Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Father Peter Padsungay our new Parish Priest and our new Assistant Priest, Father Stefan Matuszek. Father Peter has been in Maclean Parish for the last 6 years and Father Stefan comes to us from Ballina although both have spent time here in the past. We look forward to their support in our Parish School community.

The bright and beautiful 2017 kindergarten students will be visiting the school for orientation sessions in the next few weeks. From a child’s point of view, moving to ‘big school’ is certainly a momentous occasion and the orientation sessions are designed to ease the anxiety of the first day and to set them up for success. It’s also the first experience of our school community for many families so I encourage existing families to extend a warm welcome as your children journey together.

Excitement is building for the school Fete to be held on Friday 25 November. This year we have some new and exciting experiences for kids and adults with a huge variety of stalls, games and rides available. The children are very keen to try the spooky Haunted House, try their hands at the Bottle Flip or take a risk with the Bean-Boozled Challenge. The Fete is one of the highlights of the year so save the date!

As term four progresses there are challenges for families keeping children in school uniform, especially with shoes. Unfortunately shoes and clothes don’t always last until the Christmas holidays and families need to buy before the end of the year. Having pride in the uniform is an important part of coming to school and helps children feel like they belong to something bigger than themselves. With this in mind, I ask you not to send your child to school in joggers except as an emergency stop-gap or on sports day.

Grace and peace

Peter Watts
Principal
**CATECHETICAL NEWS**

**AFTER MASS**

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

Sunday 13 November  
9:00 am St Augustine’s School playground area  
Come and have brekkie and a play on the equipment!  
Open to all!

**SOCKTOBER**

Thank you to all the children for coming to school wearing their best socks last Friday! We raised a total of $613.35! Well done.

*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.

**THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS**

Many thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers who assisted at the Masters and Bunnings BBQs. Approximately $3000 was raised from these events and it would not have been possible without the parents who willingly gave up some time to assist on the day. Thank you one and all.

**FETE NEWS**

Check pages 4, 7, 12, 13, 14 and 15 for news! Only three weeks to go until the Fete!!  
Please send in donations to the school. Thank you.

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**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.

From May 2016, Transport for NSW require all applications to be completed online at [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students) printed, signed and submitted to the school office for endorsement.

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.

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**MARY POPPINS**

Have you bought your tickets for Mary Poppins yet?

It’s not too late to see Grace McCormack and Hunter Metcalf in this wonderful production at the Jetty Theatre.

Grace and Hunter are in these performances:  
2:00 pm on November 5, 6, 26 and 27.  
7:00 pm on November 9, 11, 12, 18, 19 and 24.

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**CHAU-HENNESSY PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS**

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
COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER
8  Yr 7 2017 Transition Day at SJPC
9  Yr K 2017 Parent Night
10 Primary Schools Chess Day in hall
11  Yr 3 at Mass 9:15 am
    Yr 1 Excursion to Bake’s Farm 9:00 am until 1:00 pm
15  Yrs 5/6 Sausage Sizzle Day
16  Yr K 2017 Orientation morning
17  Yr 3 Learning Journey 2:00—3:00 pm
18  Yr 6 & Yr K at Mass 9:15 am
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
    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 and Dinner
15  Yrs K - 6 Speech Day
16  LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

JANUARY 2017
30  YRS 1-6 STUDENTS COMMENCE SCHOOL

FEBRUARY
6  Kindergarten commence school

CANTEEN ROSTER
7.11.2016
Mon  L Wood  HELP!! HELP!!
Tues  G Bull, R Kennedy
Wed  L Mahlberg, T Sanders  HELP!! HELP!!
Thur  M Felton, R Felton, M Kelly, C Thompson
Fri  L Budd, L Clutterbuck, P Crawford

14.11.2016
Mon  T Branster  HELP!! HELP!!
Tues  J Armytage, J Bourne, N Savige, C Williams
Wed  P Cruz, M Murphy, L Sanders
Thur  M Chau, N Ferrett  HELP!! HELP!!
Fri  P Duffy, H Gallatly, L Mahlberg, W McLean

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.

SUSHI!!!!
Sushi is available on Wednesdays at the Canteen!

PLEASE ORDER ON TUESDAYS—thank you

Container: (6 pieces—suitable for small children):
  Avocado $3.00
  Cucumber $3.00

Sushi Rolls:
  Chicken teriyaki & avocado $3.00
  Tuna & cucumber $3.00

Barbra Symons & Alicia Betland—Canteen Managers
SPORT NEWS

St Augustine’s Representative Trials – Swimming
Date: Fri 2 December 2016
Time: 9:00am – 12:30pm
Venue: Coffs Harbour War Memorial Olympic Pool
These trials are for proficient swimmers only.
If you are able to volunteer to help on the day please fill out the appropriate section on the note.

Clarence Zone Representative Trials – Summer Sports (basketball, cricket, softball, tennis and touch football)
The following students have qualified for the next level at the Lismore Diocesan trials to be held on Thursday 25 November in Coffs Harbour:
Basketball: Jayda Kachel, Olivia Peel, Zara Temesi, Jonty Gourlay
Softball: Alexandra Nealand, Logan Lacey, Riley Dagger
Touch Football: Tyler Adam, Archie Budd, Lachlan Mifsud, Reid Stephens, Riley Evans
Cricket: Stephanie Rose, Beau Guthrie, Nagan Radhakrishna Pillai, Oskar Cragg.
Notes and money are due on Thursday 10 November. Additionally, for all sports (except touch) there is an online registration due by this date.

St Augustine’s Running Club
Running Club takes place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school between 8:10 am - 8:40 am and is supervised by Mr Shaun Bamford. Students must be registered to participate. Students are to bring their full school uniform to change into at the conclusion of Running Club. Students can attend when they are able to. They will complete as many laps of the circuit as they feel comfortable doing. At 8:40am, students will have time to get changed and prepare for the morning bell.
Please see Mr Shaun Bamford if you are interested.

Shaun Bamford – Sports Coordinator
sbamford@lism.catholic.edu.au
Kristy McDermid – Sports Administrator
kmcdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au
NEWCASTLE PERMANENT PRIMARY MATHS COMPETITION
Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding efforts in the recent Maths Competition:

Year 6
High Distinction—Saarang Baba


Merit—Joely Buquiron, Charlotte Busby, Jacob Field, Ella McKiernan, Kiahni Wainwright.

Year 5
High Distinction—Archer McDonald

Distinction—Iliana Anderson, Lily Betland, Oskar Cragg, Riley Dagger, Jessica Harrison, Flynn Metcalf, Michelle Petro, Eleanor Ratcliffe, Duke Rowthorne, Jagdeep Sandhu, Sora Tamitani

Merit—Riley Evans, Abbey George, Jayda Kachel, Finn Klinkers, Maya Loader, Noah Searle, Reid Stephens.

Year 4
Distinction—Blake Botes, Matthew Fergusson, Rylan Jones, Alexandra Nealand, Carlos Rodriguez, Michael Simmons.

Merit—Saavan Baba, Riley Carniato, Molly Joyce.

2016 ICAS Competition Results - Mathematics
This year 74 students participated in the Mathematics Competition: 5 Distinction, 19 Credit, 9 Merit and 41 Participation Certificates were awarded.
Congratulations and thank you to all the students who participated.

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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.
ST AUGUSTINE’S FETE
PIE DRIVE

Select from 4 savoury varieties, 2 vegetarian pies and 3 sweet varieties.

ALL PIES plus gluten free banana bread are available for $8 each [ family size pie 6-8 slices ]

Order forms are available from the office and will be in the school newsletter.

Order forms PLUS payment must be in by Friday 18 November.

Orders can only be collected on Fete Day between 4-5 pm from the staffroom.
Just as we teach children social skills for real life, there are important social skills for the digital world. It is imperative that parents teach children to follow a few basic rules.

The internet is a portal into some of the most amazing places, and just like any new place we visit, we are likely to make a few social stumbles. If travelling the world, every culture you visit would have its own social nuances that you are likely to have to work your way around. It would be easy to misunderstand what others say or take offence to something that was not intended.

Young people, at the best of times, are still learning social rules and developing their critical thinking skills around collective interactions. Well-meaning personalities can make all kinds of mistakes when they enter this new online culture.

As parents we want to do whatever it takes to minimise the mistakes our children make online. Netiquette is a set of general guidelines for cyberspace behaviour. Here are some basic principles parents can use to help children solve their own ‘netiquette’ dilemmas.

**Be kind** Remember the human behind every screen. Every user is an independent person with individual thoughts and feelings. It can be easy to misunderstand another person’s intentions or even be rude to others when you are not interacting with them in person and given the grace of viewing facial expressions and emotions. Perhaps the best mantra we can go back to as parents is the golden rule of “Treat others how you would like to be treated.” Developing empathy and trying to see that comment, post or photo from many different perspectives takes practice. How would you feel if someone said that to you? Treating others with respect is paramount. Yes, there may be times when you might have to stick up for yourself, however it needs to be done in a responsible and respectful way.

**If you wouldn’t do it there, don’t do it here** Social standards apply to both online and offline spaces, and standards of online behaviour should be consistent with real life expectations. As parents we put many rules and expectations in place as to how we expect our children to behave in a public place. I know I expect my children to show respect, use their manners, help others out, practice kind language, etc.

Online is the biggest public place your child will ever find themselves, which is all the more reason to work on exceeding those standards of behaviour.

**Respect privacy** With the world wide web being a public place, privacy is paramount. Learning how to protect personal information and the importance of looking at a website’s privacy policy can help develop skills around internet privacy. Asking for permission before creating accounts and downloading files, strategies for identifying scams and limiting the type of information kids give about themselves or others can help set a strong foundation for their digital lives. Children do not always appreciate that they may be putting their information in jeopardy, because the warning signs are not always obvious. Respecting other people’s right to privacy is also crucial; don’t tell other people’s stories, spread rumours or give away personal details without permission.
Develop their internal filter
Parents may feel that they have some control over their child's use of technology and many use programs and apps that allow for monitoring and filtering content. Despite the best intentions, there are times when filters are re-set, not set up correctly or not even in place—for example when your child goes to their friend's house, gets online and no safety mechanisms have been established. What this means is that we need to help our children develop their internal filter, as this is the one they will always have and may need to rely on. Research is clear that the best way to teach morals and ethics is through example.

Teach them to do the right thing
Parents can nurture moral principles that will guide their children to stand up for their beliefs and act right even without us. Know what you stand for so that your child knows. Parents with clearly identified moral convictions are more likely to raise children that do the right thing. Pursue opportunities to look for moral issues and talk about them as they come up from TV shows and news events to situations at home, school, and friends. Discuss with your child how you feel about the issue and why.

Be upstanding
There will be times online when your child will have to be brave and stand up for others, when they will have to go against social pressure to do what is right. When someone they know is being deliberately upset or harassed by another person, expect your child to move from bystander to upstander, because this is the right thing to do. In most cases many people contribute to the cyberbullying. Many know about the situation, but choose not to get involved. Encourage your child to stand up, speak up and act up against online abuse. They can support the target by letting them know they are there and provide empathy. Encourage your child to report what is happening to a trusted adult; someone who they believe will listen and has the skills, desire, and authority to help.

Technology is moving forward quickly, and it continues to evolve at an unprecedented pace. Taking the time to impart digital social skills at an early age is vital for our children as they move from playground friends to social media and gaming friendships. These simple rules apply all along the developmental spectrum. They also give us a clear understanding of what we can do as parents, to help our children manage a positive digital reputation.

Catherine Gerhardt

TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

1. PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT keep reinforcing positive digital social skills and a strong foundation will be laid.

2. COACH about privacy in a public place.

3. FOLLOW the social code of good people.

4. MANNERS are necessary.

5. COMPLIMENTARY conduct is proper.

6. We are FREE to follow group rules. We are not FREE to hurt others.

7. Encourage the THINK rules.

Catherine Gerhardt is a dedicated advocate of critical thinking skills in children and young people. As a parent of school aged children she understands the commitments and challenges parents face ensuring they provide the right information to young people in a way that empowers them to develop their personal and social capabilities. Catherine is a certified training provider through the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner.

Want more ideas to help you raise confident kids and resilient young people? Subscribe to Happy Kids newsletter, my FREE weekly email parenting guide at parentingideas.com.au. You'll be so glad you did.
NO NEED TO PANIC!

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

$20

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!

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!

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.
Year 5 Exuro 2016

On Tuesday of last week, 31 students from Year 5 accompanied by Mrs Sprowles were given the opportunity to attend the Exuro Proclaim Event. This event gave the students the chance to discuss their spiritual journey with other young people in Year 5 from Parish Schools in the local area. The day included games, talks, multimedia presentations and friendly chats. Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Australia students from Year 10 at St John Paul College took them under their wing as they guided the discussions on spirituality and lent a helping hand with activities. It was all about nurturing your passion, imagination and commitment to live as a Christian Disciple and become one of the next generation of faith leaders. Exuro means “on fire” and we hope the students who participated will spark a fire within their Catholic community upon their return.

Below are some reflections and comments from the students:

Mia White: Last week I attended the Exuro Retreat at Rugby Park and I discovered my relationship with God much more. We did loads of activities and met loads of new people from different schools. I felt very welcomed by the staff and students. We got name tags and were greeted by everyone. The first activity we did was a game called “Jigolo” which was about getting to know each other. We had a morning prayer then we got put into groups and the leaders of the groups were the members of the SJPC Year 10 Ministry class.

My leader’s name was Nikki and she was so nice and was really understanding. Lunch was fun we got to play games with the Year 10 students and play with the other students. We sang songs, wrote in our journal and lastly and personally my favourite part of the day was the afternoon liturgy. Each group got to contribute in creating the liturgy. One group got to make a poster, think of a hymn and create actions, setup the liturgy focus, and heaps more. My group made the poster with Mercy as the focus so each person in my group did a letter of Mercy and a word represents the letter. After that we all got a candle, bookmark, drink bottle and a pin. At the end of the day we hopped back on the bus and headed back to school. The day overall was such a blast and I’m very glad that I deepened my relationship with God.

Maya Loader: Last Tuesday I attended the Exuro Retreat and had a great time. I developed my relationship with God so much more. We did heaps of fun activities and games throughout the day. As soon as we arrived we got name badges, met the SJPC CSYMA group who would be leading the day and met the kids from other schools. We played a game called “Jigolo” which was all about getting to know each other. After the game I felt really welcomed by the staff and students from other schools. Next we had a morning prayer and got into groups which had a couple of kids from each school and one or two group leaders from the SJPC CSYMA. In my group I had two leaders and we had a lot of fun together. We did lots of activities talking about religious struggles and our relationship with God.

After the first activity in our group we had lunch and I played “Guards and Goblins”, which was a lot of fun. Next we went back in and did a couple more activities in our group and watched a video about the small things that you can do to help other people. After that we had recess and I played “Forty Four Homes”. When recess was over we did our last activity with our group which was contributing in a part of the liturgy we were doing at the end of the day. My group got to do the drama part and we performed the story of Pentecost. I was a man from another country. After we had performed, we were given a candle, a bookmark and a drink bottle. Overall I had a wonderful day and learnt lots about my faith.

Adrian Aranibar: EXURO was an amazing experience. You got to hang out with people that you know will always be by your side. The best part was when we had a liturgy. You got in depth about yourself and you learnt that God will always be by your side. When you learn about your faith it’s like a giant fog cloud has lifted and everything is clear and you only see light. When you learn about your faith and get more in touch with your relationship with God you are never alone or blue.
# Fete 2016 Update

The Fete is only 3 weeks away and we are asking for donations.

Each cohort is being asked to bring in a specific item of some type.

*Letters will be sent home next week to remind your child.*

| Kindergarten          | • Jaffas                        
|                       | • Lollipops                      
|                       | • Wrapped lollies of any type to be used as prizes for the games. |
| Year 1                | • Cans of soft drink (any flavour) |
|                       | • Bags of lollies for the lolly shop (they do not need to be in a wrapper). |
| Year 2                | • Corn chips (large packets)    |
|                       | • Small packets of chips (any flavour) |
|                       | • Wrapped chocolates of any type to be used as prizes for the games. |
| Year 3                | • Coloured hairspray (any colour) |
|                       | • Wrapped lollies of any type to be used as prizes for the games. |
| Year 4                | • Small prizes for games such as balls, yo-yos, party blowers, toy cars, bangles, stickers, tattoos, bubbles, pencils, spinning tops etc. |
| Year 5                | • Small packets of chips        |
|                       | • Wrapped lollies of any type to be used as prizes for the games. |
| Year 6                | Small prizes for games such as balls, yo-yos, party blowers, toy cars, bangles, stickers, tattoos, bubbles, pencils, spinning tops etc. |

**Fete Arm Bands $15**

Unlimited rides except the Wipeout (1 ride only)

*We are excited to announce that there will be inflatable rides at the Fete again.*

*The bands will be on sale every morning before school in front of the Canteen from 8:30 am.*
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 by Friday 11 November

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 by Wed 15 Nov please contact the school on 6652 1204.
ST AUGUSTINE’S SCHOOL 2016 P & F FETE – PIE DRIVE

ORDERS & MONEY (CASH ONLY) DUE BACK BY FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER
Pies will be packed & delivered to School on Fete Day - Friday 25 November

ALL PIES $8 EACH – FAMILY SIZE
Great for the freezer – check Nan and Pop too! Please put a number eg. 1 or 2 in columns, not a tick

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St Augustine’s School

Fete
from 3pm
Friday 25 November

3 Weeks to go!!

Thank you to those families that have donated Tombola and Spin the Bottle items.

Each cohort has also been asked to contribute by donating a specific item. Details are in this newsletter and reminder notes will be sent home next week.

Another way help make our fete even better is by sponsoring a stall. We are very fortunate to have repeat sponsors every year. If you can think of a way your business can help then simply contact the office. We are very open to suggestions. By simply placing a poster in your shop window you are helping.

These are just a few examples of just how businesses help out each year:

- Donate the meat and chicken trays every year for the Chocolate Wheel Raffle.

- Have paid for the cost of the BEANBOZZLED stall.

- Will be running the Catapult Knock em Downs and have generously provided all prizes.