeal to all ages.  
**Reviewer:** Mrs O’Carroll
Sushi will be available at the Fete

Pre made sushi rolls, Edamame and Japanese tea, drinks will be available.

Pre-orders for sushi rolls are advised or limited rolls may be available on the day.

Rice Paper rolls only available with pre-order are to be collected at the Fete.

Order forms have been sent home.

Gardening Club
The Gardening Club has been very busy in recent weeks working on items for their Fete stall... colourful succulents and delicious potted herbs will be on sale at the Fete!