Dear Parents and Carers

Over the past year we have been talking a lot about making Jesus real at school. We have used teachable moments to help children think about Christ-like responses in words and actions. There has been a heartening response to this and in particular children are using their manners far more when they greet each other and staff (thank you Jonah for the way you greeted me this morning). Social etiquette needs to be modelled and talked about so children can grow in this area. When dealing with many issues we can ask, “What would Jesus do?” and this leads to a very productive discussion, reflection and positive action.

Emotional Intelligence is something educators are talking more about in recent times. There is no doubt our emotional intelligence contributes significantly to the way we deal with our life experiences. How can we assist our children to build emotional intelligence? We can be positive people ourselves. Our optimism when things don’t go our way will be important for our children to see. Anxiety is a normal part of life however it’s contagious! As adults we can model staying calm and being confident rather than catastrophising. Our children will take their cues from significant adults in their life.

We also need to help our children build coping skills. We should allow them to solve their own problems, particularly the small ones. When we set boundaries and talk to our children about them they perform so much better. Though we would always like to jump in and save our children from disappointment and hurt we may not allow our children to grow from these experiences if we do.

This Sunday we begin the season of Advent. Rather than getting caught up in the frantic lead up to Christmas let’s hope we can make it a time of joyful expectation. During Religious Education lessons throughout the coming week, your children will be learning about Advent people and the coming of our Lord Jesus at Bethlehem. It’s truly a beautiful time of the year – to be grateful and to be hopeful.

On Tuesday night there will be a TAIZE evening in the church at 7:30. This is a quiet time of prayer, singing and meditation. If you haven’t experienced TAIZE before you might like to take up the invitation this time. I couldn’t think of a better way to put ourselves in the right frame of mind for the coming weeks ahead.

Have a great weekend

Leanne Feltis
Acting Principal
Celebration of First Communion

Congratulations to all those candidates who will celebrate First Holy Communion with the Parish program next week. Boys and girls, mums and dads, grandpas and grandmas... you have all worked so hard to achieve this monumental event. Well done!
The next Sacrament will be Confirmation in Term 1, 2015. Please contact the Parish Office on 66510000 for information.

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

2015 STUDENT COUNCIL

Our Student Council for 2015 has been elected and they are:

Captains: Mariah Anderson & Nicholas Bulloch
Vice Captains: Lara Baker and Adam King

Congratulations to these students. Our Year 5 students have done a great job in electing these leaders to represent the student body.

2014 SPEECH DAY

Our annual Speech Day will be held on Tuesday 16 December at 9:15 am in the Yrs K-2 Undercover Area. All welcome to attend.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS AND DINNER

The Year 6 Graduation Mass will be held on Wednesday 17 December at 5:30 pm in the church followed by the Graduation Dinner at 6:30 pm at the C.ex Club. Tickets are $25 each (one student and two parents - total $75) for the dinner and are to be purchased by Monday 1 December.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBERS

Please advise the school office as soon as possible if you change your address and/or phone numbers.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Outside School Care Operators, Community OOSH and Tabatinga, will be providing a pick-up service from the school next year. Students will be accompanied by staff to the pick-up point as they do for bus lines. Families wishing to consider this option should contact these providers.

2015 STUDENT ATTENDANCE

If your child/ren will not be attending our school in 2015 please advise the school office as soon as possible. A minimum of two weeks notice is to be given to the Parish Office.

PARISH MASS TIMES

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COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER
1-5 Yr 6 Camp
3 Yrs 3/4 Choir-Nativity Play 6:00 pm
  Yr 1 Excursion to Carobana
  Swimming Time Trials 12:00—2:45 pm
10 Class 6C Cake Stall
11 Yr 5/6 Choir visit St Joseph’s Nursing Home
  2:00 pm
12 Advent Giving Mass 9:15 am
  Class 6F Cake Stall
  Newsletter Day
16 Speech Day 9:15 am
  Class 6S Cake Stall
17 Yr 6 Graduation Mass 5:30 pm in church
  Yr 6 Graduation Dinner 6:30 pm
18 Buskers Day
19 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

JANUARY 2015
28 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR YRS 1-6

FEBRUARY
3 P & F Meeting 7:00 pm in the LARC
4-6 Yr K children (half days 9:00—12:30 pm)
9 Yr K children commence full days

P & F NEWS

MEETING
There will be no meeting in December, however the AGM will be held on the first Tuesday in February. Everyone welcome to attend!!

FETE NEWS
The weather wasn’t exactly as we’d hoped it would be nevertheless our school community turned up in great numbers for the Fete. Thank you one and all for your efforts. The donations of items as well as your time contributed to the team effort and ultimate success of the Fete. A heartfelt thanks to Tennille O’Rourke-Cox, Kerri-Anne Van Ryswyk and their tireless team of helpers.

Stephen Appleton—P & F Committee President

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

CANTEEN COMPETITION
LUNCH BAG ART!!

DECORATE YOUR LUNCH BAG NEXT WEEK AND YOU COULD WIN $5 TO SPEND AT THE SCHOOL CANTEEN.

Throughout the year we receive some beautifully decorated lunch order bags from students. As a reward we are running a competition, so get out your pencils and draw a Christmas scene on the back of your lunch bag (to be done at home) and you could win $5 to spend at the school canteen. There are four prizes to be won and winners will be announced the following week.

CANTEEN ROSTER

01.12.2014
Mon K Apps, J McConchie, S Small
Tues D Olutayo, K Taylor
Wed T Blundell, L Wood
Thur M De Satge, N Ferrett
Fri P Crawford, P Duffy, H Gallatly, J Roach, L Zawadzki

08.12.2014
Mon M Switzer, C Woods, G Van Hamond
Tues G Bull
Wed N Aranibar, S Hartsuyker
Thur K Allen, K O’Carroll, L Rowthorne
Fri J Arnold, J Arragon, J Cutler, E Dow, P Duffy, J Roach

15.12.2014
Mon G Franklin, S Kendall, S O’Reilly, L Seecombe
Tues R Saunders
Wed L Trotman, K White
Thur K Gilliland, J Shannon
Fri B Dougherty, P Duffy, J Roach, L Zawadzki, K-A Van Ryswyk
SPORT NEWS

Amart Sports ‘Community Kickbacks Program’
St Augustine’s Primary School participates in the ‘Amart Community Kickbacks Program’. Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at Amart Sports as instore credit to spend on our school sports programs.

All you need to do is join Team Amart, select our school from the list of participating groups and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Amart Sports. You'll receive access to great member prices and other initiatives and the school will receive a 5% credit.

Thanks for your support.

St Augustine’s Representative Swimming Trials
Students are reminded that the St Augustine’s Representative Swimming Trials are being held on Wednesday 3 December. These trials are being held for students to qualify for the Clarence Zone Swimming Carnival to be held early in 2015.

Due to such large numbers of students, the starting time has had to be brought forward in order to fit in all of the heats that will run at this trial. As a result, parents please note that the NEW starting time for the trials will be 12:00pm.

Parents who have kindly been able to put their hand up to volunteer and help on the day of the trial are also asked to particularly note the NEW starting time for the trial. If parent volunteers are able to arrive at the venue at 11:45am it would be very much appreciated. You can still register your interest to be a parent volunteer by contacting Ms M'Dermid at kmcdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au

Next Wednesday, students can either wear their swimmers to school under their uniform or bring their swimmers to school and get changed at the school at the start of lunch. Buses will leave immediately after lunch to go to the pool. At the end of the trials, students can get changed at the pool, if they wish.

Date: Wednesday 3 December 2014
Time: 12:00 pm — 2:45 pm
Venue: Coffs Harbour War Memorial Olympic Pool

Summer Sports Trials
It was a very hot Friday, last week, when students travelled to represent the Clarence Zone in Lismore at the Lismore Diocesan trials for Summer Sports. The trials were held at various venues for basketball, touch football, tennis, softball and cricket. All students displayed great skill and sportsmanship during the trials and must be complimented for this.

Congratulations also to the following students who successfully made the Lismore Diocesan team and will travel early next year to the Polding trials: Madison Howarth, Trinity Kachel, Gabriella Majarich, Oliver Canning, Connor Hennessy, Max Jones, Cooper Jones, Benjamin Langler and Georgie Martin. Well done!

Rugby, Netball, Football (Soccer) and Basketball Uniforms
With the cessation of all 2014 rugby union, netball, football (soccer) and basketball competitions, it is time to hand back uniforms. Please get your rugby, netball, football (soccer) and basketball uniforms into the sports office as soon as you can. Thank you.

Sport Enquiries
Please direct all sport enquiries to the Sports Administrator, Ms Kristy M'Dermid. Contact can be made through the school on (02) 6652 1204 or via email on kmcdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au should you wish to ask anything in relation to sport or if you have any sporting news to share with our community.

Dan Hammond
Sports Coordinator
LARC MATTERS

This week we have had the pleasure of a visit from author Kym Lardner. Kym visited our school eight years ago and was excited at the prospect of returning. Years 1, 2, 3 and 5 were the lucky recipients of his visit.

Kim is renowned across Australia for his ability to make children laugh through his oral storytelling, as well as the wonderful stories in his published books. Kym included some of the children in his storytelling and delighted the classes with drawing the illustrations to go with some of his stories. His ability to make his audience laugh, but highly engage in the story, is a delight to watch. This really was a golden opportunity as Kym rarely travels to the Mid North Coast.

We have been extremely lucky at St Augustine’s this year to have had several authors visit in conjunction with the focus on writing we have been working on all year. To reflect on these great events see the fabulous LARC pages in this year’s Year Book.

See you in the LARC

Annie Madden—Teacher Librarian
Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition Results

Congratulations to the following students on their wonderful achievements in the 2014 Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition. Adam King was presented with a special District Award at a ceremony on Monday 10 November. Congratulations Adam. What a fabulous result.

**High Distinction**: Adam King (Year 5)

**Distinction**: Lara Baker, Oscar Pike, Tyler Kooymen, Madison Howarth, Abbi Dagger, Zachary Emery, Luke Herber, Lily-Rose Battaglia, Alyssa Golding, Ailish Barry (Year 5); Thomas Anderson, Jack Canning, Zachary Clarke, Thomas Fergusson, Rocco Greisel, Griffin Moore, Liam Berg, Thomas Lewis, Nathan Zawadzki (Year 6)

**Merit**: Finn Murray, Sophie Ryan, Ash Chapman, Lachlan Lewis, Similoluwa Olutayo, Emily Zhang, Seton O’Doherty, Nicholas Bulloch, Liam Hicks (Year 5); Regan Dougherty, Tia Bohringer, Jennifer Parks, Aidan O’Reilly, Jaida Smith, Olivia Henery, Poppy Smyth, Noah McLeod, Kadie Vignes (Year 6)

Stephanie George  
Leader of Learning: Administration/Curriculum

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**TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE**

Do you ever have the urge to sing in a choir, but can’t commit to a regular weekly rehearsal?

Join us on Tuesday to sing beautiful Taize chants in two or three part harmony. These chants will be part of a reflective, ecumenical prayer service with an Advent theme and will be held in the church.

**Does your child/spouse love to sing?** Bring them along as well!

**Tuesday 2 December**

6:30 pm—Singing rehearsal  
followed by Taize Prayer Service at 7:30 pm

I hope to sing with you!!  
Maria Maione
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

After School Care
We have been busy decorating and creating Christmas decorations and artworks. So far we have made paper bag reindeers and beautiful spiral Christmas tree decorations. Each Friday we get into the Christmas spirit and create another fabulous artwork. As it has been raining we have been able to watch a few movies which has been a nice way to relax.

Please ensure that if your child/ren is attending After School Care in Term 4 that you have booked them in. It is still essential to advise OSHC if your child/ren is due to attend After School Care and is absent from school and/or not attending for that day, please notify Educators by calling 0417 666 494 before 1:00 pm. This will alleviate additional time looking for your child at roll call.

Active Sport
We have been really enjoying the new games for active sport. Our favourite so far is ‘Untying the Knot’. As the weather has been extremely hot we have only been able to do active sport for 30 minutes. If you have a game that you would like to play remember to let an educator know so we can add it to our active sport program which runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Invoices
Updated invoices have again been sent home via children last week. These need to be bought up to date as soon as possible. It is important with only 3 weeks remaining that your account is not in arrears. ALL Accounts are to be finalised within seven days as further bookings may not be able to continue until accounts are up to date. Your attention to this is appreciated.

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Email address for OSHC for any bookings, changes, queries or messages:
cofhp-oshc@lism.catholic.edu.au

Mini Vinnies
The children in Mini Vinnies have been very busy creating posters to advertise our Buskers Festival. The festival will be held on the second last day of school and the money raised will be donated to St Vincent de Paul. The children have also been making Christmas cards to deliver to St Augustine’s Nursing Home and a big thank you should go to Mrs Meredith and Ms Watts who have been sharing their creative skills with the children. This is a busy time of year for everyone and the commitment the children have shown to our Mini Vinnies group is commendable. One of the aims of Mini Vinnies is to develop awareness of social justice issues in our community so our final project for the year is making Christmas hampers for two local families. I would like to thank the children and teachers who have generously donated items to these hampers and I’m sure the families will greatly appreciate our support.

A Prayer For People in Need
Dear God, please help those in need in our community and around the world. We pray that they will have enough food, water, clothing, shelter, education, jobs and medicine. Help us to be like Jesus and show care and compassion for those less fortunate.
Amen
Abcare OOHC is currently running a recruitment drive for Aboriginal Foster Carers for our Out of Home Care Program. Abcare is experiencing high demands from Community Services Northern Region, which requires placement of Aboriginal children/young people in the Coffs and Clarence areas. For this reason, Abcare is seeking expressions of interests from any potential Foster Carers in the area. Caring for our kids can be short term, long term, respite and/or emergency placements.

**What we can offer you:** Abcare OOHC can provide Authorised Foster Carers with ongoing support from an Aboriginal Case worker, training and a fortnightly Carers Allowance.

**Our basic requirements:** Abcare will consider all applications to become a Foster Carer providing that the applicant has enough room in their home to house a child/young person, the applicant is over 18 years of age and meets Working with Children Check clearance.

Contact us now if you think you could open up your home to a child in need.

Contact Trent Matthews 66483680 or Trent@abcare.org.au
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

BAND
Band is held on Mondays from 3:10 pm – 4:00 pm. All Instrumental Music Program students are welcome. Please see Mr Skelton if you would like to attend.

INVOICES AND PAYMENTS
For all account enquiries, please contact Sione George or Dot Trevaskis in the office.

ORDER FORM
St Augustine’s School Year Book 2014

Student’s name: ___________________________ Student’s class: _________________

No. of copies: ___________________________ Amount enclosed: __________________

Please return this slip and money in an envelope by 12 December to qualify for the discounted price of $20.00 each.

All orders after 12 December will be charged at $25.00
A reminder to families not on a Direct Debit Request, payment of school fees must be finalised as follows:

- All Weekly and Fortnightly payments - before 30/11/2014
- All Monthly payments - by 1/12/2014

**Departures**

A reminder that two weeks' written notice is required to terminate an enrolment. Please advise the school office asap if your child(ren) won’t be returning next year. Thank you.

**Annual Prize Draw**

All families who honour their 2014 school fees agreement and who have paid their accounts in full by the due dates will be entered into the prize draw in January 2015. (All families who have a direct debit arrangement which is kept up to date will automatically be entered into the draw.)

*BreakFree Aanuka Beach Resort & Novotel Coffs Harbour Pacific Bay Resort* have generously donated the following prizes:

**BreakFree Aanuka Beach Resort** - One night’s accommodation in a Paradise Spa Bure including full breakfast for two adults

**Novotel Coffs Harbour Pacific Bay Resort** - One night’s accommodation in a Resort Room for two adults including a full buffet breakfast in Charlie’s Restaurant
Sustainable Garden Update

You may have noticed that our Garden has had an enormous transformation this year. None of this would have been possible without the ongoing support from our gardening grandparents and the children who attend gardening club each week.

We would like to say a big thank you to Anne and Carol from Coffs Harbour Landscape Centre for their generous donation of 2.5 cubic metres of woodchip last week. Thank you for your continued support in making our garden a brighter place to learn. We were able to dress up our sustainable garden and bring it back to life.

Below is a recent photo of the transformation of our sustainable garden.

Miss Erin Lyons and Mrs Michelle Plummer