Dear Parents and Carers

It is wonderful to be back at school after the spring break. The children, as always, are full of energy and ready to take on another busy term full of exciting learning.

During the holidays Michelle Scott, Leanne Feltis and I were fortunate enough to attend the Australian Council for Educational Leaders Conference in Sydney to listen to leading experts in education from across the globe. It was heartening to find that our approach to teaching and learning was affirmed from multiple sources. It was evident from the various presenters that our focus on learning and achievement for all students in a collaborative environment helps prepare children for life in the ‘real world’ and builds the skills needed for the future. There were also many challenges for us to consider such as how to balance high engagement with a rigorous program whilst building a strong, inclusive community and we hope to bring our new insights into action over the coming months.

The results from the Parent Survey conducted by InsightSRC were shared at the P & F meeting last Tuesday. The data gives us information on areas for improvement and also affirms the good work we do. The survey was completed by a random selection of 70 parents (as per instructions from InsightSRC) and compares data from last year’s survey to monitor progress. There are 18 focus areas and scores indicated good or very good satisfaction ratings in most sections. It also identified specific targets for the school to focus on, namely homework and parent input, and these will be attended to as the year progresses. We also have data from staff and all Year 5 and Year 6 children which assists us to identify areas needing investigation and further improvement.

This week I have included a number of photos to highlight the diverse extra-curricular activities that our children can access. I would like to publicly thank the staff at St Augustine’s who regularly skip lunch to ‘go the extra mile’ to take these groups.

Grace and peace, Peter Watts

Table Tennis Club is up and running!

Winners! Enviro Club displaying their new shirts won in a National Competition.

Rehearsing for our Showcase Night

Bounty from the vegie garden
**CATECHETICAL NEWS**

**HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION**
We ask you to keep the children, who are preparing for their first Holy Communion, in your thoughts and prayers. We ask God to bestow on them, grace and wisdom in the up and coming weeks, as they journey to become full members of the Church. To be able to receive Christ during the Mass is one of the most beautiful experiences as a Catholic, and we are happy for our children that they may soon join Christ at his table.

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

**Police Remembrance Day**
On Tuesday 29 September, during the school holidays, a special Police Remembrance service was held at St John’s Anglican Church. Members of our school council, Mariah Anderson, Lara Baker, Cooper Wall and Adam King accompanied Mr Watts to represent our school to show how much we, as a school community, value the work the police personnel carry out and to pay respect to members who have died.

**IMPETIGO (School Sores)**
We have had some children with reported cases of Impetigo, more commonly known as school sores. This is a condition that can spread easily. Please note that children who have Impetigo must not attend school until they have received 24 hours of treatment and when sores are completely covered with dressings.

**2016 Bus Travel Application Forms**
Busways has sent a letter and application to all Year 2 students progressing to Year 3 in 2016. Please complete the form and send into the office as soon as possible.
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.

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**COMING EVENTS**

**OCTOBER**
19   Yr 1 Excursion to Bellingen
20   Yr 5 Exuro Faith Development Day
21   ‘A Night In’ at the Movies (6pm in hall)
21-23 Book Fair
23   Socktober Day
     Yr 2 & Yr 4 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
24/25 Men’s and Boys’ Camp at Valla Beach
26   Visiting Author Festival
27   Yrs 5/6 Sausage Sizzle
     Yr 1 & Yr 2 Social
28   Yr 3 & Yr 4 Social
     Yr 6 Speech Competition
30   St JPC Ministry Experience Day
     Yr 3 at Parish Mass 9:15 am

**NOVEMBER**
3    P & F Meeting in the LARC at 7:00 pm
     Yr 5 & Yr 6 Social
4    Yr K 2016 Parents Social Evening 7:00 pm
6    Yr K & Yr 6 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
10   Yr 6 Transition Day (at St JPC)
     Yrs 3/4 Sausage Sizzle
11   Yr K 2016 Orientation 9:00—11:00 am
13   Yr 1 & Yr 5 at Parish Mass 9:15 am

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**PARISH MASS TIMES**

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St Augustine’s Primary school has once again had a successful Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The promotion will provide more than $2,500.00 worth of educational resources to our school!
We would like to thank the school community. We are grateful for your support and look forward to receiving our goodies!
P & F NEWS

MEETING
The next P & F Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 November at 7:00 pm in the LARC. All welcome.
Stephen Appleton—P & F Committee President

MOTHERS’ LUNCHEON
Unfortunately the Mothers’ luncheon which was planned for Sunday 18 October has had to be cancelled.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Adam King and Lachlan Lewis who are joint district winners in the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition.

Both boys will attend the awards ceremony in the coming weeks.

YEAR SIX FUNDRAISING RAFFLE
Our Year 6 students are holding a raffle over the next five 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 before school and at lunchtimes outside the Canteen each day.

CANTEEN ROSTER
19.10.2015
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,

26.10.2015
Mon  K Apps, S Small
Tues  J Bourne, D Olutayo, N Savige
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,

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
SPORT NEWS

Amart Sports ‘Community Kickbacks Program’
Our 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. Thank you for your support.

NSWPSSA Representative Trials – Athletics
Gabrielle Kolic-Clarke (Shot put) and Laila McDonald (800 m) travelled to Sydney Olympic Park with the Polding athletics team to compete at the NSWPSSA Athletics Carnival this week. Congratulations to Laila who placed 4th in her heat and to Gabrielle who came 19th. Well done girls!

Uniforms – Rugby union, Football (aka soccer), Netball
This is a reminder to rugby union, football and netball players, if you have not already handed your uniforms back, please do so as soon as possible. It is very helpful to put your first and last names, your class and what sport it is on a piece of paper in the plastic bag that you hand your uniform back in. Thank you.

Oz Tag
Coffs Harbour Oz Tag is commencing a Junior Oz Tag Comp to be held on Wednesday afternoons at CH Leagues Club, Hogbin Drive, starting at 5:00 pm. Junior Oz tag is for both girls and boys aged 5 years to 14 years. Please contact Janine Kelly on 0415 296621 for information.

Dates for your diary
28 October – Clarence Zone summer sports trials
2—5 November – NSWPSSA cricket trials (girls)
20 November – Lismore Diocesan summer sports trials
21—29 November – Pacific School Games
21 November – CHBA last round games
28 November – CHBA semi finals and grand finals
29 November – 1 December – Lismore Diocesan sport enrichment camp
30 November – St Augustine’s PS representative swimming trials

Sport Enquiries
Mr Dan Hammond (Sports Coordinator)
dhammond@lism.catholic.edu.au or (02) 6652 1204

Ms Kristy McDermid (Sports Administrator)
kmcdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au or (02) 6652 1204

Yours in sport
Dan Hammond—Sports Coordinator
Kristy McDermid—Sports Administrator
**CURRICULUM CORNER**

**2015 ICAS Competition Results**

**English Competition**
This year, 54 students participated in the ICAS English Competition. Three Distinction, 18 Credit, three Merit and 30 Participation Certificates were awarded.

Distinction: Matthew Fergusson (Year 3), Jessica Harrison (Year 4), Kadie Franklin (Year 5).

Credit: Alexandra Nealand (Year 3); Flynn Metcalf, Archie Budd, Lily Ryan, Riley Dagger, Molly Rice (Year 4); Kieran Murray, Saarang Baba, Emma Dart, Centaine O’Carroll (Year 5); Russell Cole-Goldstein, Kyah Humphries, Ailish Barry, Nicholas Bulloch, Alyssa Golding, Tyler Kooymen, Finn Murray, Sophie Ryan (Year 6).

Merit: Mia White, Lily Betland (Year 4); Lachlan Lewis (Year 6).

**Mathematics Competition**
This year, 73 students participated in the ICAS Mathematics Competition. Seven Distinction, 16 Credit, 12 Merit and 38 Participation Certificates were awarded.

Distinction: Matthew Fergusson, Alexandra Nealand, Michael Simmons (Year 3), Kieran Murray, Saarang Baba, David Gilliland (Year 5), Adam King (Year 6).

Credit: Saavan Baba, Riley Carniato, Manuel Gutierrez (Year 3); Lily Betland, Riley Dagger, Jessica Harrison (Year 4); Connor Hennessy, Zavier Hardes (Year 5); Nicholas Bulloch, Abbi Dagger, Alyssa Golding, Alexandra Nealand, Madison Howarth, Gabriella Majarich, Aidan Murphy, Finn Murray (Year 6).

Merit: Michael Ross (Year 3), Oskar Cragg, Noah Searle, Sora Tama atini (Year 4); Charlotte Busby, Jacob Field, Marcus Field, Centaine O’Carroll (Year 5); Ailish Barry, Tyler Kooymen, Oscar Pike, Maddison Smith (Year 6).

Congratulations and thank you to all the students who participated.

*Stephanie George—Leader of Learning: Administration/Curriculum*

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**Men’s and Boys’ Camp 2015 - Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 October**

**Valla Beach Tourist Park (02) 6569 5555**

Please phone the park to make your reservation and mention you are with St Augustine's School group.

If you are able to donate any prizes for the activities which will be held over the weekend please contact Jeff Cox on 0418 290579. Jeff can also be contacted for any other information you might require.
It’s BOOK FAIR time!

Last Monday, information regarding this year’s Book Fair was sent home. The Book Fair organisation is quite different this year and it is important you familiarise yourself with the new procedure.

Students will write their Wish List some time over the next week and bring it home to discuss with you. Buying will occur over three days (21, 22 and 23 October) and will coincide with class borrowing time where possible. Please send money in an envelope with your child on their library day. Please include their name, class and CLEARLY state which book they are purchasing. Correct money is appreciated, cheques (made payable to Carnival Fairs), eftpos, visa and mastercard are also accepted.

Parents are welcome any time between 8am and 4pm on those three days. We will not be opening the LARC early on Friday as has happened in recent years.

There will be many copies of each title available and extra copies can be organised over a night or two, so waiting times will be shorter.

As always, every book purchased generates credit for us to buy new books for our LARC from the most popular titles around at the moment. This is always an exciting time in our school and the students look forward to it every year. We thank you very much for your support.

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

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MINI VINNIES and St Augustine's are taking part in SOCKTOBER to support the Catholic Mission Australia Appeal theme of: “I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink” (Matthew 25:35). Catholic Mission asks you to help them support the poor in Madagascar, where children are living in extreme poverty and do not have access to clean drinking water. Throughout October, Catholic Mission is raising funds to provide the clean water that Madagascar so urgently needs. With YOUR HELP we can make a change in the everyday lives of so many!

On Friday 23 October Mini Vinnies invites you to wear your CRAZIEST PAIR of SOCKS and bring a GOLD COIN to help support the children in Madagascar!

THE GREEN SPOT

The simplest way...to pack the five food groups!

Follow our easy guide to pack the healthiest lunch box that features the five food groups – and don’t forget a bottle of water!

Fruit: It’s high in fibre, vitamins and minerals. Serve fruit in funny ways: try fruit kebabs or fruit in small containers, and remember, kids are more likely to eat it if it’s cut up into small pieces.

Veggie: Pack carrot and celery sticks with hummus or salsa, or even a veggie slice.

Bread + cereals: Try wholesome bread, wraps and pita, or rice and pasta leftovers.

Reduced-fat dairy: A slice of cheese, yoghurts and custards are all great lunch box items.

Lean protein: Cooked chicken, tuna, egg, roast meat, or legumes such as red kidney beans and chickpeas.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

Live Life Well @ School

Tips for a Healthy School Canteen

What are RED foods?
Foods are classified as RED on the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy if they have either/or:
• Little to no nutritional value
• Are high in saturated fat, sugar, and/or salt
• Can contribute excess energy

If we assess a food to be RED it cannot be displayed on our school canteen menu, and can only be available at school twice per term.

Common red foods are confectionery, deep fried food, soft drinks, some cakes, ice-creams, snacks and biscuits.

For more info visit www.healthy-kids.com.au

Alex Shaw and Candice Butcher - Coordinators
Bocce and Picnic Day

The Alpini Group of Coffs Harbour invites your family and friends to enjoy a picnic and a game of ‘Bocce’.

Sunday 1st November  approx 11am
Boambee Creek Reserve
“Bob Romeril” Shelter
Go through the gates, drive straight ahead and continue to follow the road around until you reach the last shelter.

BYO Food, drinks and chairs
(Electric BBQs are available)

Bring BOCCE, LAWN BOWLS or BOULES

NB A $5 fee is charged to bring your car into the reserve.
OR Park for FREE on Sawtell Rd (46 Sawtell Rd) and walk the short distance through the reserve to the shelter.
ST AUGUSTINE’S SCHOOL PRESENTS

‘A Night In’

AT THE

MOVIES

INCLUDING ALL YOUR FAVOURITE SONGS FROM THE MOVIE SOUND TRACKS TO:
MARY POPPINS : THE SOUND OF MUSIC : LION KING : PITCH PERFECT : MAMMA MIA
ANNIE : CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG : TOY STORY AND MANY MORE.

A SHOWCASE OF SOLO, GROUP & ACAPELLA SINGING PLUS
MIME, ACTING, DANCING, INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AND STORYTELLING.

INCLUDES PERFORMANCES BY THE ST AUGUSTINE’S YEAR 3, YEAR 4 AND YEAR 5&6 CHOIRS
WITH SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCES BY THE DRAMA CLUB.

ST AUGUSTINE’S SCHOOL HALL | GOLD COIN DONATION | SEATING FOR 240 THEN STANDING ROOM ONLY

NO FOOD OR DRINK TO BE CONSUMED IN THE HALL - THANK YOU.
OUR KITCHEN GARDEN

The Gardening Club was very excited to come back from the holidays to find a garden full of fresh produce growing. This week the Gardening Club has been learning all about cooking and using what we grow to provide food for ourselves. We made a beautiful fresh salad of lettuce, carrot, shallots, radish and cherry tomatoes. The children were very interested in tasting radish, as many of them had not tried it before.

SCHOOL FETE

Our plant stall at the Fete will have a rustic theme. We will be potting lots of succulents and cactuses in interesting pots. We hope to have a variety of indoor and outdoor plants.

DONATIONS

We ask that if you have any succulent cuttings or other types of plants that you can donate to the Gardening Club to please send them to the school office. We’d be most grateful for any donations to sell at our stall.

Mrs Bennett and Mrs Plummer.
SCHOOL BANKING

St Augustine’s Primary School participates in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program. The program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week.

School Banking Day at St Augustine’s Primary School is Wednesday. Books will be returned to your children by Wednesday afternoon. Thank you for supporting our school and helping teach your child the benefits of saving regularly. If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child we have information packs in the office. Alternatively, you can open an account at any branch by calling 13 22 21 or online if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer.
SMARTY PARTY
Kinder Social