Dear Parents and Carers

This Sunday is the beginning of Advent, the official start of the Church year and the beginning of the preparation for Christmas. It is a time of expectation, waiting for the birth of Christ and the promise of new life for all. At this time of year it is easy to get caught up in the commercial hype and consumption related to food and gifts and whilst this can be great fun, it is worthwhile to pause and reflect and to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. In this spirit we encourage children at school to focus on giving and keeping Christ in Christmas.

On Wednesday 16 December the children will have a ‘Step Up’ session after lunch (this is not an aerobics workout!). This is where they will meet their new teacher for 2016 and go to their new rooms. The reason for this is to reduce the anxiety around the first day back for students and to make the first day back all about getting on with learning.

The 2015 Yearbook is being printed now and will be available during the last week of school. This is a chance to purchase a little slice of history of your child’s life at school and is a wonderful keepsake. We have a limited print run so to avoid disappointment, please pre-order.

If your child is in Years K-5 and will not be joining us next year, would you let the school office know as soon as possible. We are busy planning classes, rooms, and resources and it would be very helpful to know this information in advance.

At the time of print, preparations for the Fete are going very well. Thanks in advance to all the helpers but especially to Tennille O’Rourke-Cox who has worked tirelessly for many months preparing for this event. Please give generously as all money will go towards the new playground for the children and don’t forget to check out the winning design, as voted by the kids.

Grace and peace

Peter Watts
Principal
PARISH MASS TIMES

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CATECHETICAL NEWS

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from 12 noon on Thursday 24 December 2015 (Christmas Eve) and re-opening at 8:30 am on Tuesday 5 January 2016.

Advent Giving Mass
Our Advent Giving Mass will be held in St Augustine’s Church on Friday 11 December at 9:15 am. All students will attend. At this Mass we will present our Christmas Appeal donations including hampers collected by staff and Mini Vinnies to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Year 6 Graduation Liturgy and Dinner
The Year 6 Graduation Liturgy will be held in St Augustine’s Church on Wednesday 16 December at 5:30 pm. Students are requested to assemble outside the Church at 5:15 pm. For catering purposes, please purchase tickets for the dinner by Tuesday 1 December.

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

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve (Thursday December 24)
- 6:00pm Coffs Harbour St Augustine’s
- 6:00pm Woolgoolga St Francis Xavier
- 6:00pm St John Paul College
- 8:00pm Coffs Harbour St Augustine’s
- Midnight Coffs Harbour St Augustine’s
- Midnight Sawtell Mary Help of Christians

Christmas Day (Friday December 25)
- 8:00am Coffs Harbour St Augustine’s
- 9:00am Woolgoolga St Francis Xavier
- 9:00am Sawtell Mary Help of Christians
- 10:30am Glenreagh St Paul’s

No evening Mass on Christmas Day

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

FETE NEWS
The Fete is on today from 3:00—5:30 pm!!! Everyone welcome!! Lots of fun things for the children and many wonderful stalls for adults too!

Stephen Appleton—P & F Committee President

2016 Bus Travel Application Forms
Busways has sent a letter and applications to all Year 2 students progressing to Year 3 in 2016. Please complete the form and send into the office ASAP.

Letters and applications have also been sent to Year 6 students progressing to Year 7 in 2016. Please send these forms to the appropriate high school.

semester two parent teacher interviews
This year we introduced online bookings for parent teacher interviews. Please see Page five 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

CANTEEN ROSTER
30.11.2015
Mon  D Mauger
Tues A Bonus, G Bull
Wed  C Williams
Thur K Allen, K O’Carroll, H O’Rourke, L Rowthorne
Fri  J Arnold, J Arragon, T Blundell, J Cutler, E Dow, A Stephens

07.12.2015
Mon  G Franklin, L Seccome
Tues J Armytage, R Morrison, C Williams
Wed  K White
Thur N Aranibar, M Martinez
Fri  P Crawford, P Duffy, H O’Rourke, K Stubbs, K Van Ryswyk

14.12.2015
Mon  K Wilkinson, L Wood
Tues A Bonus, G Bull, R Kennedy,
Wed  M Bulloch, J Jenkins
Thur M Eden, M Felton, R Felton, C Thompson
Fri  D Budd, L Budd, P Crawford, B Guest

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER
30  Yr 6 Camp (Nov 30—Dec 4)
     Swimming Time Trials 11am—2:30pm

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
17  Buskers Day 11:40 am—1:40 pm
18  LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

JANUARY 2016
27  Staff Development Day—no students at school
28  First day for Years 1-6
     Kindergarten Best Start assessments (until Tuesday 2 Feb)

FEBRUARY
4   First day for Kindergarten

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

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.

MAD SURF CAMP
14—18 December 9:30—3 pm
18—22 January 2016 9:30—3 pm
at Coffs Hbr Jetty, 23 years experience.
Ages 5—15 years. $65 per day / $275 for 5 days

Suite 3, 14 Edgar Street, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450
Telephone  02 6652 2999  Fax  02 6652 4694
Email  mail@chpa.com.au  Website  www.chpa.com.au
SPORT NEWS

St Augustine’s Representative Trials – Swimming
The Representative Swimming Trials will be held on Monday 30 November. Students have already pre-nominated for their events and programs were distributed to students this week. Copies are available at the school office.

Date: Mon 30 November 2015
Time: 11:00 am – 2:30 pm
Venue: Coffs Harbour War Memorial Olympic Pool

Parents, grandparents and community members are invited to attend this event. If you have indicated or are available to be a volunteer helper, please arrive at the pool between 10:45am and 11:00am and report to a staff member.

Lismore Diocesan Representative Trials – Summer Sports: Basketball, Cricket, Softball, Tennis, Touch football
The Lismore Diocesan Summer Sports Trials were held last Friday in Lismore.

Congratulations to all who participated, but particularly to the following who have made it through to the next level:

Centaine O’Carroll (basketball), Trinity Kachel (basketball), Holden Stubbs (basketball), Benjamin Langler (softball), Connor Hennessy (tennis), Cooper Jones (tennis), Max Jones (tennis), Lachlan Carlyle (cricket).

The Polding trials for basketball, cricket, softball and tennis will be held in Lismore/Goonellabah on Friday 5 February. The touch football trials will be held in Port Macquarie on Friday 10 June.

Basketball
This Saturday marks the end of the 2015 Winter Season of the Primary Schools competition run by the Coffs Harbour Basketball Association (CHBA). There will be three St Augustine’s PS teams involved in the finals weekend. Good luck to the Bluebirds, Sharp Shooters and Cyclones.

Players are reminded that they will need to return singlets at the end of their final game. This means that players will need to ensure that they take a spare t-shirt to the game to change into at the end so that they may immediately return singlets at the end of the game to the manager.

Forms for the 2016 basketball season will be distributed next week. Please return them to the school office before the end of the school year. We are looking for coaches and managers for the 2016 basketball teams. If you are interested in becoming involved or would like to find out more information, please contact Ms Kristy M’Dermid at kmcdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au or via phone (02) 6652 1204. Alternatively, you can drop at the Sport Office between 8:30 am and 3:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

Sport Enquiries
Mr Dan Hammond (Sports Coordinator) – dhammond@lism.catholic.edu.au or (02) 6652 1204
Ms Kristy M’Dermid (Sports Administrator) – kmcdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au or (02) 6652 1204

Dan Hammond—Sports Coordinator
Kristy McDermid—Sports Administrator

PRINCESS CHARLOTTE ALOPECIA PROGRAM
Lily Franklin in Year 3 is donating her long hair and fundraising for the Variety Children’s Charity, Princess Charlotte Alopecia Program. Lily has to donate a 30-35cm long ponytail for a wig to be made. Her hair cut is scheduled for 12 December. For more information and details on how to donate please go to https://alopecia.everydayhero.com/au/lily-3

ALBANY ST DRIVE-THROUGH FAMILY NAME ON SUN VISOR
Have you got your surname on your sun visor?

Children who are picked up at the Albany St drive-through area will be sitting in cohort lines. Teachers will call them to their car when it pulls up.

It’s important that staff can see your surname on your sun-visor to be able to do this. Please call the office on 66521204 if you would like one made.
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.
YEAR 6 RAFFLE—WINNERS!!!

1st prize  Zinc 24v Electric Scooter—donated by Brett & Kerry Howarth—Ella Klinkers
2nd prize  Dancing Water Speakers—donated by Rob & Angela Gam—Rhiannon Chance
3rd prize  Hogs Breath $100 voucher—donated by Hogs Breath—Bailey Ward
4th prize  Lillylites Soy Candle gift box—donated by Lillylites Soy Candles—Maya Loader
5th prize  Ella Bache $90 gift voucher—donated by Ella Bache—Mr Pat O’Connell
6th prize  3 mth Gym membership—donated by Genesis Fitness Club—Emma Dart
7th prize  3 mth Gym membership—donated by Genesis Fitness Club—Ayshia Fowler
8th prize  Jacqui’s $80 gift voucher—donated by Jacqui’s Shoe Boutique—Mariah Anderson
9th prize  Hairy Rumours $50 gift voucher—donated by Hairy Rumours—Mrs Julie McCabe
10th prize Russell’s $50 voucher—donated by Russell’s Prime Quality Meats—Kieran Murray

A huge thank you to all our donors!!
Please support these generous businesses!

Thank you to Mrs Sally Hartsuyker and her helpers for organising the raffle.
**MINI VINNIES**

Last Friday (6th November) Years 3-6 students from Mini Vinnies attended a day out at Bellingen. The day started with a Mass where students from all nine schools were asked to carry up a candle. After Mass finished everyone was split into three groups with a few helpers from Vinnies who had just graduated from High School. In these groups we set off to do a few tasks. One on anti-bullying and how to help someone out who is being bullied. At the second rotation we learnt about homelessness and people who are homeless, what people think of them and how they react to mean comments about their appearance. Lastly we discussed human rights where we talked about refugees leaving their country because of war and family needs and what one thing we would take with us if we were in that situation. For lunch a sausage sizzle was provided and a cupcake stall was open for $1 each. The money that was raised went to the Bellingen Mini Vinnies to help out their local community. The day concluded with an assembly where all the schools presented a PowerPoint presentation of all they had done throughout the year. St Augustine’s was by far the best. A big thank you to Mrs Hewitt, Mr Kerr and Mrs Kennedy who put hours of time into a fantastic video of what we had done throughout the amazing and fun filled year at Mini Vinnies. Thank you to all the students who participated and had an enjoyable day and thank you to our teachers Mrs Sprowles and Mrs Wilson who came along to help out and make the day more enjoyable. We look forward to seeing what we can achieve next year at Mini Vinnies.

*Trinity Kachel 5C*
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM 2016

Instrumental Music Program lessons will be offered to students in Years 3-6 in 2016.

Enrolment Forms have been sent home with students who completed an Expression of Interest Form.

If you would like your child to learn an instrument in Term 1 2016, please collect an Enrolment Form from the school office and return it by Friday 4 December. The music teacher will then make contact with you.

Please note, existing Instrumental Music Program students will need to re-enrol for 2016. For any enquiries, please contact Sione George at the school office.

LARC Matters

The LARC has been its usual busy place this year with so many things happening. Perhaps the most remarkable in my opinion has been the Book Fair. With new providers for the books it was necessary to change some organisational issues. Spreading the Book Fair over 3 days proved to be a great thing as it provided more people with opportunities to visit if they wished. Providing the credit card details on the back of the Wish List also provided carers who were unable to attend an opportunity to buy books. The range was excellent and prices very competitive. Carnival Fairs has been a fabulous addition to the Book Fair week. The Book Fair gave us exactly $4547.80 to spend on new books for our students.

The Library Monitors this year have been great. Some have stopped and started along the course of the year. A few have been reliable, responsible and I really could not have done without them. Congratulations to those students who have made it to the end and to those who helped us out for a while. Sticking at a job where this is little accolade and a lot of dusty, heavy work shows true character and dedication to task especially when there are so many more lunchtime opportunities at St Augustine’s.

Early Birds Reading Club has kicked off with a new batch of recruits through recently introducing the club to this year’s Kindergarten students. The club provides extra opportunity for beginning readers to practise their skills. We have an abundance of keen readers every morning who read for a few minutes. On average we provide 40 opportunities to read per week and we can see before our eyes readers bloom as they grow in confidence and experience. Thank you to the support staff who come and help me daily.

I would also like to acknowledge the students who are the reason our LARC exists. Some are regulars, some frequent on occasion or only with their class but they are all interesting characters who make keeping up with new titles and genre, and new topics of interest and for school work, a joy. We are a truly blessed and popular spot in our beautiful school.

Sadly, there will no summer Reading Club this year at St Augustine’s but I would like to really encourage the children who participate in that event to go along to the town library where they run a very similar program with great prizes.

See you in the LARC, Annie Madden—Teacher/Librarian
November 2015

Dear Mother/Carer

**MOTHERS’ AND DAUGHTERS’ WEEKEND – 12 & 13 MARCH 2016**

**IMPORTANT TO BOOK NOW TO RESERVE YOUR ACCOMMODATION!!**

I am writing with information about the Mothers’ and Daughters’ Weekend 2016. It was a great success this year and well attended and it’s very exciting that we are organising it again for early next year. It will be held on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 March 2016 at Darlington Beach Resort Park. You are also welcome to come up Friday after school to stay an extra night if you wish. Please note that students are not to be collected from school before 3:00 pm on Friday 11 March. This is a school day and the girls are expected to be at school all day.

I know that it is hard to think that far ahead, let alone just past Christmas, but if you would like to come along we need you to book as soon as you can. Darlington Park is a very popular camp ground, and we can only put a hold on the villas until 11 January 2016. Darlington Park is located at 104 Eggsins Drive, Arrawarra, 3 minutes past Woolgoolga. You can check the park features on their website at [www.darlingtonbeach.com.au](http://www.darlingtonbeach.com.au) This is our fifth year at Darlington Park. Everyone has had a great time in previous years and we hope to have a great turnout again this year. The camp is a fantastic opportunity for mums to share quality time with their daughters and their daughters’ friends. It is also a great chance for new Kindergarten mums to meet other mums and their daughters.

Attached is all relevant information regarding the venue. A variety of accommodation is available including on-site vans, cabins and camping sites for those who are more adventurous! To keep the cost down, you may wish to consider sharing your accommodation with someone you know, some double beds can be split into single beds. Check with Darlington when you are confirming your booking. (You are not allowed to put air mattresses on the floor as this breaches safety standards.)

Each family will be responsible for booking and paying a deposit for their preferred accommodation direct to Darlington Beach Resort Park, (see attached price list). You can contact Darlington Park by phone on 6649 1920 and quote our school name and Reservation Number (139791). All room numbers (adults and children) need to be set two weeks before arrival as does the final payment for the room. Please include details on your return slip so we can confirm bookings.

The park organises activities over the weekend (more information to come closer to the date) but please feel free to bring along swimmers, bikes, skates, scooters, DVD’s etc. to make your daughters’ time more enjoyable.

It is very important to be fully aware that while the weekend has been organised by a mum from the St Augustine’s School community, your child’s behaviour and safety are completely your responsibility. It is important you respect Darlington Park Policy and know where your children are at all times, and are mindful that there are other park users, particularly at night time. You and your child are joining the group voluntarily and it will be your decision if your child participates or not in any activity during the weekend – keep an eye out for the activity board in/near the games room.

Please contact Meagan Kelly or Jann Golding (Parents, St. Augustine’s School) if you need clarification of any points. Meagan: Mob 0437175055, email: coffphysioforwomen@hotmail.com Jann: Mob 0412586148, email: jmgoldy@bigpond.com
New to “Skoolbag”

‘Skoolbag’ is now available for Windows Phones running version 8.1 of Windows, and Windows devices running Windows 8.1 or 10 (eg Surface tablet, Laptop, PC etc).

You can install the app on your phone or tablet by following these instructions:

**For iPhone and iPad users:**
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "Install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

**For Android users:**
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

**Please Note:** Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

**For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:**
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

**Please Note:** The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.
THE GREEN SPOT

The simplest way
...to use frozen fruit & veg.

Did you know that frozen and canned fruit and veg count towards your recommended daily intake of fruit and vegetables?

The facts:
- We all need to aim for two serves of fruit & five serves of veg, every day
- Frozen/canned fruit or vegies are great alternatives when fresh varieties are out of season, unavailable or more expensive
- Frozen and canned vegies are usually packed shortly after picking, so very few nutrients are lost
- For canned vegetables, look for labels that feature “no added salt” or “salt reduced”
- Choose canned fruit in natural juice, rather than syrup
- Health Star Ratings are on many packaged foods now – the more stars, the healthier the choice.

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
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Alex Shaw and Candice Butcher - Coordinators